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The U3A Council 2017

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From the President

Hope everyone's enjoying the winter while your president stays warm in Exmouth!! Still, the odd Irukandji Jellyfish can put a dampener on your swimming. Not seen any so far but I believe they are around.

A new semester is just around the corner and more exciting courses to choose from, plus our **Festive Winter Lunch** at the end of the month. A lot to look forward to thanks to the effort put in by your hard working committee once again.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in keeping our U3A Margaret River alive and well.

Margaret Leggott

Upcoming Events:

Join us for a **PARTY!**



Festive Winter Lunch

Tickets available from June 30 @ U3A Office / Margaret River Bookshop

See attached invitation for all details...

Become a member, renew a membership and enrol in courses:

- **ONLINE:** www.u3amr.org.au
- By mailing completed membership and enrolment forms to **U3A Margaret River, PO Box 1059**, along with your cheque or EFT receipt
- At the U3A office at the Community Resource Centre, Tunbridge Street, from **Friday July 7, 10-12 noon**

To view current courses, contact us and find the latest U3A news, visit our website:
<http://www.u3amr.org.au/>

General News:

Margaret River Community Reference Group

Several of our committee members have been attending meetings of this group which is developing a strategic plan for the Shire for the next 20 years. If you have any ideas to contribute you can do so on the Your Say page on the Shire website. Click on this link to get there:

<http://yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/community-facility-planning>

ADINFERN WINES
Final Sale!!!!
50% OFF all wines!!!!

From the WA U3A Newsletter:

"Looking at the comparative achievements in courses amongst our 20 U3As and Regions, and interstate, it seems there are many opportunities for growth in course activity – one of the fundamental aspects of U3A throughout its history. Some groups offer many courses, others very few, and this won't change quickly, but a snapshot of a few examples in Australia may prove Interesting...

...For example, if we look at the numbers of courses offered by some WA groups per semester per 100 members:

- **U3A Margaret River: 110 members, 13 courses, 12 courses per 100 members**

- Naturaliste U3A: 212 members, 25 courses, 12 courses per 100 members

- U3A (UWA):

- Central (Perth CBD) Courses only:

- 992 members, 15 courses, 1.5 courses per 100 members.

- CBD plus the 10 Regions: assuming 30 courses* in the Regions:

- 992 members, 45 courses*, 4.5 courses per 100 members.

(* Quoting from the U3A (UWA) website, "typically, there are up to 30 courses spread throughout the 10 Regions".)

Considering some interstate groups:

- U3A Brisbane: 3,700 members, 260+ courses, 7 courses per 100 members

- U3A Redlands (suburban Brisbane)

1,500 members, 120 courses, 8 courses per 100 members

- U3A Adelaide: 800 members, 100+ courses, 12 courses per 100 members

- U3A Manningham (suburban Melbourne)

1,700 members, 188 courses, 11 courses per 100 members

Looking at these WA and interstate examples, **12 courses per semester per 100 members** is achievable. Perhaps this should be a general target for U3As in WA?"

The numbers say it all!!

Monthly Events:

2017 started off well with a couple of excellent speakers, Heather Locke and Naomi Godden. Both of these events were very well-attended.

Semester 2 promises to be just as good –

July 19: U3AWA Seminar 2017

(see attached flyer)

July 23: Festive Winter Lunch

(see attached invitation)

TBA: Linda Moore: Early WA Pioneers

TBA: Spring Wildflower Walk

All this is the work of our tireless organizer **Jo Jennings**, who puts a tremendous amount of work into these events – sourcing speakers, arranging venues, designing flyers and coercing volunteers to help.

Thanks Jo!



Members may not be aware of this, but U3A also has close links with other groups and organisations in the community, namely: the Library, Arts Margaret River, Open Studios and the Readers and Writers Festival. These links allow us to notify our members of events that may be of interest to them and occasionally offer concessions to events. Last year for instance, all the events on the Friday of the Readers and Writers Festival were free to pensioners or part-pensioners.

Introducing: JACK KNUDSON



Jack's love affair with classical music started when he took a required Music Appreciation course while at the University of California at Santa Barbara during the fifties. He and his wife, Carroll, emigrated to Australia in 1974 where he continued teaching high school science subjects, initially at Geraldton Senior High. They came to Margaret River in December 1994 when the high school upgraded to Senior status. Here he taught Biology, Human Biology and General Science. He remained an avid collector of classical music, purchasing LP records until CDs replaced them.

