

## Presidential Ponderings 2 for August

There is so much going on at U3A Frankston now, I thought I would send another Ponderings. I do hope you are all well and staying free from ills and chills.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CAR PARK AT THE GYM END OF KP WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE DAY ON THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST FOR WORKS ON WINGHAM PARK ACTIVITIES AREA.

A reminder for the next games afternoon – 1<sup>st</sup> September. Lots of fun and prizes for winners and gridders.

We have decided to run a raffle starting from 1<sup>st</sup> September to be drawn at the end of Seniors Month (October). Details will appear on the noticeboard soon. Tickets will be 3 for \$5 and prizes include paintings (donated by Keith Broad), a huge photograph, cosmetics, a quilt, gift cards etc. Please support your raffle.

Seniors' month will be busy – with Open Day, Carrum Downs Art Display and the Sausage Sizzle. There will also be a special event to do with computers and phones called Get OnLine. Please consider volunteering to assist at one of the events. We hope to encourage new members. All the details will be available very soon. If you are interested in helping or participating, please contact the Office.

The pursuit of grants in any shape or form continues and I have two more to complete in the next month. Fingers crossed. We should also hear the outcome of a couple very soon.

Our guest speakers have been popular, and we welcomed our Federal MP this week to a lively and enthusiastic audience. If you have suggestions for topics or speakers, please let us know. We hope to continue them throughout the year as they have been so successful.

We have new classes starting in Term 4 – anyone keen to learn Spanish? Sign up! And there are a few spaces in other classes too. We are also looking for tutors – particularly in the area of computer skills. Our current BeConnected tutors are exhausted and would welcome some assistance in their classes – know anyone with a couple of hours to spare? We have also had a request for volunteers to teach smartphone and android phone use. Got any time to give for a couple of lessons to a few people keen to use their phones properly?

Thank you to Elizabeth Alexander who has volunteered to produce our newsletter so any ideas, please let us know. Thank you to Christine who is updating our Facebook page as well.

Next year we will be introducing further Excursions. The two scheduled for this year have proved very popular and there is still time to book. Let us know what ideas you have for visits either around Frankston or beyond.

We are going well, but one thing we must do is continue to increase our membership. We are still about 150 members short of pre Covid numbers. Please consider recommending us to a friend, purchasing a gift membership or encouraging family to buy a membership as a Christmas or Birthday present. Being part of this family is a wonderful thing. We encourage learning, companionship, reduce isolation and create some lasting friendships through the wonderful work of our volunteers.

Until next time – stay safe

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