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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to report that our recently held 2015 Annual General Meeting went off very well with a good spread of Members & VIP Guests in attendance.

Once again we have a full Committee of Management, many of whom have re-volunteered their services for yet another year. Two members of the old committee namely Margaret Ashley our long time Almoner and Alex Shepherd our Grants Officer have decided to have a break and did not renominate this year. I want to thank Margaret and Alex for their contribution to the management of WU3A over many years.

We do have two new members joining the Committee for 2015/16 namely, Dianne Germaine & Meg Brown who will replace Margaret & Alex. I welcome them both. They are joining a very good team.

Our numbers continued to grow; as of the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 we had 585 members this is higher than the previous year's corresponding figure of 517. We have 64 volunteer tutors and leaders running some 82 classes and activities.

And we are going to continue to make a concerted effort this year to increasing our penetration into the Northern Regions of our City namely into areas like Mernda; Doreen: Laurimar and the Township of Whittlesea, our objective is to reach 600 members by the end of this calendar year.

Our hard working Programs and Venue Coordinators continue to search out opportunities and venues for us to run our programs in the newer areas, so if you know someone who may be interested and lives in these areas please put them in touch with a member of the Committee. Again I thank everybody who contributed to making 2014/2015 another very successful year for Whittlesea U3A Inc.

#### Joseph T Felice

President Whittlesea U3A Inc.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We wish to acknowledge and thank the Hon. Andrew Giles M.P. (Scullin), Bronwyn Halfpenny M.P. (Thomastown), Hon. Lily D'Ambrosia M.P. (Mill Park) and their staff for the generosity and their assistance in printing and copying our Newsletters, Calendars, Forms and Mail-outs.

A big thank you also goes out to Mill Park Library for the use of their rooms.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE CLASS CO-ORDINATORS

#### CLASSES COMMENCING 4TH TERM WITH VACANCIES:

#### MEDITATION AT WHITTLESEA TOWNSHIP

Monday mornings at Whittlesea Community House 92B Church Street Whittlesea MEL: 246 G7 Commencing October 19th 10am to 11.30am

#### **ORCHID REPOTTING - 2 Sessions**

October 19<sup>th</sup> at Mill Park Lakes Meeting Room 10am to 12noon.

November 10<sup>th</sup> at Whittlesea Community Centre
57 -61 Laurel Street Whittlesea MEL:246 G9 10am-12noon

#### ADVANCED PAPERCRAFT

A one only session learning to make a table centre piece will be held on October the 28th at The Mill Park Lakes Meeting Room 10am to 12noon.

#### TRAVEL TALK

Class will resume on the 22nd of October at the Mernda Village Community Centre 75 Mernda Village Drive Mernda MEL: 390 G7

#### **SOME CLASSES WITH VACANCIES:**

#### **BEGINNERS FAMILY HISTORY**

There are vacancies in the Beginners Family History class Thomastown Library on Wednesdays 1pm to 3pm

#### COMPUTER CLASS AT MERNDA

Increase your knowledge of Microsoft Word Jindi CAC 12.30-2pm each Friday

#### 2016 RE-ENROL/ PAYPAL INFORMATION

2 sessions will be held at May Rd Rooms Tuesday 22nd September 1.30pm Thursday 24th September 10am

Due to unforeseen circumstances the MARKET DAY activity and the ROUND DANCE class have been cancelled for 2015.

2016 - We are always on the lookout new activities. If any members or your friends are able to lead activities for us in 2016 please let us know as soon as possible. We need to have all 2016 classes documented by the end of October.

We also need volunteers to assist tutors by being class representatives liaising between tutors, class members and committee members.

Contact Class Coordinators for more information coordinatorwhittleseau3a@gmail.com

You can contact Margaret on 9401 5925 or Judy 9465 7414.





#### Whittlesea U3A enrolment & re-enrolment fees

Online payments of the Whittlesea U3A enrolment and re-enrolment fees can now be performed using PayPal. Payments can be made using your PayPal account or using a Credit/Debit Card as a "guest".

