
THE MANNINGHAM U3A STORY



Part 1: A Decade of Achievement

This is the story of the first ten years of Manningham U3A which commenced operation in October 1991 as a small and modest organisation with 35 members attending 12 classes. By the end of 1992 there were 150 members and new classes had been added. Ten years later we had over 700 members attending over 80 different courses. Twenty-five years later we were a large and vigorous organisation with over 1800 members attending over 200 classes. Clearly this is a success story, made even more so by the fact that we have not had any paid staff, the whole organisation being run by volunteers.

This is Part 1 of the story of Manningham U3A. The story of the first ten years is told in detail in the publication *1991-2001 A Decade of Achievement* and that publication and other source material were used to write this part of the Manningham U3A story.

Part 2 covers the years 2001 to 2008.

Part 3 is about the years 2008 to 2016.

All three parts of the story have a similar structure, one that tells about the main events each year, written in simple language. Readers who are seeking only an outline of what occurred may find that sufficient. Others may want more detail and that is provided by means of hyperlinks. In this part of the story, as in the other two parts, many hyperlinks are included, sometimes to provide documentation without breaking the flow of the narrative, sometimes to add photos or anecdotes.

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The First 10 Years

1991: The Beginning

The establishment of Manningham U3A stemmed from an initiative of Jan Wallace, who was then the Manager of Templestowe Orchards Retirement Village because of her concern that the interests of the Village residents could be better catered for. The Activities Officer, Danny Carroll, carried out an investigation and in doing so discussed the issue with Ann Clendinning from the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council. As a result a public meeting was held on 7 July 1991 to gauge the level of interest on forming a new U3A. It is reported that approximately 400 persons attended. The group comprised residents of Templestowe Orchards Retirement Village and other nearby retirement villages and the local community.

At the meeting it was agreed that the Doncaster and Templestowe U3A be formed. A [steering committee](#) was established with residents or staff of the Village comprising one third of its membership. Jan Wallace, Danny Carroll and Ann Clendinning were included. Steering Committee Office bearers were Ken Goodman, President; Neville Heffernan, Vice President; Linda Bruce, Secretary and Pat Robertson, Treasurer.

On 16 September 1991 a letter was sent to potential members inviting applications to attend the [12 classes offered](#). Joining fees were \$20.00 (single) and \$30.00 (couple).

The classes commenced with 35 members at the Village on 14 October 1991. The Templestowe Baptists Church allowed the newly formed organisation to use the Village as a venue and made available all facilities free of cost.

1992: Off and Away

The year commenced with a [Management Committee](#) in place. Office bearers were Bruce Drury, President; Neville Heffernan, Vice-President; Bill North, Secretary; Ali Verrills, Treasurer.

Matters of significance throughout the year included the following.

Office facilities

The Village's Board of Management gave the U3A much appreciated office space as well as the use of facilities. Office hours were 10 am to 3 pm. Bill North, the U3A Secretary, a Village resident, did a wonderful job undertaking most of the office responsibilities. With increasing membership and more classes, Bill was given assistance from tutors with security arrangements pertaining to the class venues. Bill also asked for assistance from members for the rare occasions he was not available.

New courses

In June membership rose to 131 and by December to 150. During the year more classes were added. This addition of courses during the year, for example when additional tutors became available, has continued over the years. The courses added this year were: History of Medicine (Dr Laurie Simpson), Public Speaking (Paddy Green), Contract Bridge 1 (Lewis Freeman), Contract bridge 2 (Bill Orange), European History (Janet Cullum), Archaeology of Bible Lands (Rev Gordon Garner), Travel 1 (Danny Carroll), Travel 2 (Bruce Drury).

The Management Committee began looking for additional class sites to enable more people to attend classes. As early as May, the possibility of a satellite campus at the Doncaster Templestowe Nursing Home was raised for investigation.

Progress review

In March. Bruce Drury, the President, requested a review of progress to date. This covered areas such as obtaining experienced and capable tutors for courses for which there had been an expressed interest, development of course content and the determination of course length, class size limits and enrolment procedures. These important issues have been under review by all subsequent Management Committees. One result of this review was the establishment of a Tutors' Sub-Committee. It became possible, through an expression of interest and a small payment, for non-members to regularly receive newsletters.

Change of President

Bruce retired in June. Recorded in the minutes is the following tribute. "Under his inspiring leadership, the idea became a reality. He made the roughest pathway appear smooth and allowed U3A to grow and develop in a way that is unique".

Neville Heffernan, Vice-President, chaired all subsequent Committee meetings until the Annual General Meeting in 1993 when he accepted nomination and was elected President.

Association status and affiliation

The Doncaster and Templestowe U3A became an incorporated Association and affiliated with the [Victorian U3A Network](#).

Social interaction

A Christmas barbecue was held for members of the Management Committee and tutors to celebrate the success of the year. Since then tutors' lunches have continued as an expression of the Management Committee's appreciation. The barbecue was the forerunner of social interaction events which are now regularly scheduled and available to all members.

1993: Reaching Out

The Management Committee was as for 1992 with three new members – Les Dale, Beryl Jarvis and Jenny Hoffman. Office bearers were Neville Heffernan, President; Bill North, Secretary; and Ali Verrills, Treasurer.

Les Dale became Course Coordinator and Beryl Jarvis became the first Newsletter Editor, a task that had previously been carried out by the President and/or Secretary.

Membership reached 206 during the year and around 17 [courses](#) were offered.

Matters of significance during the year were as follows.



Questionnaire

A questionnaire was issued to all members to obtain their views on the current courses (on areas such as content, length and class locations) and the administrative arrangements. This information proved very useful.

ACFEB

The committee began drafting an application to the Adult, Community and Further Education Board (ACFEB) to be recognised as 'an education provider'. This recognition had important implications for funding.

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Efforts were made to establish public relations with other local community groups.

Calendar

The management committee developed a calendar of committee meetings. It was planned to organise an End-of-Year function for all members as well as functions for committee members and tutors.

1994: Reviewing, Refining

The management committee office bearers were Neville Heffernan, President; Les Dale, Vice President; Bill Scott, Secretary and Ali Verrills, Treasurer.

Significant developments during the year included the following.

- The [management committee](#) revised the Purpose, Rules and Standing Orders and wrote the constitution.
- While most classes were held at the Village, some were held in private homes and Archaeology was held at St Phillip's Anglican Church. Greater help was required of class members in relation to security at class venues.
- Membership fees were changed from a financial year to a calendar year basis.
- At the Annual General Meeting here was a display of the work of the Creative Arts, Bridge and Family History classes.

A program, first mooted as a possible satellite site (the Doncaster Templestowe Nursing Home) in May 1992, was reported in the December newsletter as having been in operation for over two years. Margaret Scott Pross had conducted a weekly discussion group there for the physically disabled. She had also arranged for a number of guest speakers to address the group.

At the Annual General Meeting in October, a U3A membership of 200 was reported and appreciation was recorded for the use of venues and facilities provided by the Retirement Village and for the advice and support given by the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council.

Around 23 [courses](#) were offered.

