

**MANNINGHAM**

**U3A**

**University of the Third Age**

**News Update**

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Welcome back to MU3A for Term 2. Your CoM hopes you relaxed and didn't eat too much chocolate etc.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> AGM was held on March 29<sup>th</sup> and many thanks to **Alita Mossop**, **Graeme Martin**, the catering volunteers, the room set-up volunteers and various other members who helped with the administration.

**Coral Vercoe** invited our special guest speaker, **Lisa Young**, and what an inspiration Lisa is! Her vocal skills provide a glimpse of the talent she has developed with the brilliant combination of Southern Indian and African music presented with a Jazz flavour. Lisa is currently one of three people nominated for Best Jazz musician in this year's awards.

#### **MANNINGHAM U3A ISSUES BASED PLANNING**

Your CoM has implemented a project to look at issues currently affecting MU3A, or those that possibly will have an effect in the medium term. The task of a small working group, in conjunction with our members, is to: identify issues, establish strategies to address them, develop action plans and then implement the actions. This News Update has been sent to you so that you can take the opportunity to add your thoughts to the above project currently being undertaken.

Please share your thoughts ASAP as some of the actions may need to be implemented for next year and the work for that commences in late May. Some topics and suggestions received to date are:

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Are there too many members at present?  
Should we cap total membership?  
Should we continue our growth?
- **WAITING LISTS:** Should we continue to have waiting lists?  
Should we restrict the list to a % of class maximum?  
Should we eliminate all waiting lists?  
Should we close all enrolment at class maximum?

- CLASSES/ACTIVITIES OFFERED:  
Do we have too many classes? Is there enough variety?  
Is there too much concentration on popular activities?  
Do we have enough Tutors?  
Is our accommodation sufficient?
- ENROLMENT: Should we continue to have unlimited classes per applicant?  
Should admission to classes be 'first come first served'?  
Should we retain our current duty-based admission policy?  
Is our current admission policy unfair to new applicants?
- SUCCESSION PLAN FOR POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY :  
Do we need one?  
How do we identify the right people for the jobs?  
Should we eliminate our policy of task recognition/reward?
- COMMUNITY: Should we participate in the broader community?  
How should we communicate the activities of MU3A?

We value your ideas about the above questions and welcome any additional thoughts you might have. You can share these in two ways:

- Send an email (manunipines@gmail.com) with the subject line 'Issues Based Planning'
- Write down your ideas and return them to the MU3A office, addressed to me. Please include your name and contact info if you are happy for us to follow up your ideas with you.

Thanks for your participation.

Bryce Normoyle, President



Manningham Council is offering two local events during the 2012 National Trust Heritage Festival. These are:

**Heritage Bus Tour**

673 Doncaster Road, Doncaster (corner of Council Street); When: Thursday 10 and Sunday 13 May; Time: 2.00pm - 4.30pm; Cost: free

**Historic Warrandyte Architectural Walk**

Meet at cnr Yarra Street and Mitchell Ave, Warrandyte; When: Thursday 3 May; Time: 10.30am-11.30am; Cost: free.

More details are available on the MU3A notice boards or on [www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au).