

Newsletter February 2019

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### **WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!**



I hope everyone has had an enjoyable break and so far kept all of your New Year Resolutions!

What a great start to the year. By the end of the Registration day on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> we had 130 financial members enrolled, many of whom were new members. Thank you to all those who helped out on the day – response was that it was a quick and easy process. It was great to see so many people stay and have a cuppa and chat. There was certainly a happy and welcoming vibe! At the time of publication, we have 152 financial members.

With 41 varied activities on offer, our program has grown from last year. New activities include Cryptic Crosswords, Intermediate Mahjong, Murder Mystery and Friday Book Clubs, Gentle Exercise/QiGong, Tai Chi, Art Appreciation, Come 'n Try Croquet and a range of guest speakers and "out 'n about" excursions.

Since beginning in 2018 we have gone from strength to strength. We are now in our second year of operation. Whilst there are always new things that pop up, the management team is enjoying the knowledge that "we have done this before" and hoping for smooth sailing as the year progresses.

As our organisation is run entirely by volunteers (Management Team, tutors and group leaders), we always appreciate the patience and support of our members.

The newsletter will be published four times per year and I thank Marilyn Pearson for taking on the role of Newsletter Editor.

Our Management Team never stops and we are already putting together plans for Semester 2! In this edition, there is a list of possible ideas for Semester 2, but of course we need tutors/group leaders to facilitate these activities. You may even have other activity ideas to put forward....

Please remember you get out of our organisation what you put in — many tutors express their delight in being able to share their knowledge or experiences with others. You do not have to be a world expert on a topic in order to share — you may only have a little bit more knowledge than others, but your passion for a subject can be infectious. You may choose to share on a one-off basis, or a short course or a semester/year long basis. Please consider....... you can email our program co-ordinator, Jenny Smith at <a href="mailto:u3aprospect@gmail.com">u3aprospect@gmail.com</a> to have a chat, or meet up over a cuppa.

Our Management Team is beginning the process of developing a Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2021. At some stage we will be asking for input from our members. Have your ideas ready!

This is already shaping up to be an exciting and fulfilling year.

On a personal note, I became a first time grandparent just before Christmas and have since had many "nanna cuddles"!

Looking forward to a successful and enjoyable 2019.

Jenny Rossiter

President U3A Prospect

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# Seeking an Assistant Treasurer

If you can help please contact the U3A Prospect Management Team



# **Sharing Skills and Experiences with Friends**

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## 2018 END OF YEAR CELEBRATION & AGM

On 30 November 2018 55 U3A members gathered at the Prospect RSL for the AGM and to celebrate the first year of U3A Prospect.

President, Jenny Rossiter, presented her report as a very entertaining video exposing the 'phenomenon' invading Prospect - U3A Prospect.

Jenny thanked Management Committee members for their support and hard work during U3A Prospect's first year. Management Committee members in 2018 were: Jenny Rossiter, Elisabeth Kerby-Eaton, Daniel Turner, Teresa Pizzino, Alison DeBacker, Kristina Barnett, Anneke Hoffman, Jenny Smith, Sheena Gray, Catherine Martens, Fiona Wald.

The 2019 Management Committee were elected and are:

President: Jenny Rossiter

Secretary: Elisabeth Kerby-Eaton

Treasurer: Fiona Wald

<u>Events sub-team Co-ordinators:</u> Sheena Gray and Anneke Hoffman

Program sub-team Co-ordinators: Jenny Smith, Kaye

Armstrong

Membership Co-ordinator: Elisabeth Kerby-Eaton

Promotions: Alison DeBacker (webpage), Jenny Rossiter

(Facebook)

<u>Policies:</u> Kristina Barnett <u>Public Officer:</u> David Kilner Co-opted Members:

Out n About: Sandy Pugsley

Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Pearson

IT Manager: Arno Attema

Those present were invited to add pieces to the commemorative poppy mosaic. Local politicians and Council Members have also added pieces to the mosaic which will be completed by the Mosaic Group. Tiles, grout and glue were generously donated by Bunnings Prospect.

Following the AGM members enjoyed a delicious shared lunch and great company.



# **Meet Your 2019 Management Committee**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

U3A Prospect is proving very popular with the community with 152 financial members so far this year. The Management Team is working hard to keep up with the demand but more volunteers are needed.

Please consider the skills and time you have and how you can contribute. If we each do a little, a lot can be achieved.

#### **VOLUNTEER NOW!**



#### **TUTORS**

## Introducing Arno Attema— IT Manager & Tutor



Arno is our co-opted IT Manager as well as tutor for our computer and IT group training sessions. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, Arno is running a drop-in Internet Café, where he will offer personal help sessions "one on one", running about 15 minutes each. He will give guidance and help with any computer, laptop, tablet and smart phone setup problem

Arno has had an interest in technology his whole life. He worked for over 35 years as an

electronics and communications professional in the radio and television industry. He has been a volunteer for 50 years with the State Emergency Service as an instructor in communications and IT and also managed a large operational SES Unit for twelve years. After professional retirement he spent five years as a volunteer instructor in the NBN Digital Hub at the Prospect Library helping others with NBN and IT problems.