1995: Getting Bigger, Getting Help

Committee office bearers were Neville Heffernan, President; Les Dale, Vice President and Course Coordinator; Bill North, Secretary and Ali Verrills, Treasurer. There were eight [committee members](#).

The year commenced with 280 members. [Thirty-three courses](#) were offered. By October there were 359 members.

Significant events during the year were as follows.

- U3A received interim recognition as an education provider from the Adult Community Further Education Board (ACFE).
- A course brochure was published for the first time. Previously this information had been printed on A4 paper. The brochure included a brief outline of the content of each course as well as the tutor's names and phone numbers.
- The position of Enrolment Officer was created. Jenny Hoffman was the first appointee.

- A Course Sub-committee was established.
- Papers developed included Information for Tutors, Policy – Tutors' Expenditure, a revised Enrolment Procedures and an Action Calendar for the Committee.
- Responses from the Course Evaluation questionnaire were collated and printed for distribution.
- The annual report of the Course Coordinator made it clear that 'the continuing task is large and demanding on the small group of workers'. This acknowledgement seemed to herald the need for the greater involvement and contribution of all members in the administration of this U3A.

1996: Launching Out

Committee Office bearers were: Neville Heffernan, President; Les Dale, Vice President; Bill North, Secretary; and Ali Verrills, Treasurer.

Jan Wallace and Bernie Saunders resigned from the Management Committee and Don Gay joined the Committee. The rest of the membership remained unchanged.

The number of [courses](#) had increased to 30. There were now 417 members.

Throughout the year, the Committee tried out a method by which Committee members carried out specific functions, in most cases with the help of assistants or sub committees. This arrangement was accepted and put formally into practice at the October Annual General Meeting. A new Job Description document was drafted to assist Committee members in this new structure.

The increase in course and member numbers plus the need of the Templestowe Orchards Retirement Village for greater space resulted in the search for alternative accommodation. At first, in addition to the classes at the Village, three other main venues were used; these were the Senior Citizens' Clubs at Doncaster and Bulleen and the Donvale Campus of Box Hill TAFE. As a matter of urgency, the Accommodation Sub Committee carried out an investigation of other suitable accommodation in the area.

The enrolment and membership application procedures were further revised.

A Newsletter Sub Committee was established with Bridget Halge becoming the Editor. The office of Kevin Andrews M.P. provided much appreciated help with printing free of charge with us providing the paper.

Bridget Halge put forward the recommendation that Class Representative positions should be established to support the tutors and assist liaison with the Course Coordinator and Course Sub Committee. The recommendation was accepted. In the Annual Report in October, Heather Ambrose reported, on behalf of the Course Sub Committee, 'that a group of class representatives had been formed under the leadership of Moira Axtens. The group is used to inform tutors and members about new classes, to facilitate the efficient distribution of newsletters and communiques, and to gather ideas for new classes. It also may be used to convey requests from the Committee of Management, for example with regard to the use and availability of equipment. We believe this innovation will enhance the function of our U3A by making more use of the experience and expertise of its members.'

The first computer classes were offered with the help of a grant from ACFE. They were held in the Donvale campus of the Box Hill College of TAFE The Computer Users group was established.

The first edition of 'Autumn Leaves' was published. The title page of the publication reads 'Poems, stories, tales and recollections by members of the Doncaster/Templestowe Writers' Group'. These were the members of the only U3A writing group in existence at that time - The Written Word.

It was decided that there would be a reciprocal arrangement with other U3As and there would be no charge for their members attending Doncaster/Templestowe classes except for a small fee for Newsletters.

A photocopier and an overhead projector were purchased.

Membership fees rose to Single:\$25.00; Couple:\$35.00.

Neville Heffernan received a Menzies Australia Day Award in recognition of his work for Manningham U3A.

The first end-of-year (bring a plate to share) party was held for members.

1997: A New Name – Arrangements for a New Home

Committee Office bearers were: Neville Heffernan, President; Don Gay, Vice President; Heather Ambrose, General Secretary; Bill North, Secretary, Research and Development; and Jack Bayliss, Treasurer.

Resignations from the [management committee](#) included that of Margaret Scott Pross (who had served continuously since being a member of the Steering Committee) and Ali Verrills, who had done sterling work as Treasurer since 1992. Margaret Scott Pross retained responsibility for Publicity.

The Accommodation Sub Committee convened by Les Dale continued an in-depth investigation of the availability of other suitable sites in the area. Finally following liaison and discussions with the then Doncaster/Templestowe City Council (including a meeting with Council representatives, local parliamentarians, and representatives from State ACFE, Community Services and Cultural and Leisure Services) arrangements were finalized for the lease of the Leisure Centre, corner Foote Street and Anderson Road, Templestowe and to a lesser extent for the lease of the nearby Memorial Hall.

The use of the Leisure Centre was approved. Ten payments of \$700.00 were to be made annually to the City Council. Payment and occupancy to begin in February 1998.

The majority of the classes (there were now 471 members and 46 [courses](#)) were to move there at the commencement of the following year when it was expected that renovations would be completed. Some classes however, such as Computer and Leadlighting courses needed to retain their locations.

Following the collation of responses to a questionnaire, on April 3rd members were invited to a meeting to review the functioning of the organization. Discussion groups were formed to consider the four most urgent concerns of members as identified in the questionnaire responses. These were: Management and Administration; Recruiting Tutors and COM members; Internal Communication and Publicity (to raise the profile of U3A in the

community). Recommendations which came out of the meeting were passed on to the relevant COM members for consideration and implementation where appropriate.

The first Computer classes were commenced. Two were offered: Beginners and Advanced. In addition, the Computer Users Group was established; this provided a forum for members to exchange information about computer programs and useful advice on operating computers. Outside speakers were brought in from time to time.

The arrangement of four Special Events for members per year was commenced.

At a Special Meeting in September, members voted to change the organization's name to Manningham U3A.

There was revision of the Policy for Expenditure and the Handbook for Tutors.

Les Dale was awarded Life Membership of Manningham U3A and received a Menzies Australia Day Award in recognition of his work for Manningham U3A.

In March, Committee members were invited to four extra meetings to discuss matters of concern; these were: clarification of Committee members' roles; the formation and function of Sub Committees (each Committee member was given a list of members who had volunteered to help by joining a sub-committee or carrying out specific tasks); decision making and the development of policy in regard to the purchase of teaching aids and other equipment.

Financial assistance was received through the year from ACFE to assist with the operation of computer classes for general purposes and for the purchase of an office computer and software program to facilitate email communication. At this stage a new system of registering enrolments, using a computer program, was introduced.

1998: Trying to Settle Into the New Home

Committee Office bearers were: Neville Heffernan, President; Don Gay, Vice President; Heather Ambrose, General Secretary; Bill North, Secretary, Research and Development; and Jack Bayliss, Treasurer.

