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President's Report



Welcome back to our 'new normal'. It is so good to see everyone in person and actively participating in those long-missed classes. A quick walk through The Pines Shopping Centre sees a huge increase in coffee shop patronage. I am sure they are all U3A members catching up.

At the time of writing, we have not been informed of any changes to Manningham City Council's COVID regulations. If the mask mandate is removed, I do still encourage participants in classes where social distancing is difficult, to continue to wear them. Our age group is the most vulnerable and

we must continue to look after each other and feel secure. Please feel very comfortable wearing your mask if you choose to do so.

COVID has taught us that nothing stays the same. This also applies to our U3A and this year will be one of change. Some of the changes are forced upon us and others are the result of trying to improve our services to members.

Over the more than 30 years that U3A Manningham has been active, we have been keeping our members informed via newsletters. Our first newsletters were typewritten and posted to members, but more recently, we have been emailing a 'magazine' style quarterly newsletter.

This is the last edition of that type of newsletter. In keeping with many other U3As, our newsletter team - **Jillian Gange**, **Liew Staras** and **Frances Langdon** - are in the process of updating our newsletter format. Before too long, you will be receiving a monthly emailed update which will keep you informed about all that is and will be happening at our U3A.

While they are working on this, any updates will appear on our website under 'Latest News' (www.u3amanningham.org.au) or, if necessary, will be emailed to all members.

It is often necessary to communicate with members, advising them of issues such as changes to their classes, details of new classes, general updates, emailing newsletters, etc., but this is impossible if members' MyU3A contact details are incorrect. Can I ask all members to log into your personal member account on MyU3A and update your profiles or just check that the contact details are correct.

Our 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held in the PFR on Thursday, 17 March 2022 from 12.00noon. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. The AGM Notice appears later in this newsletter and the financial statements will be emailed to members prior to the AGM date. All members are invited to attend and those wishing to do so should register their intention at the Office.

I look forward to a rewarding year, meeting up with members and receiving your feedback and suggestions.

David McNamara, President

U3A MANNINGHAM INC.
Registration No. A0026531J

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2022 at 12.00noon

The Thirty-First Annual General Meeting of U3A Manningham Inc. will be held on Thursday, 17 March 2022 at 12.00noon in The Pines Function Room, The Pines Learning and Activity Centre, 520 Blackburn Road, Doncaster East.

Order of Business

1. Welcome and acceptance of apologies.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28 April 2021 and the Special General Meeting held on 29 July 2021.
3. Business arising from the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting.
4. To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Report for 2021.
5. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the period 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.
6. Presentation of Awards.
7. To transact any other business which must be submitted one week prior to the Meeting.
8. Comments and questions.
9. Election of Committee of Management for 2022 / 2023.

All positions on the Committee of Management are declared vacant each year. The positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven (7) Ordinary Members. (The number of Ordinary Members will be subject to Rule 53.)

Nomination forms may be obtained from the U3A Office.

Nomination of candidates for election as members of the Committee of Management must be in writing on the appropriate form. Candidates must be nominated by two members of U3A Manningham and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the nomination form) and must be delivered to the Secretary by 3.00pm on Wednesday, 9 March 2022.

Members nominating for the Committee of Management are expected to become familiar with the U3A Manningham Constitution.

The Committee of Management is collectively responsible for ensuring that U3A Manningham complies with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act and the U3A Constitution.

Lyn Davies, Secretary

2022 Menzies Australia Day Awards

Recipients: Marg Dawdy & Tess Gibbs

The Menzies Awards are presented to outstanding citizens who have worked hard to make our community a better place to live in. **Marg Dawdy** and **Tess Gibbs** were nominated by U3AM's Committee of Management for the 2022 Menzies Awards. Marg and Tess received their awards from The Hon. Kevin Andrews, MP on 26 January 2022.

Marg Dawdy

After a career in nursing, Marg retired in 2006 and immediately joined U3A Manningham.

Participation in strength training classes helped make her a fitness enthusiast and she trained as a strength training tutor at U3A. She also completed a Certificate Three Fitness Course in 2013.

In 2019, Marg became the Supervising Tutor of six strength training classes with over 280 members meeting twice weekly. To conform with COVID rules in 2020, Marg successfully changed the whole strength training program from using weights to rubber bands.

As well as being an extremely efficient organiser, Marg brightens up her classes and our organisation with her happy personality and ready laugh.

Marg is a keen rock climber and regularly climbs Mt Arapiles.



Tess Gibbs

After a career in the health sector as a therapy radiographer and coordinator of an aged care facility, Tess joined U3A Manningham in 2006. She initially joined a bridge class and worked as a volunteer in the office.

Tess quickly became more involved in U3A and has been a bridge tutor for fourteen years, assisting many U3A members to learn to play and enjoy bridge.

She is a stalwart in our office where she organises the roster and helps to train the many office volunteers who man the U3A Office each weekday. Tess is a 'quiet achiever', working in the background to help keep the office functioning well.



David Jensz

Celebrating the Achievements of U3A Manningham Migrant English Tutors

In the year 2000, U3AM launched the Migrant English Program (MEP) to provide free tuition to migrants in the wider community. The objective of the MEP was to assist migrants to acquire English skills which would help in their integration into the community and, hopefully, to enable their participation in U3AM activities.