The establishment of the online payments will enable members (including new members) to enrol or re-enrol online later this year for the 2016 new year courses and activities.

There are step by step instructions on how to use PayPal for enrolments and re-enrolments on the Whittlesea U3A website on the Membership menu.



## 2015 Victorian Seniors Festival

The U3A Carnival of Learning and the Launch of Seniors Week is being held again this year at Federation Square on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Come along and join in the many activities and see the displays and entertainment of many U3A's from other areas of Melbourne and parts of country Victoria. Activities commence from 10am and continue until about 4pm. Our tent is usually found on the promenade near the Yarra. Help with manning our tent would be appreciated for some periods of the day to allow the regulars a chance to have a look around.

Our singers will be performing at the BMW Edge theatre at 1.10pm.

Our Art group has a selection of paintings on display at the Seniors Week Art Exhibition at Parliament House in the Queens Hall. The Art Exhibition will be held from 6 to 8 October.

#### **U3A CURRENT AFFAIRS PILOT PROGRAM**

Did you know that Whittlesea U3A participated in a U3A Current Affairs Pilot Program which was delivered by audio teleconference – as a Telelink from Vision Australia over a period of weeks. This pilot program was facilitated by U3A Kooyong, and consisted of members from U3A Nunawading and Whittlesea U3A.

Four members of Whittlesea U3A waited by their telephone every Tuesday to participate in this enjoyable Current Affairs Pilot program. Hoping this program will continue to allow more members who are unable to attend classes, the opportunity to participate from home via an audio teleconference.



Vision Australia's Information Library Service (VAILS) provides free information and reading in braille, and audio for people with a print disability anywhere in Australia.

**What we offer -** We have a wide range of print alternative books, magazines and newspapers available to library members in audio, braille and for download.

#### **NEWSLETTER**

The Coordination of the Newsletter has been reassigned to Mary Renshaw and Liz Spinner; The Committee would like to thank Peter Rodaughan for his past efforts in producing the Whittlesea U3A Inc. newsletter over many years. Peter will now have more time to concentrate on his role as Secretary of Whittlesea U3A Inc.







Newsletter items can be emailed to <u>epspinner@bigpond.com</u>, by the cut-off date of the publication month (March, June, September, December and January). Or they can be left at the May Road



## PRESIDENT'S 2015 AGM REPORT – Held 20/8/2015

It is good to be able to report to members that 2014/2015 has been another very successful year for Whittlesea U3A Inc. with our membership steady at 585 as of the 1st of August 2015. This is higher than last year's corresponding figure of 517 members. Our membership demographics show that we currently have 342 Australian born members with another 243 (over 41 %) born in one of 40 countries other than Australia, making Whittlesea U3A a truly multi-cultural organisation. A breakdown of our membership by age group shows the following:-

Over 90 -2; 80/90 -24; 70/80 -189; 60/70 - 301; 50/60 - 64; under 50 - 5. 460 members live in the City Of Whittlesea with 125 living in 12 other municipalities, some of these 125 people are carers, relations of members or associate members, who choose to attend activities at Whittlesea U3A. WU3A runs some 82 Classes & Activities, of which 58 are weekly, 10 are bi-weekly and 14 are monthly. We have 64 Volunteer Tutors and Leaders, plus several Class Representatives, all of whom do a fantastic job in keeping the various activities going. With so many activities to hand the Committee continues to work hard to find suitable affordable venues to run our activities in. We hope that the City Of Whittlesea can keep providing us with additional space as our needs increase.