In regard to the new home, the hopes of the [Management Committee](#) and members were not fully realized. At the commencement of first term renovations were not complete and office fittings were not installed until some weeks later. It continued to prove to be a most disruptive year for accommodation. At first it had been thought that the Leisure Centre and use of the Memorial Hall would be excellent and that all the classes could be consolidated on these sites; but the accommodation did not suit some classes and then the Memorial Hall was closed for renovations. As a result a number of classes 'continued to be nomads' until July the following year. The support of the Donvale Living and Learning Centre was very much appreciated in the provision of accommodation for Computer classes and Table Tennis.

Accommodation needs continued to be examined and solutions explored. The preferred option, of course, was to use Manningham City Council properties and arrange for rent at concessional rates. The Council had been very supportive over the years and had given assistance through subsidized rental rates.

The matter of the rental costs of the various venues used by the classes continued to be a major issue. Being able to afford rent for venues for the increasing range of courses required to meet the needs of the increasing numbers of members remains to this day a

complex problem. In the turmoil of changes in accommodation during this year, the President reported that the class representatives were 'absolutely splendid' in providing members and administration with very necessary liaison links and support.

An additional complication in the accommodation dilemma was the dramatic increase in member numbers; at the start of the year, enrolment was 470 and 51 courses were offered. By October, the membership number was 570. The organization existed to serve as many residents as possible, but in trying to find sufficient, appropriate and affordable class locations, the very success of the organization was causing accommodation to be a major problem.

On the bright side however was the wonderful contribution of the volunteer members who were helping at every level; as tutors, class representatives and in assisting with administration, maintenance tasks, catering activities and brochure and newsletter printing and distribution. As well as these helpers, over 150 members were providing regular office assistance. It was evident that the organization was benefiting significantly from the generosity of its many volunteering members.

Events through the year included the following.

At the commencement of the year, 85 members had volunteered to undertake office duties. By October, as reported above, the number had increased significantly. A roster timetable was prepared and copies circulated to those who had volunteered. A meeting of these members was also held to discuss the assistance they required in carrying out office responsibilities. As a result an Office Workers' Manual was drafted.

Manningham U3A became an incorporated body.

The organization had representation on the City Council's Senior Citizens' Reference Group.

Bill North received a Menzies Award in recognition of his work for Manningham U3A.

Neville Heffernan was awarded Life Membership.

Don Gay and the Policy and Planning Sub-committee had worked on the revision of the Constitution and Rules so that they better reflected the current organization. A Special Meeting was held on September 1 to approve the amendments.

The Committee membership was reduced from eleven to seven members for the following year. Positions of responsibility were established for members who carried special responsibilities but were not on the Management Committee (for example Equipment Officer, Enrolment Officer, etc).

The four Special Events arrangement continued with guest speakers invited to address members. In addition tutors who had arranged for outside speakers opened up their classes to other members.

At the Annual General Meeting, President Neville Heffernan announced his resignation from the Committee. Neville had served as Caretaker President and then President (almost 7 years in total). As a gesture of sincere appreciation, Don Gay presented Neville with a certificate awarding Life Membership and a painting by Vivienne Sterndale.

1999: Volunteers Come to the Fore



Committee Office bearers were: Heather Ambrose, President; Don Gay, Vice President; Teresa Terenyi, Secretary; and Dermott Kearney, Treasurer.

Hazel Ferguson became Secretary when Teresa resigned to return to the paid work force. The full [Management Committee](#) had seven members.

This year was one of optimism and enthusiasm resulting in part possibly from the excitement leading up the forthcoming Olympic Games. It was also the International Year of Older Persons. The year started well for Manningham U3A with the number of members rising to 640 and [courses](#) to 76.

There was a significant rise in the level of voluntary help this year. Members were encouraged to indicate their availability as volunteers to assist at various levels in the organization. Those that worked as volunteers were to be given preferential treatment when enrolling for classes in the following year. The response level was great.

The previous year's application form had spelt out the premise on which the U3A movement was founded, that is that all members contribute something to the organization' and members had been invited to indicate the areas in which they were prepared to offer assistance. Tasks for which members could volunteer included being a tutor, a member of the Management Committee, a member of a Sub-Committee, a class representative, an office worker, a catering assistant, an administrative assistant or a computer operator/processor. Members responded very positively to this.

In the Annual report, the President, Heather Ambrose thanked members for their wonderful response. She thanked the tutors, and 'all those other members who had kept the 'office staffed, furniture mended, supplies and lunch tables well stocked, classes represented, rooms tidy and computer work up to date'.

In June, the Hon. Phil. Honeywood showed an interest in the accommodation problems of all U3As. A submission was to be written requesting an annual State Government grant with the level of funding for each U3A to be based on membership numbers.

Les Dale and Jack Darmody developed and conducted a pilot of the program 'Active Minds in Active Bodies'. This program received a grant of \$14,000 from ACFE, with the agreement being signed in September.

Following up the previous year's meeting with the Manningham City Council a submission was lodged; this put forward a five year plan based on the organization's probable growth.

The Management Committee realized that the difficulty in negotiating accommodation with the Council resided in U3A's uncertain income base. Accordingly, to improve the financial situation membership fees were increased as follows: Members; \$40.00 Associate Members: \$20.00.

The search for suitable accommodation continued. It was very evident that a scattering of sites did not give members the necessary contact with the office home base.

Margaret Scott Pross received a Menzies Award in recognition of her work for Manningham U3A.

Bill North was awarded Life Membership for his work as Secretary and Research and Development Officer.

Les Dale received a Commonwealth Recognition Award for Senior Australians for his work with Manningham U3A.

In December, the Committee of Management participated in a workshop to create a Strategic Plan. It was agreed to write up all the policies and revise the management structure. Under the direction of Judy Downie, this was completed over the following months.

2000: Sunny Side Up

Committee Office bearers were: Heather Ambrose, President; Don Gay, Vice President; Judy Downie, Secretary; and Dermott Kearney, Treasurer.

[The full committee](#) had three additional ordinary members.

There were 654 members and [69 courses](#).

Events included the following.

Enrolment procedures were again reviewed in preparation for 2001. Leon Kwok developed a computer program enabling members' applications to be processed, class placements made, receipts issued and the applicants choice of tasks to be noted. And all of this without members having to attend on certain dates to lodge applications. It promised well for the following year's enrolment

The Manager at Templestowe Manor offered rent- free accommodation to a number of classes. This was done to facilitate the participation of residents.

Computer classes were first offered in 1997. In 2000, there were five classes being offered. To better meet the student needs in Computer training programs, tutors were provided with assistants. In addition the Computers' User group, comprising approximately 50 members, was meeting regularly. As a result of the enthusiasm and recommendations of this group, Manningham U3A developed a web site. Due to the success of the Computer training courses and the work of the Computer Users' Group, the organization now has many computer literate members.

The program 'Active Minds in Active Bodies' (now better known as Positive Aging) was developed by Les Dale and Jack Darmody and published in March with the aid of a \$14,000 ACFE grant and later launched at an ACFE function. The types of material in the set were: a Curriculum statement; a Tutor's Guide and a CD; The Course comprised three parts- Aging and Retirement, Healthy Aging; and Living at Home.

