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FROM THE PRESIDENT Colin Levy

This year has brought with it some changes in that Geraldine Smith has relinquished her role in arranging our Guest Speakers, which has now been passed over to Jane Frankham, Freda Beresford, Joan Thomas and myself. It is hoped that we can provide the same level of interesting guest speakers for next year. Ros Emms has also passed on her role of Outings Coordinator to Cherie Levy. I wish to thank Geraldine and Ros for all they have done; it has certainly been most appreciated.

Also, Meryl Thompson has joined the Committee and is undertaking the role of publicity coordinator. The Committee considers that we need to spread the word to the older members in our community that our U3A provides a good opportunity for learning and to meet new friends. Hopefully, in coming months we may get some visitors checking us out, if so, I'm sure they will be made very welcome.

It is pleasing that the Committee considered the City of Charles Sturt proposal to move to the new West Lakes facility in the new year and decided it was in our best interests to stay where we are. The feedback from our members has been overwhelmingly in favour of our decision. The Committee has also been looking for other alternatives to move our Special Interest Groups away from the Bower Cottages to a more central location. I am pleased to announce that starting at the beginning of the first term next year our Special interest groups will be meeting at our current venue at the church.

Your Committee has served us well and on behalf of all our members I would like to thank each member of the Committee, namely, Pauline Lane our secretary, Jennifer Brown our Vice President and coordinator of the Newsletters, Aldis Auliciems our Treasurer and the various roles undertaken by Melva Tripodi, Joan Thomas, Cherie Levy and Meryl Thompson. I also wish to thank Sandra and Steven Carr, our U3A SA Delegates, Nancy Deering for taking photos and adding them to our website and our new Committee coordinating Guest Speakers Jane Frankham, Freda Beresford and Joan Thomas and myself.

Finally, a special thank you to our Special Interest Convenors, Jane Frankham (Music), Ann Edwards (Creative Writing), Terry Paterson (Poetry), Nancy Vasileff (History), Pauline Lane (Current Affairs), Annette Day (Book Club) and June Littleford (Botanic Gardens Walk).

Cherie and I extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all and look forward to seeing you on registration day Tuesday 1st February.

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Guest Speaker Meetings:
Tuesdays: 1:30 – 3:00
Fulham Uniting Church Hall
Madeline Cres, Fulham

2022 Special Interest Groups Meet at
Fulham Uniting Church
Madeline Cres., Fulham
and
Botanic Gardens, North Tce, Adelaide

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GUEST SPEAKER PROGRAM

Co-ordinator: Geraldine Smith

Our 2nd Semester started under a cloud, with reduced numbers allowed to attend and then lockdown – fortunately it was for only 1 week. The Guest Speakers took it all in their stride and we enjoyed presentations from some old favourites and also some interesting “newbies”. They included: Sandy Whitelaw *Victorian Women/Brides*; Sue Garforth *Hidden Histories*; Don Hopgood *20th Century*; the Mayor of Charles Sturt *What’s new at Council*; Lainie Anderson *Long Flight Home*; Bob Lunn QC *Judge Jeffcott/City of Churches*; Dr Tony Rogers *Charles Todd*; Bob Edwards *Horticulture*; Ian Hopley *Lost Graves of WWI Diggers*; Steve White *RAAF Orion Squad Search & Rescue*; Dr Owen Crees *Angel Flights*; Prof Lambert Schuwirth *Keeping Medicos Up-to-date*; Neville Alley *Walking in the Painted Hills*.

I would like to thank all the members who have given me feedback or suggested speakers during my time as Program Co-ordinator – much appreciated. I send best wishes to the new sub-committee taking over this role.

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Every Tuesday, 1.30 – 3.00pm @ Uniting Church Hall, Madeline Cres, Fulham

Interest Groups

In addition to the weekly guest speaker, U3A Charles Sturt has seven interest groups that meet monthly. If you have an interest that you would like to pursue with several other members please contact the committee.

POETRY APPRECIATION

Convenor: Terry Paterson

The group has enjoyed an average attendance of 5 readers at its meetings. It has also continued to attract new participants sufficient to replace others who for various reasons have been unable to continue their involvement. Members of U3A are always welcome to attend our readings as listeners and to see if it is an activity they would like to take up. Merry Christmas.

1st Thursday of the month 1:30 – 3:00pm @ Fulham Uniting Church Small Meeting Room, Madeline Cres. Fulham

BOTANIC GARDENS WALKS

Convenor & Guide: June Littleford (0403 107 215)

A small group have enjoyed a stroll in our magnificent Adelaide Botanic Garden. We have looked at roses, Judah’s tree, Indian Dinner Plates and so many more interesting specimens. The gardens contain so many wonders - The Manihot which feeds 500 million people worldwide. You may know it as Tapioca. Nature restores to soul.

