



October Newsletter 2022

Greetings everyone! And welcome to our October Newsletter for 2022!

There are lots of things happening on the U3A scene, leading up to and including Christmas.

We have also included in this Newsletter news of our final “Talk” for 2022, some Community information about where to report various types of crimes, and details of a competition for any young photographers who love nature! Keep reading...

New Mobile Phone Number and Office Liaison Contact

Vivien Tyson was formerly our Committee Secretary, but she has now taken on a new role. She will be our **Office Liaison Contact** person, from the beginning of 2023, and our current Office staff, Jo and Frances, have been coaching her in the Office Administration. Vivien is taking over from Jo and Frances on their retirement.

Jo and Frances, as our Office Administration staff, have been the solid bedrock on which Tamar Valley U3A has been able to develop and grow, and we are enormously grateful to them both for their excellent service over many years.

As we adjust to some new methods, we are looking at how we can best help everyone to stay in touch with what is going on. We have therefore purchased a new office mobile phone, which will be monitored by Viv. This is the new contact number for U3A, so please copy this number down and remember it for future use:

0411 150 378

New Secretary

Please note that Tamar Valley U3A has a new Secretary on our Committee, Linda Heidstra. You can contact Linda by email on virtuallylinda@bigpond.com, or, alternatively, you phone her on 0438 323 180.

Linda will be happy to talk to you about U3A matters, but please be patient as she gets across all the details of our organisation. It takes time to pick up a new role!

We will feature Linda in one of our early Newsletters in 2023, to introduce her properly to our members.

Don't forget – NEW TUTORS ALWAYS WANTED!

To keep U3A interesting and thriving, we need to have a good range of tutors on a variety of subjects, and our tutors need to be generous people who will give their time as volunteers.

Perhaps you have a special skill or interest which you could share with others? Now is a good time to be thinking if you would like to offer a course in 2023.

Contact Anne Brelsford on email at annebrelsford@hotmail.com or by phone on 0402 582 402 to have an initial chat about your ideas.

What new courses would you like U3A to run?

We are also always interested in hearing about new courses that members would like to attend. *If we know what people want*, we can sometimes locate a tutor who has that special skill and is willing to teach it!

Seniors' Week starts next week

COTA Tasmania is once again launching "Seniors' Week" from 17-23 October, with a wonderful array of activities for older Tasmanians right across the state. COTA is supported by many government and non-government bodies, including Metro Tasmania, who are offering free travel for Seniors' card holders for this special week. Many events are free or others may ask for a gold coin donation. Phone COTA on 03-6231 3265 to ask about getting a program, or Google COTA for on-line information.

Our U3A Ukulele Group performing!!

The U3A Ukulele Group will be a part of this year's Seniors Week as part of the Seniors' Concert at George Town, on Thursday 20th October at 1.30pm. The Group will be playing some favourites including "Folsom Prison Blues" and "Goodnight Irene". Well done, guys and gals!

U3A Talk - Coming NEXT WEEK!! Thursday 20 October

Female Pirates of the Tamar

This is the topic of the U3A sponsored talk to be given by Maggie Fletcher on **Thursday October 20 at the Hub** (Murray Street, Exeter) from **1:00pm till 3:00pm**. This is our last talk for 2022, so do come along! Coffee, tea and biscuits served at the end of the talk.



Joseph Redmonds and Kitty Haggerty on the brig *Venus*
Sketch by Maggie Fletcher

Maggie's presentation will cover the story of two young women, Catherine (Kitty) Haggerty and Charlotte Badger known as female pirates, who became recognised as the first pakeha (white) women to spend time in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Convicts? Pirates? The myth surrounding these two young women is far from the truth of the story of the piracy of the Brig *Venus* from Port Dalrymple in 1806, and Maggie will share the truth behind the fiction which is no less exciting than the fantasy that has been woven around this event.

Maggie, an exhibiting artist who went to art school in Launceston when she retired, is the tutor of the popular U3A '*Have Fun With Art*' course at Low Head. A dual Aus/Kiwi national, voluntary Museum curator and bookseller in the seaside town of Mangawhai Heads, close to where the pirated *Venus* sailed to in Northland New Zealand, she was familiar with the story of Charlotte Badger. Now living in Low Head, she was amazed to discover that the brig the *Venus* had left from within sight of her unit and knew she just had to share this story, and has had articles about this act of piracy published in The Tamar Valley News.

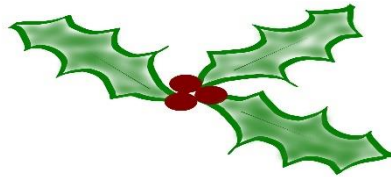
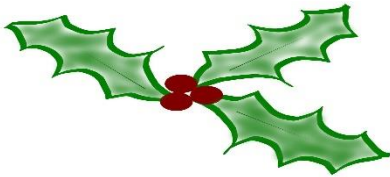
OUR U3A Christmas Lunch

Most importantly, as we get closer to the end of the year (and how quickly that is coming!!) make sure you are booked in to attend our very own **U3A Christmas Lunch at the Legana Tavern on Monday 5 December at Noon.**

All U3A members, and a partner or guest, are invited!