The MEP trained U3AM members as Migrant English tutors who would, in turn, provide one-on-one tutoring to migrants to improve their speaking, listening, and understanding in English. The one-on-one tuition is open to all adult migrants from the wider community.



Achievements of Migrant English Tutors

Seven of our tutors have been providing tutoring services for over ten years and nineteen tutors have done so for more than five years. To commemorate the achievement of these significant milestones, U3AM has awarded a Certificate of Appreciation to the following twenty-six tutors.



L to R: Renate Boutlis, Christopher Roff, Lorraine Gill

Migrant English Tutors with 10+ Years of Service

Renate Boutlis
Janice Cambrey
Lorraine Gill
Mary Kwei
Sim Ng
Christopher Roff

One tutor wishes to remain anonymous

Cont'd

Celebrating the Achievements of U3A Manningham Migrant English Tutors (Cont'd)



Back row (L to R): Patricia Liew, Karen Ng, Helen Hinz, Angeliki Puckey, Mary Edgar, Seok Chng
 Front row (L to R): Ken Coleman, Ailin Janice Han, Ursula Wilks, Tom Lim

Migrant English Tutors with 5+ Years of Service

Seok Chng	Tom Lim
Ken Coleman	Marie Nash
Mary Edgar	Hock Ng
Ailin Janice Han	Karen Ng
Ching Juan Han	Rosemary Polya
Helen Hinz	Irene Port
Joyce Kellett	Angeliki Puckey
John Kelly	Ursula Wilks
Bernadette Lam	Oon Huat Yeoh
Patricia Liew	

Migrant English Program Coordinators



L to R: Ken Coleman, Foong Sim Chin, Bridget Halge, Joan Creber, Jeanette Badge

Since the start of the Migrant English Program, the Coordinators have been the driving force behind its success. They have contributed much of their time and effort in keeping the program running and getting many Migrant English tutors trained over the years. The Program would like to acknowledge the services of all past and present coordinators.

Period	Coordinator	Assistant Coordinator
2000 - 2001	Bridget Halge	-
2002 - 2003	Pat Smith	-
2004 - 2016	Joan Creber	-
2016 - 2020	Jeanette Badge	Ken Coleman (from 2017)
2021 - present	Foong Sim Chin	Ken Coleman

Migrant English Tutor Training

If you would like to assist migrants to acquire English skills, you will need to enrol through MyU3A in the course *Workshop for Migrant English Tutor Training* to be trained as a Migrant English tutor. The training consists of six 2½ hour sessions, running over 6 weeks in Term 3.

Kong Min Yep, Migrant English Tutor

Curriculum Matters

Welcome back to U3A Manningham at The Pines and all external venues. We started this year with a bang with members being happy to catch up with each other. After two eventful years, we look forward to an uneventful year at U3A.

There are 149 courses available this year. The more popular courses are fully booked with a waiting list. However, there are still a lot of other options for members to consider and you may have a pleasant surprise that you really enjoy a course that may not have been your first choice.



Tutors' and Class and Deputy Class Representatives' meetings were held in February with a fantastic attendance. Guidelines were provided for the new tutors and class representatives, and updates were given to all present. Every effort was made to clarify issues and concerns.

We are constantly seeking potential tutors and new courses. If you have ideas or know someone who has special knowledge, experience or skills which are relevant to our members, please contact us for a discussion. We are also looking for a tutor who is willing to teach Spanish at all levels. If that's you or you know of anyone, please let us know.

Milly Ching, Curriculum Manager

Kaffeeklatsch 2022

Would you like to have a friendly chat in German over a cup of coffee?

Your level of German doesn't matter. However, we would like you to participate in German.

Native Speakers: You are most welcome to join this group. It gives students of German an opportunity to practice with competent German speakers, and it would also benefit you, the native speakers, with friendship, opportunity to keep your own language skills alive and stimulating conversations.

Dates for Kaffeeklatsch are:

28 March (instead of 11 April - Term Holidays)
9 May
23 May (instead of 13 June - Queen's Birthday Holiday)
11 July
8 August
12 September
10 October
14 November

Final Date TBA

Time: 9.00 - 10.15am

Place: Indulgence Café, The Pines Shopping Centre (opposite U3A)

Cost: A cup of coffee, or ?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

Terms 1 & 2

Members will be updated on any changes which may arise due to COVID restrictions.

<u>Day & date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Time</u>
Term 1, 2022			
Monday, 7 February	TERM 1 commenced (9 weeks)		
Monday, 7 March	Committee of Management meeting	R8	1.15-2.45
Monday, 14 March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY		
Thursday, 17 March	Annual General Meeting	PFR	11.30-1.45
Monday, 4 April	Committee of Management meeting	R8	1.15-2.45
Friday, 8 April	TERM 1 finishes		

(Break – two weeks)

Term 2, 2022

Tuesday, 26 April	TERM 2 commences (8 weeks)		
Monday, 2 May	Committee of Management meeting	R8	1.15-2.45
Friday, 13 May	Class Representatives' Meeting	R13,14	3.00-4.00
Wednesday, 25 May	COM Volunteers' meeting	PFR	12.15-2.30
Monday, 6 June	Committee of Management meeting	R8	1.15-2.45
Monday, 13 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY		
Friday, 17 June	TERM 2 finishes		

(Break – 3 weeks)

PFR - Pines Function Room

The Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide accessible and affordable educational, cultural, physical and social opportunities appropriate to the needs of retired and semi-retired people.