Arno has been especially helpful in setting up our internet connection and system. He is very easy going, approachable and patient! We are very lucky to have such a talented person on our team.



## **PROSPECT NEWS**

## 2019 Citizen of the Year Award Winner - David Kilner.



David Kilner is a well-known Prospect resident who has over many years provided many hours of voluntary work, generously sharing his expertise and passion for local history. David is familiar with this awards program having received the 1986 Prospect Citizen of the Year Award.

David has been the convenor of Prospect Local History Group since its inception in 2005 and is a strong advocate for the preservation and promotion of history in the Prospect area. David has led and encouraged the group in its research and subsequent publishing of over 20 publications.

David chairs the monthly meetings, delivers talks on Prospect's history and is currently working on producing a new history book of Prospect for the sesquicentenary (150 years) of the proclamation of Prospect in 2022.

Source: http://www.prospect.sa.gov.au/CitizenAwards

Congratulations from everyone at U3A Prospect to David on his Citizen of the Year Award.

## **IDEAS & INFORMATION**

# **U3A Etiquette**

- 1. Please wear your name badge and send an apology to the course organiser if unable to attend.
- 2. Keep up to date with what is happening at U3A Prospect by following our Facebook Page.
- 3. Bring your own reusable cup for coffee/tea and your own water
- 4. New ideas? If you have a skill or an interest you can share, please talk to a committee member or send an email.

#### **NEW ACTIVITY IDEAS**

Could you be group leader or tutor of any of these activities:

Wine Appreciation Craft Beer/Beer Making

Radio Operators Karoke

Photography Creative Writing Trivia Quizzes Music Appreciation

Astronomy "Theatre Through the Ages"

**Economics** Recorder Ensemble

Shakespeare - Life & Works Clay Animation

Train Enthusiasts Geology Ornithology Drumming

Philosophy Australian History

Sudoku Floral Art Chess Robotics Movie Making & Editing Model Making

"Austen's Men & Dickens' Women"

Do you have other skills or passions that you would be willing to share?

Email u3aprospect@gmail.com.au to have a chat, or to meet over a cuppa.

#### **USEFUL LINKS**

U3A Prospect https://sites.google.com/view/u3aprospect

U3A Prospect Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/U3AProspect/">https://www.facebook.com/U3AProspect/</a>

U3A South Australia http://u3asouthaustralia.org.au/

U3A Online https://www.u3aonline.org.au/

City of Prospect <a href="http://www.prospect.sa.gov.au/page.aspx">http://www.prospect.sa.gov.au/page.aspx</a>

SA Government Seniors <a href="https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-">https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/family-and-</a> community/seniors

COTA <a href="https://www.cotasa.org.au/default.aspx">https://www.cotasa.org.au/default.aspx</a>

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## **U3A PROSPECT CHANNEL 5082**



Have you ever wanted to be a news reporter?

Or would you prefer to be the camera operator?

Love editing?

U3A Prospect is setting up its own news broadcasting channel to keep our members informed of what's happening at U3A and in the local community.

No experience required.

It should be fun, lots of laughs, nothing too serious.....

Interested?

Email u3aprospect@gmail.com or

Phone: 0410434048.

# DO YOU HAVE A SKILL. **PASSION, INTEREST** YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

Are you interested in volunteering as a tutor, group leader or guest speaker?

Our U3A Prospect program is only as good and as varied as the people that offer their time and give back to the organisation.

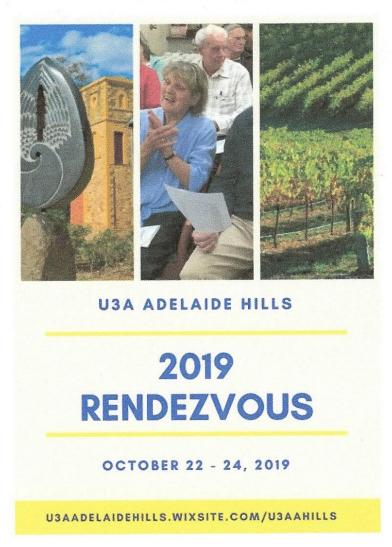
Thinking about it but would like to chat with someone first?

Ph 0410434048

We are already beginning our planning for Semester 2.

Why not get involved!





# A TANTALISING TASTE OF THE ADELAIDE HILLS!

The Adelaide Hills University of the Third Age is hosting a three day mid-week event centred on historic Hahndorf from 22 – 24 October, 2019.

Our Rendezvous Committee has planned a dynamic programme with the aim of entertaining and informing members and guests from around South Australia as well as the Adelaide Hills. It is intended to cater for up to 200 visitors with a calendar of events designed to catch the interest of U3A members, friends and family and to encourage you all to attend talks, tours and workshops during the three days of the Rendezvous.

#### **PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!**

More details will be available in early 2019.