Please note each person pays for his or her own lunch and drinks.

Contact our new Secretary, Linda Heidstra to book in, on virtuallylinda@bigpond.com or her mobile 0438 323 180.



The **Beaconsfield Bookclub** continues to enjoy reading a variety of enthralling books, both well-loved classics and hot-off-the-press new releases. If you love reading, and want to broaden your reading experiences, contact Anne Brelsford on 0402 582 402, who will put you in touch with the group. New members most welcome, including any *men* with a passion for reading!

The **new Legana Coffee and Chat group** has not worked well, as it seems people are too busy on Monday mornings to come along! I will continue to be at Banjos' café, Legana from 10.00am till 11.00am till end October (so, 17 October and 24 October) for anyone who wants to come, but will then finish up.

But don't forget, U3A has a fabulous **monthly Coffee and Chat**, coordinated by **Sue Amos**, which meets at different (excellent!) venues each month (First Friday each month). You can talk to Sue on 6383 4393 or on 0407 821 597.

A small giggle

Did you hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?

It had great food, but no atmosphere.

Why are there fences around cemeteries?

Because people are dying to get in!

East Tamar Classes- A success story!

At the beginning of 2022, Raimund Bruns, one of the founders of the Tamar Valley U3A in Beaconsfield in 2013, decided to set up an off-shoot of the U3A on the East Tamar, as he had moved to Low Head. As the Low Head Bass and Flinders Bowls Club was available, it was decided to run courses there.

There are now three successful classes offered at this venue:

- Wednesday 10 am – 12 noon
Have Fun With Art, with Maggie Fletcher
- Wednesday 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm
18th Cent. History – The Age of Enlightenment, with Raimund Bruns
- Friday 9.30am – 11.30 am
Philosophy, with Raimund Bruns

At this stage there are still a few vacancies in Rai's *History* and *Philosophy* classes, and there is a waiting list for the *Fun With Art* class.



Community Information (courtesy of Neighbourhood Watch)

Crime Stoppers Ready Reference. Who do I report what to?

What do I do in an emergency?

If there is a life-threatening emergency or a crime happening now – **Triple Zero (000)**.

What do I do if I am a victim of a crime?

Non-urgent matters or a crime has happened to you – **131 444** or your local police station.

I think I know something about a crime but don't want to get involved?

If you have information about unsolved crime or suspicious activity, contact Crime Stoppers online or at 1800 333 000.

Where can I report cybercrime?

The use of computers or online networks to commit crimes such as fraud, online image abuse, identity theft or threats to intimidate should be reported to Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC).

Where can I report a scam?

Scams should be reported to Scamwatch which is run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

Where can I report online abuse?

Report cyberbullying, image based and illegal or harmful content for children or adults to the Australian Government's eSafety Commissioner.

Where can I report Centrelink or Medicare fraud?

Call the Australian Government Fraud Tip-off line 131 524 or report it to Centrelink or Medicare via the Services Australia website.

Help, I've had a traffic accident?

If you have had a minor traffic accident where you have swapped details, report online at Tasmania Police Traffic Crash Reporting.

Remember, non-urgent matters can be dealt with on **131 444**.

For Kids who like photography and nature!!

Costa and Junior Landcare 'What's in your backyard' photo competition - closes 31 October.

Costa and Junior Landcare are calling on kids to grab a camera, get outdoors and snap a photo of the fauna and flora in their backyard. Your backyard may be your veggie garden or the plants on your balcony. You may live near a park or bushland area, or a river or wetland. You may live on the coast close to the sea, or on a farm. All of these count as your backyard!

Awesome prizes are up for grabs, including cameras and book hampers, so let's encourage the next generation of landcarers to get hands-on with nature and share what they find in their backyard!

The competition closes on 31 October 2022.

How to enter?

It's easy to get involved and you can enter as many times as you like.

Step 1. Go to the Junior Landcare [the campaign website](#). Check there for all details like criteria, themes, school or individual photographs and more.

Step 2. Select a theme that best suits your photo.

Step 3. Tell us why the photo is important to you in 50 words or less, and send your photo and comments to Junior Landcare through [the campaign website](#).

Step 4. Fill in your contact details so we can get in touch with you if you win!

Tamar Discovery Day for families! October 29, Beauty Point

Celebrate the wonders of the kanamaluka / Tamar estuary and the flora and fauna that live there. This community day, hosted by Seahorse World, offers families a fun-filled day out with engaging displays, presentations, and activities throughout the day. Contact Seahorse World for more details.

Reflections on the English Language!

The Saxons asked the Welsh the name of the local hill. Welsh said "Pen". The Saxons used their word for hill, "Tor", and called it "Torpen" (hill hill). The Norse came along and added their word for hill, "Haugr". So now there was "Torpen Haugr" (hill hill hill). Later still the English called it "Torpenhow Hill" (hill, hill, hill, hill).

Isn't the grand mix of English awesome?