



# U3A LOWER NORTH

*Sharing Skills and Experience with Friends*

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## *Dear Members,*

Greetings from an icy hollow in the Clare Valley where my Ugg-clad tootsies are welcoming the thaw.

Thank you to everyone who answered the call and attended our art exhibition. It was the best attended ever. Was it the extra publicity, the afternoon time slot or just everyone putting in a bit more effort? We don't know but a sincere 'well done' to everyone involved.

Our next big event and chance to meet up will be our **AGM on Friday 9 November**. NB: change of date.

## **U3A out on the street?**

U3A Lower North's home is under threat again. A few years ago when we had to leave TAFE, we approached Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council with a proposal to rent rooms in the Town Hall. They refused but kindly gave us a small room within the Domain and groups spread out across multiple venues. At the time we were valued clients, hiring the adjoining computer room 3 days a week. With the recent demise of youth services at the Domain, we asked for exclusive use of the computer room to extend our operations there, bringing more groups under one roof to lessen the jigsaw puzzle of almost 20 venues we currently use. However others are lobbying for the same space and their promise of 'compromise' with U3A is sounding rather hollow.

Suitable venues are a constant struggle for many U3As but Local Government is increasingly aware of the need for such services and more likely to offer practical support with venues. Let us hope our Council proves to be one of the enlightened ones.

New or returning groups this term are: **Drumbeat, Botany, Plant Propagation** and **Artists Studio Visits**.

**Drumbeat:** Learn African drumming techniques, experience rhythms and methods from West African music with John Montem. No experience required.

John uses his Drumbeat classes in his capacity as a men's health worker but our group is for men and women and the main goal is to have fun learning new skills. Drums are provided but feel free to bring your own or any interesting percussion instrument.

We have a double bonus for gardeners. Like Spring blossom **Botany** is making its annual one-term only appearance. A **Plant Propagation** 2-day workshop starts at 9 am, Friday 19 October, selecting cutting material at Windmill Cottage on Scobie Road. For map email Ian Roberts at [medika@adam.com.au](mailto:medika@adam.com.au).

**Film** group has provided great entertainment lately and on 9 October there will be more with *Mozart's Sister*.

Di Richardson has been going beyond the call of duty with her new group, arranging individual sessions for people researching their family on **Ancestry.com**.

**History** Group's Adelaide bus trip on 21/9/12 to explore the Town Hall, roast lunch at the Ambassadors Hotel then Ayers House and afternoon tea (\$50). Term 4 trip, 9/11/12, to West Tce and North Road cemeteries.

We are already looking at 2013: **Quilting** will end but **Leadlighting** and **Creative Writing** look like starting.

*See you back in the classroom,*  
*Claire*

## New date for Annual General Meeting

Due to a clash of bookings, we have moved our AGM to **Friday 9 November**, one week later than previously announced. If you are a super organised person who put this in their diary when it was first announced, please check and change the date. Once again it will be at the Barbara J. Long room at the Clare Town Hall. (If you are ever unsure of term dates or events, they are on our website: [www.u3alownorth.webs.com](http://www.u3alownorth.webs.com)).

With our system of 2-year terms, only two committee positions are due for re-election and luckily both Vice Chair Catherine Marsson and Publicity Officer Justin Brady have announced their willingness to renominate. That doesn't prevent others from also nominating.

Once again **all nominations should be in the hands of the secretary one week prior to the AGM** (by 5 pm Friday 2 November). Nomination forms are in this newsletter and available from the secretary. No nominations will be accepted from the floor of the meeting unless there has been no prior nomination.

If you don't want to take on a committee position but would still like to help U3A in some way or have particular skills to offer, do have a word with secretary Beth Smith or myself. It is always good to have someone to call on when illness or holidays leaves us short-handed or if a mid-term vacancy crops up. U3A is all about sharing your experience and sharing responsibilities.

A highlight of last year's AGM were the photos of various U3A groups projected onto the wall. The 2011 winner of the photo competition was a snap of the Cryptic Crosswords group as the judge felt it captured a moment of quiet concentration as everyone studied their clues. It is not easy to catch a class in action and we invariably see photos of everyone gathered around with coffee cups in hand as they take a break.

