

Presidential Ponderings - October 2020

Dear All

Having listened to our Premier, I had hoped that the news would be more encouraging for us all at U3A Frankston, but I realise we must be patient a little longer. It is difficult for those in single person households who are still very limited to human interaction, but as long as the figures keep going down, there is some hope awaiting us after 19th October. Hang in there!

Our return to Karingal Place must wait a little longer until we are all satisfied of your safety and of those around us. We are in constant touch with Frankston City Council as well as any other authorities to support us. Please remember to keep wearing your masks and keeping your distance. I suspect the time is a long way away when we can hug and shake hands with nearest and dearest. I feel particularly for those of you with grandchildren who thrive on human touch and human contact.

Your committee has been working hard to keep you all engaged and interested in U3A and we hope many of you will participate in the Trivia event (flyer on Homepage Bulletin Board). I look forward to welcoming you. Our thanks to Mornington U3A who are lending us technical support to ensure a smooth and successful event. And remember, no Googling answers!!

We have locked in our events for Seniors Week and again, these are advertised on our website and are open to all of your friends within the Frankston area who are not current members of U3A Frankston. Please encourage them! Members can join in but priority goes to visitors first and then you to ensure a full audience for each Zoom class.

Joanne Mujic, one of our members along with Robyn Gould, is interested in making up a quilt to celebrate our 35th Anniversary. We would ask people to submit two pieces for the quilt sized 8" by 8" in preferably cotton. She will look after all the entries and then mount them for a wall hanging for Karingal Place. Anyone interested, please contact her on korat123@excite.com. Thanks to Joanne for the great idea.

We are still awaiting the outcome of our application for funding for our Anniversary. If we are successful, we will be producing cards enclosing our specially written poem. Fingers crossed and watch this space.

Our Be Connected program goes from strength to strength and I thank Dennis Mason for all his hard work. We have now completed stage 1 of our laptop loan program and would love to hear from anyone keen to participate. Please email the office.

October is an interesting month – for me it marks 39 years since my arrival here in Australia. And what a 39 years it has been. I suspect few of us will miss 2020 when it finally hits the dirt. 1st October is our day – the International Day of Older Persons. Enjoy and relish the moment. It is also International Coffee Day – so my Nespresso machine will be working overtime. Also relevant is World Teachers Day on 5th October so thank you to all of those teachers who shaped our thinking and our learning. It is important too to thank all our tutors who continue the philosophy that learning is for life.

Entries for "The Pandemic Made Me Do It" close 9th October. Soft copies to Andrea@andreamccall.com.au. Hard copies to the U3A Frankston P.O. Box 6047 Frankston 3199

Until we meet again, stay safe and stay in touch

Best wishes to all

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