In May, the Manningham City Council approved a plan to grant U3A equitable funding with Neighbourhood Houses and, as well, to build a community centre for the use of the Donvale Living and Learning Centre and U3A which would provide adequate and suitable accommodation for both organisations. Hopefully this would solve our accommodation problems.

The organization was successfully audited by its funding body, Adult Community and Further Education. A submission was lodged for funding for the year 2001.

The format of the course brochure was changed with classes clustered under broad topic headings rather than being listed alphabetically.

This year, the three members of the Management Committee classified as Ordinary Members had specific responsibilities as follows: Bridget Halge, Curriculum; Robyn McIver, Newsletters and Publicity; and David Silver, Property. In each case a group of members in Positions of Responsibility provided the necessary support.

In the annual report, the President Heather Ambrose said 'Administrative tasks are the primary responsibility of the Committee, however U3A exists because it provides classes to members. The Committee oversees operations but much of the organizational work is done by others. Our U3A members benefit from the quality of the teaching and the commitment of the volunteers. Without them we would not have such a variety of subjects to choose from, such enthusiastic members and such an array of potential friends. Thank you tutors and all volunteers for your continuing commitment to this dynamic organization. May you continue to enjoy the pleasure your involvement provides to so many'.

2001: A Year of Celebration

Committee Office bearers were; Heather Ambrose, President; Bridget Halge, Vice President; Judy Downie, Secretary; and Dermott Kearney, Treasurer.

[The full committee](#) had three additional ordinary members.

With the resignation of Judy Downie in January to return to the paid work force, Audrey Killey agreed to fill the position of Secretary.

The number of members was 723 and the number of [courses on offer](#) was now 82. Pictures of [classes in action](#) were taken by Bill George.

The year 2001 was a very significant year for Manningham U3A. In the first instance, it was the International Year of Volunteers, a year this organization could truly celebrate as its innovative approach to obtaining volunteers has been so successful.

Then also it was Manningham U3A's tenth anniversary. In July it would be ten years since the public meeting which was held to sound out residents' interest in the establishment of a local U3A. A very significant meeting indeed. A special program, which included the launch of this book recording the organization's history, was planned to mark this occasion. A celebratory luncheon was held for committee members, tutors and invited guests and was followed by an address from Barry Jones MHR to which all members were invited.

In January, the year started well for the organization with President Heather Ambrose receiving an Australia Day Award from Kevin Andrews, Federal Member for Menzies. This was bestowed for her leadership and dedicated service to Manningham U3A as its course coordinator for two years, general secretary for two years and now in her third year as president, ensuring a constantly developing and vital activity for more than 600 residents of Menzies. In addition she has been tutor in Psychology for six years conducting two classes each week.

In receiving this award, Heather joined the group of outstanding contributors to U3A who had in previous years also received a Menzies Australia Day Award; these were: Neville Heffernan, Les Dale, Bill North and Margaret Scott Pross.

Ken Goodman was awarded Life Membership for his work as President of the steering committee that set up the Doncaster and Templestowe U3A in 1991.

The new enrolment arrangements worked splendidly and with a few refinements are expected to be even more efficient next year.

By May, membership numbers were in excess of 700.

The response to requests for volunteers was extremely encouraging with 97% of members offering to do something for the organization this year. A truly remarkable response.

Eighty-three courses were offered at the commencement of the year. Eating Out With Friends began early in the year and additional courses including Bird Watching, Singing For Pleasure and Folk Art were being offered in Term 3.

Sponsors were found to pay for brochure and newsletter production.

The Migrant English program was introduced following the discovery that Manningham migrants were under-represented at Manningham U3A. A program to train volunteer tutors was introduced and taught by trainers from Australian Multicultural Education Services (AMES).

In March, members from Family History, Drawing and Pastels, Calligraphy and Marquetry demonstrated their skills and showed their work at the new Retirement Living Expo held at the Melbourne Exhibition Building. Photographs taken by Bill George of various classes in action proved very effective in conveying to visitors an understanding of the wide range of courses Manningham U3A offers. In addition, a videotape of a number of our classes made by Val Melville was shown there and created a lot of interest.

Early in 2001 Les Dale and Jack Darmody, with the support of the City of Manningham and the Senior Citizens Reference Group, conducted a survey of community activities of older people in the City of Manningham. Their report was effective in Making Manningham City Council more aware of the desires of older people to continue to be active members of their community groups.

In May, the Treasurer reported that the year had started with finances in good condition. Renting accommodation was our major expenditure and a significant increase in the cost of classroom accommodation was expected through the year.

In the May Newsletter, the Courses Convenor, Evelyne Perks referred to the International Year of Volunteers and the Manningham U3A as a fine example of how successfully an organization can work on this basis. She thanked everyone involved, particularly the tutors. She suggested that 'Monash University's motto 'ancora imparo' (I am still learning) applies equally to our U3A.

Looking Back Over the First Ten Years

Reviewing the U3A's history there can be no doubt about the reasons for this dramatic growth, and this sense of collegiality and joy in learning and working together. **Our courses meet the needs of so many of our members, members of the Third Age.** They meet our desire to go on learning, to accept challenges, to learn in circumstances conducive to this and to learn along with companions (tutors and fellow students) who share the same desire for and joy in learning.

Other contributing factors for Manningham U3A's success would seem to have been as follows.

Three outstanding presidents who have provided strong leadership and shown considerable fore-sight in shaping an organization and a structure which provide members with ample learning and positive interactive opportunities.

Bruce Drury was president for only a few months but he showed the importance, in that time, of reviewing and refining arrangements to better meet the needs of members.

Neville Heffernan served as Acting President and President from June 1992 till October 1998. In those years the organization experienced tremendous growth. The issues to be dealt with included refining and developing new administrative structures; seeking adequate and suitable accommodation; and establishing a firm financial basis. These last two issues need further consideration for they might be classified as negative forces over the last five years.

Heather Ambrose was President from 1999 to 2001. Despite the difficulties associated with meeting rental costs and finding suitable accommodation, under her leadership the organization has continued to improve .It is continuing to thrive.

The Subcommittee structures are working well, the **level of volunteering** is exceedingly high. Interestingly, each of the Presidents have been or are tutors. Bruce was tutor of the Travel group, Neville has been tutor of Italian since 1991 and Heather has offered Psychology courses since 1995.

The two issues which continue to limit the organization are still to be solved. They are the finding of suitable, affordable accommodation which allows classes and administration to be consolidated on one site, and the establishment of a secure financial base. Renting accommodation is the organization's major expenditure. It is expected to absorb over 89% of the income for 2001. Despite this, the three presidents, strongly supported by their committee members, have kept the organization on track and progressing. The innovative ideas arising from individual subcommittees and the dedicated commitment of members to put these ideas into practice have also been a very positive influence.

Support from outside the organization.

In the early years Templestowe Orchards Retirement Village Management Committee gave valuable support with the provision of accommodation for classes and an office.

Throughout the years, Manningham City Council has given substantial assistance through the subsidized rental arrangements. Without this the organization would have found it very difficult to continue. Further support was received from Cr. Julie Eisenbise (now Mayor) and Cr. Bill Larkin who in past years gave grants to buy equipment. This support was very much appreciated. The financial support from Adult, Community and Further Education, a Victorian Government entity must also be acknowledged.

