

# Newsletter

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Term 4, 2011: 10 October - 25 November  
 Term 1, 2012: 6 February - 30 March

### President's Report

In our 20th year, many of our members have been acknowledged and thanked for their continuous service to our organisation. In July, at the tutors' luncheon, Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the following people: **Barbara Haye** (20 years); **Dawn and Neville Heffernan** (20); **Lesley Catt** (15); **Peter Bishop** (10); **Bruce Ford** (10); **Roy Griffen** (10); **Beryl Nichols** (10); **Lindsay Roberts** (10) and **Coral Taylor** (10). It is amazing that these people have continuously provided their skill and knowledge for the benefit of hundreds of members for all those years. On your behalf, I thank them.

The Annual General Meeting was another opportunity to recognise and thank more people. A new award (Distinguished Service Award) was created and presented to the following: **Margot Roth**; **Noel Hatton**; **Carmen Woodward**; **Audrey Killey**; **Leong Kwok**; **Lyn Torrens**; **Maureen Mitchell**; **Deirdre Meredith**; **Graeme Martin** and **Bernadine Williams**. All of these members have provided services to Manningham U3A for long periods of time, many of them behind the scenes and not always recognised for their contributions.

At a celebratory function to be held on Wednesday, 23 November, seven members will be awarded Life Membership to Manningham U3A. Four of them are foundation members and have continued their association with us during the 20 years. The other three nominees have been tutoring classes for almost the entire period too. When I contacted them, they all said they were privileged to be members of such a wonderful organisation and were very humble in accepting the nomination. On behalf of all our members, I congratulate and thank these members very sincerely for an outstanding contribution to Manningham U3A and the greater community.

#### Special Resolution

The Resolution was passed at the meeting held prior to the AGM. This now means your Committee of Management will operate and report to you on a Calendar year basis. The next AGM is scheduled for 29 March, 2012, at which the President and Treasurer will report on the period 1 July to 31 December 2011. All future AGMs will be held in March of the year following the period 1 January to 31 December.

#### Carnival of Learning

On 2 October, Manningham U3A participated in this event which the State Government uses as the introduction to Seniors Week. U3A Network Victoria organised our participation and internally, **Margaret Salomon**; **Wendy Donovan**; **Terry Smith**; **Sandra Dean**; **Carmen Woodward**; **Jane Lixanthopoulos**; **Lucy DiFiore**; **Trish Taylor** (and class members) and **Virginia Mallios** (Greek Dancing Group) gave up their time to participate for the day. I thank all of them for another successful day where our skill and knowledge were on display for all seniors to appreciate.

#### New Committee Members

Three new members were elected to the COM at the AGM: **Diane Baird** (Publicity & Publications); **Margaret O'Connor** (Curriculum) and **Don McKelvie** (Treasurer). I thank them for volunteering and hope they enjoy the experience.

### Newsflash - CAR PARK!

Last month, the Council placed a No Entry sign at The Pines car park exit and changed the arrows accordingly. I hope members will observe the sign and the arrows and enter only **at the next entrance**.

**Bryce Normoyle**, President

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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

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## President's Report (Cont'd)

### Health and Safety

During 2011, a number of incidents were reported regarding the Council supplied tables in various rooms. Some of our members suffered painful injuries and your COM was very concerned. It was decided that we should investigate alternative tables. **Terry Smith** and **Margaret Salomon** organised for several samples to be delivered and they were tested by our members. A recommendation to purchase 10 tables was approved by the COM. However, Manningham Council staff also had to approve the selected table because other tenants would be using them too. Eventually, approval was received and the 10 tables purchased. All comments to date have been favourable. The tables are strong, stable, lighter and easier to manage.

### End of Year Concert

This annual event will be held on Friday, 25 November, in the Function Room, followed by a luncheon (bring a plate). Also on this day, we will exhibit some of the wonderful Arts and Craft items created by members during the year. If last year's exhibition is any indication, the items displayed will be magnificent.

The Committee of Management hope you have enjoyed your participation in the wide range of activities provided by our wonderful volunteers during this milestone year. We wish you a happy, safe holiday period. See you in February - unless you are participating in the Summer School classes during January 2012.

