

U3A CROYDON BULLETIN - WEEK 14

Dear Members,

Last week I promised a photo of our new refurbished office, but we've still got a bit of work to do, so I will publish a photo when it's all finished. For the volunteers who help in the office, when you finally get back to office duty, I think you will be impressed.

Last Thursday our committee met and one of the topics for discussion was the return of face to face classes and activities at Croydon U3A. We decided a subcommittee should be formed to develop a plan for return to class, and that subcommittee will be meeting this week. We will be working through the many rules and requirements being imposed by council and the state government and we will be developing a "Return to Class" plan. Whatever comes out of that meeting I will pass on to tutors and leaders directly, but I should warn you now that it is very unlikely you will be going back to normal activities at the start of Term 3.

There's no bounds to the creativity of some of our members. Check out the great poem written by Lesley Downey's husband and also the photos of how member Joyce Rowlands is filling her time, and the wise words from Pat Francis.

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 ☺



Ladies of the U3A, are not to be defied.
Designer Cards on Tuesday's, is art exemplified.
They say we have to stay at home, with Covid on the loose.
This nasty-Wuhan Virus, has really cooked our goose.

We Ladies of the U3A, will see what can be done.
This Wuhan Flu is not 'True Blue', and must be overcome.
So it's Google to the rescue, to see what we can find.
To make our cards on Tuesday's, so not to lose our minds.

The support team of the U3A, said help was on the way.
The Zooming app from Google, will be ready from today.
With coaching for the Tutors, Joy got us in the groove.
At the youthful age of 60+, we're on a learning curve.

We are Zoom, Zoom, Zooming, like Batman saved the World.
We are also like Batwoman, with her MeToo flag unfurled.
The Queen has also had a go, addressed the world at large.
Our boundaries are expanding, and we're back at making cards.
The moral of this story is, if moral thereto be.
Age or Covid don't define us, Aussie spirit is the key. (Eddie Downey)



During lockdown, Joyce has been keeping busy and active. We've been going for lots of walks together and playing cards. She's also been doing lots of baking, making feijoa relish and working on quite a difficult puzzle. (Daughter, Ann Rowlands)



To all the keen gardeners, here's a video for you. Go to YouTube and type in: "New life for an old wisteria"



BE THE
REASON
SOMEONE
SMILES
TODAY.

Thank you to all the staff at Croydon U3A. What a great job you are doing. I'm not getting used to lockdown but in saying that, I am definitely itching to get back to table tennis and exercise classes. I didn't realise how much I miss not being able to be at the classes. When all is said and done we have to be positive. Eventually we will all be down at U3A enjoying ourselves laughing etc. The biggest part was missing family on Mother's Day and family birthdays. Nice to know they are all well. The main thing is we all do the distance and look out for one another, and keep ourselves busy.

Patricia Francis



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Australian History class is continuing to explore historical events during lockdown. Thank you to Philip Daniell for these items from their regular bulletin.

"On this day, 19th June"

1829 Sir Robert Peel introduces an Act of Parliament which establishes the London Metropolitan Police.

1836 The first issue of Adelaide's first paper, the South Australian Gazette and Colonial Register, is printed.

1862 US Congress prohibits slavery in US territories.

1897 Death of Charles Cunningham Boycott, an estate manager in Ireland who refused to reduce rents during a severe economic crisis. In protest, the tenants stopped paying their rent and the term 'boycott' was born.

1909 Actor Errol Flynn is born in Hobart.

