



The Bulletin

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BACK TO WORK With our 9th birthday, February 28th, and our Seniors Festival celebration, now behind us and with Term 1 nearly over, it's time to settle down in Term 2 for some serious learning and having such an array of classes to choose from, we are 'spoilt for choice' *Don't forget to re-enrol for Term 2 classes before we break for the holidays to enable class lists to be given to tutors in time for the start of term 2* You can enrol in person at the office during office hours (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 11am - 1pm) or online www.gm-u3a.com.au anytime. If you enrol on line, make sure you go to *printer set up* and set your printer to *landscape - to fit the page* so it prints out your enrolment correctly.

BUSINESS AS USUAL (ALMOST) We have been given the good news that we will now be continuing all our classes, activities and office at the McDermott Centre until the end of Term 2, (end of June). After that we are uncertain where, or if, we will have an office - so to ease our members into life without an office we will only be opening our present office two days a week during term 2 - Mondays & Tuesdays 11am to 1pm - and most of the ad-min will be done on line. However, to cater for our members who do not have computers or internet connection, we will be starting an activity called *Quills* which will enable them to keep up-to-date with what is happening within our U3A. *This will be starting on Tuesday, 28th March at the Workers Club in the Bistro from 10.30am to 12 noon.* Dulcie Reid & Pat Spilsbury will be facilitating this very important service for our members where they will be able to access printed copies of the latest Bulletin, class timetables, enrolment forms, notices of functions, book for trips etc. etc. There will be a cost of \$5 per term to cover the cost of printing, and you will be given the latest 'package' each time *Quills* meets, which will be every two weeks. *Come into the office and enrol in Term 1 for Term 2.* The first meeting will be on *Tuesday, 28th March (Week 9 in Term 1)* which will take the place of the first one in Term 2 as it falls on Anzac Day (this first one will be counted in Term 2's payment) After that the dates for *Term 2 will be Weeks 3, 5, 7, 9 - May 9 & 23 and June 6 & 20.* Please don't forget to pick up a flyer explaining, in full, what *Quills* is all about.

TERM 2 NEW CLASSES As well as *Quills*, we have some other new classes starting in Term 2 (T2). On Monday mornings, Pam Reynolds will be having a special 4 week class, an *Introduction to Meditation*; and in the afternoon, Sharon Williams will be repeating her very popular *A Life That Thrives* on the same 4 weeks in May; Tuesdays, we have a new *Contemporary Choir* starting which will sing to recorded music which means that we can use a venue that does not have a piano; Lee Stanton will be starting a fortnightly *German Language* class on Thursdays, and, Perc Carter will be starting a *Photography Group* on Fridays. If you wish to enrol for any of these new ones, please do so early, they are sure to be popular.

SENIORS FESTIVAL Despite the fact that the festival had been moved forward two weeks (not by us!) and clashed with the Multicultural Festival, the Goulburn Show and the Heritage & Roses Festival our *2 day Grey Mardi Gras* was a success. The first prize of the raffle, the beautiful Seiko Wall Clock was won by U3A member, Mary Whitaker with the other seven prizes going to various people who attended the two day celebration. All the prizes were donated so we will be presenting the entire proceeds of \$454 to those wonderful local volunteer firemen, who do such a great job, the *Goulburn Mulwaree Support Rural Fire Brigade*.

TERM 1 HOLIDAYS We will be *breaking for Term 1 holidays on Sunday, 9th April* and return for the *start of Term 2 on Wednesday, 26th April*. We will not be starting on the Monday (24th) as Tuesday, 25th April is Anzac Day and a Public Holiday, and a lot of our members will still be on grandparenting duties till then.

END OF TERM 1 GET-TOGETHER We will be holding our end of term 1 get-together on *Monday, 3rd April in the Activities Room of the McDermott Centre from 1.30pm*. This is an opportunity for members to get-together in a congenial atmosphere, to talk to old friends and make new ones. They will also be able to speak to tutors and committee members and make suggestions for new classes and on how they think we can improve our U3A. We will be supplying tea, coffee, juice and biscuits but you are welcome to bring along a small plate of 'goodies' if you wish.

NUMBERING THE WEEKS OF THE TERM You will be able to download a copy of a *Term Planner - like a 3 month calendar* (each term is 10 weeks long) from our website each term to help you plan and keep track of which classes you enrol in and you will notice the weeks of the term are now numbered. It may sound new and strange to you and it will probably take a little while for you to get used to it, but now that our U3A has so many classes on offer, it takes a fair bit of juggling to try and fit classes together with the least amount of overlapping, especially when most of the months have at least one day in which there are five instead of the usual four in that month 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. Please be patient with this new system, you'll soon find it quite easy.



TERM 2 CHANGES TO CLASSES We have a few changes to report:- from Term 2 *Let's Do Lunch* will be on Wednesdays instead of the usual Tuesdays - this will give us more scope for new venues as a lot of restaurants do not open Mondays and Tuesdays; the *Tea & Talk* (Famous Australians - *Women Who Defied the Law - Caroline Chisholm & Bea Miles*) which was set down for Thursday, April 6th has been cancelled and will now take place on May 4th. The first *Let's Explore* will be on a *Friday (May 26)* instead of our usual Thursday, then back to Thursday in June.

TERM 2 LET'S DO LUNCHES *Wednesday, 10th May - 98 chairs - Mothers Day Theme; Wednesday, 14th June - Fireside Inn - Winter Christmas Theme.*

TERM 2 LET'S EXPLORE FIELD TRIPS *Friday, 26th - Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum, The Oaks (near Picton) and BBQ lunch; Thursday, 22nd June - Sri Venkateswara Hindu Temple, Helensburgh, with lunch at the Helensburgh Tradies Club.*

TERM 2 SOCIAL EVENTS *Saturday, 3rd June - "South Pacific" at the "Q" Theatre, Queanbeyan;* and watch out in the next Bulletin for *a very special end of term 2 get-together.*

Full details of the above activities can be found on our website, www.gm-u3a.com.au or, for members of Quills, in your first 'package'

FOOTNOTES Our two Let's Explore field trips for Term 1 were both great, the first one was to *Belgenny Farm, Camden* the home to Elizabeth and John Macarther, a step back in time where we re-lived the early agricultural life, *and the home made morning tea and lunch we had there were pretty good as well!* Our second trip was entirely different, we went to *Tidbinbilla Space Tracking Station* in the morning where we were able to see how all international space missions are tracked for N.A.S.A. by our very own C.S.R.I.O. and in the afternoon we relaxed in the very pleasant *Tidbinbilla Nature Reserved* where we got 'up close and personal' with the most laid back koalas you would ever see. *Chicago* what can I say about our trip to the Canberra Philharmonic's performance at the Erindale Theatre - just when we thought they couldn't do any better than their last one - they come up with this great show!