

## U3A NETWORK VICTORIA BULLETIN

March 2018

This Bulletin is distributed by U3A Network Victoria, the peak body of the U3A movement in Victoria, for information and use by Member U3As

### Upcoming Events

- 21 March - Network Victoria Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting
- 21 March - Regions Network Committee Meeting
- 05 April - U-MAS User Group Meeting
- 16 May - Presidents Briefing
- 20 June - Network Council Meeting
- 13 March - Nomination forms for Network Victoria Committee and Office Bearers close with Network Office for the AGM
- 30 May – Politicians Information Session

**Also check the Regional meetings schedule on the last page of this bulletin.**

### From the Acting President



As this is my last message to you as Acting President I take the opportunity to congratulate you all on the work you are doing under the U3A banner for the retired and semi retired members of the community.

As I have travelled around and visited your U3A over the last few years the message comes through loud and clear that U3A is alive, well and appreciated.

It has been a busy time for the Network committee and Tracey in the office. Getting papers together for the AGM plus the general operation of the office can at times be challenging. If you don't get an answer to your question straight away, don't panic it will come.

It is encouraging to see how the ACFE projects are coming together or finalized and how they will be of great benefit to U3A in general.

Most members of Network Victoria committee are also active members of their home U3A. On your behalf I thank them for spreading their time between local and state U3A. I thank retiring members Tom Wong, Anne Thompson, Meg Brown and Hans Eisen for the many hours they work during the year both.

Live, Learn Enjoy!

Elsie Mutton

Acting President

### Annual General Meeting

**21 March, 2018 – 10.30 am**

**Multicultural Hub, Elizabeth St, Melbourne**

The 2017 annual report and the agenda papers, nomination form, and other materials for the AGM on 21 March were emailed to all Member U3As on 28 February. Hard copies of the AGM materials were posted last week.

All Member U3As are urged to send their delegate to the meeting and the following Network Council meeting.

Nominations for positions on Network Committee or as Office Bearer are due in the Network Office by **13 March**. Position descriptions are available from Network Office.

The program for the day includes presentations by ACFE project leaders and working lunch meetings focussed on possible participation in on-going projects.

Member U3As with questions about the program for the day or any other matters relating to the AGM or annual report can contact the Network Office.

### Keep your U3A's contact details up to date

Network Office maintains the contact details on the U3A Network Victoria website - **Find a U3A**

<https://www.u3avictoria.com.au/find-a-u3a/>

If your U3A's contact details, including your own website's address, has changed then please update the details in the NMDB. Network Office will then update them on **Find a U3A**.

### Do you want to update your website?

If your U3A is interested in either updating your current website or would like to get a new website, then Network Office is able to link you into the helpful and expert team involved in the Website Template Project for assistance.

### U-MAS User Group

Invitations for the next U-MAS User Group meeting on **5 April** at **U3A Nunawading**, will be forwarded in early March to the designated contact for each U3A using or implementing U-MAS. As usual, there will be a technical and an administrative stream, and U3As are invited to send as many participants as they need.

## News from the ACFE Capacity Building Program

### Replicability

The template for final reporting on 2017-2018 ACFE projects has been forwarded to all project leaders, and these reports are being returned as individual projects end.

An overall report will be prepared for the grant funder ACFE (Adult Community and Further Education Board) in June 2018. Network's ACFE Working Party is also preparing a report for Member U3As to assist in disseminating the benefits of the project work. Replicability is one of the themes of the overall ACFE program, and the working group recognises that Network's role includes making sure the project outcomes benefit all U3As.

### Distance Education

Brief presentations will be given at the March Council meeting on two of the ACFE projects piloting aspects of distance education. Peter Duncan of U3A Hepburn Shire will explain the philosophy classes based on leadership from the University of New England in Armidale, NSW. Peter is looking for two more U3As to participate in his 2018 class in Term 4.

Neil Shaw of U3A Prom Coast will review his classes available to U3As and community organisations; Neil, too, is looking to sign up additional participants. Both speakers will host a working lunch after the Council meeting for those who would like more detail.

Susan Webster

Vice President

## U3A Information Campaign

U3A Network Victoria is developing a campaign of information and action points to assist Member U3As to convey the benefits and needs of our movement to their candidates in the upcoming State election.

The Information Campaign will be launched in late May with a politician information event, but the campaign will last through this year. Guidelines and information materials will be made to Member U3As to adapt as appropriate to their own circumstances and candidates.

More information will be available from late March.

## Young at Heart Seniors Film Festival

U3A Network, as part of its marketing drive for 2018, is one of the local sponsors of this popular film festival.

We are pleased to announce that the sponsor package includes 10 free double passes, which we would like to make available to U3A members on a first come, first served basis. To express your interest please email Janice Kelly at: [marketing@u3avictoria.com.au](mailto:marketing@u3avictoria.com.au)

The festival is being held in Melbourne from 17 to 23 April and there will be a total of 42 sessions shown at the Palace Cinemas, Balwyn, Brighton Bay and Como. The festival programme will be available by the end of February so keep an eye out for it either online or in newspapers.

A 30 second cinema advertisement about U3A will be shown at all sessions.

The advertisement is a cinema version of a television commercial produced as an additional marketing tool for use in Network's Victoria wide marketing campaign. It is registered to be shown on TV channels (including regional ones) as a community free advertisement. Let me know if you see it.