At last year's AGM I reported that the City Of Whittlesea has been evaluating available space at Peter Lalor Vocational College for quite some time, some of this space may be suitable for our office and secure storage purposes. The plan is for the City Of Whittlesea to lease some space from the Education Department and in turn sub-lease it to WU3A and to other Community groups; Recently I received a progress report from the City Of Whittlesea Community Services Director Mr Russell Hopkins, in relation to this matter, and he told me that a tentative target date of early 2016 has now been established for the COW to take over parts of this facility. He also stated that Council now have the funds available to develop and refurbish the site as soon as they get possession. I will keep members informed of future progress. One of the major problems at May road apart from lack of space is the lack of security, in fact WU3A lost various pieces of electronic equipment plus some petty cash from this office earlier this year when it was broken into and robbed and because we do not have exclusive use of the office and it is not totally secure, we were unable to get insurance coverage for our money and equipment so we have had to bear the losses.

As it has done over the past 4 years your Committee has again decided to keep Annual Fees at \$40 P/A for the next year, with an incremental pro rata fee charged for people who join later in the year. However this year the committee has also decided to set an enrolment cut-off date which will be advised to members soon and if anyone reenrols after the cut-off date there will be an additional \$5 charge added to their membership fee. This is to encourage members to reenrol early or to reenrol on line so that Program Coordinators are not working all through the Christmas period processing late enrolments as they have had to do over the past few years. Naturally this organisation could not have run without a strong harmonious Committee of Management.

The past year saw continued redesign and revamp of the Whittlesea U3A Website plus the implementing of the U3A SMMS data management system at our U3A. It also saw the split up of the Secretary's role with a newly appointed Membership Coordinator taking over the responsibility for membership activities; additionally the coordination of the Newsletter has also been moved from the Secretary to the Website Coordinator. This will see the Secretary have more time to concentrate on the professional administration of Whittlesea U3A Inc.'s business activities.

In line with this I want to express my personal gratitude to the 2013/14 Committee of Management for their support, dedication, enthusiasm, input and managerial skills during the past 12 months. Two Committee Members are retiring this year namely Margaret Ashley who has been our Almoner for many years and Alex Shepherd our Grants Officer; my personal thanks to you both for a job well done.

I also want to acknowledge the many members who although not on Committee were always willing to assist us, by doing the minutes; manning the office, helping with the setting up and bumping out at classes and functions, bringing snacks to activities and by doing some of the catering at our functions.

The Committee is also especially indebted to our many volunteer tutors and leaders, without whom we would have been unable to operate. Their knowledge, patience and expertise is amazing, especially as most are not trained teachers but peer educators with a skill or an interesting hobby to impart. They continually volunteer many thousands of unpaid hours of their time in the interest of helping others. They run some 82 classes & activities for us.

Furthermore we are always on the lookout for additional Tutors and Leaders with new skills to start up new classes in order to widen our curriculum and to broaden our appeal.

And as the City of Whittlesea rapidly expands northwards our Program Coordinators together with our Northern Reaches Representative continue to evaluate the needs of areas such as Mernda, Laurimar, Doreen and Whittlesea Township with a view to increasing our presence in these new areas. This year we did run additional programs in these areas including some in partnership with Whittlesea Township Community House; these were reasonably successful and we expect participation to increase as Whittlesea U3A becomes better known.

Of course Whittlesea U3A cannot run without funds; as well as membership fees we received several grants during the past year which have allowed us to purchase necessary equipment and teaching aids, as well as assisted us in paying venue rents, covering the costs involved in running the office and paying general expenses incurred in administering our organisation.

In line with this The Committee would like to acknowledge grants received from The City of Whittlesea, The Commonwealth Government, and The Victorian Government as well as from U3A Network Victoria and Telstra Plenty Valley. We thank all of these bodies for their most valuable contributions and for their support.

This year will again see us continue to expand our IT capabilities as we graduate to newer technologies, greater capacity hardware and better software in order to cater for the larger size of our U3A and the more complex needs in administering an organisation of our size; this will necessitate us undertaking some additional expense in these areas in order to keep abreast of the changing times, this year we decided to form an IT Advisory Sub Committee, reporting through the IT Coordinator, which has responsibility for advising the Committee on the most suitable equipment, systems and directions available, which would benefit Whittlesea U3A in the future.

