

Newsletter

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Term 4, 2009: 5 October - 27 November
Term 1, 2010: 1 February - 26 March

Message from the President

Congratulations to all members for another great year of learning, mental and physical stimulation, good fun, activities of all kinds, and, abundant friendship at Manningham U3A. We will have more courses in 2010 and we can look forward to an even better year in 2010.

I wish to particularly congratulate the members involved in the planning and presentation of numerous functions such as the Annual General Meeting, the Carnival of Learning in Federation Square, the Manningham Seniors Multicultural Morning Tea, the launch of the "Golden Quill", the Class Reps Afternoon Tea and the Office Workers Luncheon. I would like to thank in advance the members who will be entertaining us at the End of Year Concert and also all those members who will be enrolling with us for 2010 courses in the next few weeks.

The Committee of Management has decided to recognize those members who have made a long and significant contribution to Manningham U3A by awarding them Long Service Awards. The first of these awards will be presented at the End of Year Concert.

On behalf of all members, I would like to congratulate and thank all those members who are retiring from their current positions. In particular I would like to thank the retiring Committee of Management members – **Norm Dodds, Tanya Gogorosis, Bill Rennie, Val Evans and Bridget Halge.**

Thank you all for your support and friendship over the 2009 year and I trust you all have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year holiday. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2010.

David Jenz,
 President.

Manningham Committee of Management 2009 - 2010

The following were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 25 August 2009:

- David Jenz**President
- Warren Trompf**.....Vice-President
- Audrey Killey**Secretary
- Bryce Normoyle**Treasurer
- Wendy Donovan**.....Volunteers
- Laurine Eames**.....Office Management
- Graeme Martin**.....Equipment
- Margaret Salomon**Curriculum
- Lyn Torrens**Enrolment and Data Management

Attention Please!

Enrolment for 2010 classes begins this year on **18 November** and ends on **3 December**, the day for new members to enrol. Before you start to fill in the application forms, please read the guidelines very carefully. Check which level applies to you and note the dates as follows:

Level 1: 18 – 24 November; Level 2: 26 November; Level 3: 27 November
 Level 4: 30 November; Level 5: 1–2 December; Level 6: 3 December

The office will be open for enrolments from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

Lyn Torrens, Enrolments

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide accessible and affordable education, cultural, physical and social opportunities appropriate to the needs of the people of the Manningham community, without discrimination or bias.



Adult Education in the Community

Showing our Colours Our Survey

More than 20 U3As from Victoria made their mark on the Carnival of Learning in Federation Square on the opening day of Seniors' Week. Their marquees were among a variety from other organizations aiming to catch the senior eye. "You can go all the way with U3A" proclaimed Moonee Valley, while Box Hill U3A aptly pointed to "Active retirement – creativity, learning, fitness."

The Manningham marquee was brilliant. Your roving reporter noted that it attracted just as many interested enquirers as the very popular (non-U3A) one promoting the Great Southern Railway. The admiring spectators included the Hon. Lisa Neville, Minister for Senior Victorians, who opened the Carnival.

Co-ordinator **Hazel Ferguson** and her dedicated band of helpers set up an artistic activity centre. There were pictures from the various painting classes hung round the walls, a display stand showing off cards, with a portrait being painted while people watched. It was all go inside the marquee where class members were busy demonstrating how they produced examples of: calligraphy, sculpture, marquetry, embroidery and wood carving. Another two people were there to field all the public's questions. Just outside the marquee, beside the portrait painter, the writing group displayed their 2009 publication *The Golden Quill*. In the afternoon appreciative audiences watched strength training and Greek dancing.

Congratulations to U3A Network-Victoria, the overall coordinator, and all those involved in the time and effort that produced such sparkling results.

Margot Roth.

Our Survey

At the beginning of the term the Survey Committee held a second meeting with other members interested in following up comments and suggestions made in answer to the Committee's questionnaires. These were circulated last term to get feedback as part of our U3A's next five year strategic plan.

The questionnaires were designed for members of every class, for tutors and for those expressing ideas for the future.

Lance Peters, the Survey Committee chairperson, said the comments were very positive about classes and tutors. The Committee had placed the responses into the following categories: appreciation; social; future growth; classes/curriculum; volunteers; office procedures; enrolment; equipment; costs and fees; parking and transport. The meeting then divided into these groups with a coordinator for each to discuss the issues raised by members.

The Committee will consider the findings of these groups and make recommendations from them to the Committee of Management.

In Memoriam

Barry Doling, who passed away in June, was an enthusiastic member of the Acrylic Painting Class for many years. He was a chartered accountant, a keen golfer, a member of St Philip's Anglican Church who loved travel, good food and wine.

The tutor and members of the art class send condolences to his wife, Beverley, and daughters, Susan, Belinda, Andrea, Jenny and their families.

