

Newsletter

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(Closed during school holidays except during enrolments)

President's Message

Thank you to all those members who attended the Annual General Meeting and who have renewed their membership for the coming year. The Committee welcomes Tina Hocking as our new newsletter editor and Tona Buschmann who has made a great contribution in the office in past years. We also thank retiring members, Margaret Donald and Alice Nugent for their service on the Committee.

I would like to clarify a few matters decided by the committee in this past year.

Lanyards with name tags are to be issued to all members for next year, please fill in the emergency contact details on the reverse and wear them to all activities. Members' health and safety are our priority but they will also help new members to learn names and easily identify our members.

Memberships and subscriptions. Every member of Yarra City U3A must fill in a new membership form and pay their subscription before they enrol in classes for the year ahead. The associate membership is for those who are full members of another U3A. You will all be receiving a membership form. If you have already renewed you may like to pass it on to a friend.

Tutors' subscriptions have been reintroduced as we value equally the voluntary contributions of all our members whether it be as tutors, caterers, office helpers or committee members. However, any tutor who does not take part in any other activities or classes may be granted an honorary membership and the subscription waived.

Office closed from December 16th 2011 until January 17th 2012

Mail will still be collected and emails checked during this period so please complete and return your class enrolments as soon as possible. We need them to arrive in the post by January 16th at the latest so that we can prepare class lists for tutors. Even if you have "always" been a member of a group it is important to secure your place for next year by returning your forms promptly.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and hope to see you at our Welcome morning tea at Collingwood Library Meeting Room on Tuesday, February 14th.

Jenny John, President

Committee

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The Family History Group facilitated by Tina Hocking meets twice a month in the meeting room at the Richmond Library. This semester Doug Elms from the Genealogical Society of Victoria has run workshops on the software program Family Tree Maker, which several members of the group are already using. Other sessions have covered birth death and marriage indexes, shipping records, directories, gazettes, newspapers, visiting the ancestral home and publishing a family history. This year the group has also attended guided tours of the State Library's Family History Centre and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria where they viewed an exhibition of maritime paintings by Jack Koskie. The group is kept informed via email of programs and events around town of a genealogical nature and updated on new records. For anyone interested in researching their own Family History this course is invaluable.



Genealogists at work

The Melbourne Historic Walks Group recently explored the Brighton Beach area, starting at Brighton Beach station, built in 1889, an early example of Romanesque polychrome brick style. Heading along the beach we inspected the famous bathing boxes before moving inland to a Queen



Enjoying the garden at Belura

Anne style house originally built in 1891 and moved to its present position in 1918. Other homes of interest included a 1958 modernist style house, a neo modernist residence built in 1986 complete with coconut palms, and a two-story Edwardian home, formerly a Convalescent Hospital. Completing the walk with a couple of Italianate homes from the 1870s, a gothic revival home with 1840s origins and the Xavier college Kostka Hall campus, we then retired to the courtyard of a nearby cafe for lunch and a very useful information swapping session. This year's walks have also included Kew, Burnley, West Melbourne and St Kilda as well as Boroondara and St Kilda cemeteries. A highlight of the year was a combined trip with the **Places of Interest Group** to the National Trust property, Belura, on the Mornington Peninsula, most ably driven in the Yarra City Council bus by our wonderful Chris Friday.

Diary Dates

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| 5 Dec 2011 | 2012 program and enrolment form to be posted to members |
| 16 Dec 2011 | Office closes for Christmas - New Year break |
| 16 Jan 2012 | Closing date for class enrolments |
| | Committee of Management meeting 10:30 am Hosie Street |
| 17 Jan 2012 | Hosie Street office reopens 10:00 to 12:00 noon |
| 26 Jan 2012 | Government House Open Day (Entry is free) |
| 14 Feb 2012 | Welcome Morning Tea 10:30 am Collingwood Library |

Membership Fees for 2012

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| \$40 (half-year \$20) |
| \$20 Associate membership (if you are a member of another U3A) |
| Some courses may ask a small fee to cover photocopying or other materials |