

U3A GOULBURN MULWAREE INC'S OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE



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As we enter our ninth year we will continue to enjoy not only a lot of our 'old' classes but some exciting new ones – please look on our website www.gm-u3a.com.au regularly for up-to-the-minute information about these and other things of interest. Some members have concerns about the payment of their subs for 2017, how they will make payment for the extra fees applicable for some classes, how to pay for excursions and how to enrol for Term 1's classes, well as we mentioned in November's Bulletin, ***it will be business as usual at the McDermott for Term 1, 2017.*** and there will be a limited amount of printed Bulletins available at the office for members who do not have an email address.

TERM 1, 2017 ENROLMENT DAYS Member will be able to enrol at the McDermott office on ***MONDAY, 23rd, TUESDAY, 24th and WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY - 10am till 1pm.*** There will also be facilities for members to enrol by email and by phone. **ANNUAL SUBS** (\$30 renewal; \$40 new memberships) and any extra fees can be paid then also and tickets for *Let's Do Lunch, Let's Explore* and other excursions can be purchased then as well.

U3A CHRISTMAS LUNCH Our Christmas lunch at the Railway Cafe ended our year on a high note. The ***Angels For The Forgotten*** certainly did us proud, the room was tastefully decorated and tables set up in small groups that created a friendly atmosphere and the food was delicious and plentiful. Many thanks to the members who donated lucky door prizes and thanks also to Dulcie Reid and Pat & Brian Spilsbury who worked throughout the day to make it the success it was. Our thanks most certainly must go to Melina and her 'host of heavenly angels' for all the hard work they put in – we will certainly be going back again next year.

LET'S EXPLORE Our February trip will be to ***Belgenny Farm, Camden.*** This trip will give us a glimpse into the history of the oldest collection of original farm buildings in Australia located in the historic Camden Park Estate, famous home of agricultural pioneers, John and Elizabeth Macarthur.

Then in March we will have a total change of pace, from the past into the future when we visit the ***Canberra Space Centre at Tidbinbilla (ACT)*** located in the grounds of the ***Canberra Deep Space Communications Complex – this facility is run for N.A.S.A. by Australia's C.S.I.R.O.*** This promises to be a great, informative day.

Watch out for details of our first trip of Term 2 to the Crisp Gallery & Gardens

Full details of T1's trips can be found on our website www.gm-u3a.com.au

VERSALLES – TREASURES FROM THE PALACE EXHIBITION U3A will be having a bus trip to the National Gallery, Canberra for this great exhibition, most likely on Thursday, February 16 – Pat is waiting for confirmation of this date from the N.G.A. and will let those members who have expressed interest in this excursion know a.s.a.p.. Please ask on Enrolment Days for more information or check the website.

“January 1 is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one!”
Author Unknown

NEW CLASSES FOR TERM 1 With such a wide selection of new classes on the agenda, our members will be spoilt for choice! Here are some of our proposed new classes and the return of some popular past classes;-

Science – Astronomy a short introduction into the night sky and the apparent motion of the stars and planets

Grist For The Mill – Re-visited a once-a-term series of talks by guest speakers knowledgeable in their field on subjects which will be lively, interesting, topical and sometimes contentious! Participants will be invited to take part in the discussions after the talks

Science – Programing a short introduction to computing (programing) using only free and open source software (**FOSS**)

Spanish Language new tutor, **Barbara Shannon**, will be offering this course, such a romantic language !

Music Recorder 1 (previously known as Remarkable Recorders) New tutor, **Ayaka Suzuki**, an accomplished musician herself, will be taking this new class for beginners at the new venue, the Community Gardens

Also at the gardens will be the return of **Tai Chi 4 Arthritis**, meanwhile back at the **McDermott Centre**, Pat St George will again be offering his popular **Tablet Weaving** class. All these and most of the classes from Term 4 last Year!

LET'S DO LUNCH Due to the Seniors' Festival (a.k.a. Seniors Week) being early in 2017 (1st week in March) there will only be one "Let's Do Lunch" in Term1

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – CASCADES RESTAURANT 77 Lagoon Street Situated in the Best Western Motel, we enjoyed the food and ambience of the Cascades so much we are planning a return visit and Valentine's Day seemed a good excuse (*as if we needed an excuse!*) The theme, of course, will be Valentines Day, so wear something romantic and there will be a special 'lucky door' prize and a small gift for everyone. Tickets will go on sale from Monday, January 23 and will cost \$18.



We are always searching for volunteer tutors. You do not have to have formal qualifications to be a tutor – you just need to have a lifelong passion, interest or enthusiasm in a subject that you would like to share with other members. Alternatively we have a number of 'ready-made' courses that are available from the U3A Network NSW's Resources Library that you may find suitable, ask to see the ones we have in stock or maybe you might like to become tutor for one of the

ones below:-

LANGUAGES Language classes are always popular – it seems our members can't get enough of them! If you feel you could teach a language, we would be pleased to hear from you.

AUSLAN As we get older sometimes our hearing gets a little impaired, so it would be very useful if we could learn the Australian Sign Language to reduce our family's and our stress levels *before* that happens. We would love to have a tutor for Auslan!

U3A CLASSIC BOOKCLUBS A new style of bookclub based on free electronic copies of classic books, which is more flexible in the number of students and the student gets to keep all the books they are reading. Some Classic Bookclubs can be by author i.e. Jane Austen, Homer or Charles Dickens etc., some by genre i.e. SciFi or Great Books of the Western World. Maybe this is the type of class you would like to become a tutor for.

NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR TERM 1, 2017 AT THE McDERMOTT CENTRE

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 11am – 1pm

NOT OPEN THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS