

U3A CROYDON BULLETIN

27 January 2021

Dear Members,
I'm looking forward to some photos and stories from classes as we navigate this new and different year. It may take a little patience and getting used to at first, but if it means we can all get together again, then let's do it.



Tutors - Did you go down to the U3A office today to collect your Tutors' Kit? Please make sure you get there before the end of this week. The office is open Thursday 28th and Friday 29th from 10am to 12.30. It's very important you collect the items in the kit so that you can provide a Covid safe and secure environment for your class members.

Enjoy your return to classes next week. As always, please send your contributions for the bulletin to:

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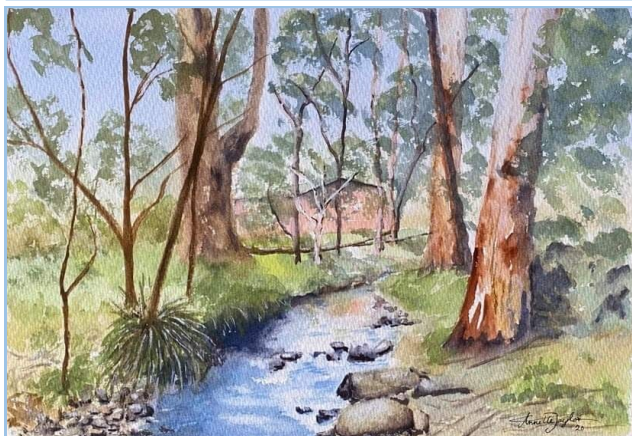
SPEECHCRAFT



Want to increase your confidence in speaking to a group, amongst a friendly and supportive bunch of people? Then sign up for Speechcraft. Tuesdays or Fridays, 2.00pm at Ainslie Park.

I've finally told my suitcases there will be no holiday this year. Now I'm dealing with the emotional baggage.

I've always had an irrational fear of speed bumps but I'm slowly getting over it.



Thank you to Annette Taylor for this lovely painting

Your tutor will supply some antibacterial wipes for cleaning furniture, door handles, bathroom etc in the venue, but it is strongly recommended that individual members also bring their own supply if possible.



FROM THE COURSE COORDINATOR

Welcome back to all our members to what we hope will be an uninterrupted year of class activities. If we all work together and follow all guidelines set in place by the Health Department and Government, we will get to enjoy another year of socialising with friends and at the same time joining in with all the wonderful activities provided by U3A Croydon. The good news is that it is not compulsory to wear a mask indoors now unless you cannot socially distance. You must still carry a mask with you at all times.

The first week back may take a little time ensuring all the protocols are set in place but as we go further this process will be straight forward. Importantly when you enter any of the venues you must sanitize your hands. The Tutor will have the Hand Sanitizer with them, then the next important step is to scan the QR code of the venue to register your name and phone number. This lets Health Department know that you were in that location at that time This information is only used for contact tracing if there has been an outbreak of Covid-19 nearby. For those members that do not have a mobile phone that can scan then there are 2 options available.

The Tutor will have a sheet for you to put your name and phone number on. This method will have to be used every time you return to the venue. The other option is to buddy up with someone who has a mobile phone and you can log in on their phone. With the Vic Services App and the QR codes that are available at all our venues once you have scanned in once, the app will remember you for subsequent visits. Make sure you download the Vic Services app before your first class.



The other important requirement is the cleaning of equipment before and after use using a antiseptic wipe (initially provided by Tutor) It would be beneficial if you could come to class with your own wipes as the stockpile we have available at the office will be depleted in a short time. The wipes are to be used if you visit the toilets by wiping down the seat before and after your visit. You must only dispose the used wipes in the garbage bag provided by the Tutor. Do not flush the wipes down the toilet. The only area that will be out of bounds is the kitchen so it is recommended that if you want a drink etc. bring your own.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller

These restrictions might sound a bit onerous but if we all work together and each member attends to their own cleaning requirements, the task will not take too long. What we need to keep in the back of our mind is that Victoria is enjoying a spate of time with no community transmission of the virus and so if we all do our bit we will get through it.

Finally, the only casualties we have had are Ballroom Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing and the Croydon U3A Choir. These activities have been postponed until the second term due to the fact that social distancing is impossible in these activities. The members involved have all been notified.

Take care everybody, Merv Amos

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