Much appreciated support with printing has been provided by the office of Kevin Andrews, M.P. Victor Perton M.P. has also provided financial support.

In addition, in more recent years, local businesses have assisted by sponsoring the production of brochures and newsletters.

The continuing reviewing and refinement of procedures and structures.

Some examples are changes in the Management Committee size and structure over the years, the development of Sub committees, the creation of Positions of Responsibility and the changes in enrolment procedures.

The generosity of members who have given unstintingly of their time and energy.

That 97% of members have volunteered to undertake the responsibilities involved in making the organization run and run well is truly impressive. This sharing of responsibilities has served to create a wonderful sense of shared ownership and heightened collegiality.

The tutors who provide the classes and learning opportunities for us.

Their contribution over the years must be particularly commended. Some idea of the level of their contribution may be gauged from the report of the statistician that for the year 2000, with the 83 plus courses offered, there were approximately 7795 program hours, 1580 enrollees and 137,829 student/tutor contact hours.

Special mention should be made of the four tutors who have conducted classes since the first in 1991. They are Dawn and Neville Heffernan, Pearl Lubansky and Barbara Haye. A number of others have also made a significant contribution. There are far too many to note each one. We thank you all.

The realization and acknowledgement by the Management Committee of the contribution made by members.

This has been done through the building in to the year's timetable, occasions to thank and celebrate this contribution, occasions such as Lunches, Morning teas, the Christmas function and Special Events such as Outside Speakers.

The Management Committee finds opportunities to 'show-case' the wonderful achievements of members; for example through displays (such as the involvement at Retirement Living Expo), demonstrations, talks and the publication of 'Autumn Leaves'.

Launch of Autumn Leaves – 2000

Hazel Ferguson, Kevin Andrews MP, Kath Herron & Heather Ambrose

Innovative practices have been encouraged.

These include:

- Extending the range and variety of classes available to members, for example commencing the Computer Users' Group, the 'Eating Out With Friends' group and the development of courses such as Positive Aging.
- Introducing the Class Representative arrangements.
- Encouraging members to become volunteers and in so doing sharing with them the ownership of the organization.
- Providing tutors of Computer classes with assistants to better promote effective learning.
- Maintaining an active and practical involvement in the community as described in Outreach.

In the introduction to this record, two questions were asked - Why this dramatic growth? and Why this sense of collegiality and joy in learning and working together?

A number of contributing factors have been identified above. You have probably identified others. It is evident that we have been exceptionally fortunate.

We have much to be proud of, much to celebrate and much more learning to do.

Historical Background

The University of the Third Age Movement

The University of the Third Age, or U3A as we know it, is an international movement that encourages retired people to take part in lifelong learning activities at minimal cost. U3As are learning cooperatives; there are no prior qualifications, no exams and no degrees awarded. Like universities in the original sense of the word, U3As are communities of people who come together to learn from one another. They draw on the huge resource of skills and experience of members and encourage positive ageing by offering educational, creative and leisure activities.

'The age of active retirement' is sometimes referred to as the Third Age. It follows a sequence, starting at the First Age of childhood and dependence, moving into the Second Age of working life and home-making. Third Age learning has become a world-wide movement, spreading from Europe to Canada, Scandinavia, the United States, South America, Africa and Asia.

Apart from "bricks and mortar" U3As there are courses and useful resources offered online. U3A Online is a world-first virtual University of the Third Age delivering online learning via the Internet. All that's needed is access to a computer with an Internet connection and some basic computing skills. Courses are open to all older people anywhere in the world and are especially suited to older members of the community who are isolated either geographically, or through physical or social circumstances.

The Beginnings

- 1972 Pierre Vellas, professor of political economy at the University of Toulouse, initiates a summer school for local retired persons and begins the UTA, "Université du Troisième Age", movement in Europe whereby some universities offered free courses to retired people. The association of UTAs with universities is known as the French Model.
- 1975 As the idea spreads to other universities in Europe, Pierre Vellas sets up the International Association of UTAs. The IAUTA gains recognition from both the UN and UNESCO.
- 1981 Dr Peter Laslett of Trinity College, Cambridge establishes the first U3A in the UK. This differed from the French UTAs in that the groups were independent of university or college support. Any group of older people could form a University of the Third Age or U3A and use its own members to run courses. This system is known as the Cambridge or British Model.
- 1983 An umbrella organisation of U3As in the UK, The Third Age Trust, is formed to encourage the formation of new U3As and to organise subject matter networks.

U3A Comes to Australia

- 1984 About 60 people attend a public meeting at the Council of Adult Education headquarters in Melbourne and resolve to establish the first U3A in Australia.
- 1985 In one year, five U3As are operating in the greater Melbourne area and moves were made to set up others in all Australian capital cities.
- The U3A Network-Victoria is established, greatly accelerating the growth of U3As in Victoria.
- 1989 U3As are now established in every State and Territory in Australia, all as voluntary, self-help organisations.

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Steering Committee, 1991

Ken Goodman, President; Neville Heffernan, Vice-President; Linda Bruce, Secretary; Pat Robertson, Treasurer. Ordinary committee members: Margaret Scott Pross, Vivienne Sterndale, Lilian Farran, Ethel Bede, Grace Bryce, Jan Wallace (representing the Templestowe Baptist Church Community Centre Limited), Danny Carroll (representing the Templestowe Orchards Retirement Village), Ann Clendinning (representing the Doncaster and Templestowe City Council).

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Courses and tutors, 14 October 1991

Appreciation of Art	Pearl Lubansky	Current Affairs 1	George Fiedler
Genealogy	Rosa Combes	Italian	Neville Heffernan
Japanese	Joyce Berdy	Literature Appreciation	Barbara Haye
Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan	Shakespeare	Ray Verrills
Contract Bridge	Leader invited	Music	Leader invited
Travel	Leader invited		

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Management Committee, 1992

The members comprised Bruce Drury, President; Neville Heffernan, Vice-President; Bill North, Secretary; Ali Verrills, Treasurer; Jan Wallace, ex-officio; Margaret Scott Pross, Publicity; Vivienne Sterndale, Lilian Farran, Ethel Bede, Pat Robertson, Danny Carroll (representing the Village), Ann Clendinning (representing Doncaster and Templestowe City Council).

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U3A Network Victoria Inc www.u3anetwork.org.au

Following preliminary discussions in August and September 1984, a meeting of representatives of the three existing U3As (City, Hawthorn and Monash) plus a representative of the Australian Council on the Ageing (ACOTA) agreed to recommend to their respective groups that

- a central Network committee be formed,
- its membership to comprise three persons from each existing U3A and one person from ACOTA,
- its initial terms of reference should be to suggest to the groups common policies and procedures concerning
 - (1) the design of registration forms,
 - (2) computer-based recording of data from those registration forms,
 - (3) content, frequency and methods of production of newsletters to members.

The intention was that the Network should not attempt to control but should facilitate co-operation between the groups.