In conclusion Whittlesea U3A's objectives through the Committee Of Management was to administer a professionally run organisation which provides opportunities for "Seniors in the Third Age" to learn, teach, share, socialise, communicate and to give mutual support to each other in a friendly fun environment regardless of ethnicity, religion, political persuasion, ability or disability.

The Committee believes that these objectives were again met in 2014/15!!

Joseph T Felice

President- Whittlesea U3A Inc.



#### MONTHLY LUNCHEONS WITH VAL

The Groove Train offers us a delicious menu which includes Bruschetta and Garlic Pizza entrees at \$10; soup at \$5, Fish and Chips; Noodles; Chicken Salad; Spaghetti Bolognaise; Bangers and Mash; Chicken Schnitzel/parma each at \$13. Coffee and Cake \$6. Beer on tap and House wine \$5. Soft Drinks \$4.

The venue of the monthly luncheons has moved to the function room at "The Groove Train", Westfield Shopping Centre, McDonalds Road, Mill Park on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, between 12 noon and 2pm. Everyone is welcome so come along and enjoy a delicious lunch and great company.

## **2015 TERM 4 DATES**

Term 4 begins 5/10/15 and finishes 27/11/15

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL ISSUE BEFORE THE U3A YEAR-END. THE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION CUT-OFF DATE IS 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, SO IF YOU HAVE AN INCLUSION OR ARTICLE, PLEASE EMAIL TO <a href="mailto:epspinner@bigpond.com">epspinner@bigpond.com</a> BEFORE THE SUBMISSION DATE.

#### DISCUSS TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCES OVER LUNCH



Bring your Laptop, Tablet Computer, Android phone or iPhone and share your experiences with technology over lunch.

A technology of interest will be presented at each lunch for discussion with an expert in the area available to answer questions.

An opportunity to enjoy good company and learn from the experiences of others. Wifi internet connection will be provided free with a free complementary coffee. Cost of Lunch \$12.00 payable on the day. Limit 20 members.

Commences Wednesday 23rd September and each fortnight for term 4.

Venue: Groove Train. Westfield Shopping Centre Plenty Valley

McDonalds Rd Mill Park. Activity Facilitator: Glen Wall



## Into the Light Parade - 13 September 2015 - Whittlesea Showgrounds

The Whittlesea U3A Choir is excited to be performing at Into the Light Parade. The Choir is scheduled to perform individual items on the stage at 5:30 pm. The massed choir will sing in the lantern parade as well as an important role in the Finale.

Into the Light is a series of lantern-making workshops, culminating in a public lantern parade on 13 September 2015 at the Whittlesea Showgrounds. The free community event will also include games, live music, food stalls and family activities from 3pm – 7:30pm. Activities will include lantern decorating, face painting and Indigenous games. People of all ages can also make a wish then fold it into an origami house and place it in our installation so that we 'build' a community together on the day.

The event theme 'echoes of home' refer to fire affected residents still struggling to rebuild and those living in new houses who do not feel it is a home yet. It also welcomes new residents who are moving into the area and living alongside residents who have been there for generations.

Free lantern-making making workshops will be held at the cattle shed, Whittlesea Showgrounds on:

- ☐ Thursday 10 September, 4 6pm
- ☐ Saturday 12 September, 1 3pm

For more info email: events@whittlesea.vic.gov.au or phone 9217 2291

## Re-Enrolments for 2016

The re-enrolment process for 2016 will be announced during Term 4 and will take the form as outlined below.

