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Learning For Pleasure

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## President's thought for the month.

"I have learned silence from the talkative;  
Tolerance from the intolerant;  
And kindness from the unkind;  
I should not be ungrateful, to those teachers."

*(Kahlil, Gibran; Sand and Foam)*

## President's message

To all members old and new, as another month has passed so quickly, and the years I may add, or is it just me? Having said that, as most of you will know, our U3A here in Melton will be having its 18th birthday in May and we do have a few members who have been leaders of different groups throughout this time who we would like to thank once again for their commitment and dedication.

I hope to make all members aware that we are always hoping that we can have some new groups happening, but this won't happen unless we are lucky enough to have people come forward and volunteer their time, so if you have some experience in a field or have a friend who would be willing to help in any way what so ever, please let us know. We would be very grateful. Thank you.

Joy- President

## From the Secretary

Thank you to all who turned out for the March social morning. Despite the low numbers attending, we were all well entertained by the sharing of member's stories. There were no entries in the Easter Bonnet Parade, notwithstanding Don's sunhat, but the door prizes were eagerly sought after, judging by the lively sales of raffle tickets.

During the holidays I will be reorganising and cleaning the office, and clearing the cupboards of non-group related items that have built up over the years. Items removed will be cleaned and placed on a table in Room 1 for your inspection and collection for one week only. Any goods remaining after the first week of term will be disposed of via the Trading Table or the tip. My other task for the holidays will be accessing and updating our U3A web page on Vicnet, providing relevant information for those with internet access.

Membership continues to rise and we have 79 members as of 31 March.



It is with sadness we note the passing of one of our founding members, Noreen Exell, on 1 April 2009. Noreen is remembered for the energy and enthusiasm she contributed to the building of our U3A.

## Groups:

**Tai Chi** - Basil leading 2 groups per week with an average of 8 per session, good, regular attendance.

**Pastels & Watercolour** - 10 members attending regularly.

**Oil & Acrylic painting** - This group going strong under John's leadership.

**Australian History** - Returning Thursday 23 April. The topic for the next term will be, "Let's go to the flicks - a history of the Australian cinema from 1896—1976". We would love to have you join us.

**Reading for Pleasure** - Noel reports this group is going well with 9 members.

**Learning to play cards** - We welcome Norman as the new leader for this well attended group and thank Basil for his leadership during the first term. 8-12 members attending regularly - new members always welcome.



**Scrabble** - Anne has 5 regular attendees with one new member

**Social Computers** - Basil - 2-3 attending. A good happy group.

**Computer Hardware** - This group has transferred to Basil's shed due to low numbers. See Basil for details.

**Computers Plus** - Merlene/Nola - new course has moved to 1 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. Offering self-paced learning. There are no vacancies for group, but we will take names of members wanting to learn computer skills with a view to running another group for beginners.

**Computers & Internet** - This group will no longer run due to a decline in numbers. Basil will now lead social computing in the Friday afternoon time slot. Members wanting to learn Internet or email please see the secretary.

**Creative Writing** -11 members, with an average of 9 attending regularly.

**Craft** - although this group is no longer running due to low numbers attending. We welcome suggestions from members with an interest in this area with a view to resuming. .



### *Calling all pool sharks*

Attendance at **Billiards & Snooker** has dropped to two and occasionally only the leader has been present. So please give some thought to supporting Noel while having fun at the same time, otherwise this group, too, may cease to exist. Come on your own or get a group together for a great morning.

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*Ladies welcome.*

At the moment we have too few leaders running too many groups so, if you have a skill to share, or even an idea for a new group, please contact the Secretary on 9746 6078.

New ideas and tutors are always welcome as we try to offer a variety of activities for our members.

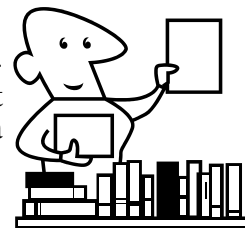
You do not have to make a weekly commitment, as special interest groups could be held fortnightly or even monthly

Don't be modest about your skills and abilities. We have all lived a good number of years, adding to our skills and knowledge as we progress, so please feel free to share these ideas - confidential and obligation free.

## GROUP LEADER'S MEETING

Thank you to the leaders who attended the meeting on 31 March. Although there was only a small turnout there was much lively discussion around current activities, options for new groups, and ways to encourage new member participation.

We are pleased to announce John Hilbert as our new librarian. There are a number of outstanding borrowings, mainly art books, some of which have been out since last year so please check that you have returned items to avoid receiving a reminder letter. Thank you.



## COMING EVENTS

**Casino trip Monday 27 April**

**U3A 18th birthday party 19 May**

**Genealogy Talk 23 June**

**See Kathy's Korner for full details**

## March Birthdays;

Best Wishes and Many Happy Returns to: Andrew Box,  
Anne Freeman, Smilka Tokanovic, Jan Shea, Patricia Parker



## Trading Table

Sales have been brisk from our Trading Table and we are always in need of quality donations for our trading table so check out items you no longer need and, dare I mention, unwanted gifts that have been delegated to the back of the linen cupboard.

**Second term resumes Monday 20 April**

# The next newsletter will be in May.

If you have any news you feel should be included  
please have copy to the secretary by Friday 1 May



