

# U3A GOULBURN MULWAREE INC'S OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWS UPDATE



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**END OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL U.3.A. YEAR** As the end of our year draws to a close (*we break for the Christmas/New Year holidays on Saturday, December 17*) we can reflect what a great year it has been. Many of our classes have been going quite a number of years and are still going strong – *Let's Explore, Let's Do Lunch, Passive Recreation* have been operating since our U3A started over eight years ago and *our choir*, except for a short break, was also one of our first classes and *Cleopatra's Nose* is now in its sixth year - quite an impressive record for these five classes and some of our other classes have also continued for a good number of years. As we enter our ninth year we will continue to enjoy not only these classes but some exciting new ones – please look on our website [www.gm-u3a.com.au](http://www.gm-u3a.com.au) regularly for up-to-the-minute information about these and other things of interest.

**NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS** We know some of our members have been concerned about what is happening about the changes to the McDermott Centre and what will happen with our office and the classes that we hold there – well the good news is ***it will be business as usual at the McDermott for Term 1, 2017*** Some members have concerns about the payment of their subs for 2017, so ***from now until the office closes for our end-of-the-year holidays on Thursday, December 15th, you will be able to pay your next year's subs at the office Monday till Thursday (we are not open Fridays) 11am till 1pm.*** This will ensure you will be financial when you enrol for next year's classes.

**LET'S EXPLORE** *Let's Explore's* last trip of the year was to ***Garroorigang Homestead and the Goulburn Rail Heritage Centre*** and what a great day it was. Our day began with a tour of some of the new estates in Goulburn which most of us had never seen before and showed us just how quickly our city is growing – we are very lucky that our volunteer driver, Murray, is so knowledgeable about our countryside, we really enjoy his 'little detours'. From the new to a 'walk back in time' - when we visited ***Garroorigan Homestead*** (which means ***black swan***) we were met by Stuart Hume and his charming wife, Anna, who made us very welcome and showed us around their beautiful home and told us of its fascinating history firstly as the Mulwaree Inn, then a boarding school for gentlemen's sons before it became the home of the ancestors of Hamilton Hume the explorer (*a very fitting end of year for our U3A explorers*) We had a delightful morning tea on their sunny enclosed verandah before the short trip across the road to the ***'Roundhouse'*** where we had a picnic lunch in their pleasant picnic area before John, our guide, took us on what was to be a most interesting tour of the facility. I can heartily recommend both these places for you to take visitors for an insight into Goulburn's rich history – history, like charity – truly begins at home. We can't wait for next year's great program to commence.

***Submitted by Let's Explore Tutor, Pat Spilsbury a.k.a. 'Flora the Explorer'***

**A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR** Members, this is your Bulletin, we welcome articles from you, please email them to [info@gm-u3a.com.au](mailto:info@gm-u3a.com.au) or drop in a hard copy to the office.

***"There are three ingredients in the good life; learning, earning and yearning"***  
Christopher Morley

**VERSALLES – TREASURES FROM THE PALACE EXHIBITION** U3A will be having a bus trip to the National Gallery, Canberra for this great exhibition early in Term 1, 2017. We are calling for expressions of interest for this trip to enable us to forward plan. To register your interest, please ring the office **4822 5186** during office hours or email [info@gm-u3a.com.au](mailto:info@gm-u3a.com.au) anytime.

**U.3.A. CHRISTMAS LUNCH - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th** We will be holding our Christmas Lunch this year on *Friday, December 16th from 12.30pm till 2pm at The Railway Cafe, Sloane Street next to the Railway Station* which is run by the *Angels For The Forgotten* a volunteer organisation which raises money to provide comfort for people in need and the homeless. It will be a buffet lunch and the menu sounds heavenly (then what else would you expect from *Angels!*) ***Ticket will cost \$20 and will be available from the U3A office during office hours. Bookings will close Monday, December 5th.*** Members and their guests can phone or email the office to have tickets put on hold, but ***we can only hold tickets a week without payment. All welcome***

**END-OF-TERM GET-TOGETHER** Term 4's get-together will be on *Friday, December 16th, after the Christmas Lunch, 3pm till 4.30pm.* It's just a short walk/drive away from the *Railway Cafe* to the *McDermott Centre!* U3A will supply tea/coffee and Christmas cake, and members can bring a small plate of festive goodies to share for afternoon tea if they wish. This gives members a chance to catch up with 'old' friends and the opportunity make new ones, It also gives them a chance to talk to tutors and committee members, make suggestions, perhaps offer to tutor a class and other matters. ***This function is free, all welcome.***



We are searching for volunteer tutors. You do not have to have formal qualifications to be a tutor – you just need to have a lifelong passion, interest or enthusiasm in a subject that you would like to share with other members. Alternatively we have a number of 'ready-made' courses that are available from the U3A Network NSW's Resources Library that you may find suitable, ask to see the ones we have in stock or maybe you might like to become tutor for one of the ones below:-

**LEARN A SECOND LANGUAGE** In response to the article in last month's Bulletin, a number of members have downloaded the Duolingo app from <https://www.duolingo.com> and taken a second language for a 'test drive' and found the courses very good so we will be starting conversation classes for popular selected languages next year. If you have tried 'test driving' Duolingo and think you would like to be a tutor for a language class please let us know.

**U3A CLASSIC BOOKCLUBS** Next year we are planning to introduce of new style of bookclub based on free electronic copies of classic books. The ***Classic Bookclubs*** will be more flexible in the number of students and the student gets to keep all the books they are reading. Some Classic Bookclubs can be by author i.e. Jane Austen, Homer or Charles Dickens etc., some by genre i.e. SciFi or Great Books of the Western World. Maybe this is the type of class you would like to become a tutor for.

***IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER TUTOR PLEASE EMAIL [info@gm-u3a.com.au](mailto:info@gm-u3a.com.au) OR CALL INTO THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS***

***We would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and their families a very happy Christmas and a safe & healthy New Year.***