Below is a link to a condensed form of the commercial suitable for embedding in websites. It would be fantastic if you could put it on your U3A website but it has been uploaded on to the Network website, as well as You Tube, so there is also the option of just providing a link to the Network site. Also, for your information the video filmed by the La Trobe students at U3A Nunawading and U3A Yarra City is also on the Network website.



<https://www.dropbox.com/s/o6w40ggcretr9tu/U3A%2030%20SecTVC%20CAD.mp4?dl=0>

Janice Kelly, U3A Network M & P Convener

## U3A Regional Meeting, Workshop and Seminar Schedule, Semester 1, 2018

U3A Region	Dates	Host(s) U3A	Time & Location	Contact for meeting
<b>** U3A Geelong/Corio Bay/Surf Coast Summer School</b>	16-18 Jan	Each of the U3As	Various	
<b>** U3A Darebin Tutor W/shop</b>	23 Jan	U3A Darebin	23 Railway Place, FAIRFIELD	Ann Ritchie, President
<b>** U3A Southern Peninsula Tutor W/shop</b>	30 Jan	U3A Southern Peninsula	359a Point Nepean Rd, DROMANA	David Mott, Secretary
<b>Gippsland Region</b>	23 Feb	U3A Sale	55 Raymond St, SALE	Heather De Vries, President
<b>North East Victoria Region</b>	14 March	U3A Euroa	Kirkland Ave, EUROA	Greg Barnes, Regional Rep
<b>Loddon Mallee Region</b>	15 March	Bendigo	St Mary's 193 High St KANGAROO FLAT	Nancy Miller Regional Rep
<b>South Gippsland Region</b>	16 March	Bass Valley	GRANTVILLE	Neil Shaw, Regional Rep
<b>Outer Eastern Metro Region</b>	16 March	Yarra Ranges	1.00pm Japara House 54 Durham Rd KILSYTH	Bill Power Regional Rep
<b>South West Victoria Region</b>	23 March	Portland	TBA	Di Cray, Regional Rep
<b>Eastern Metro Region</b>	9 April	Nunawading	10am, Silver Grove NUNAWADING	Geoff Steventon, Regional Rep
<b>South Metro Region</b>	20 April	Bayside		David Hone, Regional Rep
<b>Northern Metro Region</b>	24 April	Yarra City	17 Stanton St, ABBOTSFORD	Anne Heafield Regional Rep
<b>Outer SE &amp; Morn Pen Region</b>	4 May	Southern Peninsula	TBA, John Paul College McMahons Rd FRANKSTON	Beth Birch, Regional Rep
<b>** U3A Goulburn Valley W/shop</b>	6/7 May	Goulburn Valley	14 Esson St, SHEPPARTON	Greg Barnes, Course Coordinator
<b>Grampians Region</b>	14 May	TBA	Melbourne Polytechnic., Grano St., ARARAT	Lee Albert Regional Rep
<b>** U3A Moreland w/shop</b>	17 May	Moreland	21 Harding St, COBURG	Gwen Rosengren, Secretary
<b>Outer Eastern Region</b>	22 June	Sherbrooke OR Mt Dandenong	TBA	Bill Power Regional Rep
<b>Loddon Mallee Region</b>	28 June	TBA	St Mary's 193 High St KANGAROO FLAT	Nancy Miller Regional Rep

Anne Grigg , 1 March 2018

## Region Representatives

With many Regions meetings coming up soon I thought it timely to remind all our members who your Representatives are. One of the tasks of a Regional Rep is to work with the host U3A for a meeting to help with the agenda and supporting preparations. Anne Grigg, DSO, is available for further support/assistance.

Regional Reps have been developing goals for the Regions Committee, guidelines for their role and guidelines for Regional meetings. These will be available on the Network website after the next meeting in March.

If there are any changes to these reps please notify [dso@u3avictoria.com.au](mailto:dso@u3avictoria.com.au) or [adminmanager@u3avictoria.com.au](mailto:adminmanager@u3avictoria.com.au)

### REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES X REGIONS

As at March 2018

RURAL REGIONS	METROPOLITAN REGIONS
Region # 1 South West Victoria (9)	Region # 7 Western (8)
Region # 2 Grampians (9) LEE ALBERT (Ararat) <a href="mailto:leealb205@gmail.com">leealb205@gmail.com</a>	Region # 8 Northern (10) ANNE HEAFIELD (Whittlesea) <a href="mailto:regionalrep@whittleseau3a.com.au">regionalrep@whittleseau3a.com.au</a>
Region # 3 Loddon-Mallee (9) NANCY MILLER (Heathcote) <a href="mailto:pc_miller@bigpond.com">pc_miller@bigpond.com</a>	Region # 9 Outer Eastern (7) BILL POWER ( Upper Yarra) <a href="mailto:wrbpower123@southernphone.com.au">wrbpower123@southernphone.com.au</a>
Region # 4 North East Victoria (15) GREG BARNES (Goulburn Valley) <a href="mailto:dngbarnes@hotmail.com">dngbarnes@hotmail.com</a>	Region # 10 Eastern (13) EOFF STEVENTON (Croydon) <a href="mailto:myrnas44@optusnet.com.au">myrnas44@optusnet.com.au</a>
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