

U3A CROYDON BULLETIN - WEEK 12

Dear Members,

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 lockdown one of the issues that has been troubling our committee is how to keep in touch with our members who do not have email. It was not viable to post these bulletins to those 110 members each week so we urged our tutors to try and keep in touch in one way or another. A big thanks to those tutors who have continued to do that. However, as a gesture of care and friendship, we decided that it would be nice to post a card, so a very big thank you to Christine Hawkins and her card making class for sending out a beautiful hand made card to each and every one of the 110 non-email members. A huge undertaking but well worth it and I know many of the members who received those cards were delighted and very grateful.



You may remember that just prior to the closure of classes, our committee had been preparing for an office refit. We had ordered the new furniture and it was due to be delivered in April, but Covid-19 put a stop to that. Since the restrictions have been eased to allow the gathering of 5 people, our committee have been hard at work preparing the office space for the new furniture, including emptying all the shelves and cupboards, disposing of the old furniture, removing shelves from the store room and painting the unsightly store room floor. We've also purchased a new fridge, some chairs and a microwave (since the old one died), plus, we now have a new Hot Water Service and a built in rapid boil unit for tea and coffee, compliments of Maroondah council. The furniture is coming soon which will freshen up the office and make for a much more functional and attractive work space. Big thank you to Helen Amos, office manager, for coordinating the operation.

I have received advice from Maroondah Council that they are in the process of preparing their venues for a return of community groups. They have issued rules and guidelines to which all groups must adhere and those rules are quite specific and strict. I will be in touch with tutors soon with information about return of classes and our committee will be preparing Croydon U3A specific advice to tutors and members. Due to restriction on numbers and social distancing rules, I believe many of our classes will not be able to return in the short term, but we will make a start on developing the plan for resumption of classes.

This week, Neil Rose and I attended a meeting with council and other stakeholders regarding the progress of the Croydon Community Precinct development. A revised concept has been released for public view today on the council website and you are invited to provide feedback. Please go to: <https://yoursay.maroondah.vic.gov.au/croydon-community-precinct> There are no specifics as yet for individual stakeholders, but it certainly wouldn't hurt for you to remind council of the size of our organisation and the significant community benefit we provide as active promoters of healthy ageing.

As always, 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 ☺

Hi everybody, my name is Bev Clancy and I am the Tuesday Day Manager. I have been a member for around 17 years in which I have done various courses. I have also been the treasurer and a volunteer in the office over the years. I for one will be glad when the U3A goes back so I can once again see the Tuesday volunteers. They are all great people and I miss the chats we used to have.



Bye for now, Bev

President's Message

I served 15 years as a Councillor for the City of Croydon and later Maroondah. In 1992, as Ward Councillor, I joined with State MP Lorraine Elliott and the fledgling committee of U3A Croydon, to get assistance from the State Government and Croydon Council for grants and facilities to kick-start the formation of U3A Croydon. I am very pleased as to how it has grown. On Tuesday, 9th June 2020, I was invited to attend a small group meeting with Maroondah Council to view and discuss the revised Croydon Community Precinct Master Plan. The \$2M grant from Michael Sukkar will apparently be used to part fund the project and it does not appear that U3A Croydon will achieve the goal of getting our own facility, just a shared community hub. The officers advised us that the project could take up to 10 years to complete. I invite all U3A members to look at the Master Plan and feed back your comments to Maroondah City Council (with a copy to us). The officers appear to want to get Council to adopt the Master Plan by July/August this year. This would stop any new Council, after the elections later this year, from overturning the decision. I encourage you to have your say.

Neil Rose



MAIL APP – ONLINE (Using Zoom) Wednesday June 24th @ 10.30

The Mail app comes free with Windows 10; you access all your emails in one place instead of having to go to different tabs in your browser; without the internet connections (offline) you can always work on your emails; no signing in each time you open the app; notifications are given when new emails arrive. Learn how easy and convenient it is to use this app by attending this one session.

Enrol online. Enquiries Trevor & Joy 9729 9308



The **Music Appreciation** class has been continuing its activities through the weekly viewing and discussion of quality music videos, which are available online in surprisingly large quantities.

Any U3A members who are not officially in the class but who would like to join this interim activity can contact Greg Nicholas, g.k.nicholas@gmail.com

Greg would be pleased to add you to the list of recipients.



CREATIVE CRAFT

I'm the stand-in class leader for Creative Craft. I have got a WhatsApp group happening for those members of our class who have smart phones. We share photos of things we have made, often pieces that have been waiting years to be completed, and many funny photos and videos, along with a bit of chat just to keep connected with each other. I think everyone really looks forward to getting a new notification.
Cheers, Heidi Peach