#### Pre re-enrolment information

Mid November 2015	Newsletter	Online			
	<ul> <li>Summary of 2016 Courses</li> <li>Enrolment Form</li> <li>Description "How to Reenrol"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>View 2016 Courses</li> <li>Download enrolment form</li> <li>Re-enrolment instructions</li> </ul>			

#### Re-enrolment period approx. 10 days early December 2015

Early December 2015	"Not Online" members	"Online" members			
	<ul> <li>Complete Enrolment Form</li> <li>Attend WU3A office with payment, OR,</li> <li>Mail Enrolment Form with cheque to WU3A</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Login to membership system</li> <li>Select Course/s</li> <li>Make payment online using PayPal or credit/debit card, OR,</li> <li>Payment to office or post</li> </ul>			

Confirmation of Course/Activities enrolment will be sent by mail to all enrolled members late January 2016.

Prior to the enrolment period it is suggested members re-acquaint themselves with Logging into the Membership System.

Instructions are on the website - <a href="http://whittleseau3a.org.au/membership/">http://whittleseau3a.org.au/membership/</a> Help is available

- Call the office 9464 1339
- Leave a message on the website "Information Desk"

#### MEET THE JEWLERY-MAKING CLASS





Natalie hosts a weekly jewellery-making class at Riverside Community Centre in South Morang. Her class allows us to enter into the wonderful and intricate world of beading where one's creative self can pursue the secrets of this fine art. Colourful beads, filigree wire and tiny pliers and cutters are used to fashion delicate earings, and other costume jewellery.

Natalie's patience and expertise shines through as each student carefully chooses beads, shaping the pieces into attractive wearable accessories. The photos show the class at work and their finished jewellery.



#### Whittlesea U3A Christmas Lunch

We are taking bookings for our Christmas lunch

Please let me know if you have any dietary requirements. Do not leave it until the day as I need to let the chefs know at Manor on High.

The day will consist of a 2 course meal plus a plate of antipasti, Soft drinks, Coffee/Tea and Christmas Cake. Drinks (Beer and wine at bar prices), a great Band to dance to, and Father and Mother Christmas will be putting in an appearance.

In all it is a great day to finish the year with the friends that you have made throughout the year. When booking with anyone please state who you would like to sit with.

Payments may be made at the October and November morning teas or at the office during office hours 11am-4pm Tuesdays and Thursdays -

<u>Venue</u>	The Grand Ballroom, Manor on High, 519 High Street, Epping.	<u>Date</u>	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015
		<b>Band</b>	"Horizon" (Rory & Isabell)
<u>Time</u>	11.30 am finish 4pm	$\underline{\mathrm{Cost}}$	\$40 members - \$45 non-members
	Plenty of parking for 250 cars	Contact:	Kathy Lizio- Email <u>kathylizio@bigpond.com</u> Mobile Phone 0414 925 567 Home 94652726



# Hews from the Knitter



Val and Coral report that approximately 13 knitters attend each session, all is going well and plenty of knitted hats and scarves are received.

At the moment some of the beanies are donated to the Spinal Unit at the Austin Hospital. This Unit is one of only six such specialist services in Australia. It provides acute management and rehabilitation for people who sustain traumatic and some nontraumatic spinal cord injuries from Victoria, Tasmania and the Riverina of NSW. It forms part of Victoria's State Trauma System.

Some beanies and scarves are passed to the Plenty Valley Christian Church. Volunteers take the beanies and scarves to homeless folk who live under bridges and then distributed via Meals at the Bridge, who provide a "banquet to the poor, the disadvantaged and the outcast" in a side-walk cafe setting. If you have any woollen yarn you would like to donate, please contact Coral or Val.

Everyone enjoys the Knitters Group, as they knit and chat, and enjoy morning tea. For expression of interest, Coral can be contacted by email at coralandjohn@arilla.com.au



#### Yarram Coach Tour

20th, 21st, 22nd 23rd November 2015

**Trip hosted by Richard and Pam** 

Day 1 Travel to Korumburra Railway Station and Refreshment Rooms. Enjoy a trip down memory lane on one of Adelaide's "Red Hen" Diesel Rail Motor Trains from Korumburra to Leongatha, arriving at 12 noon. Re-join Coach and on to Inverloch, through Meeniyan and Foster before arriving in Yarram and our comfortable motel. Time to freshen up in our rooms before a delicious dinner in the motel restaurant.

