

WHAT IS QUILLS?



Quills is a new U3A activity which will be starting in Week 9 of Term 1 (Tuesday, March 28), with Dulcie Reid and Pat Spilsbury as tutors, for members who do not have computers and internet access. Quills will give them the ability to get information about the latest news and what is happening within our U3A.

Members without internet connections will be able to enrol for Quills, and once every two weeks they will be meeting at the Workers Club over a cuppa (own expense) pick up their printed copy of the Bulletin, which will also be coming out every fortnight on the same weeks of the term as Quills, and discuss all the news in the Bulletin to make sure they know what new classes and excursions will be starting - to give them the same opportunities to enrol for classes and to book for excursions - as our members who get their Bulletins via the website.

Only those members who enrol for Quills will be able to get the printed version of the Bulletin and there will be a fee of \$5 per term to cover the cost of printing etc.

Quills will be meeting from 10.30am till 12 noon either in the Bistro, which is not so busy at that time of day or in the Station Restaurant - at the bottom of the ramp - depending on the number enrolled. There are 10 weeks in each term and to ensure Quills, being a fortnightly activity, gets to have 5 meetings each term we will be meeting Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of each term on the Tuesday of those weeks and because the Tuesday of the 1st week of Term 2 is Anzac Day, a public holiday, Quills will be starting on Week 9 of Term 1 (Tuesday, March 28) - after that it will be the 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th week of Term 2 (May 9 & 23; June 6 & 20).

It may sound new and strange to talk about numbering the weeks of each term and will probably take a little while to get use to it, but now that U3A has so many classes on offer, it takes a bit of juggling to try and fit classes together with the least amount of overlapping, especially when some months have five weeks, and so that our members can attend as many classes as they wish without some of them clashing, this is the best way to make that happen. To help you keep track of the classes you enrol for and to see at a glance they do not clash, there is a Term Planner - like a 3 month calendar that is available on our website - and there will be a printed version for members of Quills - we suggest you fill in and highlight the classes you enrol for and keep it in a prominent place (like the fridge door). It will have the week numbers, 1 to 10, printed at the beginning of each week of each term as well as the week number of the year, but don't get confused - you'll soon get the hang of it!



How do you enrol for Quills - well that's the easy part - just come into the U3A office at the McDermott Centre during office hours, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 11am till 1pm (**not open on Thursdays & Fridays**) during Term 1 and one of our cheerful office volunteers will 'fix' you up!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Dulcie & Pat