

## Presidential Ponderings for August 2022

It is incredible to me how quickly the months go by, and I must sit in front of my computer and write another Ponderings. Thank you to all of you for responding to the request to keep wearing masks. We have several members off sick and so we must continue to be vigilant. The winter is nearly over, and we can look forward to longer days and warmer nights!

Let me start with some good news. Yes, we got the grant from Frankston City Council. It will be a great help to our finances until things settle down again. I am applying for a couple more grants over the next few months, so fingers crossed. Please also consider becoming part of your committee next year, we need you.

We have had an excellent response to our Guest Speakers, so I urge you to look out for the visit by our Federal Member Peta Murphy on 16<sup>th</sup> August. We want to make her feel welcome at U3A Frankston – she has been a good friend to us, so please come along.

Thank you to the members of our art classes who had a bit of a tidy up and clear out. This has enabled us to organise a special art class through NDIS in Room 4 (half of room 3) on a Friday afternoon. We have also done an inventory on our tables – some for disposal and some for repair. We still have plenty, but it is good to know that they are at least safe to use!

We are looking for someone who is prepared to do a short newsletter for us – say quarterly. It would be online for most of our members, but there will also be printed copies. It needs someone with an interest in article writing, photos and general news. Two pages of A4 should be enough!! If you have time and are interested, please contact the Office. FCC have asked if they could use it as material for their newsletter too, so any publicity is good publicity for us. We have found a Facebook guru to update our page so thank you to Christine.

We are also looking for anyone who speaks Spanish and would be interested in running a very small conversation class? Habla Usted Espanol? Por Favor?

Given that the Covid problem has still not gone away, would any of you be interested in continuing some of the classes on Zoom again? I know we have a couple of tutors, including me, who are happy to do so, but are there any others? Please contact Graham and we can arrange things if need be.

### **Forward Dates:**

- 1. Open Day is 12<sup>th</sup> October,**
- 2. Art Show at Carrum Downs is 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October,**
- 3. Special Event for Seniors Week is 20<sup>th</sup> October (details to follow)**
- 4. and the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is back on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for those who have volunteered to help so far**

Are you beginning to think about Christmas gifts? Or do you or a friend have a birthday coming up soon? Have you ever considered giving a one-year membership to U3A Frankston? It may be the answer to all your worries!

Don't forget our next games afternoon on Tuesday 2nd August and 1st September. Please check for other classes on our website.

Keep well and stay in touch

Andrea McCall