In his sixties, Jack came under the spell of a Classical genre that he had previously ignored, namely opera - after going to see his first Perth production, Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. As a result, the Knudsons have been hosting DVD Opera Nights at their home for the past 11 years for a small band of aficionados.

However, it was using the Internet's *Spotify*, he says, that made him realize he had only just 'scratched the surface' of classical music's vast repository. "There are so many classical composers who have produced beautiful music many people have never heard, much of it seldom being performed or getting radio play today".

"In Search of Fine Music 3", which is being offered in Semester 2, is the third in a series of courses that Jack has run for U3A and in which he shares his knowledge of the lives and works of lesser known composers and his love of their music. He says it is wonderful to introduce people to the music of unfamiliar composers and see their eyes light up in appreciation.



Just a few examples of what you can do with what you may otherwise throw away ...

- Old t-shirts cut into one continuous strip of fabric and knitted into a useful bag.
- String made from strips of old fabric - so strong you could make a hammock from it!
- Creating “new” fabric from old “bits” - Japanese patching technique.
- Pincushion made using patching technique.

Some of the results from Nirala’s “Upcycling the Ragbag” workshops - useful, amazing, creative, convivial mornings and lovely morning teas!



A good turn-out for Claire and Michael’s Guitarist Composers of the Romantic Period

Margaret River U3A



Dear members,

You are warmly invited to a *Festive Winter Lunch at Adinfern Winery on Sun 23 July*
Festivities begin at noon and lunch begins at 12.30.

It is a three-fold celebration of :

Big, black clouds bringing welcome winter rain to Margaret River

The joy of “being, becoming and belonging” as we attend U3A classes together

Our President, Maggie (She sells sea-shells on the sea shore) Leggott ‘s 75th Birthday

Our hosts at Adinfern winery are Merv, Jan and Ian (I love Disney) Smith

Our chef is Saul (Food Glorious Food) Atkinson

Our MC is Claire (May you bloom and grow) Timmons

Come festive! Fancy dress and party dress is encouraged.

There will be an opportunity for those who wish to contribute a short party piece

eg a poem, hum, ditty or riddle, a musical item , a birthday Ode to Maggie, a 2 minute TED Talk, a Spotty Dog impersonation..... or indeed an impersonation of any animal, fish, bird, reptile, vegetable or inanimate object (eg a cloud- well Winnie the Pooh could do it!) of your choice.

Tickets can be purchased (WITH CASH ONLY) from
the U3A office at the Community Resource Centre, Tunbridge St. on Fridays from 10 to 12
noon and from the Margaret River Bookshop. For more info contact Joan Malcolm: 04489
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Tickets are \$25 for members and \$45 for non-members.

The ticket price includes lunch and a complimentary glass of Adinfern wine.

Further drinks can be purchased from the bar.

Please buy your tickets asap and at the very latest by Fri 14 July **LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE!**

Adinfern Winery is on the Bussell Highway 10 minutes drive north of Margaret River.

Gateways to Learning
University of the Third Age (UWA) Inc.

2017 SEMINAR

Wednesday 19th July 2017 from 10.00am to 3.00pm
State Library Lecture Theatre

Non members welcome

Programme

10.00 am: *Opening Address*

Emeritus Professor Alan Robson

10.15: Jane Jones and staff from SLWA:

*Libraries as Gateways to Learning,
digging up the past and righting wrongs*

11.10: Rachael McIntyre from NBN:

A new era of Learning

12.00: Lunch—

*Guest in Residence -Cr Deborah Hamblin Chair of the
SLWA Board of Management will be circulating*

**1.00 Andrew Porter: Academic Chair Journalism Murdoch
University**

The Future of Print Media

1.45: Cassandra Lake from WASO

Music as a teaching and learning pathway

2.30 : Quartet from the School of Music at UWA

3.00 U3A Network WA Annual General Meeting

Seminar coordinator: Jennie Cox: 9527 8151

Tickets \$30 from Ticketebo

www.ticketebo.com.au/seminar2017
