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www.tamworth.u3anet.org.au

A Message from the President



By now all would be aware that our rooms above Cotton On will have to be vacated by the end of November. The Treloar family have been most generous in making the space available, which has been of huge benefit in conducting our Courses over the past 3 years.

The search for a “stand alone” venue continues, however in the meantime several venues have been flagged to use commencing 1st Term 2019. These venues will be advised next January in our Newsletter and Course Program.

Venues come at a cost, and as will be advised in the Annual Financial Report, there was a slight trading loss this year. Accordingly, a motion will be put at the AGM to increase the annual membership fees to \$45.

The Notice of the AGM to be held Wednesday 17th October 10am for a 10.30am start at Tamworth Community Centre has been sent together with Nominations for Committee Positions. Secretary Irene will not be standing for re-election, accordingly I would welcome discussing the Position with those interested. I stress that positions on the Committee are not arduous and all assist one another in getting the job done!

Program Coordinator, is “retiring” after a decade of service. Recognition of Wendy's service will be made at the AGM. !

Planning for the 2019 U3A Network NSW Conference is well advanced, a full Program and Registrations will be available late November.

To everyone involved in Tamworth Regional U3A, thank you for organising, leading, and attending Courses and Activities in 2018. Wishing the very best for the Festive Season, and looking forward to a great 2019.

John Sharkey, President

Dates for your Diary:
Launch Day for Term 4 and AGM: Wednesday Oct 17 10am for 10.30 Tamworth Community Centre

Short Talks at UNE Centre 3rd Wednesdays 10 for 10.30 am.

24th October: Jen Ridley, Tam. Police Crime Manager

Term 4 Excursion: Nov 7 SES HQ Lockheed St Tamin-da 10.30 am for 11

Dec 12th U3A Christmas Luncheon at Econo Lodge 12 noon for 12.30

Launch Day Term 1 2019 Jan 31st 10 for 10.30 Tamworth Community Centre

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday Oct 17th

10am for 10.30



Members are urged to come to the meeting and make your contribution to the continued development of our Tamworth Regional U3A.

Please consider nominating for a Position on the Management Committee. Nominations must be received by 5pm 10th October 2018 to The Sec. PO Box 1558 Tamworth, or by scanning and emailing to tamworthu3a@gmail.com. If insufficient nominations are received, further nominations may be taken from the floor.

Members will also be asked to vote on the Management Committee's recommendation that fees for 2019 be raised to \$45 per member.

After the AGM, we will have our Term 4 Launch, enrolments and morning tea.



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Course News Term 4

Shakespeare: *The merry wives of Windsor*
Now that King Henry V has been victorious in France, we can return to England, and go back in time to an unrelated episode in the scandalous and dissolute life of Sir John Falstaff. This is the only one of Shakespeare's plays set in his own time of Elizabethan England. Nothing serious about this play – it is always played for laughs
Wendy Smith.



Living with the gods: Neil McGregor of the British Museum discusses the connections between structures of belief, and the structures of society, through explanations and descriptions of objects connected to belief, ceremony and ritual. Other experts also contribute knowledge and insights. Copiously illustrated with photographs of the objects themselves. No prior knowledge or religious belief necessary.
Wendy Smith

Looking at paintings: *Music and musicians*
We continue our series of illustrated talks on paintings from the Western tradition, with a focus for these few weeks on music and its performers, from Pharaonic Egypt to contemporary times. No prior knowledge necessary. New members welcome.
Wendy Smith



Collecting: An opportunity to share information on antiques and collectables - what's worth collecting, how to identify and find collectables
Euan Coutts

The History of the English Language

Germanic origins, French veneer, Dutch, Hindi, Spanish etc borrowings, Latin and Greek influences. The language is a reflection of the history - no wonder it's a nightmare for foreigners to learn.
Terri Mower



History: Gordon will be looking at the rise of Christianity, the end of the Roman Empire, the rise of Islam and of Medieval Europe. Sue will examine Roman Britain. This will probably still be continuing for at least the first part of Term 1 in 2019 with, no doubt, various diversions along the way.

LAUNCH DAY PROCEDURES

- Read the course program and decide which activities/ courses you would like to do.
- On Launch Day, after introductory remarks and course information from leaders, ask any questions you may have about the course/s.
- Go to the table where the sign for the course is sitting, with the enrolment sheet beside it.
- Write your name (legibly, please!) on the enrolment form.
- If there is insufficient space, add your name to the waiting list
- If you wish to join a group after Launch Day, contact the group leader directly

Farewell from the Program Co-ordinator



Having been a member of the U3A Management Committee since the organisation's foundation in June 2008, and also having been the Program Co-ordinator for that time, I have decided that ten years is enough. I will not stand for re-election to the committee at this year's AGM, and have relinquished the responsibilities of managing the program. Rosalind Jones, elected to the committee at last year's AGM, has offered to take over from me, and has been working with me on the programs for the second half of this year. From 2019 she will be the person to talk to about new courses, course ideas etc. It has been a demanding and rewarding role, and has been the ideal job to prevent me from becoming stale and boring in retirement. Of course, I will continue my membership of Tamworth U3A, and I intend go on planning and leading groups in Cryptic Crosswords, Shakespeare, Art appreciation and whatever else takes my fancy and appeals to enough of you to make a course worth planning and running.

