

Presidential Ponderings – October Number 2

Dear All

We have a busy month here at U3A Frankston so I thought I would just update you on a few things.

Please do not forget our Trivia Quiz on Friday 23rd October. We already have a few teams registered, thank you, but would love to hear from a few more of you. Please email me with your details if you are interested on email: andrea@andreamccall.com.au

Seniors week begins 26th October, and we are running some Zoom sessions for non-members to attract them to us. Please feel free to join any of the sessions if something interests you – you would be very welcome.

The response to The Pandemic Made Me Do It has been great. Unfortunately, because we cannot return to Karingal Place for the time being and we cannot display our entries at the Arts Centre, we must wait a little longer. I have collated them and will keep them until such time as we can show the off properly. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Please keep those quilt pieces coming – no deadline on date, but I know that they will be beautiful when completed.

The Tutors have recently received an email from Bob and Graham asking them for their possible intentions for next year. We must start to think of reopening when we can. If there are any of you out there with a burning desire to be a tutor – either on Zoom or with limited class sizes, please get in touch. We are particularly looking for a Science and a Philosophy tutor. We are also keen to run more classes outside and so wonder if an Art Class or a Singing class would be of interest once we can! Other U3As have approached us to join them in classes and we are working with the Neighbourhood House in Mount Eliza to offer a wider variety. Is there interest in joining their Chess class for example? We must consider smaller class sizes for those offered in rooms and so must learn to share and spread our wings where necessary. Have a look at our website for some offerings from Southern Peninsula.

I had a great chat with our Federal Member of Parliament, Peta Murphy, the other day. She sends her best wishes to us all and is supporting us with our negotiations with FCC over our rent and expenses. I have invited her to a Zoom Q and A meeting in the near future. If you have any specific questions for her, forward them to me beforehand. Dates yet to be decided.

Please do not forget to vote in the upcoming council elections. Your local representative is an important link for us here at U3A Frankston.

For those of you who shop at Ritchies IGA and use the benefit card on our behalf, you may be aware that there is a new App available to replace your card. If you are unsure what to do please access their website www.ritchies.com.au/loyalty. Otherwise, I suggest you seek guidance from the staff when you next go shopping. We do benefit from your donations and now even more.

Our laptop program continues to be very successful and we have a couple of laptops now available for those who would like to update their skills. Dennis Mason is a superb tutor!

Stay well, stay safe and above all stay connected to us all –

Andrea McCall, President