

2018 Victorian Seniors Festival Information

1 to 31 October 2018

This document sets out information about key dates and activities for the 2018 Seniors Festival in October. Your U3A is urged to participate in the Seniors Festival either at your own locality or at the Seniors Celebration at Federation Square in Melbourne.

Sunday 7 October to Sunday 14 October (8 days): All holders of Victorian Seniors Card can travel free on public transport throughout Victoria.

May 31: The last day to submit details of your U3A's event for consideration for inclusion in the printed Festival Program booklet. 200,000 copies will be distributed state wide.

June 30: The last day to submit requests for time slots on Celebration Day at Federation Square. See Forms, below, to make a booking for:

- Coral and Music groups to perform in the U3A Concert at Deakin Edge - act now, time slots are filling up
- Physical activity and cultural groups in the Yarra Boulevard performance area
- Display arrangements for individual U3As.

September 7: The last day you can submit details of your U3A's event for consideration for inclusion into the **online Calendar of Events**.

7 October: Celebration Day at Federation Square

There are two forms provided as attachments to the email and as copies at the end of this document. The copies are for your convenience to see what information is required.

The form ***Celebration Day U3A Deakin Edge Performance Opportunities*** is for choirs and musical performances to be in the U3A Concert at Deakin Edge.

The form ***Celebration Day U3A Performance and Display Opportunities*** is a chance for any U3A who would like to demonstrate their physical prowess in keeping fit including but not limited to Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Greek Dancing, Belly Dancing, Exercise and Chair Exercise.

U3A Network Victoria will have a large marquee staffed by Committee Members. Details are yet to be finalised but ideally it will have information about all 109 U3As. It will also give smaller Member U3As, that may not have the numbers to run a marquee of their own, the opportunity to come and join the celebration by demonstrations of their activities, slide shows, sale of craft works or other things you suggest.

Marquees for Member U3As on Yarra Boulevard, particularly suited to large U3As with a diverse range of activities to showcase are also available. Details will be provided to those U3As booking for display purposes.

Your Celebrations:

Is your U3A planning to Celebrate Being Seniors?

For many of us being a Senior is a great time in life. Celebration Day at Federation Square is a great day also a lot of hard work. Does your U3A take the opportunity to celebrate Seniors during free travel week or anytime during the Seniors month?

A small survey found some U3As hold special outings, lunches, a day trip or other fun and inclusive. One large U3A does not hold any activities during the Festival or the free travel week so that their members can get out and see what is on offer elsewhere.

Maybe organise an exchange with another U3A.

Below is a summary of instructions for listing an event in the Seniors Festival program. This information is extracted from Seniors Online.

We look forward to celebrating Seniors Festival with you in October.

Pauline O'Brien
Network Committee Organiser
U3A Network Victoria

Susan Webster
President
U3A Network Victoria

How to List an Event in the Festival Program:

Copy or type into the address bar at the top of your search engine screen:

www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/submit-an-event

If you have Chrome Browser or another up to date browser it will ask you if you want to submit an event to Seniors Online. Click on the request and it will take you straight to the page.

1. Click on Complete the Online form.
2. Accept the Terms and Conditions
3. Fill in the form. Make sure you tick/or click (depending on your browser) the "I am not a Robot" box and complete the interesting visual tests.
4. Submit or choose **Save Form for Later** if incomplete. You will be sent an email with a link to let you get back to complete the form.

If your browser is not up to date you may have trouble. You can download Google Chrome for free by copying into the address line of your search engine:

<https://www.google.com.au/chrome/>

If you have any questions about listing an event in the Festival Program or if you have difficulty with the online form, please send Chris Reidy, Manager, Seniors Festival Victoria at chris.reidy@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Forms to Book Performance and Displays:

In addition to putting information about your event into the Festival Program or online, you may wish to book performance times and make arrangements about displays during the Festival.

To make a booking for performances or displays:

- Use the hard copy of the appropriate form – found following this section
- Enable editing by clicking the box at the top of the downloaded form
- Fill in online, and
- Email it back to Pauline O'Brien, Network Committee Seniors Festival Organiser, via committeemember.pauline.obrien@u3avictoria.com.au by 30 June 2018.

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Celebration Day U3A Performance and Display Opportunities

Federation Square: Sunday 7 October 2018

<p>Display and Performance Booking Form – Yarra Boulevard performance area.</p> <p>Each block of set up and performance time is 30 minutes</p>	
Name of U3A	
Contact person: This is the person who you nominate to receive all emails and other communications.	
Postal address	
Email address: 1 st contact person	
Email address: 2 nd contact person	
1 st contact person Telephone / Mobile	

2 nd contact person Telephone /mobile	
Performance/activity please tick	<input type="checkbox"/> Line Dancing <input type="checkbox"/> Tai Chi <input type="checkbox"/> Greek Dancing <input type="checkbox"/> Belly Dancing <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise <input type="checkbox"/> Chair Exercise <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Equipment. Note: Speakers, headset mic and stand mic, CD player and audio operator provided.	Additional equipment required:
Preferred performance time	<input type="checkbox"/> 10.30am to 1pm period <input type="checkbox"/> 1pm to 4.00pm period

Complete form and email back to Pauline O'Brien, Committee Member, U3A Network Victoria by **June 30, 2018:**

committeemember.pauline.obrien@u3avictoria.com.au Please use that email address if you have any questions about this form.

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Celebration Day U3A Deakin Edge Performance Opportunities

Federation Square: Sunday, 7 October 2018

Performance Booking Form Deakin Edge - Choral & Music Program	
Name of U3A	
Contact person: This is the person who you nominate to receive all emails and other communications.	
Postal address	
Email address: 1 st contact person	
Email address: 2 nd contact person	
1 st contact person Telephone / Mobile	

2 nd contact person Telephone /mobile	
Performance/activity please tick	<input type="checkbox"/> Choral <input type="checkbox"/> Music Ensemble <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Equipment. Note: Full audio support provided with sound technicians. Baby grand piano on site.	Additional equipment required:
Preferred performance time	<input type="checkbox"/> 11:00am to 1:30pm period <input type="checkbox"/> 1:30pm to 3.30pm period

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