

U3A CROYDON BULLETIN - WEEK 9

Dear Members, Every week when I sit down to put together this Bulletin I worry that I don't have enough material to include, but then luckily bits and pieces fall into place. It's impossible to know how long we are going to be shut out of our face to face classes but when we finally can go back, I'm sure there will be some changed circumstances. Our committee will be giving a lot of thought on how best to make that return as safe and welcoming for you as possible. In the meantime, perhaps the tutors who are currently maintaining their class in some form, could send me a short contribution about how your class is going, for inclusion in future bulletins. How have you modified your class, kept in touch, learnt new skills, overcome the drawbacks? Would love to hear from you.



As promised last week, some online presentations about NBN are coming up. These sessions are intended for those of you who have recently connected, are connecting soon, or have had NBN for a while but want some tips on optimisation of the service, particularly relevant while we are stuck at home. More information below.

And the last of our committee profiles are included in the bulletin today ... a chance for you to get to know us better.

As usual, let me know what's happening in your lockdown life. Write to: coordinator@u3acroydon.org.au

Take care, keep busy, and keep in touch with your friends and family.

Ingrid ☺

TREVOR BELLINGER - SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

I've been a U3A Croydon member since 2006 and a Computer Tutor for the past 13 years. I have tutored courses in Microsoft Word, (3 levels), Excel, PowerPoint, Mail Merging, iPad, and Bring Your Own Devices, currently co-tutoring a ZOOM class. I have also Tutored classes in Speechcraft and Table Tennis, whilst assisting my wife Joy with some of her computer classes. I have been the Systems Administrator from the time we changed to the UMAS Enrolment system about 5 years ago. The Systems Administrator controls the operation of our enrolment system, attends to the maintenance and fixing of computer problems and errors. I have been a Committee member for the past 8 or 9 years, serving both as Publicity Officer and Systems Administrator.

HELEN AMOS - OFFICE MANAGER

I have lived in South Croydon with my husband Merv for the past 45 years and for about 5 years we were both cub leaders at 3rd Croydon. We try to escape the cold Melbourne weather every winter for a while by travelling to warmer climates but this year it will be impossible. Prior to my retirement in 2013 I had been a Maths teacher for more than 40 years and I am still involved with supervising and marking VCE exams every November.

I joined U3A nearly 5 years ago. I am the Day Manager in the office on Thursdays and for the past 3 years I have been the Office Manager on the Committee. I enjoy playing Mahjong and Canasta and get to see some different places with Explore Melbourne. Merv runs the monthly Dine Out class and I join in as co-tutor. We can't wait for this lockdown to finish so that once again we can go out to restaurants and catchup with the grandchildren.

CHRISTINE HAWKINS - EVENTS COORDINATOR

Hello all, I'm happy to be representing U3A Croydon as Events Co-ordinator again this year. It is such a great organisation which I'm proud of and enthusiastic about promoting whenever possible. I am supported in this role by a great team of volunteers who assist at and cater for events, such as the AGM, Seniors' Expo, Tutors' meetings, lunches etc. The Open Day, last year, was a great success due to the hardworking team's input, dedication and generosity of time and resources.

My husband Allan and I have lived in Croydon since 1973 and have raised two sons and many cats. We currently enjoy the company of two rescue felines. I enjoy crafting, walking, tennis, crafting, music, caravanning, reading, colouring and of course family and friends, and did I mention crafting?

I joined U3A about 7 years ago retired in 2017 and later, took on the role of Secretary and I now tutor 2 Card Making classes.

At first, I found this time of social isolation unsettling, as would most, but I've settled into a slower pace, sleeping in, reading and crafting, crafting and more crafting. The Card Making classes have continued on Zoom and it's great to see friends face to face (electronically) again. I hope you all can stay safe, well and happy until we meet again.

NBN PRESENTATIONS COMING UP

NBN 101 - Wednesday 3rd June at 11.00 am

- What is nbn and how do you connect?
- How does nbn affect existing devices such as landline phones and medical alarms?
- Update on the latest scams and staying safe online

NBN optimisation: Thursday 4th June – 11:00am

- How to select the best plan for your household
- How working from home can affect your internet requirements
- Simple steps that can improve your connection inside your house / apartment

There will be a 15– 20 minute presentation by Gabe and then the opportunity for participants to ask questions.

These presentations will be held on Microsoft Teams which is a video conferencing application just like Zoom. You will be sent an invitation by email and you just have to click on the invitation to participate.

You can join either or both presentations but you will need a laptop, computer or tablet that has a webcam and microphone and of course, internet. For those who are not able to join that way, you can also dial in for voice only, via your landline or mobile.

If you are interested in participating, please enrol on our U3A website. Look for Course Codes 20HUM074 and 20HUM075. If you need more information, please give me a call or email.

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OR 0409 543 644

Ingrid :)



COMPUTER CORNER

New Zoom Course commencing Wednesday 27th May for 3 weekly sessions. This may be the last one that we will be running so don't delay enrolling.

Computer Tips & Tricks Online via Zoom commencing Friday 5th June @ 10.30 for three sessions. Enrol online.

All enquiries to Trevor or Joy 9729 9308

