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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 22** .....Enrolment Day

**July 31**.....Semester Two starts

**September TBA**.....AGM

**October 27**.....Wills and executors with the Office of the Public Trustee

**The U3A Council**

**Sandra Anne Lewis**

President

**Carol Orchard**

Acting Secretary & Treasurer  
& monthly events co coordinator

**Lynne Hellier**

Enrolment officer & Acting Secretary

**Nirala Hunt**

Newsletter & website, minute’s secretary

**Rae Martin**

Publicity

**Letter From the President**

Hello again to all our members. Semester 2 is almost here and as always we invite you to participate on the courses on offer. We have several new and exciting subjects coming up and of course many tried and tested favourites.

I would like to thank our Tutors who offer their time and effort in order to educate us, to add interest to our lives and to challenge us to try new things.

I also wish to acknowledge the sterling work of your Councillors. U3A Margaret River would not exist without the dedication of these four people and they work tirelessly to keep the organisation going. At the last AGM I asked that some of the members offer to lend a hand but only one person came forward. Please read the plea for assistance elsewhere in this newsletter and consider whether you have a little time to help on a regular basis or now and again supporting us with our events.

My best wishes to you all. Sandra Anne Lewis

**The Office is Open!**

In May, U3A secured an office space at MRCRC in Tunbridge Street. We now have secure storage for our files and equipment and a place to meet.

The office is open from 10am until 12.30 every Wednesday. We are available to answer your queries, sign up members, hear your suggestions and gratefully accept any cake and coffee on offer.

The office is located on the back verandah (through the building towards the Childcare and Library.)



Come and say hello!

**Enrolment Day**

10am – 12 noon Tuesday July22nd  
SWIT Wine room 10.

Please note that you must be a current member to enrol in courses.

Sorry, we do not have the facilities to pay by card. Cash or cheque only on the day please.

If you did not take up membership in January and want to participate this semester, you can enrol for this semester by using the form attached on or before enrolment day. Paying your membership before enrolment day will mean faster processing on the day.

To view current courses, contact us and find the latest U3A news, visit our website:

<http://www.u3amr.org.au/>

## Bird Watching with Boyd

“What bird is that?” asked 5 enthusiastic U3A birdwatchers. “What bird? Where?” asked the 6<sup>th</sup> as Boyd Wykes, our leader, quick-as-a-Blue-Wren’s-flash, pointed to some small, black dot disappearing high into the pale grey of a winter sky.

I’ve long forgotten what that disappearing feathered speck was but I haven’t forgotten our 3 sessions of very interesting and most informative talks and walks through urban settings, woodland trails and ocean outlooks.



Who would have thought that if you gently kiss your hand birds will appear? (Take note, you guys!) Who would have thought that within each 2 hour session so many different birds would sing and talk to each other,

dance and court before us, peck, wade, preen, feed and flutter around us or hover majestically high above just as we happened to look up?

Thank you, Boyd (and Chrissie, who joined us on the last session) for astounding us with your knowledge, sharing your binoculars and telescopes and introducing us to the latest technological bird-watching “toys”. But above all, we thank you for your friendly, enthusiastic, generous presence. We remain like stunned mullets, hoping, that like the Welcome Swallow, you will return to guide us and others through the wonderful world of birds.  
Molly Hall

## What’s in the Future?

Over the past year, we have offered over twenty courses to our members, launched our website and we have welcomed some amazing guest speakers to our monthly meetings.

From the Council we lost Franklyn Simon and Lis Neal who were such great supporters and said goodbye to Mia and Barry Hayes and Mia’s fantastic work producing our newsletters. The Council now numbers five, with Sandra Anne bravely stepping back into the role of President to give us the required number to operate. Geoff Woodbridge, our patient Treasurer, has also been missed as he and Nealma enjoy a year away.

At our AGM last year there was a great reluctance for members to come forward to help. All Council positions will fall vacant at the AGM and without support the current Council will not stand for another term.

This would mean the end of **our** organization. If you want it to continue, we need to pull together. We have discussed this many times. If we can ‘buddy up’ the positions, we can share the tasks and have a strong skill base to draw on.

Many hands do indeed make ‘light work.’

If you care, call by the office or contact a Council member.

## Vacancies!

Vibrant and energetic members are needed to support the Council. Tasks include taking photographs at U3A events, newsletter preparation, help setting up at events, secretarial duties, minute taking, minding the office, assisting enrolment day and more.

We also welcome input of suggestions and ideas for the newsletter and monthly meetings, donations of cake and coffee! Contact us by email or phone if you can spare some time.



A fabulous April event at the Organic Gardens with the lovely Shelley Cullen and the primary school garden and kitchen with the equally wonderful Geoff McLeod left us all inspired and totally in awe at the size of that rhubarb!

## Course Leader Profile

### Felicity Haynes



Felicity has always preferred the big questions to minute details, dreams over duties, and loves the challenge of discussing issues with those who disagree with her. At university she wrote on ethics, critical thinking, art education, reason and conceptual change, gender issues. Her biggest challenge was to switch on retirement from computers and small offices at university to building a sustainable farm, but she has managed to combine the two in her meetinghouse at Tingrith where she has a large library and holds regular thinkfests near a lavender labyrinth. She still runs professional workshops in Perth, using them as an opportunity to visit her three children and six grandchildren.

She is getting better at farming, thanks to her helpful friends in the organic garden, learning the complexities of permaculture through trial and error. Her orchard is fantastic and she is known for her distribution of surplus fruit and chokos.

A major challenge, given her idealism, is to deal with the detail of regulations and recommendations on the Shire Council but she enjoys the vitality of debate, and still holds the broad vision of creating an open and ethical community on her farm and in the town.

*Felicity Haynes will be leading another Philosophy course for U3A starting in July.*

MRPS News: “We have a well-known chef, Jude Blereau, conducting our next Champion chef night on July 27<sup>th</sup> with all proceeds to support our kitchen garden program. Jude will prepare her 3 course menu with the assistance of the Education Campus cooking students and discuss her philosophy and answer questions during the evening. **TICKETS can now only be purchased from BLUE GINGER** in Station Road until school resumes on 21st July.....but that may be too late!”

## Are you willing?

- Why make a will?
- What do I need to specify in my Will?
- What if my circumstances change?
- How do I choose my Executor?
- Who can contest a will?

As a continuation of our Last Wishes Seminars for the public last year on the Advanced Health Directive and Arranging Funerals, U3A Margaret River will once again be offering an information session on another aspect of your Last Wishes - Wills.

The Public Trustee will present information which will provide you with the opportunity to learn about

- the things you need to consider and include when making a Will,
- who can contest your will
- what's involved for executors in the deceased estate administration process

If you nominate friends or family as executors it is also important that they, as well as you, understand their roles and responsibilities.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October** is the confirmed date for this presentation so place it in your diary now.

This session will be open to the public and we encourage any interested people and friends in the community to attend.

The program is not finalized at this stage but we will keep you informed.



*Perfect happiness is the absence of striving for happiness.*

*Chuang Tsu*