

Presidential Ponderings

The February Fillets

Welcome back to U3A for 2020. There is so much to report, I do not know where to begin.

First of all I hope you all found time to celebrate Australia Day in your own way – whatever your beliefs.

The beginning of the year has been marked with tragedy as well as examples of great courage during our bushfires and flashfloods. Your committee considered how we might help. Some of you have been sewing and knitting which is much appreciated. But we wanted to do more. We dug deep and decided on your behalf to make a cash donation to the Bushfire Appeal Fund. We allocated \$1 from every member enrolled and rounded it up. We have therefore donated \$1,000 from U3A Frankston. It will go to support our friends in need in East Gippsland and we hope you are supportive of our decision. Other U3As in Victoria have followed our lead.

Enrolment day went well and we are delighted so many of you have enrolled in so many classes but are sorry if some of you are disappointed. A number of our classes are already full. A good sign!

To the Tutors – thank you for agreeing to pay membership fees for this year only. Yes, I confirm it is for one year only. It is a great help with outgoings for the first twelve months in our new home. We value you as volunteers and part of our community and we appreciate your contribution. We are currently producing written guides for all the equipment in our class rooms – please read them before you operate any of the computers and ask if you are unsure.

Our Treasurer, Jen, is stepping down at the AGM to pursue other interests and participate in classes, so we need her replacement urgently. Full handover and training will be given. We use MYOB for all accounts and are currently streamlining our cash receipts and payments. The time commitment is for about two hours a week. If you have a finance or bookkeeping background and could spare a little time we would love to hear from you. Jen has done a fantastic job and we will miss her guiding hand.

The AGM has now been scheduled and the notices are up confirming date and time. If you are unable to attend, Proxy forms will be available at Reception in the next few weeks. The motions to be presented at the AGM will be sent out well in advance.

I look forward to welcoming you back to U3A Frankston. We are considered by many other groups as a very forward thinking, dynamic and modern club with an increasing membership and a wonderful hardworking and committed committee. I am justly proud of all of us and of course of all of you

Andrea McCall,

President