Over the next few years discussions were held about formalising the structure of the Network, culminating in the decision to develop a constitution and seek registration as an incorporated association. This was done and the first meeting of the new Network Council was held at the Council of Adult Education Centre on 15 June 1988.

At that time there were 11 Victorian U3As – Bairnsdale, Ballarat, City, Frankston/Peninsula, Geelong, Hawthorn, Monash, Portland, Ringwood, Wangaratta and Yarra Valley. By June 2008 there were 42 Victorian U3As.

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Courses and tutors, 1993

This list is not complete. There appear to be some inaccuracies and some tutors have not been added. Unfortunately we have been unable to find an accurate record for this year.

Appreciation of Art	Pearl Lubansky
Appreciation of Literature	Barbara Haye
Archaeology of Bible Lands	Lesley Thomas?
Basic Calligraphy	Vivian Halge?
Contract Bridge	Lew Freeman and Bill Orange?
Current Affairs	Ulrich Mosse
European History	
Family History	Rosa Combes?
History of Medicine	Laurence Simpson
Introduction to Economics	George Charles?
Italian	Neville Heffernan
Italian for Beginners	Neville Heffernan
Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan
Public Speaking	
Shakespeare	Ray Verrills
Travel	
Watercolour Painting	Jan Palmer?

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Management Committee, 1994

Members of the committee for the year were Ethel Bede, Jennifer Hoffman, Margaret Scott Pross, Beryl Jarvis, Bob Whitecross, Lillian Farran, Matthew Burke, Ex officio, Danny Carroll, Ex officio.

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Courses and tutors, 1994

This list has been deduced by comparing the courses list for 1995 with that for 1993. There will be omissions and errors. Some of the courses named may not have started until 1995.

Archaeological Antiquities	Lesley Thomas
Contract Bridge	Lew Freeman and Bill Orange?
Current Affairs	Margaret Scott Pross?
Elementary Economics	George Charles?
English Literature In 19th and 20th Century	Barbara Haye
Family History	Rosa Combes
French I	Henry Zimmerman
French II	Henry Zimmerman
German	Henry Zimmerman
History and Appreciation of Music	David Lording
Italian 1	Neville Heffernan
Italian 2	Neville Heffernan
Japanese	Joyce Berdy
Leadlight Making	Alex Glushkoff
Marquetry	Ian Hadfield
Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan
Psychology for the Third Age	Heather Ambrose
Science for Everyday Life	Alexandra Bocjar
Scrabble	Elsa Ungar
Shakespeare	Ray Verrills
The Written Word	Leslie Dale
Watercolour Painting	Jan Palmer
Writers Group	Leslie Dale

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Management Committee, 1995

Committee members were Heather Ambrose (Archivist), Lillian Farran, Ian Hadfield (Property Officer), Jennifer Hoffman (Enrolment Officer), Beryl Jarvis (Newsletter Editor), Margaret Scott Pross (Publicity), Jan Wallace (Ex Officio), Bernadette Saunders (Village representative).

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Courses and Tutors 1995

Archaeology	Lesley Thomas
Art Appreciation	Pead Lubansky
Asian Cooking	Jan Mitchell
Bridge Contract 1	Lew Freeman
Bridge Contract 2	Bill Orange
Bush Walking	Don McKelvie
Calligraphy	James Sinclair
Chinese 1	Zhiling Hollitt
Chinese 2	Linda Chin
Current Affairs	Margaret Scott Pross
Economics	George Charles
English Literature	Barbara Haye
Embroidery	Charmaine Goodman
Exercise - Gentle	Moira Axtens
French	Henry Zimmerman
German	Henry Zimmerman
History - Family	Rosa Combes
Italian	Neville Heffernan
Japanese	Joyce Berdy
Jewellery - Silver J'ery m'king	Jack Roberts
Leadlight Making	Alex Glushkoff
Marquetry	Ian Hadfield
Music Appreciation	David Lording
Painting - Water Colour 1	Graham Nicholl
Painting - Water Colour 2	Jan Palmer
Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan
Psychology for the Third Age	Heather Ambrose
Scrabble	Elsa Ungar
Science for Everyday Life	Alexandra Boczar
Shakespeare	Ray Verrills
Written Word (The)	Les Dale

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Courses and tutors, 1996

American Literature	Margaret Murphy
Archaeological Antiquities	Lesley Thomas
Art Appreciation	Pearl Lubansky
Asian Cooking	Jan Mitchell
Chess	Winnie and Frank Pennells
Chinese II	Zhiling Hollitt
Chinese III	Linda Chin
Contract Bridge	Lew Freeman and Bill Orange
Current Affairs	Margaret Scott Pross
Elementary Economics	George Charles
Family History	
French	Henry Zimmerman
Gentle Exercise	Moira Axtens
German	Henry Zimmerman
Italian 1	Neville Heffernan
Italian 2	Neville Heffernan
Japanese	Joyce Berdy
Leadlight Making	Irene Papedis
Marquetry	Ian Hafield
Music Appreciation	David Lording

Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan
Psychology for the Third Age	Heather Ambrose
Readers Group	Tutor to be determined
Scrabble	Elsa Ungar
Shakespeare	Ray Verrills
Silver Jewellery Making	Jack Roberts
The Written Word	Leslie Dale
Watercolour Painting	Jan Palmer
Writers Group	Leslie Dale

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Management Committee, 1997

Neville Heffernan, President	Don Gay, Vice President
Heather Ambrose, General Secretary Development	Bill North, Secretary, Research & Development
Jack Bayliss, Treasurer	Barbara Haye, Courses
Margaret Bayliss, Newsletter & Publicity	Bridget Halge, Programs
Moira Axtens, Enrolment	Les Dale, Accommodation
Jan Mitchell, Social	

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Courses and Tutors, 1997

Art Appreciation	Pearl Lubansky
Asian Cooking	Jan Mitchell
Book Discussion Group	Bridget Halge
Calligraphy For Beginners	Vivian Halge
Chess for Fun	Winnie and Frank Pennells
Chinese	Linda Chin
Computers for Beginners	Leslie Dale
Continuing Computing	Leslie Dale
Computer Users' Group	Leslie Dale
Contract Bridge	Lew Freeman and Bill Orange
Current Affairs	Frank Jennings
Embroidery	Charmaine Goodman
English Literature	Barbara Haye
Exploring Light Music and Theatre	Mary Devlin
Family History	Jan Mitchell
Film Group	Bridget Halge
First Aid and CPR	Pauline Wright and Moira Axtens
French 1	Henry Zimmerman
French 2	Henry Zimmerman
Gentle Exercise	Moira Axtens
German	Henry Zimmerman
Horticulture	Ivor Mitchell
Italian 1	Neville Heffernan
Italian 2	Neville Heffernan
Japanese	Joyce Berdy
Leadlight Making	Irene Pupedis
Mah Jong	Lesley Thomas
Marquetry	Ian Hadfield
Maths Minus Mystery	Jack Bayliss

Music Appreciation	Alan Farrar
Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan
Psychology for The Third Age	Heather Ambrose
Psychology in Action	Heather Ambrose
Scrabble	Elsa Ungar
Shakespeare	Ray Verrills
Silver Jewellery Making	Jack Roberts
Watercolour Painting	Jan Palmer
Watercolour Painting	Vivienne Sterndale
Writers Group	Ern Carne
Yoga for Beginners	Lesley Catt

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Management Committee, 1998

Les Dale and Margaret Bayliss resigned from the Management Committee. New members were Bob Whitecross and Ian Hadfield. There were no other changes.

