

U3A CROYDON BULLETIN

24 February 2021

Dear Members,

You know it's not too late to sign up for a class, provided there is a vacancy. Perhaps you would like to learn how to play Bridge. We all know how important it is to keep those brain cells firing as we get older and Bridge would be a great game to learn. Check out the information below.

Committees come and go, and regular change of committee members is healthy and good for the organisation, but that means others have to be prepared to step up. It might be for a year, or two, or longer but I can promise you that the experience is well worth it. Working on a team, sharing your skills and learning some new ones is good for you and good for us. Please think about contributing your time and experience for the good of Croydon U3A.

Take care and enjoy the blue skies.
As always, please send your contributions for the bulletin to:
newsletter@u3acroydon.org.au

Ingrid - Newsletter Editor



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all U3A members.

This is to advise you that following your Committee's public questions to Maroondah Council at the last Council meeting about the future of U3A Croydon, Maroondah Council officers have requested a meeting with your Committee to discuss future accommodation for U3A Croydon classes and with an on-site walkthrough of the refurbished Croydon Council offices. This will take place in early March and we will advise you of the outcome of those discussions.

It may also interest members to know that U3A Croydon.org.au have a sister U3A in England. Their website is U3A Croydon.org.uk. The Borough of Croydon is situated in South London. They have about 600 members, in comparison to our 900. We are looking to have a Zoom hook-up on their U3A day on 2 June 2021 between our respective Committees. I would encourage interested members to view their website.



Regards, Neil Rose, President, U3A Croydon

Croydon U3A Committee needs you !



All the positions of the Croydon U3A Committee become vacant prior to the AGM. If you would like to nominate for any one of these exciting positions in the Committee please contact any of the current Committee for a nomination form. All of the position descriptions are listed on the webpage under the 'About Us' tab. We are always looking for more U3A members to help share the workload of the Administrative Committee.

COMING SOON

Invitation to new members from 2020 and 2021 to attend a welcome morning tea. Keep an eye on your email.



HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE - BEGINNERS COURSE

This course will teach you the basic skills that are required to be able to play bridge. A fascinating card game that is played by millions of people all around the world.

The course will be devoted to understanding the principles of etiquette, bidding and play.

There will be a combination of visual learning and hands-on practical playing. (Course code: 21GAM004)



HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE - SUPERVISED PLAY

Supervised Play is available on Tuesdays for those who have completed the Beginners Course and would like to continue improving and practising what they have learnt.

Anyone who has undertaken a basic course on How to Play Bridge is welcome to our supervised play to improve their game.

(Course code: 21GAM005)

Classes held at Yarra Valley Bridge Club, 6 Laurence Grove, Ringwood East. Please bring a notebook and pen. There is a \$5.00 fee each week - payable to YVBC. Please call President Christine Parkin on 0411025052 for more information if required.

COULD THIS BE YOU !!

For the past few years Sue Lakeland has been a wonderful **Office Roster Coordinator**, ably supported by Marg Dobson. Their role has been to make certain that we have enough support in the office every day and they have also staffed and run the enrolments in November. It has now come time for them to relinquish this role and devote more time to their families.

As a result we are looking for a replacement or pair of volunteers, to start at the end of March. Obviously they will

need support beforehand which Sue is happy to provide.

You do not need to spend much time in the office as most of the work is via email and phone and this can be done at home at a time of your convenience.

If you would like further information please contact Helen Amos either by phone 0413 485 474 or email:
officemanager@u3acroydon.org.au

Want to
KNOW
MORE

I don't want to be pessimist
but Mad Max is set in 2021



DON'T FORGET - TESTING AND TAGGING ON SATURDAY MARCH 27, STARTING AT 8AM AT THE U3A OFFICE

All electrical equipment used by the office, used by the U3A at our various teaching locations **and importantly used by members who bring their appliances regularly to class will be tested and tagged.**

More information in the February 10 Bulletin which can be found on our U3A website.

Contact Sue Martin (0411 380 688) or Allan Hawkins (0439 301 133) if you have any questions.



TERM DATES 2021

Term 1: Monday 1st February to Thursday 1st April

Term 2: Monday 19th April to Friday 25th June

Term 3: Monday 12th July to Friday 17th September

Term 4: Monday 4th October to Friday 3rd December



I don't do drugs and I
don't drink.

At my age, I can get
the same effect by
standing up too
fast!!!



Here is Dee Morice's yoga class enjoying their outdoor session of Yoga in the Park. The class loved the outdoor location, looking up at the trees and the blue sky. The cool breeze refreshed and there was a general sense of contentment. They are making the most of our mild sunny weather.

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Wednesday 10 March, 2021

Wednesday 24 March, 2021

Please make sure I have your contribution by the day before publication. Thanks :)

News from the U3A Croydon Committee 18/02/2021

Your U3A Committee has met recently to deal with and review a number of situations and opportunities that have arisen recently. Some of the key items the committee has had to address are listed below:

1. The Committee submitted a detailed letter to the Maroondah Council to get some commitment on what support the Council was going to give Croydon U3A for future accommodation. Unfortunately, no definitive answer was given at the February Council meeting. The Committee is now looking at other strategies that will lead to good office accommodation and venues for the classes into the future.
2. Croydon U3A is financially in a good position for 2021, with a small surplus forecast. Many members do not realise that most of their membership fees go into hiring venues for the classes. The total annual venue hire fee costs U3A around \$30,000.
3. All positions in the Committee are up for potential renewal at the AGM. The position descriptions will be listed on the website in the 'About Us' section and under 'Committee'

4. The AGM this year will once again be run as a zoom meeting however an extended zoom licence will be acquired that can cater for 200 people to prevent the issues that occurred last AGM.
5. The date for the next AGM will be April 20, 2021.
6. The Committee is looking at ways to ensure the members that enrol in any exercise classes have an appropriate physical fitness levels to safely participate in the activity. The Committee will be working with Tutors and making changes to class descriptors to ensure members can easily select the most appropriate classes.
7. The office computer systems are being upgraded to give better security and to make them more accessible to those who need to use them. This includes connecting to NBN, upgrading computers, and implementing the Microsoft Teams programs to consolidate all U3A data in one safe place.

The Committee hopes that all classes and programs will now progress without any more interruptions this year.