Day 2 Enjoy a cooked breakfast before we join the coach and travel to Wilson Promontory National Park to take in the scenery on our way to Tidal River. Enjoy a short nature walk before re-joining the coach and returning to Foster. Motor on to Port Welshpool and then onto Yarram close to the Tarra-Bulga National Park. Enjoy Devonshire Tea at Eilean Donan Gardens before returning to our motel to freshen up before dinner in the motel restaurant.

Day 3 Enjoy another breakfast before we travel via Traralgon through the Moondarra State Park and onto Walhalla. The day at Walhalla and people can take the train (own expense) of \$15 or bus up to the top where everyone can take in majestic views on the way up and on the summit.

A stroll along Main St viewing old buildings and relics including Spetts Cottage and Windsor House. Travel onto Rawson before returning to the motel for a farewell dinner.

Day 4 A final delicious breakfast before we travel via Fish Creek and Buffalo following the old railway line. Head to Korumburra via the South Gippsland Hwy then into the Strzelecki Ranges and onto Mirboo North. Travel down the mountain to the Princes Highway and the Yarragon Arts and Craft Centre. Time to stroll among the shops and buy afternoon tea before returning home arriving at our departure point late afternoon or early evening.

#### Included

#### Not Included

5 Star Coach Travel

Morning / Afternoon teas and lunches unless stated

Motel Accommodation

One Way Walhalla Railway 3 Full Cooked Breakfasts

3 Dinners

South Gippsland Tourist Railway \_

All enquiries to Richard on 8364 0570 or mobile 0408 748 261, Pam 0407 743 700 Cost \$420.00 per person







#### WHAT WAS BEHIND THE HEDGE?

daffodils and jonguils poking their bright little faces from emerald lawns, gardeners busily preparing herbaceous borders. fruit trees vegetable plots for spring plantings. Visitors are met by a tour guide who provides a fascinating narration of Dame Nellie Melba's rise to fame. Her grand estate remains a working farm and boasts a restaurant, a produce and souvenir outlet and a gallery where her family's unfolds, on-screen, in paintings and sketches.

Also on display is a small selection of her personal items, farm and kitchen utensils which were used at "Coombes Estate" as the Estate is now known.

After a Devonshire tea in the restaurant, we motored to the Terminus Hotel in Healesville for a delicious two course lunch. Then on to Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery where the finest couverture chocolate is used in a huge selection of hand-made products.

A big thank-you is extended to Pam and Richard for the expert planning of a great outing. The bus trip was made extra special with lucky spot prizes as we made our way to Coldstream. It was a wonderful day and a reminder to everyone that the second trip is planned for 16th September. There may still be vacancies so contact Richard or Pam on 8364 0570 or mobile 0408 748 261, Pam 0407 743 700



## **Member Communications**

The cost of producing paper printed Newsletters is increasing notwithstanding the volunteer time and effort required to have it printed, placed in envelopes, escalating postage costs and mail-out. By the time the paper printed Newsletter reaches our members, the information may no longer be current and/or could be out of date. It is for these reasons that we prefer electronic member communications.

Do you have an email address but don't use it?

If you have an email address and don't use it, perhaps you could ask a family member or friend to check your emails for you. This can easily be done on the internet.

Don't have an email address?

If you don't have an email address, perhaps you could ask a family member or friend to help you create an email address or to receive emails on your behalf and inform you of the message, or print the Newsletter. If so, please let us know and we can update your membership record.

Don't have internet connection?

If you do not have an internet connection at home you can go to any of the libraries in the Yarra Plenty Regional Library area and use their computers or ask a Librarian for assistance . These libraries are in Lalor, Thomastown, Mill Park, Whittlesea or Watsonia where if you are a member, you can read and/or print out our Newsletter. It costs nothing to join the library and there are so many benefits in doing so. Our Newsletters are available from our website <a href="www.whittleseau3a.org.au">www.whittleseau3a.org.au</a> and you can access the current newsletter and archived copies as well.