Botanic Gardens Walks are held on 2nd Monday of the month 11:00am -12 noon
Meet at the North Terrace Gate Botanic Gardens, Adelaide
A donation of \$2.00 is appreciated by the Gardens.

CREATIVE WRITING

Convenor: Ann Edwards

The group covered quite interesting topics this term, ranging from “I wish I....” the Beauty of Nature, through to “If I say nothing – pros and cons”. The creativity of the writing displays the broad range of experiences of the group. We have some talented writers and poets.

2nd Thursday of the month 12 noon – 1:15pm @ Fulham Uniting Church Small Meeting Room, Madeline Cres. Fulham

HISTORY

Convenor: Nancy Vasileff

Greetings to all members....remember you are welcome to come along to our sessions, to participate or just listen in! This semester we commenced with our very own "Federation" before we fastened our seat belts and set off for racy South America....did you know that Venezuela is such a corrupt country that it ranks 166 out of 178 and it has 33 prisons with a capacity of 14,000 but holds 50,000 inmates!

Or that Brazil is the 5th largest country in the world or that Machu Picchu means old mountain! These are the things we learn in the History group! We continue with South America in the New Year followed by Spain and Portugal's lead up to the exploration and colonization of South America.

2nd Thursday of the month 1:30 – 3:00pm @ Fulham Uniting Church Small Meeting Room, Madeline Cres. Fulham

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Convenor: Jane Frankham

The Music Group has offered a varied assortment this year. Films about Composers, talks and music from Shakespearean Operas, examining the origin of music and its evolution through the centuries. For our end of year finale, we welcomed the choir from Fulham North Primary School. They entertained us with songs they sang in the Festival of Music.

It is with regret that after 7 years I will not continue as Music Convenor next year. If there is any member who would like to convene the Music Group in 2022 I will give full support while around. Otherwise the group will not meet next year

3rd Tuesday of the month 3:15 – 4:15pm @ Fulham Uniting Church Hall, Madeline Cres, Fulham

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Convenor: Pauline Lane

As the year draws to a close, we look back at the topics we covered which ranged from potty-training cows, to mandatory vaccinations for Covid-19, and politics.

As a small group, we enjoy a lot of banter, however, we find these discussions to be intellectually stimulating, thought provoking and have broadened our knowledge.

All members are welcome to attend and join in the discussion - or just listen if they wish.

3rd Thursday of the month 1:30 – 3:00pm @ Fulham Uniting Church Small Meeting Room, Madeline Cres. Fulham

COFFEE AND CHAT

Convenor: Col Levy

This activity was introduced to provide a regular activity for members to get to know each other in a casual setting. It has proved to very popular by those who have attended, where our numbers are averaging 12. We meet at the Lockleys Hotel on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10.30am during school terms.

The Coffee and Chat for terms 1 and 2 for 2022 are as follows:

Friday 18th February Friday 18th March
Friday 20th May Friday 17th June

3rd Friday of the month at 10:30am @ Lockleys Hotel, Entrances from Henley Beach and Tapleys Hill Roads

BOOK CLUB

Convenor: Annette Day

The two books we've discussed this term could not have been more different.

"The Woman in the Window" by A J Finn was a violent murder mystery. The author has a mental health problem and is on a charge of plagiarism with regard to this book.

In contrast, we found "The Happiest Man on Earth" by 100yr old Eddie Jaku, a German Jew who became an Australian citizen, the most uplifting book we had read. Eddie had been a proud German until arrested by the Nazis and amazingly survived the daily atrocities inflicted upon him in Buchenwald, Auschwitz and on a Death March. He resolved to smile every day when he eventually recovered. Sadly, he died whilst we were reading his book, but what a loving family and legacy he has left. We'd recommend everyone read this book.

4th Thursday of the month 1:30 – 3:00pm @ Fulham Uniting Church Small Meeting Room, Madeline Cres. Fulham

OUTINGS

Co-ordinator: Ros Emms

Visit to the Holocaust Museum. By Meryl Thompson

On Friday 24th September, a group of 18 U3A members met at the Holocaust Museum in Wakefield Street for a tour of a special exhibition dedicated to Anne Frank and her family.

Our guide was assisted by a Holocaust survivor from Hungary who added to our understanding with stories from his own experience.

