

TO ALL FRANKSTON U3A MEMBERS

Happy New Year and all the best for 2019.

U3A Frankston has received formal, written notification from John Paul College (JPC), indicating that they **will not renew our lease** at the Stella Maris Centre beyond **September 2020**. JPC intend to grow the school and require the space for future development.

This decision WILL NOT impact on our 2019 program. Classes will operate as detailed in our 2019 Booklet and enrolments will proceed this Thursday 17th January 2019 as previously advised.

While the decision comes as a complete surprise and a significant disappointment, we need to recognise the changed situation and work together seeking new facilities and the best outcome for U3A Frankston.

Last week we met with members of Frankston City (FCC) where we outlined our needs going forward. FCC recognise the importance of U3A Frankston and have undertaken to provide support in finding new facilities and helping with any contractual negotiations.

A U3A Frankston "Change Team" will be formed to manage the change. Follow-up meetings are planned with FCC.

The change in venues and structure may offer opportunities and allow U3A to grow in numbers and increase the range of classes offered.

If you become aware of facilities that we could consider, please let the Office know.

I know that this change will come as a surprise and disappointment, however we have some 20 months to find other facilities and relocate ... if we need that long.

The Committee will let you know of developments as they occur.

Dennis Mason, President, U3A Frankston