

Hello Members,

We are very excited to be returning to full operation in 2022. Term 1 will commence on Monday 31 January 2022, returning to face-to-activities on that day.

Enrolments will open on UMAS from Thursday 13 January 2022.

The annual subscription in 2022, for Sunbury U3A members, is \$40.

Due to the pandemic some restrictions will still apply, so we are endeavouring to support all our members, whilst complying with the requirements mandated by the Government in the Victorian roadmap to recovery.

**Sunbury U3A Committee requires all members to be fully vaccinated to attend face-to-face activities and courses.** We will continue to offer online access to some courses through zoom for those members who will not be able to attend face-to-face. Those courses offered online and face-to-face will have two separate courses listed, one for the online course and one for face-to-face attendance. Prior to attendance at face-to-face activities, members must present proof of vaccination. Committee members will be available to sight members' proof of vaccination, prior to commencement of Term 1.

In this newsletter you can find information about the key dates and plans for 2022.

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- A bit of a Laugh

### Key Dates

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021: 10.30m – 4.00pm Proof of vaccination sighting day

Members can pop into the Sunbury Football Club to have your proof of vaccination sighted by our committee. Our committee members can also assist you to update your details on UMAS. Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021:

**10.00am-11.00am** – Tutors/ course leaders meeting via Zoom

**11.00am -12.00pm** - Covid Marshals meeting via Zoom

#### Thursday 13 January 2022; Enrolments open.

Members enrol online and pay subscriptions by bank transfer. Committee members will also be available at **Sunbury Football Club** from **10.30am - 4.00pm** to help members who need assistance with enrolment and to sight proof of vaccination.

#### Thursday 20 January 2022 ; Further support

Committee members will be available at **Sunbury Football Club** from **10.30am -4.00pm** to assist members with enrolment and to sight proof of vaccination.

#### Monday 31 January 2022; Term 1 commences

### President's Report

Hi Everyone,

At last, we are coming to the end of Term 4 and on to a brighter future, with lockdown finished and lots of new and continuing Courses for Term 1 2022. Events, too, will be starting after nearly two years away.

Before Term 4 finishes, though, I would like to thank all those involved in making our zoom Courses and Guest Speakers program possible throughout this lockdown. Special thanks go to Leigh, who took on the challenge and taught herself everything there is to know about zoom. That was the beginning of our new venture. Following quickly in her footsteps came Jill, Kaye and Bernie and many of our Course leaders. It is marvellous to see what can be done when we all put our heads together. Thanks also go to our tutors who adapted to the new medium and, of course, all our members who tuned in, even though it wasn't quite like being face-to-face.

I would also love to thank our Committee. I think we are working really well together. We listen to each other's ideas, recognise everyone's experiences and skills and have achieved remarkable things in such a short time together.

Special thanks go to Margie and Peter who have worked very hard on developing our Webpage which we will all soon experience and, I hope, use. It will be the site where you can access all the information you need to know about Sunbury U3A.

Until we get together face to face in 2022 our Committee wishes you and your family and friends a very happy Christmas and we will be in touch in 2022 to assist you with enrolling for the new year ahead.

Marlene Cann, President



### ***Courses and Activities' plans***

We are all really looking forward to returning to face-to-face-activities in Term 1 2022!

Not only will your old favourites like Canasta, French, Dancing, Mah-jong, Tackling Technology, Science for the Curious, Multiculturalism, Australian History, Bridge, Card Making, Book Groups, Family History, Astronomy, Yoga, Walking, Film and all our Events and Guest Speakers be on offer, but we also have some new and interesting choices for you to consider.

We are starting a Chess group that will meet on Friday morning at the SFSC. The group will be organising weekly matches against each other. You don't have to be Bobby Fischer to join, but some knowledge of the rules and moves are needed.

For those of you who are into making things, we have a new group called Craft for the Crafty starting on Monday mornings at the Sunbury Community Centre. This group are going to try out a range of crafts to test their skills and patience. They are starting with Hand Spinning:

you won't need an expensive spinning wheel, just a hand spindle that you can buy or make. The group hope to also have a go at crocheting, knitting, flower arranging, etc. It will be a fun group of people learning and making things together.

If you are keen to know about the world around you and how to look after it, we have another course starting on Monday morning at the Evans St Grassland Classroom. We had such a great time with Melissa Doherty from Hume Council in Biodiversity in the Burbs, that we want to continue the theme. The group will incorporate a monthly Citizen Science group walk, as well as having talks about how we can make a difference to our surroundings with things like worm farms, managing weeds and pests, and making our gardens ecologically sustainable.

