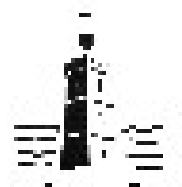




# October, 2018

## Newsletter



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#### President's Note

Our President, Ken Gratton, is going to retire at the end of this year. As many of you know, he has not been well and that, combined with the fact that he will be "down-sizing" and other things, means that we shall need a new president to nominate for 2019. We do not have a lot of time to go before the AGM, so please give it some thought.

#### Website

. Thanks to Barbara Sloan and Phil Quinn for their indefatigable efforts we now have a working website at [willieu3a.weebly.com](http://willieu3a.weebly.com). Most, if not all, of the bugs have been removed and the site is navigable. Have a look at it and comment if you wish.

#### Seniors' Week

This is in October and there is a lot of publicity about it. U3A Network has organised an information area at Federation Square for interested people. Some groups will be performing, too - usually presentations of music etc.

#### Visit

Interested in a **tour of the Old Treasury Building**? On Wednesday 7th November, I have scheduled a visit and self-guided tour to the Old Treasury Building, 20 Spring St, Melbourne, opposite the Windsor hotel. Entry is free and meet at outside entrance at 1.30pm. Train and tram will get you from home to almost at the door. Confirm attendance by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October by messaging me please. Limited to 15 members maximum.

**Phil Quinn** 0488361562

#### U3A committee 2018

Ken Gratton (President)

Robert Ryan (Vice President)  
(Network Rep.)

Ralph Humphries (Secretary)

Flo Light (Treasurer)

Phil Quinn (Course Co-ordinator)

Alex Dingey Committee Member)

Lorraine Woodman (Publicity)

#### Christmas Function

Following the members' opinions in the presidential survey, this year's end-of-year function will be held at the Cottage with a catered spit/barbecue. Details will be on the notice-board as soon as they become available. They will also be in the next newsletter.

#### Art Class

The U3A art class tackled another challenge in September when members took on a subject well outside their comfort zone. Many of them entered the first ever Bernard Smallwood Memorial 'Battle of Britain' Art competition. The 15th of September, 1940, was the day that turned the tide, and our artists were asked to produce a picture that was evocative of that time. This meant that they had to draw aeroplanes, and most of them had never tried this before. The results were remarkable!

The judges had a difficult task in picking the five prize winners, but they bought a unique perspective to their role. Audrey Swinton was an actual participant in the conflict, being a member of the Women's Royal Air force, while Derek Richards was a youngster dodging bombs and shrapnel in London. The gauntlet has been thrown down for 2019, as all prizes were won by the ladies.

The naming of the award is recognition of Bernard's love of aircraft, especially warbirds, and I will always miss the talks we had whenever we met.

The art work will be on display on the notice boards for the first two weeks of next term.

*Ken*

## *October, 2018 Time-table*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1/10/2018	2/10/2018	3/10/2018	4/10/2018	5/10/2018
VACATION	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS 10 - 12	VACATION	VACATION	WALKING GROUP
8/10/2018	9/10/2018	10/10/2018	11/10/2018	12/10/2018
BRIDGE 1 - 4	CTTEE MEETING 10 - 12	SCRAP BOOKING JEWELLERY 10 - 12  MAHJONG	ITALIAN 9:30 - 12  COMPUTER IPAD 1:00 - 5:00	ART 10 - 12  CREATIVE WRITING 1:00
15/10/2018	16/10/2018	17/10/2018	18/10/2018	19/10/2018
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22/10/2018	23/10/2018	24/10/2018	25/10/2018	26/10/2018
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29/10/2018	30/10/2018	31/10/2018	1/11/2018	2/11/2018
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## Course-Coordination Report – October 2018

The Walking Group led by Margaret Gantley and Sheila Kadniak continues to have outings every first Friday of the month. The next walk is to 'The Ladder Man' in Keilor (see separate item). Please join us for a stroll and lunch.

The Cryptic Crosswords group is a small group but very keen. A Friday Cryptic Crossword Group is proposed to attempt DA's Age Crossword as a combined effort is needed on this one! If interested please contact me.

I have had meetings with a local Yacht Club as a potential venue for activities and also the Croquet Club as a venue and another activity. The Committee (and other interested parties) have been invited to have a game to try it out. Again contact me but ASAP as this will happen on a Wednesday morning before the end of September.

Other activities that I am developing include Conversational French, Film Club, Book Club, Bike Riding Group, Short/sharp Walking Group and cards/games session. I would be a very busy person if I ran all of these so convenors are being sought for these activities.

For interested riders please join me on Wednesday mornings starting from outside the Rifle Club Hotel at 8.30am. Average speed is 24 kph +/- 2kph and distance about 40 kilometres. Ring to tell me you will be there or to discuss joining me as I am away in October for 3 weeks.

Which day suits for the short/sharp walking group? The idea is to meet at a fixed point at a fixed time in the morning, walk for about 45 minutes then go home or off for coffee. Suggestion is a 9am start. Ring or message if interested with a day that suits please.

Can I challenge every member to recruit one new member before the start of next year? The proposed activities might be useful to show potential members as a way of attracting those people who can't find something they want to do in our present array of activities.

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### Walking Group October walk – STOP PRESS

For interested walkers, we will be walking along Steele Creek valley to the 'Ornithologist' also known as 'Ladder Man', an art work in the old East Keilor quarry behind the Leisure Centre on Granite Way. We will meet at Williamstown North station to catch the city bound 9.21 am train (second carriage), getting off at Footscray station and taking a tram to Maribyrnong Road near the Anglers Tavern. Distance to the destination is 6.5Kms (measured on my bike) with one big hill to climb. The bus (on Milleara Road) to take us back to Footscray for lunch is a further 0.5km. Contact Margaret (0402244099) or Sheila (0458970041) to confirm your attendance.

### STOP PRESS EXTRA!!!

In breaking news, I am able to announce a new activity – **Friday Cryptic Crosswords**. This is probably the most difficult crossword of the week so on the premise that 'two (or many) heads are better than one', we will meet on Friday morning to attempt this crossword. First session will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, as I am away in October, at 11.30am and probably an hour session. I am sourcing a venue, a café in Williamstown so we can have coffee while solving the 'beast' so venue TBA. All enquiries please to Phil Quinn, 0488361562.