



U3A CROYDON BULLETIN - WEEK 38



Dear Members,

What a year it has been ... one we will never forget and be talking about for a long time to come. To all our members who have supported the many different ways in which our courses have had to evolve this year, we say a hearty thank you. To all the Tutors who found ways of keeping in touch with your groups, well done and congratulations for taking that leap into the unknown. We value enormously the commitment and dedication you have all displayed.

And as for 2021, enrolment commenced last Monday and even though our volunteer helpers were fairly quiet on the phones, clearly a lot of folk were keen to renew for next year and managed to get onto the website and navigate the new member space. Membership numbers are currently standing at 489 and growing every day. Whooo hoooo !

Keep an eye on the Croydon U3A website over summer because I'm sure there will be new courses plus easing of restrictions which means there'll be more choices for you as we get closer to Term 1. You know you can enrol anytime! Once you have joined Croydon U3A and paid your membership (only \$35 for next year) then you can log in

anytime and add to your selection of courses.

I'm not sure when the next bulletin will be, I'll be guided by committee and tutors but it will start back in January sometime. If you would like to submit an item for the next bulletin, please write to: newsletter@u3acroydon.org.au

A special thank you to Helen Stok, Wendy Holmes and Stephen Lucas (Australian History) for keeping me regularly supplied with jokes and articles for the bulletin and also to Jenny Tiller and her artists who have shared their wonderful artworks. The colourful fish about to be hooked was painted by Shirley Dixon and the cute toddler (page 2) by Marj Reni.

Please check out the fantastic video made by our Musical Jam group (see page 2) ... you won't be able to resist singing along.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone. I hope you will be catching up with a few family and friends you might not have seen for a while. All the best for 2021 and I'm looking forward to being in touch again in January.

Ingrid



We would just like to say a big thank you to the following people:

To the committee who have continued, under difficult conditions, to work and plan for our eventual re-opening.

To the wonderful volunteers who assisted with the phone in enrolments. It was not an easy task.

A special mention to Trevor and Joy Bellinger, Merv and Helen Amos, Margaret Atherton and Sue Martin for the endless hours they put in to make enrolment week happen.

To all the office volunteers for their continual commitment.

To Ingrid Tiltman. We all looked forward each week to receiving the Bulletin. You made life seem more interesting during lockdown and helped us all feel we still belonged to Croydon U3A.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, from Sue Lakeland and Marg Dobson.



PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES BY BANK TRANSFER

An Important Reminder

Please note that if you have not yet paid your 2021 membership fees and intend to use the Bank Transfer option, **you must include reference details of membership number and surname.**

Our bank details are:- Account name: U3A Croydon Inc
BSB: 633-108
Account: 1519-03853
Amount: \$

Ref details: membership number and surname.



If you do not include the correct "reference details" your enrolment will remain inactive, you will not receive bulletins and eventually be deleted from classes. I currently have two payments of \$35.00 with no references.

On the upside, a very big thank you to all those members who chose to use Bank Transfer including their reference details, it has proved to be a convenient and popular option.

Happy Christmas to you all, Sue Martin (Treasurer)

SOME TIPS FROM OUR WEB GUY (Geoff Kidd)

1. If you don't have an email address we can't contact you.
2. If you are a tutor, and you don't set your Tutor email address we can't contact you about your course
3. During enrolment if you receive an email from: no-reply@u3acroydon.org.au - you should not reply to it. We won't see it. It is an email for your reference, and is not intended that you reply to this as the 'from' email address suggests. There are hundreds of these emails, and we cannot possibly read every one.
If you wish to reply to it, please reply to: u3acroydon@u3acroydon.org.au

Even if you don't have a laptop or tablet, you can still get emails on your phone.



An expression of thanks to all involved with U3A Croydon during 2020, and particularly to Ingrid for the regular email Bulletins. They were most welcome, especially during the second lock down and when social interaction with others often just did not happen.

Teresa Goldsbrough



COMPUTER CORNER

We will be possibly conducting our last **Zoom** class during the first 3 weeks of Term 1 2021. The demand to use **Zoom** is decreasing as the circumstances are slowly changing with the possibility of us returning to conducting classes in the classroom. However, despite this, there is still a use for **Zoom** to communicate with family members and friends that don't live locally. Take up this opportunity now and **sign up for this class before it is too late.**

Like everyone we are anxious to get back into the classroom. With our Computer classes, if at any time, that is any time during the term that we can return to the classroom, without wearing a mask, we will, even though the term may not have finished.

Trevor & Joy 9729 9308

BASIC VIDEO EDITING COURSE (21COM300)

Got bits of video lying around you would like to tell a story with? Perhaps a bundle of photos at an event that needs sharing with others? Written a short story and want to make a movie? Perhaps you have a passion or interest that you want to make a documentary about?



Next year, a new beginners course in Video Editing will commence. Interested?

The course will be oriented around complete beginners and if interest prevails, will migrate to an intermediate course later on, then, more advanced.

Basic requirements are to have a copy of the free Da Vinci Resolve editing program installed on your computer. The program suits both Windows and Mac, but I will primarily use a Windows copy. You must be fully up to speed on the use of your computer, but need have NO knowledge of Da Vinci Resolve as we will be starting easy and then building on our skill sets.

The course will be conducted on Zoom, 2pm on Wednesdays. Feel free to call and discuss or question Richard Hallford on 0423943957

MUSICAL JAM VIDEO

During Term 4 we took on a special project to produce a multi-screen video featuring the song, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". None of us had done anything like this before and we would not have taken it on except for the Covid restrictions. We have made the most of our sessions on Zoom but it was very limiting with only one person at a time being able to perform. It was a big learning experience to produce the video, but very satisfying to successfully complete it.

Those involved were:

Athalie Brooks - Banjolele and Double Bass
Rob Fairbairn - Guitar, musical arrangement and audio mixing
Leonie Fielder - Guitar
Geoff Gray - Autoharp and Hawaiian Guitar
John Howell - Ukulele
Glenise Karanikich - Ukulele and drum
Geoff Kidd - Ukulele
Peter Mc Erlain - Keyboard and harmony
John Manderson - Guitar and video editing
George Tapai - Ukulele and costume



This has been something positive that has come out of 2020
Have a look at our video on: <https://u3acroydon.org.au/music-activity/>
John Manderson



WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, SAFE
AND COVID FREE 2021

