

Whittlesea U3A News Sheet

TERM 1 Commences on 31st January -7th April 2022

The President and the Committee wish you all the best for the Coming season



Classes resume on January 31st 2022
Please check calendar, Website and Watzon for changes in classes

President's message....for December 2021

Our 2022 enrolments opened on the 2 December and I thank those who have enrolled already for 2022. You will all agree that our 2022 program covers a good balance of "face to face", ZOOM, Outdoor classes and activities from a wide range of locations.

It was heart-warming to see the members who attended at May Road to enrol chatting with friends they had not seen for some time.

Remind your friends to enrol. Contact details and times that our membership support will be available to assist with the enrolment process are included in this news sheet and in the weekly "WOTZON"

We will be continuing to have members of the Seniors Digital Literacy Team available through the Christmas break to assist any members in the use of ZOOM, Face Book, What's App, Messenger, QR Codes, Tele Health, online, shopping, and online Banking and using your phone to keep in touch.

Call the office to arrange for assistance.

On behalf of our members I would like to thank our Tutors and activities leaders for their commitment to continuing to take their classes and activities through 2021 and the Committee and Volunteers for their effort to ensure Whittlesea U3A operated through these trying times. I know our members appreciate your effort.

I wish everyone best wishes for the festive season.

Please look positively to the future, stay safe and keep in touch with friends and family.

Looking forward with excitement to seeing you all through 2022.

A good website to visit:

Information on Motivation and Confidence Building, Encourage Social Connection and Remaining Active on the website.

https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/identifying-opportunitites-for-reablement

Congratulations Shoukry Sidak

City of Whittlesea's 2021 Senior Citizen of the Year, Shoukry Sidrak!

A true volunteer in every sense, Shoukry has been giving up his time for over 20 years to help his community.

From providing free tax return assistance to low income earners, to delivering free sustainability assessments to residents and business. Shoukry also volunteers with a number of local organisations. Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding



He is a WU3A member and is a member of Janice Boswells More than a phone member support team

<u>Shoukry Teaches Computers and General Technology on Mondays at Peter Lalor Campus</u>



For details on website - link here

https://

www.whittleseacommunityconnections.org.au/the-ten-tonne-christmas/



WARNING – SCAM EMAILS

Some members have been receiving "SCAM" emails.

The emails tend to start with:

The members name, are you free at the moment?

The members name, I wanted to get something from you yesterday but it's been sorted out. I still need your help. I am in a conference meeting right now as I would be working till late midnight but need you to get me some gift cards. Could you pick a few iTunes gift cards for me, tried purchasing online but no luck. When I'm done with the meeting I will reimburse you.

Finally, the conversation ended with

The members name, Thank you very much. ITunes gift cards You can purchase at any store around you. Total amount needed is \$400 (\$100 denomination) that is 4 cards at \$100 each, I need you to scratch the back of the card to reveal the pin, then take a snap shot of the back showing the pin and have them attach to this email.

DO NOT EVER BUY THE ITUNES CARDS, SCRATCH THE CARD OR PHOTOGRAPH THE CARD SHOWING THE PIN NUMBER AND REPLY TO THE EMAIL.



DID YOU KNOW:

U3As in Australia:

250

U3A Members in Australia:

97, 000+

Volunteer hours:

14,000 /week 1.7 million p.a. \$45.2 million+ value p.a.

Don't forget Zoom Morning tea Monday 6th December

_hope to see you there, 11.00am Peter will open up at 10.45am have your cuppa ready and then Click on link below if its your Birthday in December and January please let us know.

Our next morning tea will be face to face at the Epping RSL February 7th 2022

Join Zoom Meeting

Please click on link

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99845432435? pwd=dDlWKzhSMkdlRWwrdEFRK290MkdyQT09

Meeting ID: 998 4543 2435

Passcode: 542491



Knitting Group

Ready to go to Kogo from the knitting group ladies U3a Whittlesea great effort ladies we are a small group but a great group see you at knitting group next year have a great Christmas and a happy New Year.







GERRY FAY LEAVING FOR THE PENINSULA

Gerry Fay who has been the leader of the Whittlesea U3A Walking Football program, Chair of the PLC refurbishment planning Sub Committee and support contact for other U3As to assist other U3As commence Walking Football program has decided to move to the Mornington Peninsula to live for six months with a view to moving their permanently.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Gerry for his valuable contribution to Whittlesea U3A and through his leadership the enjoyment he has generated for members participating in activities he has led.

We all wish Gerry well and I have assured him that we expect to see him when he does visit the area. I will miss the Friday lunches and chats with Gerry at the RSL. We will always count you as a friend.

