

Presidential Ponderings

January Jottings

Welcome to 2020 and the start of a new year and a new decade but to a sobering start to the year.

We have begun the year with a state of crisis and emergency here in Victoria and elsewhere. It reminds us that we live on the driest continent and with an unforgiving climate. Please spare a thought for those battling those fires and for those displaced people who have lost everything – memories, homes and sometimes the lives of loved ones. It is always a time to reflect how fortunate many of us are when faced with the tragedy of others.

At U3A Frankston we would like to help if we can, but are unsure how. I would welcome your input – should we take clothing or other donations, raise funds, sew and knit? Let me know what you think.

On a much lighter note, remember that enrolment day is 22nd January and for those of you who would like to contribute in other ways, we would love to hear from you.

We are looking for:

- a) a replacement Hon. Treasurer as Jen is taking a well earned rest.
- b) a general committee member to join the hardworking band
- c) tutors to be trained as BeConnected teachers
- d) tutors to offer new and exciting and different courses

and we want your ideas.

This year we are hoping to introduce a whole series of new classes from gardening, mosaics, sewing to writing memoirs. Please look out for them and come along. We are continuing with our guest speakers slot and will be looking to streamline start and finish times along with shortening some classes and lengthening others. There are new locations for some classes too so we are hoping to attract new members and reinvigorate our older ones!

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible in 2020 and welcoming you to classes starting on 3rd February.

Thank you again for all your support in 2019 and for being such a valuable member of the U3A Frankston family.

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President