

Tamar Valley U3A



Sharing Learning throughout the Tamar Valley

TERM 2 REGISTRATION DAYS

Monday 29 April 10am – 12pm Old Courthouse, Grubb St, Beaconsfield

Wednesday 1 May 10am – 2pm Frankford Hall, Frankford
Sing-a-long and soup & roll/sandwich or 6 point sandwich \$5

Friday 3 May 10am – 12pm Tresca, Exeter

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

We plan to send out a Monthly Newsletter to keep everyone ‘in the loop’. If you have anything you would like included please submit it to our email address.

Anyone interested in designing and producing the Newsletter?

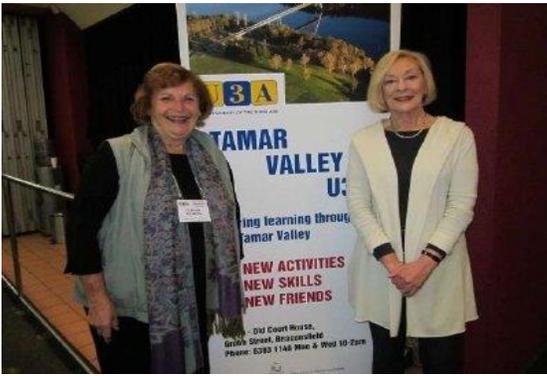
We are looking for someone who may like to design our newsletter and even to produce it for us each month. Please contact us if you are interested.



Many of our members are going away during the winter months so we wish them a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing them on their return.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Term 2	May 20 – June 28
13 May	Tutors Meeting Grubb Street
23 May 10.00am	General Meeting to accept constitution Elderly Citizens, Community Hall, Beaconsfield



Caroline Richards, Convenor Tamar Valley U3A and Noeline Brown, Ambassador for Ageing at the U3A NSW Network National Conference.

A Brief History of the U3A Movement

U3A is a world-wide organization. It began in France in 1968 when legislation was passed that required universities to provide more community education. In 1973 a highly-rated gerontology course was provided by Toulouse University for local retired people, and it was this course which led to the formation of what was to be the first U3A. This organisation was open to anyone over retirement age; no qualifications were required and fees were kept to a minimum.

The idea spread rapidly throughout Europe and then into Canada and the US. When U3A surfaced in Cambridge, Great Britain, the model was to undergo a significant change. The French model with its strong ties to the universities was to disappear, and the British model would introduce a new system where there would be no distinction between the teacher and the taught. Members would be teachers as well as learners. This model has become known as the “Cambridge Model” and was introduced into Australia in 1984. The first U3A in Australia was established in Shoalhaven, NSW and has spread rapidly throughout Australia. The U3A movement has been identified through academic research as being the fastest-growing adult education movement in Australia.

With the launch of the Tamar Valley U3A in February 2013, the total of established U3As in Tasmania is now eight.

Interesting Web Sites

- COTA (Council of the Ageing):**
www.cotansw.com.au
www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/stayonyourfeet
Active Launceston:
www.activelauceston.com.au
Harrow U3A UK website:
www.harrowu3a.co.uk

Length of Terms

A number of the tutors have expressed an interest in 3 terms of ten weeks. They find it takes 2 to 3 weeks for a class to become comfortable and if there are public holidays, the term is too quick when only 6 weeks. We are asking your opinion. Please reply by email, phone or just drop into the office. We will be guided by your responses.

To help you plan your 2013 classes the remaining 3 term dates are given below:

- Term Two:**
 May 20 to June 28
(Public Holiday June 10 so Monday classes finish July 1)
Term Three:
 August 5 to September 13
Term Four:
 October 28 to December 6.

INCORPORATION OF TAMAR VALLEY U3A

The date of 23 May (see Dates to Remember front page) has been set aside to hold a General Meeting of Members to formally approve the incorporation of the Tamar Valley U3A, and to elect the officers and management committee of the proposed incorporated association. In the next week a copy of the proposed Constitution will be sent out to members. This draft Constitution will be discussed and voted on at the meeting and therefore we ask that you take time to read the document before the meeting. The following officer positions are to be elected at the meeting: Chairperson/President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer and 5 ordinary committee member positions. We would like you to give consideration to nominating for one of these positions prior to the meeting.

COURSE INFORMATION

- Any person wishing to enrol in a course must be a registered financial member of Tamar Valley U3A. All course enrolment costs are covered by one annual subscription fee of \$40 per person.
- All members are issued with a Membership Card which MUST be worn at all times when attending Tamar Valley U3A classes and functions. This will ensure you are covered under our Public Liability insurance policy.
- All members attending courses are required to complete Emergency Details on the reverse of their Membership Card. It is up to individual members to keep this information current. A new membership card will be issued if required.
- If you wish to enrol in another course but did not enrol on registration day, please contact the office by email, telephone or by calling in person during office hours. You will then be advised on the status of the course. Please do not just turn up at the venue.

GENERAL COURSE DISCLAIMER U3A offers courses to members presented by members for mutual education and learning experiences. The offering of any course does not imply the course content is necessarily endorsed or recommended by U3A. No financial, legal or health decisions should be made solely on the basis of course material. Members who find course material confronting in any way should feel free to leave the class at any time.