If you are an email novice or would like to create an email account please let our Course Coordinators know and we may be able to develop some small classes to focus only on email. Course Coordinators can be contacted at the Office on 9464 1339.

#### Whittlesea U3A Network Report

This year represents U3A's 30th anniversary in Australia. Founding Victorian U3As, Ringwood, Monash (now Waverley), Melbourne City and Hawthorn summarised their beginnings and subsequent progress at our "Thirty Years and Still Growing" State Conference, held on 17-18th August.

Jill Thompson, President, U3A Melbourne City, one of the founders of the U3A movement in Australia which had its beginnings here in Melbourne writes:

"It still amazes me that so long afterwards, U3A's are still highly recognizable as the organizations that started all that time ago in 1985. If you talk to a U3A member today, they would be arguing the same causes, fighting for the same principles, and attending classes just as their predecessors did. Let's face it, 30 years is a generation! We now have over 100 in Victoria alone. The U3A organization is still growing, but a generation has passed. It is inevitable that changes will occur to meet the aspirations and expectations of this generation of retirees, but I hope that in another 30 years someone is writing up the U3A story of the first 60 years as it continues to unfold".

#### U3A ASIA PACIFIC ALLIANCE

The technology revolution, the ease of international travel and the desire to know and understand our neighbours, have facilitated the growth of the Asia Pacific Alliance (APA). The ability to be involved in joint conferences enables us to build relationships and foster the exchange of ideas. Australia has been the host of two very successful joint conferences in recent years, Victoria in 2013 and Queensland in 2015.

The countries involved in the Asia Pacific Alliance - Australia, Singapore, South Africa, Nepal, Japan and India were joined recently by New Zealand and Mauritius.

The Alliance is an informal group of country representatives, meeting fortnightly by teleconference. It is currently run by a 'steering group' of nine. Like all U3A groups worldwide the APA offers support and encouragement to emerging U3As, particularly in the Asia Pacific.

The 2016 Asia Pacific Alliance Conference will be a joint event hosted by APA member Japan under the leadership of Akiko Tsukatani MBE who is Director General of Age Concern Japan, and President of U3A Osaka. IAUTA (International Association of Universities of the Third Age) will be teaming up with APA in the spirit of "hands across the world". The event will offer not only the usual high standard of Speakers, it will be a platform to promote the exchange of ideas and strengthen international relationships. The dates are October 11th & 12th, 2016 – Osaka Japan.

#### Asia Pacific international Conference

A number of our delegates joined interstate and overseas delegates at the Asia Pacific international Conference in Brisbane late in May. They were treated to a programme delivered by both local speakers and overseas U3A guests. At our May Meeting, Victorian Presidential Briefing we heard how U3A Kooyong has trialed, in conjunction with Vision Australia the use of Telelink to deliver courses. Telelink utilises the telephone to connect up to ten participants at a time and is proving a valuable tool for conducting classes involving those who may be visually impaired or the socially isolated.

#### Anne Heafield

Whittlesea U3A Network Representative.

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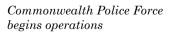


#### 1960 at a glance

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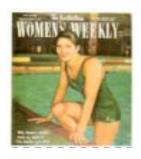
Dawn Fraser wins Gold at Rome Olympics;

**Commonwealth** Bank restructures to form C'wth Trading Bank, C'wth Savings Bank and Reserve Bank of Australia.



HIT SONG OF THE YEAR: 'Tie Me Kangaroo Down, Sport' Australia's largest shopping centre opens at Chadstone

Jack Brabham wins world Formula One Motor Race for the second time



Population hits 10,392,000

MELBOURNE CUP: Hi Jinx (W.A. Smith)

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