The Golden Quill

Over 70 people gathered to hear award-winning author **Arnold Zable**, who came to U3A to launch *The Golden Quill*, the publication brought out by the writing group, The Written Word. Among the audience were Kevin Andrews, Federal MP for Menzies and Mary Wooldridge, MP for Doncaster.

Arnold commented on the variety of the contributions to the book, covering as they did different genres, locations and generations; and praised the art work and the layout. He said that literature was a conversation, where there had to be those willing to put pen to paper to pass on the stories they had listened to.

(This newsletter is slimmer than usual, to accommodate the enrolment material that will be posted out with it. With more space available, we hope to publish a fuller version of Arnold's well-received talk in the first newsletter of 2010. Copies of The Golden Quill are still available at the office. Ed).

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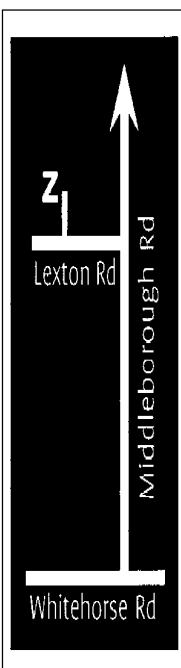
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Hire of Classrooms and Class Facilities
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Many Thanks...

I would like to sincerely thank **Val Evans**, the office sub-committee members and all volunteer office workers for their commitment. This year, U3A has had a well functioning office because of members' dedication. We look forward to your continued help in 2010.

Laurine Eames, Office Manager

I would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful U3A members who provided food and assisted in the kitchen on the many social occasions held during the year. I wish also to thank our organizers, supervisors and the hardworking team who assisted with the setting-up and the final clearing up. You all helped to make these occasions such a success.

Margaret DeLandre, Catering Coordinator

Thanks for all the good work for Migrant English you have done through the year and I hope to see you all next year. There will be a meeting of Migrant English tutors on **Thursday, 28 January, at 11-12.00** in rooms 13-14 at U3A. I hope all current tutors will attend, and also anyone who is interested in becoming an English tutor. Please mark this date in your new diary.

Joan Creber, Coordinator, Migrant English

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Term 4, 2009 & Term 1, 2010

2009		2010	
Tuesday, 3 November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday	Monday, 25 January	Office opens. Enrolments for 2010 reopen
Monday, 16 November 2.30pm	Committee of Management Meeting	Tuesday, 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday (Office closed and no enrolments)
Wednesday, 18 November	Monthly Talk at 3.00pm (details elsewhere in this Newsletter)	Wednesday, 27 January	Enrolments continue
Wednesday, 18 November elsewhere	Enrolment for 2010 begins (details In this Newsletter)	Wednesday, 27 January	Office Training 10.00 –11.00am & 11.30 –12.30pm
Friday, 27 November	End of Year Concert & Party (PFR)11.00am <i>Please bring a plate of food to share</i> Office closes for 2009 TERM 4 FINISHES	Thursday, 28 January	Tutors Meeting & Luncheon 12.00–1.30pm
Monday, 30 November	Enrolments continue.	Thursday, 28 January	Strength Training Assistants 1.30– 3.00pm
Tuesday, 1 December	Enrolments continue.	Thursday, 28 January	Migrant English Tutors Meeting (Rms. 13-14) 11.00am
Wednesday, 2 December	Enrolments continue.	Friday, 29 January	Orientation Meeting 10.00 – 11.30am
Thursday, 3 December	Enrolment for new members.	Friday, 29 January	Office Training 12.00 – 1.00pm
		Friday, 29 January	<i>Last day for payment of Course Fees & Facility Fees</i>
		Monday, 1 February	TERM 1 COMMENCES
		Monday, 15 February	Committee of Management Meeting 2.30pm
		Wednesday, 17 February	Monthly Talk at 3.00pm
		Monday, 22 February	Office Training 3.30– 4.30pm
		Wednesday, 17 March	Monthly Talk at 3.00pm
		Friday, 26 March	TERM 1 FINISHES

PFR = Pines Function Room

Monthly Talk

18 November

Helen and Bernie Jacobsen are members of our U3A. Their talk, accompanied by photographs, will be about their love affair with a car, a 1930s Lagonda Rapier. Periodically they ship it to the UK and Europe where they travel the highways and byways.

All welcome.

Refreshments provided.

\$2 donation.

Coral Verco,
Coordinator, Monthly Talks

The Newsletter

This newsletter was planned, typed, formatted, printed, addressed and distributed by committee members and their helpers:

John Driver (e-mailing); **David Jenz;** **Frances Langdon** (formatting); **Anne** and **Stuart McCulloch** (printing and collating); **Margot Roth** (editor); **Liew Staras** (assistant editor).

After three years of sterling work, Anne and Stuart McCulloch have decided to relinquish their newsletter chores. They have organized their tasks so well – sometimes in the face of daunting problems – that most of us receive our newsletters without giving much thought to all that is involved in the production process they have been responsible for. Thank you Anne, thank you Stuart. We will miss you.

E-Mail Addresses

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