Bryce Normoyle, President

## Attention! All Members!

In this newsletter you will find your Membership and Enrolment Application for 2012 and associated documents. Please read the accompanying instructions and check your selection of courses carefully - particularly for same time courses. See the General Information sheet for priority level dates.

For all those who have done volunteer duties during the year, the lists of names for each priority level will be posted on the U3A notice board in the north entrance at The Pines Learning and Activity Centre. If your name is missing, or you think your allocated priority level is wrong, **do not** change or add to these lists. Instead, please write your name, and the **2011** duties you performed, on a piece of paper and ask the office staff to place it in the enrolment box. Discrepancies will be looked into.

Lyn Torrens, Enrolments Coordinator

## U3A writing - *The Golden Quill*

Over the past two years, members of *The Written Word* class have been busily writing, so as to produce a second volume of *The Golden Quill*. They were delighted when best-seller fantasy and science fiction author, Michael Pryor, agreed to launch the book on Friday, 28 October 2011, at The Pines Learning and Activity Centre. *The Golden Quill* is a great little book of short stories and poems.

Michael promises to be a most entertaining speaker, and we expect to enjoy an interesting afternoon listening to his approach to writing. Michael has been short-listed several times for Aurealius Awards and nominated for a Ditmar Award. This prolific author writes novels and short stories for adults, teenagers and younger children. He is working on a new series now, to be called *The Extraordinaires*. The grandchildren of U3A members will no doubt, be familiar with his work.

There is an order book at the office with all the necessary information about obtaining a copy of *The Golden Quill*, Volume Two, or you may contact **Trish Taylor** on **9439 4817** or **Richard Davis** on **9850 4814**. The book costs \$10. For anyone wanting both Volumes One and Two, the price is \$15.

Trish Taylor

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## 20 Years Old!

Manningham U3A's anniversary celebrations will take place with invited guests on 23 November at the Manningham Council's Function Room 1. The distinguished guest speaker is Dr Fred Mendelsohn, Scientific Director of the Florey Neurosciences Institute.

MU3A's own speaking contributions will come from members **Neville Heffernan**, **Heather Ambrose**, **Bridget Halge** and **David Jenz**. Three Arts tutors will unfurl their three spectacular anniversary banners.

In addition, life membership awards will be presented to several members, including an honorary award to former Councillor Bill Larkin, for many years, a steadfast friend and supporter of MU3A.

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## About Our Members

Swimming superstar **Dorothy Dickey** continues on her winning way. In August, she competed at the Mildura Masters Games, broke several Mildura records and was a member of two victorious relay teams, whose average age was 70. From the Adelaide Nation Masters Games in October, she came home with seven individual gold medals, and two gold and one silver for the relays! Next year, Riccionie in Italy and the International Masters Games.

**Gail Macrae**, runs a sewing class for refugees and migrants as a volunteer with the Fitzroy Learning Network. She was wondering if any member could donate a sewing machine or overlocker in good working condition (preferably with an instruction booklet!). The machines that have been donated are both for use in the class and are also given to individual students. Often these machines are towards the end of their working lives and are expensive to repair, so they are always on the look out for more donations.

Please contact Gail on **9844 3475** and she will collect any donations.

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## Migrant English

Twelve members of U3A completed the Migrant English Tutors program in Term 3 and have taken up tutoring mostly people of Asian origin, but also some from the Middle East and Europe. A meeting of tutors and students was held early in August, with afternoon tea provided by the students, with an interesting selection of tasty treats.

We were fortunate to obtain a grant of \$850 from the Victorian Department of Health and Ageing, to assist in providing this program. Most of this money has been used to purchase new books to supplement our small reference library for Migrant English tutors.

AMES (Australian Multicultural Education Service) has agreed to present a workshop at U3A for our Migrant English tutors on Wednesday, 9 November, at 3 pm The topic is *Getting to Grips with Grammar* which will be presented as a 'fun' experience. **We need at least 12 attending**, so please RSVP!

Thank you to all the Migrant English tutors, for your enthusiasm and dedication, and I look forward to continuing to work with you again next year.