This year we will again challenge photographers to find a moment which demonstrates U3A in action. My advice is to take and submit several photos as there is nothing worse than checking later to find you have cut the tops off everyone's heads or someone is only partly in frame. We can do some cropping and editing when they are submitted but not everything can be fixed on the computer. Entries close Friday 2 November. Submit by email to our secretary Beth Smith (or Claire will forward them on). Sorry but definitely no late entries.

Our AGM guest speaker is yet to be confirmed. We have a short list of three but are always interested to hear your suggestions for future speakers.

## End of Year Breakup: Lunch & The Sapphires

Friday 7 December is that one day of the year when all U3A Lower North members have the opportunity to share lunch, and catch up with friends before we close for the summer holidays.

As usual we will meet 12 for 12.30 in the Blyth Hall supper room (be early if you need to pay on the day.)

Please bring a plate of finger food suitable for sharing. The good news is no one has to volunteer to help in the kitchen this year. Thanks to conscientious research by Jan Slann, the committee looked at various options including pub lunch in Clare with no movie; food and service provided for seated chicken/quiche and salad lunch at Blyth; just afternoon tea, etc.

The committee opted for a compromise of everyone bringing a plate for shared lunch but paying for help in the kitchen. It seemed to bring the best mix of good food, socialising, and entertainment on a budget. It adds only \$5 a head to the day's expenses. \$15 per person covers the movie, room hire, soft drinks and kitchen help. This option also keeps prices down enough for us to extend our usual invitation to Group Leaders to attend as our guests.

After lunch, it's on to the cinema for our special movie selection. It is hard to pin down suppliers but this year, fingers crossed, we are planning on it being *The Sapphires*. Many of us were in our prime back in the 60s so should be bopping along to some familiar music.

Inspired by a true story of some Aboriginal teenage girls (embellished and with a fictitious Irish manager added) who went to Vietnam to entertain American troops with Motown music: *The Sapphires* has been described as a "triumphant celebration of youthful emotion, family and music". Sounds like an excellent note on which to end the year. [Motown short for Motor Town was the sound which originated in Detroit, USA.]

## Term Dates & Dues

Most groups are now heading into another good long break from U3A activities so make the most of it while you can and we will see you back refreshed and eager for more in Term 4. Term 4 runs for 8 weeks from Monday 15 October to Friday 7 December.

Remember if you enrolled at the beginning of this year in an ongoing class (other than computing) you are considered enrolled for all of 2012. Please notify Val only if you are not continuing or if you want to enrol for additional classes this term. For new members 2012 subs have now dropped to \$15.

Monday 5 November 2012

## Prostate Cancer Awareness Evening

7-9.30 pm, Clare Town Hall

Key speaker – Urologist Dr Kim Pese

Register at Yorke & Lower North Health reception 8842 6500

*This is not a U3A event but we think it worth promoting to our members*

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Friday 9 November

## U3A Annual General Meeting

Starts at 2 pm, Barbara J. Long Room, Clare Town Hall

Guest speaker

Afternoon Tea to follow

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Friday 7 December

## U3A End of Year Lunch & Movie

Starts at 12 for 12.30 pm, Blyth Supper Room

Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Movie *The Sapphires* to follow at Blyth Cinema



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### 2012 AGM Nomination Form

Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

I accept this nomination. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

To be in the hands of the Secretary by 5 p.m. Friday 2 November 2012

# 2012: FOURTH TERM ACTIVITIES

- Ancestry** via ancestry.com, Dianne Richardson, 49 Albert Street, Clare, day tba.....
- Art with Gerald**, Gerald Moore, Tues. & Wed., 9.30 am -1.30 pm, starts 16/17 Oct., 5 weeks, Auburn.....
- Art Group**, Tuesdays 9.30 am -1.30 pm, weeks when Gerald absent, Auburn.....
- Artists Studio Visits**, Anne Weddle, venues and times tba .....
- Book Group**, Greta Handmer, alternate Thursdays, 10.30 am - 12 noon, starts 18 Oct., Clare Library, waiting list.
- Botany**, Millie Nicholls, Wednesdays, 2 pm, starts 17 Oct., Domain.....
- Chess**, Tuesdays 2.30 pm, starts 16 Oct, Trevor & Dee Ware's, Lot 33, Warena Road, Clare .....
- Chinese** (basic spoken Mandarin), Ron Bevan, Mondays 10 am, starts 15 Oct., Domain. Waiting list. ....
- Classical Music**, Moira Kleinig, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 2 pm, starts 19 Oct., 2/10 Harriett Street, Clare .....
- Coffee & Chat Club**, Val Tilbrook, Wednesdays 10.30 am, starts 12 Oct., waiting list, venue t.b.a. ....
- Computing Clare**, Sue Mayfield, Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon, starts **10 Oct.**, Domain \$30/term.....
- Contract Bridge**, Eleanor Thomas, Thursdays 3 pm, starts 18 Oct., St Barnabas' hall. No beginners.....
- Crafts (Card Making & Bead Jewellery)**, Catherine Marsson, Tuesdays 10-12 starts 16 Oct., Burra.....
- Cryptic Crosswords**, Greta Handmer 8842 2065, alt. Thursdays, 10.30 am, starts 25 Oct., 25 Edward St, Clare....
- Current Affairs**, Tuesdays 10.30 am, starts 16 Oct., Domain .....
- Drumbeat** John Monten, day & venue tba .....
- Film Group**, Val Tilbrook, 2nd Tues. of month, **2 pm**, Blyth Cinema. 9 October Mozart's Sister. NB: new time...
- \*French Back to Basics**, Claire Eglinton, Thursdays, 12-1.15 pm, starts 18 Oct., Domain.....
- \*French**, Claire Eglinton, Thursdays, 1.30-3.30 pm, starts 18 Oct., Domain .....
- Furniture Restoration, etc.**, Barrie Smith, Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon, starts **7 Nov.**, Blyth.....
- \*German Conversation**, Gunther Bayha, Mondays, 2-4 pm, starts 15 Oct., Domain .....
- History: local & Aust.**, Val Tilbrook, Fridays, 10 am - 12 noon, starts 12 Oct, TAFE, Room 6B.....
- Mah-jong**, Jocelyn Macrow, Wednesdays 2-4 pm, starts 17 Oct., St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare.....
- Mosaics**, Halima Northeast, Fri. 9 am – noon, beginners 1-4 pm, starts 19 Oct., 9 Kingfisher Drive, Clare.....
- Petanque**, Malcolm Weddle or Justin Brady, Mondays 1.30 - 3.30 pm, starts 15 Oct., Catford Garden .....
- Plant Propagation**, Ian Roberts, Fridays 19 & 26 Oct. Meet first at 9 am, Windmill Cottage, Scobie Road .....
- Quilting**, Lesley Bray, Thursdays, 10-1, starts 18 Oct., St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare, waiting list .....
- Scrabble**, Carol Stewart, Mondays 1.15 pm, starts 15 Oct., St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare .....
- Walking Group**, Greta Handmer 8842 2065, Mondays 8 am, starts 15 Oct., meet east end Lennon St.....
- Watercolours for Beginners**, Glenys Christopher, Mondays 9.30-12.30, Burra. Waiting list.....

\*French and German groups presume some prior learning. Venues: 'Domain' is Domain Internet Café, Main Street, Clare; 'Tafe' is Clare TAFE campus; 'Auburn' is Auburn Recreation Park rooms, Saddleworth Road.



**PLEASE RETURN *new enrolments to Course Co-ordinator, Val Tilbrook, at P.O. Box 480, Clare SA 5453, or phone 8842 2465, mobile 0448 183 748, or email valtil@bigpond.com. Enrolments accepted until Monday 8 October 2012.***

Enrol me in the following group/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Member? Yes [ ] No [ ]

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick to receive future newsletters by email [ ] (only if you have not done so before).

Enclosed is total payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment is for (put number of people in the brackets) \$15 half-yr membership [ ]; \$30 computing [ ]

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