



Let me begin by wishing you all the very best for the Christmas holiday and the New Year celebrations.

As reported before, we are aiming to return to Karingal Place on 1st February for shorter and smaller classes and our timetable will be available very soon. **We ask you all to re-enrol online for your class of choice on 18th January onwards.** If you are uncomfortable doing it yourself, someone will be available at the end of the phone to help. Some classes will continue to Zoom such as my Tales of Murder, Mystery and Mayhem and some will be face to face so double check.

Thank you to all of you who have bought cards. We still have some to sell and these will be available at Karingal Place when we return. They are a wonderful memory of a difficult year and a reminder of your friends at U3A Frankston. At \$3 each they are a small donation to our cause.

Some of you have asked how you could donate or be of help to us next year, here are some ideas:

1. The purchase of sanitiser and wipes for each classroom. We think we will use a lot of these.
2. A box of masks for our Reception area
3. A Ream of photocopying paper to defray our copying costs
4. A book of stamps or some ballpoint pens
5. Help with cleaning the classrooms between each class
6. Bringing a thermos of coffee with biscuits for your classmates (they should have their own mugs)
7. The purchase of one of our anniversary cards or the creative writing anthology book
8. Volunteering for our committee
9. Shopping at Ritchies and using their community card
10. A small (or large) cash donation

We have also been approached by Frankston North Rotary to participate in their club raffle and are considering the best way to be involved. Watch this space!

Thank you to Marian de Souza and her group for the wonderful song. It was a sterling effort and I appreciate all the sentiments included in the words.

To many of you who have lost loved ones during this year, I send my thoughts to you as I know that this time of the year can highlight the loss. I ask us all to keep an eye on each other and check on neighbours and friends when you can. Many of us can feel very isolated and this year has been much worse than others.

We should be remembering what a lucky country we are and how our island isolation has yet again served us well. It may well have been The Tyranny of Distance of old, but it is that very distance that keeps us positive for the future.

Best wishes to you all for a safe season and I look forward to 2021 with bright eyes and optimism

Andrea McCall, President