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Courses and Tutors, 1998

Art Appreciation	Pearl Lubansky
Asian Cooking	Jan Mitchell
Book Discussion Group	Evelyne Perks
Calligraphy for Beginners	Vivian Halge
Chess for Fun	Winnie and Frank Pennells
Chinese	Linda Chin
Computers for Beginners	Jim Gibson
Computer - Advanced	Leslie Dale
(U3A) Computer Users' Group	Bob Whitecross
Contract Bridge	Lew Freeman and Bill Orange
Creative Embroidery	Jean Froude
Current Affairs	Paul Galambos
Embroidery	Charmaine Goodman
English Literature	Barbara Haye
Family History	Jan Mitchell
Film Group	Bridget Halge
First Aid and CPR	Pauline Wright
Folk Art	Bernadine Williams
Food – What's in it for You	Jack Krigsman
French 1	Henry Zimmerman
French 2	Henry Zimmerman
Gentle Exercise	Moira Axtens
German	Henry Zimmerman
History and Appreciation of Music	David Lording
Horticulture	Ivor Mitchell
Human Physiology	Keith Thom
Italian 1	Neville Heffernan
Italian 2	Neville Heffernan
Italian – Self Help	Tullio Martino
Japanese	Joyce Berdy
Leadlight Making	Irene Pupedis
Local History	Information available in February
Mah Jong	Lesley Thomas

Marquetry	Ian Hadfield
Meditation	Gordon Dobbs
Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan
Psychology for The Third Age	Heather Ambrose
Psychology in Action	Heather Ambrose
Scrabble	Elsa Ungar
Shakespeare	Ray Verrills
Silver Jewellery Making	Jack Roberts
Social Tennis Group	Heather Ambrose
The Written Word	Leslie Dale
Watercolour Painting	Jan Palmer
Watercolour Painting	Vivienne Sterndale
Writers Group	Ern Carne
Yoga	Lesley Catt

Addendum to Brochure - New Courses

Aboriginal Studies	Margaret Graham
Jung Reading & Discussion Group	Alison Loftus-Hills

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Management Committee, 1999

Heather Ambrose, President; Don Gay, Vice President; Teresa Terenyi, Secretary; Dermott Kearney, Treasurer; Ordinary Members: Bridget Halge, Robyn McIver and Ron Kitchingman. Hazel Ferguson later became Secretary when Teresa resigned to return to the paid work force.

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Courses and Tutors, 1999

Aboriginal Studies	Margaret Graham
Active Minds in Active Bodies	Leslie Dale and Jack Damody
Art Appreciation	Pearl Lubansky
Art – Drawing and Pastel Painting	Adelle Harries
Badminton	
Ballroom Dancing	Ethel Fredericks/Patrick Khaw
Beekeeping (Introduction)	Vincent Anderson
Book Discussion Group 1 and 2	Evelyne Perks
Bridge – Contract – Advanced	Deanne James
Calligraphy	Vivian Halge/Adelle Harries
Chess for Fun	Frank Pennells
Chinese - Advanced	Linda Chin
Computers - Beginners	Jim Gibson
Computer - Advanced	Barbara Hall
Computer Users' Group	Alan Robinson
Cosomology – A Study of Our Very Strange Universe	David Hertan
Current Affairs	Paul Galambos
Embroidery 1 and 2	Charmaine Goodman
Embroidery - Creative	Jean Froude
Embroidery - Ribbon	Beryl Walsh
Exercise – Gentle	Jan Mitchell

Film Group	Bridget Halge
First Aid and CPR	Pauline Wright
French 1	Henry Zimmerman
French 2	Henry Zimmerman
French Conversation 1	Yole Sherry
French Conversation 2	Yole Sherry
German	Henry Zimmerman
Handcraft	Carmen Woodward
Healing – What is it?	Reiki Master Sheila Neville
Horticulture	Ivor Mitchell
Human Physiology	Keith Thom
Italian	Neville Heffernan
Italian Conversation	Yole Sherry
Italian – Self Help	Tullio Martino
Jung Studies	Leslie Catt
Leadlight Making	Irene Pupedis
Literature – Drama	Barbara Haye
Ancient, Shakespearian and Modern	
Literature – Reading for Pleasure	Margaret Murphy
Ancient, Shakespearian and Modern	
Mah Jong	Lesley Thomas
Marquetry	Ian Hadfield
Meditation and Life Skills	Gordon Dobbs
Music History and Appreciation	David Lording
Philosophy - Political	Dawn Heffernan
Psychology	Heather Ambrose
Scrabble	Jill Doyle
Table Tennis	John Anson
Tai Chi	Angela Chung & Robert Fennels
Tennis	Heather Ambrose
Walking Group	Bruce Ford
Watercolour Painting	Jan Palmer
Watercolour Painting – Self Help	Jeff Brown
Writers Group	Jack Bayliss
Writing – Creative Workshop	Kathleen Herron
Yoga 1 and 2	Lesley Catt

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Management Committee, 2000

Heather Ambrose, President; Don Gay, Vice President; Judy Downie, Secretary; Dermott Kearney, Treasurer; Ordinary Members: Bridget Halge (Curriculum), Robyn Mclver (Newsletters and Publicity) and David Silver (Property).

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Courses and Tutors, 2000

About Ourselves

Active Minds in Active Bodies	Leslie Dale and Jack Damody
Family History	Jan Mitchell
Jung Studies	Leslie Catt
Meditation and Life Skills	Gordon Dobbs
Psychology	Heather Ambrose

About Our World

A Medley of Australian History	Des Thornton
Aboriginal Studies	Margaret Graham
Behind the News	John Moore
Biology	To be advised
Cosomology – A Study of Our Very Strange Universe	David Herten
Current Affairs	Paul Galambos
Film Appreciation	Jenny Hoffman
Financial Planning and Management	Milton Toal
Local History	Judith Leaney
Social Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan

Art and Craft

Art Appreciation	Pearl Lubansky
Calligraphy - Beginners	Vivian Halge
Calligraphy - Advanced	Adelle Harries
Counted Cross Stitch	Judy Downie
Creative Embroidery	Jean Froude
Drawing and Pastel Painting	Adelle Harries
Embroidery A and B	Charmaine Goodman
Folk Art	Bernadine Williams
Handcraft	Carmen Woodward
Leadlight Making	Irene Pupedis/Ian Hadfield
Patchwork – Cathedral Windows	Beryl Walsh
UFOs	Rose Curmi
Watercolour Painting	Jan Palmer
Watercolour Painting – Self Help	Jeff Brown