We were also able to spend time in the permanent exhibition which looks at the long history of Jewish persecution, culminating in the extermination policies of Nazi Germany.

While we were reminded that ethnic cleansing has also occurred more recently under other regimes, the Museum has balanced the more confronting examples of persecution, discrimination and exclusion with positive stories of hope and survival.

The Museum is very well organised and presented, and was certainly well worth the visit.



Nancy at the photo wall



Andrew Steiner and Kerry



Some of our group

OUTINGS (cont.)

WAKEFIELD PRESS

On the evening of Wednesday 3rd November, a group of 19 members attended an author talk at Wakefield Press, a leading independent publishing company based in Adelaide. We were warmly welcomed by Michael Bollen and Trevor Klein of Wakefield Press, and started the enjoyable evening with a glass of wine.

The presentation was by Professor Philip Payton, a history lecturer at Flinders University. His new book is titled *“Vice-Regal: a history of the governors of South Australia*. Professor Payton explained the genesis of *“Vice-Regal”* – it was an idea put forward by the government of South Australia to recognise the role of past governors, especially the contribution of the retiring Governor, Hieu Van Le.

For his presentation, Professor Payton spoke about one or two of the previous governors, but he focused his talk on several of their wives. He stated that he found some of these women much more interesting than their husbands! His extensive research allowed him to see into the lives of these people and, to some extent, the conditions and happenings of South Australia at the time they held the role.



Professor Payton



Jane, Margaret, Ron and June

U3ASA

Representatives: Sandra and Steven Carr

We attended a general meeting and the AGM in October 2021.

The Tea Tree Gully Rendezvous was cancelled due to low registration numbers.

U3A Statewide offers online course access and is free to any U3A member.

South Australian University of the Third Age Membership Numbers in 2021.

There are 20 U3A Groups meeting in SA, and there are 4803 Members. Tea Tree Gully 825, Adelaide 736, South Coast 321, Murraylands 297, Gawler 296, Adelaide Hills 290, Campbelltown 276, Inner North 234, Lower North 209, Mt Gambier 188, Flinders 170, Aldinga 162, Riverland 159, Strathalbyn 149, Kapunda 98, Whyalla 96, Yorke Peninsula 94, **Charles Sturt 86**, Noarlunga 66, Port Adelaide 51.

A new Special Interest Group

It has been suggested we start an **Out & About Group**. This group would meet monthly to attend functions/activities decided by the group members ie theatre, galleries, exhibitions, wet lands, gardens, shopping centres, have a meal together etc. Are you interested? Please let one of the committee know.



Christmas Lunch



Tuesday 12 noon
7th December 2021
At
Lockleys Hotel
\$30 for 2 course meal with a drink
Booking essential

School Term Dates 2022

Term 1:

Monday 31st January – Thursday 14th April

Term 2:

Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July

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Enrolment Day

TUESDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY 2022

at

Fulham Uniting Church Hall, 16 Madeline Cres, Fulham

Annual Fees (in cash) are payable on the day

2022 Fees: ***\$40 single and \$60 couple.***

Please bring your completed Enrolment Form

Please come and register for 2022, stay a while and enjoy a catch up and a cuppa.

Guest Speaker Program Term 1, 2022

8 th Feb	Dr Jeff Nicholas <i>Behind the Streets of Adelaide</i>	15 th Feb	Ian Hopley <i>Borneo</i>
22 nd Feb	Max Anderson <i>Good Prospecting</i>	1 st Mar	Trish and Robert's <i>Queen Adelaide Society</i>
8 th Mar	Gill Baker <i>Building a yacht in the back yard</i>	15 th Mar	Keren Faulkner <i>Involvement in Paralympic Sports</i>
22 nd Mar	AGM Louise Edwards <i>Journey down the River Murray</i>	29 th Mar	Annette Holden <i>Disability Advocate – Orana Disability Service</i>
5 th Apr	Colin Seymour <i>History of Trams</i>	12 th Apr	Richard Harmon <i>Botanic Gardens Guide – Botany and Gardening</i>

1:30 to 3:00, Fulham Uniting Church Hall, 16 Madeline Cres, Fulham

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 22nd March 2022

A vibrant committee is a must for a successful U3A. Please think about joining the hard working committee. A committee member is elected for a 3 year term only. There will be some vacancies on the committee at the AGM. The committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 3:15pm.

U3A is a learning co-operative of 'Third Age' people (people who are over 50 and no longer working full time or retired). It is a self help and non-profit organisation that encourages a positive approach to ageing by enhancing self esteem and independence and by sharing experiences including educational, creative and leisure activities.



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