Wendy Smith

Lightroom for Photography. Download a free month's trial of Adobe Lightroom at the start of term. Learn how to use the catalogue tools to delete the rubbish and organise the good stuff. Most photo edits and improvements can also be done within the program.
Steve Hawkins



Facebook Forum: Following on from Term 3's introductory sessions, these two sessions will enable you to choose what you want to learn.
Brian Pierce

Windows free programs including Dropbox: There are free, reliable programs available to do most computing tasks. We'll look at LibreOffice, Paint.NET, Foxit Reader, Avast Security and Dropbox among others.
Terri Mower

Scanning Photos and Documents: What equipment is needed, best settings for the software, saving so you can find the files later, emailing the results etc.
Terri Mower

Not Running This Term

- Knitting and Woolcraft: too hot!
- History Walks: much too hot!
- Oil Painting: insufficient interest.

Spicks and Specks

- ♦ **Regional Australia Bank Community Partnership Program** resulted in a credit to our account of \$617.29. The Community Partnership Program allows members to support their local community by transacting with a selected savings account and nominating their choice of organisation. The equivalent of 1% of the annual average balance is donated back to the chosen group. We ask U3A members to consider participating in this excellent program.
- ♦ **Possible venues under consideration for 2019:**
Conservatorium Chapel
Old Parry Shire building behind the ABC rooms.
Tamworth Gardens
Nazareth House
Hillvue Girl Guides Hall
Please let us know of any other possible places!!!

SHORT TALKS
Term 4



**U3A Rooms above
Cotton On**
10.00am coffee for
10.30 talk

Members free, visitors \$5

As the AGM and Launch Day this term fall on the 3rd Wednesday, this term's talk will be held on the 4th Wednesday, i.e. the 24th.



The speaker will be Senior Constable Jen Ridley, Tamworth Police Crime Manager. Her role involves crime prevention measures including providing advice on crime risk assessment for new developments e.g. provision and placement of CCTV cameras etc. She will discuss ways to keep ourselves safe, with emphasis on cyber crime, email and phone scams, door to door sales etc.

Short Talk Reports



Short Talks Term 3 featured two very interesting Speakers, firstly in August, Dr Ruth Rae, Phd FACN, who has been a researcher and writer for more than 30 years. Ruth spoke of her findings involving Australian Nurses at the 34th Welsh General Hospital in Deolali, India 100 years ago, whilst researching her third book.

September's Speaker, Neridah Prentice RN, an experienced Oncology Nurse and a McGrath Nurse informed us of the vision of Jane McGrath before her death from breast cancer. Based in Tamworth, as a McGrath nurse, Neridah spoke of the support offered to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

John Sharkey



Term 4 Excursion

A visit behind the scenes at Tamworth's SES Headquarters in Lockheed Street Taminda. Please meet at 10.30 for 11am tour - plenty of parking available. SES volunteers will provide a sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the visit.



Please indicate your intention to attend on Launch Day so that numbers may be advised.

A Little Clarification about Memberships.

- ◆ **Please do not pay memberships until the 2019 fees are set at the AGM on Oct 17th**
- ◆ Your membership renewal is not due until next year but it will save those long queues at our first Launch Day in 2018 if we can spread out the payments. Any renewals or new memberships paid from now on are valid until the end of 2019.
- ◆ If paying in cash, it will help the treasurer if you hand it in in an envelope with your name and badge number on the outside.
- ◆ If paying by Direct Deposit, please include Membership number first, name, then what you are paying.
- ◆ Paper receipts for Direct Deposits will no longer be issued - this saves a delay in getting your badge to you.

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME/S: _____

I enclose \$ _____ per head for the Tamworth Regional U3A 2019 Membership

The Treasurer, Tamworth Regional U3A, PO Box 1558, Tamworth 2340 or hand in at the Launch Day
Direct Deposit to BSB 932000 Account No. 705311 (Regional Australia Bank 330-334 Peel St)

Important Treasurer's Request

If making a Direct Deposit to our U3A account, please ensure that the most important details are entered first:
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An active mind for a healthy retirement

- Learning for pleasure
- Sharing your knowledge
- Making new friends



Digital Photography Excursions

As part of this year's digital photography sessions, members took part in hands-on outings to the Regional Playground, Botanic Gardens, Marsupial Park and Cindy Henry's beautiful property Whispering Pines.



Calrossy Excursion Report

3rd Term Excursion saw a small group led by Rosalind Jones tour the Historic Calrossy Homestead, now housing the Administration Staff of Calrossy Anglican School. Rosalind spoke of the history of the homestead and its acquisition by the Church of England. The School Marketing Manager addressed the group informing of the current enrolments of staff and students. The visit concluded with a delightful morning tea at the Weswal Cafe.

Diane Sharkey



Join us at Tamworth U3A's Christmas Luncheon at Econo Lodge Frog and Toad-Function Centre

Wednesday 12th December

12.00 noon for 12.30 lunch

\$30.00 per head

Main Course, Dessert & Coffee

(We will again be collecting non-perishable hamper items for donation to Drought Relief)

✂ NAME/S: _____

I enclose \$30.00 per head for the Tamworth Regional U3A End-of-year lunch to be held at Econo Lodge on Wednesday December 12. Pay on Launch Day or Send to:

The Treasurer, Tamworth Regional U3A, PO Box 1558, Tamworth 2340.

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Payment MUST BE FINALISED NO LATER THAN Wed 21st November.

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