



U3A Margaret River Inc

Fostering Lifelong Learning



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Upcoming events

Council Meeting..... 13th July 10am

Please call for details if you wish to attend.

Enrolment Day.....21st July 10am-noon

The Wine Room, Education Campus

Monthly Meetings..... members will be advised as details are finalized.

The U3A Council

Acting President Nirala Hunt

Secretary Mitzie Vermote

Treasurer Anne Del Fante

Programming

Lyn Hellier

Anne Del Fante

Newsletter

Nirala Hunt

Francesca Neylon

Peta Goodwin

Monthly Events Jo Jennings

Other Volunteers

Gail McMahon

Carol Orchard, Paula Cristoffanini

From the President

Plenty of surprises this month.

We wish Linda McKellar well as she leaves Margaret River for an exciting job overseas. Sandra Anne Lewis has resigned from council. We will miss her cheerful, "can-do" attitude, naughty sense of humour and buckets full of great coffee.

So that we can continue, I have accepted the position of Acting President. It is a legal requirement of our constitution that we have a minimum number of office bearers and this has now reached a critical stage. It is good for us to remember that the philosophy of U3A is one of life long learning for us all - do see Claire's inspirational poem on the next page.

Attached is your program of courses for next semester, once again Lyn Hellier has done an amazing job.

Council meetings are held monthly and members are welcome to join us. See you on enrolment day,

Nirala

Monthly Meetings Review

In March, Lyn Serventy gave us a most interesting talk on her life as a councillor in Margaret River and we wish her well for her retirement in October. In April, Nirala hosted a Gardening event in her home. Later in April, India Stanley, a student at our local High School showed slides on her school visit to Anzac Cove as part of the 100 year celebrations. Our last talk was given by Bernice Barry at the Old Settlement which is now open to the public. Bernice has done extensive research on the life of Georgiana Molloy and is willing to give Part 2 of this talk later in the year.

Jo Jennings

Thank you to....

Carol Orchard for helping us out in so many ways—even though officially retired from committee and special thanks to Ian Williams for advice on reviewing our insurance policy.



An Ode to U3A

By Claire Timmons

I've got a love of learning
I'm glad I'm glad I'm glad
It's a yearning learning burning
Doc says I've got it bad

I caught it from my mother
I caught it from my dad
From teachers who encouraged
And others that inspired me
And folks who lead to questions like
How come? Or Are you **sure**?

I've always liked to copy -
To have a go myself
At things that seem such fun to do
Or fill my heart with WOW!

So much I want to learn about
So much I want to try
It gets me up each morning
With fever running high

So much I want to learn to do
To know or study more
It takes me armchair travelling
The blue world to explore

The internet's inflamed it
I google and enquire
You've gotta gotta give me
The answers I desire

Searching can get messy
So much to stash away
A crowd of pages open
My clicking's run away!

I've got to get it focussed
So I don't dissipate
No more hocus pocus locus
Instead I'll schedulate!

I like to hear the stories
Of Verdi, Bach and Brahms
Of their growing genius,
Character and charms

I listen to their music
In the context of their life
Hear letters they have written-
from loved ones, friends or wife

I listen when I'm walking,
I listen when I chore
I listen with my I pod
To playlists that I store

I join the online libraries
I download audio books
I tune right in to podcasts
I look on TED for talks

I search for songs in Spanish
And music for guitar
If I listen to things often
I'll know them bar by bar

I've learnt a 100 lullabies
Nursery rhymes and tunes
With kids it makes for good times,
We sing, daft-dance around the room

Now here's a way to focus:
Commit to share your path
Make deadlines to prepare for
And friends who make you laugh

Enjoy your learning journey
Build castles in your brain
It's there for you to utilise
It's there for you to train
Have fun with your intelligence -
It **likes** the learning game.