Computing

Computers – Beginners A	Don McKelvie
Computer – Beginners B	Peter Nash
Computers – Intermediate	Barbara Hall
Computer – Internet for Beginners	Peter Bishop
Computer Management	Barbara Hall
Computer Users' Group	Bob Whitecross

English: Written and Spoken

A Celebration of Australian Literature 1800 – 2000	Barbara Haye
Book Discussion Group	Evelyne Perks
Creative Writing Workshop	Kathleen Herron

Great Women Writers
Modern American Fiction
- novels, plays and poetry
The Written Word

Margaret Murphy
Pam Bennets

Jack Bayliss

Games and Hobbies

Beekeeping - Introduction
Chess
Contract Bridge – Advanced
Mah Jong
Scrabble

Vincent Anderson
Frank Pennells
Deanne James
Lesley Thomas
Jill Doyle

Health and Fitness

Ballroom Dancing
First Aid and CPR
Gentle Exercise
Table Tennis
Tai Chi
Tennis
Walking for Fitness
Walking Group
Yoga A and B

Ethel Fredericks/Patrick Khaw
Pauline Wright
Moira Axtens
John Anson
Angela Chung & Robert Fennels
Heather Ambrose
Don McKelvie
Bruce Ford
Lesley Catt

Languages

Chinese - Advanced
French 1
French 2
French Conversation 1
French Conversation 2
German
Italian 1
Italian 2
Italian Conversation
Italian – Self Help

Linda Chin
Henry Zimmerman
Henry Zimmerman
Yole Sherry
Yole Sherry
Henry Zimmerman
Neville Heffernan
Neville Heffernan
Yole Sherry
Tullio Martino

Music

History and Appreciation of Music

David Lording

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Management Committee, 2001

Heather Ambrose, President; Bridget Halge, Vice President; Judy Downie, Secretary; Dermott Kearney, Treasurer; Ordinary members: David Silver (External Communication and Property), Roland Authier (Computer Management) and Betty Ellis (Office Administration). Judy Downie resigned in January to return to the paid work force. Audrey Killey agreed to fill the Secretary's position.

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Courses and Tutors, 2001

About Ourselves

Family History	Jan Mitchell
Jung Studies	Leslie Catt
Maintaining Independence	Leslie Dale
Meditation	Gordon Dobbs
Psychology (Green)	Heather Ambrose
Psychology (Red)	Heather Ambrose
The Living Kabbalah	Gordon Dobbs

About Our World

Aboriginal Studies	Margaret Graham
Australian History – Different Times	Des Thornton
Behind the News	John Moore
Bird Watching	Jennifer Flood
Biology	To be advised
Cosomology – A Study of Our Very Strange Universe	David Hertan
Current Affairs	Paul Galambos
Film Appreciation	Jenny Hoffman
Financial Planning and Management	Milton Toal
International Cookery	Nina Nicoletti
Indian History – Excursions into the Past	Barbara Haye

Creative Arts

Local History	Judith Leaney
Social Philosophy	Dawn Heffernan
Social Anthropology	Ione Fett
Understanding Change in Society	Paul Buckingham
Understanding the Stockmarket	John Corcoran

Computing

Computers – Beginners A	Don McKelvie
Computer – Beginners B	Peter Nash
Computer – Desktop Publishing MS Publisher	Barbara Hall
Computer – Excel (Spreadsheets)	Leong Kwok
Computer – Housekeeping 1	Les Dale
Computer Housekeeping 2	Leong Kwok
Computer – Intermediate (Word)	Barbara Hall

Computer – Internet for Beginners	Peter Bishop
Computer – MS Access (Database)t	Barbara Hall
Computer Users' Group	Ron Clark

Art

Art Appreciation – Australian Art	Pearl Lubansky
Calligraphy - Beginners	Roy Griffin
Calligraphy - Advanced	Adelle Harries
Creative Embroidery	Joanna Eden
Drawing and Pastels - Beginners	Merylin Phillips
Drawing and Pastels - Advanced	Adelle Harries
Embroidery for Beginners	Desiree Higgins
Handcraft	Carmen Woodward
History & Appreciation of Music	Alan Farrar
Leadlight Making	Irene Pupedis
Marquetry	Lindsay Roberts
Painting with Acrylics and Gouache	Bernadine Williams
Painting with Oils	Anna de Jonk
Recorder Group	Janet Pelzer
UFOs	Rose Curmi
Watercolour Painting	Jan Palmer
Watercolour Painting – Self Help	Jeff Brown

English: Written and Spoken

Book Discussion Group	Evelyne Perks
Creative Writing Workshop	Kathleen Herron
Reading for Pleasure	Pamela Bennets/Margaret Murphy
The Written Word	Jack Bayliss

Friendship Group

Dining Out with Friends	Les Dale
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Games and Hobbies

Chess	Frank Pennells
Contract Bridge – Advanced & Beginners	Doug Murphy/Kaye Thompson
Mah Jong	Lesley Thomas
Scrabble	Winnie Pennells

Health and Fitness

Ballroom Dancing	Ethel Fredericks/Patrick Khaw
First Aid and CPR	Pauline Wright
Food Glorious Food	Clive Scott
Healing Your Mind, Body and Spirit	Coral Taylor
Low Impact Exercise	Maira Axtens
Petanque – French Bowls	Irene Scott
Table Tennis	John Anson
Tai Chi (Qigong Shibashi – 18 movements)	Angela Chung
Tai Chi (Beijing 24)	Angela Chung
Tennis	Heather Ambrose
Walking for Fitness	Don McKelvie
Walking for Health and Pleasure	Bruce Ford

Yoga A, B and C – A Continuing Study
Yoga for the Not so Supple
Yoga – Hatha

Lesley Catt
Lorna Andreassen
Pat Pat Taplin

Languages

Chinese - Advanced
French 1
French 2
French Conversation - Beginners
French Conversation - Advanced
German
Italian 1
Italian 2
Italian Conversation
Italian – Self Help

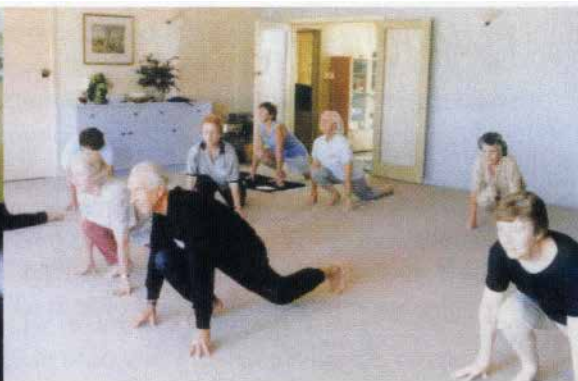
Linda Chin
Henry Zimmerman
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Yole Sherry
Yole Sherry
Henry Zimmerman
Neville Heffernan
Neville Heffernan
Yole Sherry
Tullio Martino

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Classes of 2001



Creative Embroidery



Yoga



Chinese - Advanced



Calligraphy



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Philosophy

Lead Lighting



Ballroom Dancing



Marquetry

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Left to right: Quintin Coutinho, Leslie Dale, Anoop Chauhan, Heather Ambrose. Bridget Halge was not present.

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