



Whittlesea U3A News Sheet

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POST COVID-19 version

LOOK AT CLASS LISTS AT www.whittleseau3a.org.au for activities continuing in December and January

President's message....

FUNDING FOR PETER LALOR COLLEGE (PLC)

You may be aware; the Victorian Government recently announced the 2020–21 State Budget. From this, Peter Lalor Secondary College received \$8.2 million funding to plan the long-term future of the full site. This includes planning for the Northern School for Autism, the Lalor and District Men's Shed and Whittlesea U3A, and to support the delivery of a stage 1 redevelopment for Peter Lalor Secondary College.



See the official advice from the Department of Education and Training (DET) on Page 3.

We will not be holding classes at PLC until the issues relating to Toilet and Car Parking have been resolved. We expect the mediation process coordinated by Department of Education (DET) to have identified solutions to enable use of the facility into next year.

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER AND JANUARY

There are several classes and activities that will continue into December and recommence mid-January in meeting rooms complying with Social Distancing restrictions as well as outdoors and on ZOOM. Enrol online to attend.

2021 ENROLEMENTS

The number of members enrolling for 2021 are well in advance of the number we expected. By end of November. We are confident that we have the capacity to provide all members a place in the classes and activities they choose.

Please enrol early to give yourself the best chance of a place in a class or activity of your choice in 2021.

I would like to thank all Tutors, committee, and members for continuing to participate in Whittlesea U3A activities in 2020 which has been a most challenging year. Let us all look forward with a positive attitude to 2021, enjoy meeting with family and friends, please stay safe follow health regulations.

Have a very merry Christmas season and look forward to seeing each in classes and activities in 2021. **Glen Wall**

POST COVID Normal! What does this mean?

We have done well to get to where we are now. **The Whittlesea council are cleaning venues around mid-day and in the evenings** so they can have 2 different Community Groups (Associations) at a venue each day with everything clean to start any session.

Whittlesea U3A has booked some venues to run more than one session/activity a day which means **we [you, our members]** need to clean as you go for the sake of our own friends in U3A, as no cleaners will be there while we are. **After we leave the venue, cleaners will come through before the next community group comes in.**

Nurses at hospitals now wipe down more things than they ever used to, so we will need to do similar things when we are together; like wiping door handles, toilet seats after using, bench tops, table tops and other surfaces that we may contaminate. This is what **COVID Normal** will mean, and will continue through 2021 and quite possibly into 2022.

When attending face to face activities, be safe and stay healthy. **VENUE CORD**

2020-21 VICTORIAN STATE BUDGET ALLOCATES \$8.2 MILLION FUNDING TO PLAN THE LONG-TERM FUTURE OF THE FULL PETER LALOR SECONDARY COLLEGE FULL SITE INCLUDING PLANNING FOR THE NORTHERN SCHOOL FOR AUTISM, LALOR AND DISTRICT MEN'S SHED AND WHITTLESEA U3A AND SUPPORT THE DELIVERY OF STAGE1 REDEVELOPMENT FOR PETER LALOR SECONDARY COLLEGE SITE.

This is an exciting time for all site users at the Peter Lalor Secondary Campus and we feel our community of Lalor will benefit from this project.

Planning for the site redevelopment will now commence. Peter Lalor Secondary and the Northern School for Autism will work with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) to start the creation of their Asset Management Plan. This is a 68-week process that will culminate in a masterplan for the entire site.

Whittlesea U3A will work closely with the schools, VSBA and the Men's Shed, as part of this process.

This may include supporting and promoting community engagement activities over December and January to identify and understand local community needs and help shape the overall masterplan for the redevelopment.

The VSBA has agreed to share with Whittlesea U3A what is heard through the community consultation process and will regularly advise on progress.

From there, we will work with the VSBA to inform our U3A community on what we heard and we will continue to keep you across any future updates.

Outdoor Line Dancing - ZOOM has been okay but not as good as the real thing!

As soon as lockdown restrictions were lifted recently and we were allowed to have 50 people outside,

the Whittlesea and Banyule line dancers got together to enjoy a face-to-face dancing class in a local park.

Everyone was so excited and happy to see each other that we couldn't stop smiling and laughing.

After an hour and a half of dancing, we were all still smiling and already looking forward to the next class.

We will be having regular Outdoor Line Dancing classes over the next few weeks (weather permitting).

If you are interested in attending, please ring Elaine on 0415 191 294 to book



Caring for the Community Pubic Art Project

Here are the Art for Fun project paintings now as decals on pavements in several suburbs and our 'signature red borders' make the artwork stand out. The paintings have the artist's name and U3A Whittlesea (sorry they did not put the 'Whittlesea' first) I have sent a copy to Kathy for the newsheet/letter. These ones were taken by Noeleen Jardine at Jindi Community Centre. Only a few have been transferred to the pavement in other places but eventually there will be art in all of the suburbs where the artists live. The metal signs have yet to be completed. When Sandy Caldow has completed the pavement work, she will let me know where they are in the various suburbs so that people can visit that area.



Message from Margaret Cassidy

To the members of Friday Morning Class,
I won't be your tutor in 2021 as I have a few health problems I need to look after. I look back over the years; we have had some great memorable moments, with our dressing up for special occasions, Halloween, Melbourne Cup, Easter and Christmas and the games we played.
A special thank you goes to Carole Battye who took all the photos and gave them to us. To Lillian Madden for taking the class when I went on Holidays, also to the girls who put out the chairs A Big thank you all.
Sir Bob we knew the class was about over when he arrived.
Thank you all for your Support over the years.
Take care and keep exercising also hoping 2021 a much better year than 2020.
Margaret Cassidy. ☺💎

Did you know! that 6 WU3A members were involved in a project coordinated by the City of Whittlesea and the Greenbrook Singers to produce a video song of hope, positivity and resilience?

Lily D'Ambrosio was so impressed with it that she is having it played in a sitting of the Victorian Parliament this week.

Here is a link to it.

<https://youtu.be/F-BCqfmv1Q4>

Photo from November Zoom Morning Tea

