

# U3A CROYDON BULLETIN

## 21 January 2021

Dear Members,  
Welcome back and I hope you all had a very happy Christmas. After such a tumultuous 2020 I'm sure we are all looking forward to getting back to our U3A classes and seeing friends again.

There's lots of information from the committee in this bulletin regarding the start of the U3A term. It's very important you read through it all and also heed the instructions of tutors who will be ready to implement all committee directions to ensure your safety. You should have also received an email with instructions for protocols when attending a class.

Isn't it wonderful that we are resuming so many of our U3A activities?

As always, please send your contributions for the bulletin to:

[newsletter@u3acroydon.org.au](mailto:newsletter@u3acroydon.org.au)

Let me know how your first class goes, glitches and all ... could be entertaining reading!

Ingrid - Newsletter Editor



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello and happy New Year to all U3A Croydon members from your Committee. Let us hope that the difficulties of 2020 are mostly behind us now.

Sue Martin and the Committee have done a great job in working with Maroondah Council to establish workable COVID-19 protocols to reopen some face to face classes in various facilities in Maroondah. This may impact upon some class sizes and this will be a process that we will look at after the final membership enrolments of 27 to 29 January 2021. Some classes may still be available using Zoom technology and should not be affected. U3A Croydon have obtained an additional Zoom licence for use by interested tutors.



Maroondah Council is currently refurbishing the Croydon Council building and there should be some space there allocated to U3A Croydon classes. We should have more information after this is completed and we have some consultation with Council and other interested user groups.

We have also received advice that the refurbishment of Cheong Park may not start as early as was expected and that U3A Croydon may continue to hold classes there for longer than we first thought.

One final subject; over this last year some members of U3A Committee have had to give up their roles on the Committee for various reasons. I would encourage any interested U3A Croydon member to consider nominating for a position on the Committee or for some of the various sub-committees that we wish to form to deal with specialist subjects to be put to the Committee for ratification.

Neil Rose - President



### News from the U3A Croydon Committee

Your U3A Committee has been very busy during the last months preparing for a safe start to the 2021 year. Some of the key items the committee has been working through are listed below:

1. Planning for the late enrolment days on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in the U3A office. Please note that no cash payments can be made but all other payment facilities will be available.
2. Covid safe plans have been created and are being acted on for all venues. These plans have been created jointly by Croydon U3A, the Maroondah Council and DHS.
3. Tutor packs are being prepared for distribution to Tutors. In these packs they will have all the materials required to maintain Covid safe classes and to comply with Government regulations.
4. The Committee is actively working with Council to find more and improved locations for the classes to be held.
5. The date for the next AGM will be April 20, 2021. This will be run as a Zoom meeting.
6. Due to increasing costs the future newsletters will no longer be posted out. The newsletters will be electronically distributed and hard copies, at no charge to you, made available at the U3A office.



The Committee hopes that all members will have a enjoyable, rewarding, safe and uninterrupted 2021.

## OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS - 2021

Just a reminder that all outstanding membership fees (\$35) must be paid before Monday 1st February 2021. **If fees are not paid before the commencement of classes you will not be able to attend.** It will also make you an inactive member who will no longer receive newsletters and general communications from the U3A Croydon. Please pay your sub and don't miss out!

*For your convenience our U3A office will be reopening on Wed. January 27<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 10.00 am – 12.30pm.*

The following payment options are available:-

1. At the office by card - Tap'n'Go
2. **No Cash** – due to COVID-19 there will be no handling of cash by volunteers
3. Cheques can be handed into the office. (Cheques can also be posted to U3A Croydon, PO Box 816 Croydon 3136. Please include membership number and surname).
4. On-line by PayPal – either with a personal PayPal account or credit card.
5. Bank Transfer – on-line, or at any bank. Our bank details are as follows:-

Account name: U3A Croydon Inc  
BSB: 633-000  
Account: 1519-03853  
Amount: \$35.00 (plus other fees e.g swimming, croquet etc)  
Reference details .....



**Reference details must include membership number and surname. Without the correct reference details we are unable to process your enrolment.**

Thank you and welcome back, Sue Martin - Treasurer

## Vale Barry Turnor

Barry, a recent hardworking Treasurer and President at U3A Croydon sadly passed away on Jan 2nd after a long illness. Barry and his wife Judy, left Melbourne to live in Ballarat around 4 years ago. Just 1 year later Barry endured a serious illness and 3 years later he suffered a terminal illness. His wife Judy told me that at the time of Barry's final diagnosis, they both decided that they would live every last day to its fullest with their 2 sons; both of whom Barry was very close to. Apart from spending valuable time with their sons, Barry and Judy took daily long walks, went out for lunch many times, went out for coffees and they even went out for Barry's birthday party on Nov 25th. Barry never complained about his declining health and continued to enjoy his last weeks and days with his family.

Barry joined U3A Croydon in 2006, was a member of one of our Book Clubs, a Computer class and also Jim Dooley's Poetry class. He spent terms as a hardworking Treasurer and also President. He will be well remembered and sadly missed.

## TERM DATES 2021

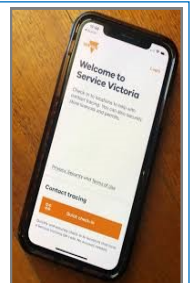
Monday 1st February to Thursday April 1st

Monday 19th April to Friday 25th June

Monday 12th July to Friday 17th September

Monday 4th October to Friday 3rd December

**MEMBERS ....** Make sure you download the Vic Services QR app at home before your first class, so that you can use it to sign in. Every venue will have a unique QR code making it quicker and easier to register your attendance. Find it on Google Play or the App Store



## HAVE A CHUCKLE WITH THESE ONE LINERS

*John Travolta tested negative for coronavirus last night.  
Turns out it was just Saturday night fever.*

*What did Snow White say when she came out of the photo booth? Someday my prints will come.*

*Whatever you do, always give 100% ..... unless you're donating blood.*

*If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light bulb in the refrigerator?*

*What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?  
Short.*

*Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.*

