



U3A LOWER NORTH

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TERM THREE

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Dear Members,

Greetings from a chilly hollow in the Clare Valley where log splitting is the only course on offer.

Luckily U3A Lower North has a wider offering and Term 3 will see another new group, this time for those interested in delving into their own family history.

After her recent successful ancestry trail visit to London, Dianne Richardson is keen to help others get started on their own **ancestry** research and will use her own computer and subscription to introduce them to the possibilities of the ancestry.com website. No specific time will be chosen until enrolments are received. Di will endeavour to find a day to suit all parties. Please indicate preferences when enrolling.

Other recently introduced groups which will continue this term are: Classical Music, Quilting, Watercolours and Wordplay. With the exception of quilting, they have plenty of vacancies and would welcome new members.

Moira Kleinig has been sharing her passion for **classical music** in her own home and members have been thrilled to benefit from her breadth of knowledge and personal collection of recordings.

Quilting has moved venue from tutor Lesley Bray's home to St Barnabas' hall and as the 'no vacancies' sign is up they may have reached capacity there as well.

Watercolours for Beginners over at Burra kept a low profile in Term 2, but will blossom again with the return of tutor Glenys Christopher from Greece (unless she bought a cheap island and decided to stay).

The **Wordplay** group needs more members. It received so few enrolments, group leader Sally Robertson would have been quite justified in not going ahead but hopefully her perseverance will pay off this term. Come along language lovers, this one is for you.

Burra's **Craft** group again received insufficient enrolments to proceed but is still on offer this term. **Burra computing** did not attract much interest and will not be offered this term. After getting off to a bad start in 2011 using Education Department laptops and the security hurdles that entailed, we made a significant financial investment in acquiring our own laptops primarily for the benefit of our Burra members. Luckily these purchases have proved opportune for our Clare premises so we are not totally displeased. Anyone from Burra interested should ask to be put on a waiting list. If we haven't enough to justify a tutor driving there, perhaps we can organise car-pooling to Clare classes.

In fact, don't be put off by any group which has the 'no vacancies' sign up. If enough people register their interest, there is always a possibility that a second group for the subject can be started.

Computing in Clare will be continuing its transformation this term. Regular group leader Sue Mayfield will be back to oversee the next stage of the operation. (Thanks to Sally Robertson for filling in while Sue was away.)

In Term 2, the new U3A laptops gave students the very latest in both hardware and software. In Term 3, with the main street of Clare becoming a wi-fi hotspot, our students will be able to use that to access the internet.

This can transform how any class at the Domain is taught, not just computing. It will be a great boon for all foreign language students to have unlimited access to recordings of native speakers over the internet.

To facilitate this, the old computer in our office will go to boat anchor heaven and be replaced by a newer one courtesy of Margarete Bisazza. When Margarete updated to the latest model, she kindly thought of us and we are now fitting her discard with new software.

With several new faces in **French** this term, at one stage it looked as if we were going to be 'standing room only' in the Domain office.

Barrie Smith has just transformed a dining suite for me and anyone, male or female, with a similar project to do themselves, should enrol in his **Furniture Restoration, Woodworking and French Polishing** class to benefit from his vast experience. Top job Barrie.

Artists Studio Visits is going into its usual recess for Term 3 while art groupies are spoilt for choice with SALA (South Australian Living Artists) exhibitions spread across the countryside.

U3A will be part of SALA again this year with Sally and Garry Fieldhouse from Gally's Meeting House, Farrell Flat once again hosting our exhibition. Last year they did a splendid job of catering for the opening but were not rewarded by the attendance of either artists or public. This year we have suggested some changes to make it more attractive to our members and less painful to Gally's budget. The daytime opening will be on Friday 3 August. Afternoon tea will be available at a special rate of \$5 for those who want it. There is talk of providing a bus to take people to Farrell Flat and back. If that seems an attractive option or you would just like a lift with someone else, please let Val know.

No new details for the **Film Group** except to remind you of the previously publicised *The Artist* (10 July).

The usually inscrutable **Chinese** group report they are escaping their Domain bunker for one day to be put to the test by lunching at the Imperial Peking Chinese Restaurant in Adelaide. I'm sure if they fail and order the wrong thing it will still be quite edible: unlike making the same mistake overseas.

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.

See you back in the classroom,

Claire

Local needs 30 minutes

Local Julie Cutten is currently doing some research for Honours Psychology that looks at the association between well-being, mindfulness, and personality traits.

Julie needs participants to complete a survey. Participation is easy: about 30 minutes (but usually less) to complete the survey and all responses are completely anonymous.

The survey can be done online or by printed copy.

To access online: http://unebcss.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cSGcGQus0aTJpJK or email Julie at jcutten@une.edu.au. For a printed copy to be posted to you contact Julie on 8843 4354 or 0458 199 454.

So let's keep U3A's reputation as supporters of health and education research by helping Julie's study.

AN INVITATION FOR YOU

All U3A members, friends and family are cordially invited to the opening of

"From the Heart"

An exhibition of works by Gerald Moore's art group
Lesley Bray's quilting group and Halima Northeast's mosaics group

Gally's Meeting House, Farrell Flat

Friday 3 August 2012 at 2.30 pm

Afternoon tea @ \$5 per person

RSVP to Garry and Sally Fieldhouse before 31 July on
8843 8028 or gally3@bigpond.com

Latest scams coming to a phone near you:

CARBON PRICE ASSISTANCE

Last term we said don't trust emails asking for private or financial details. The same applies to phone calls. They are active in our area: I received one last week.

The government's SCAMwatch service is warning everyone to be on the look out for carbon price scams, particularly calls asking for personal information in order to receive compensation.

How these scams work

Carbon price scams may come in a number of forms:

- Beware of phone calls seeking your banking details to pay carbon 'tax' compensation into your bank account. These are likely to be scam calls;
- Scammers set up fake websites which look very similar to official Government websites. The sites may ask you to enter your personal or financial details, or offer to sell you fake carbon credits;
- Scammers may also make telephone calls posing as government officers, asking for personal information (such as banking details or identification numbers) in order to claim government "household assistance".

Protect yourself

- The Australian Government will never call you to ask for your bank account details or to offer you carbon price compensation. Government services are never paid via wire transfer.
- The Government website www.australia.gov.au is a safe portal for finding government services.
- Be alert to telephone calls which ask for personal, business or financial details. Hang up immediately if you receive a phone call out of the blue:
 - asking for your bank account or personal details;
 - claiming you need to pay or transfer money, or provide your banking details, to receive a compensation payment or tax payment;
 - asking for personal details, such as your Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) client number or other identification or
 - offering to sell you carbon credits or permits for a carbon pricing mechanism or emissions trading scheme.



Scam telephone calls & letters

- Never provide or confirm your personal or business details over the phone (including banking details or identification numbers) unless you made the call using contact details you found yourself and you trust the information.
- If you think that a call might be a scam hang up and check by using official contact details which you have found independently. Never use phone numbers, email addresses or websites provided by the caller.
- If you receive a phone call or letter asking for personal information such as your DVA client number or banking details, do not answer straight away. Contact your nearest DVA office on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia to confirm the source is legitimate.

Scam websites

- Never enter your credit card or banking details on a website unless you have checked it is authentic and secure. Legitimate websites which ask you to enter sensitive personal or business details are commonly encrypted to protect your details.
 - This is usually identified by the use of "https:" rather than "http:" at the start of the internet address.
 - This can also be identified by a closed or unbroken key or padlock icon at the bottom right corner of your browser window.
 - If the 's' is missing or there is an open padlock or broken key icon, your information may not be secure and the website could be a scam site.

If you think you have provided your account details to a scammer contact your bank or financial institution immediately.

You can report scams to the ACCC via the [report a scam](#) page on SCAMwatch or by calling 1300 795 995.

2012: THIRD TERM ACTIVITIES

- Ancestry** via ancestry.com, Dianne Richardson, 49 Albert Street, Clare, day tba.....
- Art Tutorial**, Gerald Moore, Tues. & Wed., 9.30 am -1.30 pm, starts 24/25 July, 5 weeks, Auburn.....
- Art Group**, Tuesdays 9.30 am -1.30 pm, on non-tutorial days, Auburn.....
- Artists Studio Visits**, Anne Weddle, in recess, resuming Term 4.....
- Book Group**, Greta Handmer, alternate Thursdays, 10.30 am - 12 noon, starts 26 July, Clare Library.....
- Chess**, Tuesdays 2.30 pm, starts 24 July, Trevor & Dee Ware's, Lot 33, Warendra Road, Clare
- Chinese** (basic spoken Mandarin), Ron Bevan, Mondays 10 am, starts 23 July, Domain. Waiting list.
- Classical Music**, Moira Kleinig, Thursdays 2 pm, starts 26 July, 2/10 Harriett Street, Clare.....
- Coffee & Chat Club**, Val Tilbrook, Wednesdays 10.30 am, starts 25 July, no vacancies, venue t.b.a.....
- Computing Clare**, Sue Mayfield, Wednesdays 10 am – 12 noon, starts 25 July, Domain \$30/term.....
- Contract Bridge**, Eleanor Thomas, Thursdays 3 pm, starts 26 July, St Barnabas' hall. No beginners.
- Crafts (Card Making & Bead Jewellery)**, Catherine Marsson, Tuesdays 10-12 starts 24 July, Burra
- Cryptic Crosswords**, Greta Handmer 8842 2065, alt. Thursdays, 10.30 am, starts 2 August, 25 Edward St, Clare.
- Current Affairs**, Sally Robertson, Tuesdays 10.30 am, starts 24 July, Paris Chat café
- Film Group**, Val Tilbrook, 2nd Tues. of month, 1.30 pm, Blyth Cinema. 10 July, 14 August, 11 September
- *French Back to Basics**, Claire Eglinton, Thursdays, 12-1.15 pm, starts 26 July, Domain.....
- *French**, Claire Eglinton, Thursdays, 1.30-3.30 pm, starts 26 July, Domain
- Furniture Restoration, etc.**, Barrie Smith, Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon, starts 25 July, Lakeside.....
- *German Conversation**, Gunther Bayha, Mondays, 2-4 pm, starts 23 July, Domain
- History: local & Aust.**, Val Tilbrook, Fridays, 10 am - 12 noon, starts 27 July, TAFE, Room 6B.....
- Mah-jong**, Jocelyn Macrow, Wednesdays 2-4 pm, starts 25 July, St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare.....
- Mosaics**, Halima Northeast, Fri. 9 am – noon, beginners 1-4 pm, starts 27 July, 9 Kingfisher Drive, Clare.....
- Petanque**, Malcolm Weddle, Mondays 1.30 - 3.30 pm, starts 23 July, Catford Garden.....
- Quilting**, Lesley Bray, Thursdays, 10-1, starts 23 July, St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare, waiting list
- Scrabble**, Carol Stewart, Mondays 1.15 pm, starts 23 July, St Barnabas' Church Hall, Clare
- Walking Group**, Greta Handmer 8842 2065, Mondays 8 am, starts 23 July, meet east end Lennon St
- Watercolours for Beginners**, Glenys Christopher, Mondays 9.30-12.30, Burra
- Wordplay**, Sally Robertson, Tuesdays 2 pm, starts 24 July, 4 Kookaburra Court, Clare.....

*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 16 July 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).

Suggestions: _____

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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