Who can forget that great module in Science for the Curious called the Science of Flight? There was such enthusiasm that we have decided to create a Flight Club for all our aerophiles. If flying and flying machines are things that delight you then come and join Flight Club on Wednesday afternoon at the SFSC for weekly chats and explorations of the theme of aeronautics.

As usual Science for the Curious returns with different modules for each term. In the first module in Term 1 2022, we are lucky to have our favourite astronomer come back. This time however he will be more "grounded" as he is delivering a module on Geology, with some follow up site visits to use the knowledge gained in the module.

Lots of great choice for 2022! Have a read of the course descriptions when we have updated UMAS to the new courses and get ready for a fun, informative and more "normal" year.

As usual if you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch via [courses@u3asunbury.org.au](mailto:courses@u3asunbury.org.au).

Kaye Coates, Courses Co-ordinator

### ***Guest Speakers and Events***

The Guest Speakers and Events group have been busy planning for Term 1, 2022. We have an exciting program on offer, with our first day celebrating our return.

### Guest Speakers and Events program, Term 1.

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> February - Let's get together and have some fun.**

Brief talk from the Committee, Courses and Events and then a chance to get together after so long, over coffee and refreshments.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> February - Guest Speaker - Detective Superintendent Jane Walsh.**

Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Cybercrime and staying safe.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> February - Dining Outing**

The Black Horse Bistro, Bulla – 6.00pm

#### **17<sup>th</sup> February - Guest Speaker - Leigh Martin**

Who is the real Leigh Martin? Come and have some fun in this interactive session.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> February - Lunch and Barefoot Bowling**

A fun day at Sunbury Bowling Club

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> March - Guest Speaker - Police Sergeant Duncan Browne**

Graffiti – Love it or hate it, the social and legal consequences

#### **10<sup>th</sup> March - Guest Speaker - Alain Young - Equip for Life**

Everything you need to know to improve your health and wellbeing. An introductory session to a five-week term 2 Health and Well-being program

Note: this will be both a face-to-face and an on-line session

#### **17<sup>th</sup> March - Guest Speaker - John Marsden**

How twenty years of social upheaval has impacted on the family, the school and education. Where do we go from here?

#### **25<sup>th</sup> March - Coach Tour - Around the Bay in a Day**

Lunch and Fort visit in Queenscliff, then the Sea Road Ferry across the Bay

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> April – to be finalised**

### **8<sup>th</sup> April - End of Term Lunch**

The Victoria Pub in Woodend - 12.30pm

**Note:** there will also be a visit to the cinema and possibly the Love Song production by The Mount Players.

Leigh, Lesley, Marlene

Events Group.



The Fort in Queenscliff

## **Committee News**

The Committee of Management has been very busy in Term 4.

To ensure we have a better understanding of Sunbury U3A vision and a clearer direction going forward, we have established the following new sub-committees.

- Finance – Financial planning, budgeting, and fundraising
- Venues and accommodation – planning for venue use and hire in 2022 and long-term goals for accommodation
- Policies – Strategy planning, development of policies to support our organisation- these policies will be added to the website shortly.

And we continue with our Courses and Events/Guest Speakers Sub-committees.

We would like to thank all the volunteers, tutors and group leaders and all our members who have dedicated their time and energy to make Sunbury U3A a vibrant and active organisation.

We would welcome any members who are interested in joining our sub-committees and/or Committee, running a course or volunteering in any way to support our club and members.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Committee of Management

**Christmas Cheer**

**What is the best possible holiday present?**

A broken drum—  
you just can't beat it!



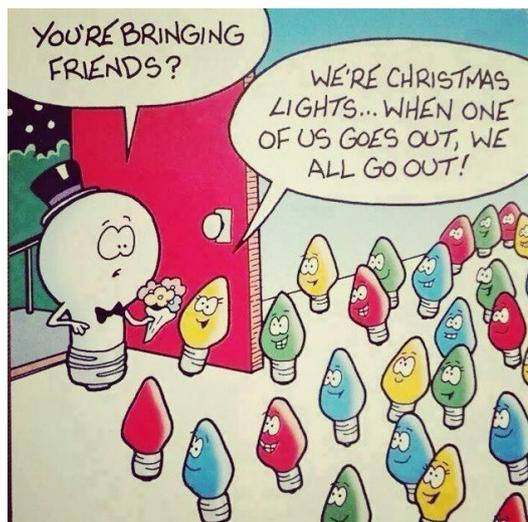
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**What did one snowman say to the other?**

"Is it just me, or do you smell carrots?"



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