

U3A CROYDON BULLETIN - WEEK 15

Dear Members,
As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, our "Return to Class" subcommittee met last Thursday and after considering all the options, we reluctantly decided that we couldn't open the doors to Croydon U3A just yet. The rules and regulations being imposed by venue operators are very stringent and difficult to implement when we have so many different classes and groups. Those U3A activities that don't require a venue (e.g. Bushwalking, cycling) also have to adhere to a number of conditions which we, as a committee, would be required to monitor. In the light of the increase in Coronavirus cases in Victoria recently, and the higher risk faced by our organisation's age demographic, we felt it would be wise to wait a little longer. We want to do everything we can to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our tutors and members. We hope you understand.



Our subcommittee will be meeting regularly to assess the situation and to develop a plan for return that provides clear guidelines and procedures to keep everyone safe.

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 ☺

Thank you to Bernadette Cleijne for these interesting snippets about the origin of some of our well known expressions.

"Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women, and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, 'Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!'"



"Houses had thatched roofs with thick straw piled high and no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained, it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, 'It's raining cats and dogs.' There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence."

It's a reminder of how well off we are today.

NEW COURSES ONLINE

Check out the Croydon U3A website for 2 new online courses, commencing on Thursday 16 July.

Musicology (20MUS007)

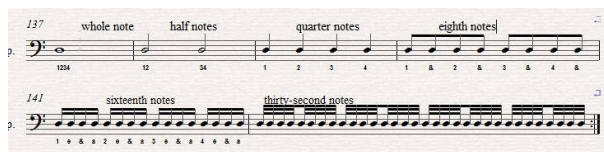
Thursdays at 2.00 till 4.00. This will be a fun session reading and playing music.

Learn to Read Music (20MUS008)

Thursdays at 1.00 till 2.00.

For those who play an instrument and want to learn to read music or improve their skills. Limited numbers in this group.

For more information see the course list or call Peter on 0427 788 810



Rob Elliott is issuing a challenge to members to name as many of the dancers in this YouTube clip as you can. I swear the people in these clips must have rubber legs, but I'm sure it will bring a smile to your face to see these talented dancers from yesteryear. (Weird ending though!)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjjArvo0kic>

I don't know why my fishing buddy is worried about Coronavirus he never catches anything.

I sneezed in the bank today. It was the most attention I have received from the staff in the last 10 years.



Have you had to wear glasses and a mask at the same time because of Covid-19? You may be entitled to condensation.



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