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## Monthly Talks

These take place on the third Wednesday of every month, 3.00 - 4.30 pm in Rooms 13 - 14.

**Wednesday, 16 November** - Alison Rae Jones is an opera singer who has sung as a principal for 20 years in Australia, Europe, USA and South Africa.

Since returning to Melbourne, Alison has established *La Prima Opera*, which offers something a little different. We may even have an aria.

\$2 donation. Refreshments provided

.All welcome - bring a friend

**Coral Vercoe**,  
Coordinator, Monthly Talks

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## The Newsletter

The newsletter was planned, typed, formatted, addressed and distributed by the following members (and their helpers): **Margaret Salomon** (Vice President of the Committee of Management); **Diane Baird** (Chair of Publicity and Publications Committee); **Jeannette and Lewis Badge** (coordinators, mailout team); **John Driver** (e-mailing); **Frances Langdon** (formatter); **Margot Roth** (editor); **Liew Staras** (assistant editor); **Warren Trompf** (sponsorship).

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## Editorial

This newsletter is the last one I will edit. From next year, the very competent **Diane Baird** will be the editor.

I am grateful to the various members of different Committees of Management, who, over the years, have been responsible for the Publicity and Publications Sub-Committee. I particularly appreciate the support and encouragement from the last two who shared the chairmanship of the sub-committee, **Margaret Salomon** and **Wendy Donovan**. After so much sterling work, Wendy has stepped down, and new editor Diane, has taken her place.

I have been very reliant on the two most closely associated with the production of the newsletter: assistant editor **Liew Staras** and formatter **Fran Langdon**. The talented Liew is an excellent proof-reader who has diligently corrected my punctuation. The equally talented Fran is responsible for the professional look of our newsletter and is admirably calm when faced with the occasional emergency that arises wherever the printed word is involved. And, of course, many thanks to all those wonderful people who have so willingly (well, mostly) given their time and expertise to write the contributions that make the newsletter informative and interesting.

I count myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity of being a part of the newsletter team.

**Margot Roth**

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Remainder of Term 4, 2011 and Term 1, 2012

Wednesday, 16 November	Monthly Talk (Rms 13-14)	3.00pm
Monday, 21 November	Committee of Management Meeting (Rm 8)	2.30pm
Wednesday, 23 November	20th Anniversary Celebrations	
Friday, 25 November	Concert & Christmas Luncheon (PFR)	10.45am
Friday, 25 November	Art & Craft Exhibition	
Friday, 25 November	<b>TERM 4 ENDS</b>	

**Summer School**    Tuesday 3, 10, 17, 24 January  
                                 Thursday 5, 12, 19 January

Thursday, 26 January	<b>AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY</b>	
Monday, 30 January	Office Opens	9.00am
Monday, 30 January to Friday, 3 February	<b>ENROLMENT</b>	
Wednesday, 1 February	Office training (Rms 13-14)	10.00-11.00am and 11.30-12.30pm
Thursday, 2 February	Migrant English Tutors (Rms 13-14)	11.00-12.00pm
Friday, 3 February	Orientation Day (Rms 13-14)	10.30-11.30am
Friday, 3 February	Office Training (Rms 13-14)	12.00-1.00pm and 1.30-2.30pm
Friday, 3 February	Committee of Management Meeting (Rm 8)	2.30pm
Monday, 6 February	<b>TERM 1 BEGINS (8 weeks)</b>	
Wednesday, 18 February	Monthly Talk (Rm 13)	3.00pm
Wednesday, 22 February	Office Training (Rm 14)	3.00-4.00pm
Friday, 24 February	Newsletter Deadline	
Wednesday, 29 February	Class Representatives Meeting (Rms 13-14)	3.00-4.00pm
Monday, 12 March	<b>LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY</b>	
Monday, 19 March	Newsletter posted (Rm 15)	1.30-4.30pm
Monday, 19 March	Committee of Management Meeting (Rm 8)	2.30pm
Wednesday, 21 March	Monthly Talk (Rm 13)	3.00pm
Thursday, 29 March	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	2.00-3.30pm
Friday, 30 March	<b>TERM 1 ENDS</b>	