

THE SMART AGE PAGE

Mudgee District U3A Inc Monthly Update November 2020



Dear Mudgee District U3A Members

I hope you all had a wonderful Festive Season and that you are ready to embrace 2021.

By now you should have received your copy of the 2021 Program and have decided on the courses in which you wish to enrol. Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, some courses will have delayed starts, some will have venues that are yet to be announced and there are venues that have been confirmed since publication of the booklet. This applies to the Art Group, Calligraphy, Introduction to Computers and Persian Prophets, all of which will be held at the Lions' Club Meeting Room at the Showground (entry via Nicholson St).

We sincerely thank our Program Coordinators Janet and Margaret, for their hard work in piecing together the program. This is never an easy task at the best of times, but it has been made all the more difficult in the current climate by the ever-changing rules and regulations. If by chance you happened to miss out on receiving a Program booklet, you can pick one up at the Mudgee Library, or you can view it on our website

<http://www.mudgeedistrictu3a.org.au/>

Enrolment Day and Showcase is 9.30am - 12 noon on Saturday 16th January, at the Baptist Church Hall, Bruce Road, Mudgee. Most Presenters will be there to answer any questions about the courses being run this year. If you need transport to reach the Baptist Church, please contact me or one of the Committee. Of course, if you can't attend on the day, you can post your enrolment form to the Secretary, Mudgee District U3A, PO Box 469, Mudgee 2850.

In regards to the Committee, there is some very good news. Marianne Matthews has stepped in to fill a casual vacancy and has volunteered to take on the demanding role of Secretary (stipulating that she will do this for this year only). Our Committee is now

President - Heather Rushton (0428 721 244)

Vice President – Margaret Brennan (0427 773 238)

Secretary- Marianne Matthews (0419 218 648)

Treasurer- Ray Parle (0439 735 424)

Program Coordinators – Janet Duffy (0419 989 322)

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Minutes Secretary – Cheryl Russell (0407 915 277)

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Committee Members – Susanne Scholes (6373 1394)

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As well as being very grateful to Marianne for accepting the responsibility of Secretary for U3A, we also need to thank her for the donation of four folding tables for Mah Jong. This generous act honours the memory of Marianne's mother, Doreen Matthews, a keen Mah Jong player, who sadly passed away on Christmas Eve last year.

Despite the disappointments and disruptions of 2020, we did finish the year on a high note with a morning tea at Oak Tree Retirement Village. It was lovely to see so many of you there on that occasion. Thank you to Events Coordinator Debrah for organising the function, Rebecca Redfern for making the venue available, Jess from Soul Mama Catering for the delicious treats and the Committee for their assistance on the day.



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At the event I was able to report on a visit to the former TAFE site which the Council has decided to purchase for community use. A 'claim' has been made on behalf of U3A for four classrooms (two single and two doubles) on the ground floor of the complex. There is much work to be done to the buildings to rehabilitate them and the rooms probably won't be available for use until the second half of the year, but the good news is that we may look forward to having a permanent 'home' for U3A.

Let's hope that 2021 is a more settled year than 2020 and that we can operate more 'normally'.

Heather

Heather Rushton, President (0428 721 244)



Morning Tea at Oaktree Retirement Village
18th December 2020 (Photos by Rebecca Redfern)

