



Newsletter April 2022

U3A News

Apologies for the very late arrival of the April Newsletter! The Editor, Anne, had to attend a family funeral and this caused some delays. Also, some information has been delayed by the Easter Break and Anzac day holidays. Hoping you all had a great Easter, here is our latest news.

Our U3A classes have generally been going well in our First Term of 2022. Our Admin staff report that we have 21 new members, bringing our current active membership to 120 people. Great news!

And a bit of advance news....the U3A Office, currently located in the old Court House on Grubb Street, along with the On-line Access Centre, will be relocated to new premises in the Council owned hall at the rear of the Beaconsfield Community Centre. However, as the building and car park need quite extensive modifications, Council advises the move may not happen for a year or more, so no rush to do anything!

- **Mah Jong** numbers have increased, which is good.
- The new **Beaconsfield Book Club** is going well, phone Anne on 0402 582 402 if you are interested in this club.
- The **Beaconsfield Games Club**, running weekly on Monday afternoons at the Beaconsfield Neighbourhood House, has NOT been very successful, however, and will not run for Second Term.
- We now have some good programs running in **George Town**, including an Art program and a History program. Email the Office tamarvalleyu3a@gmail.com for more information.

- Italian class is not running due to family issues for tutor.

NEW PROGRAMS STARTING SOON

The “**Know Yourself**” short course is due to start on **28 April** with an introductory talk at the Hub from **2:00pm till 4:00pm** on that day. This program offers insights into personality and behaviour through modern psychology. This is a short course, with 5 sessions in total.

PLEASE NOTE !!

There have been some [changes from the originally advertised dates and times.](#) The following details are the new and correct ones, so please make sure you have this new information written in your diaries!

The introductory “**Talk**” will be on **Thursday 28 April at the Hub on Murray Street in Exeter, from 2:00pm till 4:00pm.** (Please note that the U3A Talks usually run from 1:00pm till 3:00pm, so this one is different).

There were previously advertised 5 workshops to follow on from the Talk, but now there will be only 4 follow-up workshops. These will be run at the **Exeter Wine Centre** on Wednesday afternoons, from **2:00pm till 4:00pm**, starting from **Wednesday 11 May and going on till Wednesday 1 June.** (Please note there will NOT be a workshop on 4 May, as previously advertised).

Dr Merrilyn Hooley PhD, BA(Psych)(Hons), DipAppSc(Dental Therapy), GCHE, is our presenter for this course.

Please **contact Anne on 0402 582 402** to book in to this course, or for any general queries.

Parlez-Vous Francais?

We also have a new **French Conversation class** which has just started. We are lucky enough to have a resident Frenchman, Christian Chesneau to guide us. This is running on Wednesday mornings at 10am for an hour or so at Deviot Hall, and you may still have time to join in! Contact the Office for more details.

Bits and pieces

Bandicoots

Do you live in the West Tamar or Northern Midlands regions? Are there bandicoots in your backyard?

NRM North's Eastern Barred Bandicoot Project is helping landholders in the West Tamar and Northern Midlands municipalities create and protect habitat for eastern barred bandicoots on their properties. This year sees an increased focus on bandicoots living in and around our urban areas, with our Urban Refuges project in full swing.

The project is funding UTAS research into the threatened species, that will inform and improve ongoing conservation efforts. If you live in the region and want to get involved in conservation efforts to protect the species, or have bandicoots on your property and would like to be involved in the research, take a look at our website or contact us. This project is supported by NRM North through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Computer Tips

31 March 22 was World Backup Day.

This was the day to better protect your devices and data - but you can do it any day you like - and as often as you like.

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) implores all Australians to backup their most important documents and precious memories – and to encourage their family and friends to do the same.

A *backup* is a digital copy of your most important information. Copies of your files (such as photos, documents, and videos) are saved to an online server like the cloud. Backing up and having backups means you can restore your files if something goes wrong. It is a precautionary measure so that your data is accessible in case something happens to your computer. The ACSC says you should back up your files regularly.

ACSC has developed three Step-by-Step guides to help you learn how to back up the data on your personal computers, phones, or tablets to the cloud, or external hard drives.

These include:

- [Backing Up and Restoring for Microsoft Windows](#)
- [Backing Up and Restoring for Apple iOS](#)
- [Backing Up and Restoring for Apple macOS](#)

If you want further information, it is all available for you on the ACSC website at <https://www.cyber.gov.au/>.

Cats



Cat Management Act amended

Legislation changes to the Cat Management Act 2009 came into effect on March 1 2022, meaning all cats over four months old must be desexed and microchipped (some exemptions apply). Anyone who owns more than four cats will require a permit. For more details about the legislation visit [TassieCat](#). It is helpful to the whole community when cat owners take good care of their cats.

Covid reminder

We will continue to follow good Covid guidelines, but we also expect people to use their own good sense.

- Don't come if you are unwell.
- Don't come if you are in quarantine.
- Don't come if you are waiting test results.
- Don't come if you have been a close contact.
- Don't come if your immune system is compromised.

People who have not been vaxxed should check directly with the Tutor running any particular class for permission to attend.

For general Talks, it is advisable for non-vaxxed people to do a RAT test, and if clear, they would be free to attend.

Thank you everyone!