

NEWSLETTER

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Service Awards for our Tutors

A Tutors Meeting was held on 28 July and Years of Service Certificates were awarded to our tutors.

David McNamara (President) thanked all our tutors for their dedication and hard work and considered them "the basis of all that happens in U3AM". He spoke of the value of volunteers and made special mention of **Dawn Heffernan**, our 30 years service award recipient, as "a legend", which she definitely is! **Barbara Spagnolo** (Tutor Coordinator) added, "Dawn's commitment and dedication is an absolute inspiration to all of us and she is a role model for all women and all tutors."

Milly Ching (Curriculum Coordinator) and Shirley Fung (Vice President) both echoed David's appreciation for our valued tutors. Both stressed the constant need for new tutors and courses, reassuring that interested persons will be well supported, if required, and they highlighted that no teaching qualification is necessary to become a tutor. All that is required is a keen and passionate interest in a particular subject/topic and Milly and Shirley are ready to help to develop it into a course.

Service award certificate recipients included the following tutors:-

5 Years: Mary Edgar, Carol Griffiths, Joanne Kelly, Patricia Liew, Lily Ong, Tony Ong,

Chris Padgham and Rod Shield.

10 Years: Mavis Blake, Heather Close, Etienne De Lavaulx, Telmay Dodd, Paola Flammini,

Shirley Fung, Ken Hosking, Lynne Lloyd, Sandra Marshall, Irene Michaelides, Emmy Oakley, Frank O'Neill, Jim Poulter, Lisbeth Wilks and Arta Xenophontas.

15 Years: Tess Gibbs, Yanwen Huang, Gloria Matison and Trish Taylor.

20 Years: David Jensz, Barry Klein, Kay Newcombe, Nena Reid, Corale Taylor, Corale Vercoe

and Noel Wright.

30 Years: Dawn Heffernan.

Our congratulations and appreciation to all our tutors!

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Service Awards for our Tutors (Cont'd)



5 year award recipients: Rodney Shield. Lily Ong, Mary Edgar, Carol Griffiths, Joanne Kelly, Patricia Liew, Chris Padgham



10 & 15 year award recipients:

Emmy Oakley, Etienne De Lavaulx. Shirley Fung, Sandra Marshall, Paola Flammini, Telmay Dodd. Frank O'Neill, Tess Gibbs, Gloria Matison

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Service Awards for our Tutors (Cont'd)



20 year award recipients: Barry Klein, Noel Wright



30 year award recipient:

Dawn Heffernan being honoured with flowers by Barbara Spagnolo

Aveo and U3A Manningham Collaboration

Aveo Group is an Australian company that owns, operates and manages multiple retirement and aged care communities across Australia. At the end of Term 2, Craig Green, the Aveo Group Community Engagement Manager, sent us a request to discuss partnership opportunities between Aveo and U3A Manningham. His aim is to drive social connection and opportunities for the Aveo independent living residential communities with the broader local area, and to also connect and partner with local community focused bodies, such as ours.

Based on my discussion with Craig, we both agreed that, given the current COVID-impacted environment, both parties could benefit from a two-way connection.

An information session about U3A Manningham was organised for 6 September at the Aveo Roseville facility in Doncaster East.

My presentation focussed upon our mission to provide accessible and affordable educational, cultural, physical and social opportunities appropriate to the needs of retired and semi-retired people, our historical past, and the courses and activities we offer our members. It is hoped that the information we provide will induce the residents of Aveo communities to avail themselves of the benefits that we as members enjoy.

The presentation stressed upon the importance of maintaining physical and mental health through social connection with larger outer communities such as U3A Manningham.

The meeting was well attended. Two of our music groups, *The Guitar Club* and *The Multi-Instrumental Club* provided entertainment. They played songs that invited the audience to sing along. Our thanks to tutors, **John Liew** and **Peter Simondson**, and their teams for the performances that everyone enjoyed.

The presentation was followed by afternoon tea. Thanks to Craig Green for organising the event which will be the first of many collaborations between both organisations.



Enjoying the music together - some residents and our U3AM members.

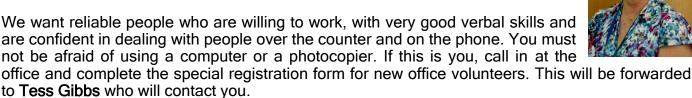


Members of U3AM entertaining the crowd.

Shirley Fung Vice President and New Course Coordinator

A Word from the Office

Every year, we have a wonderful group of members who volunteer to help out in our office. These members are the face of U3AM and the first contact to prospective members who call in at the office or phone in for information. There are still a few vacancies for new office volunteers to join us in Term 4 and we will be looking for new office volunteers to help us in 2023.

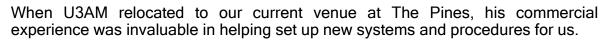


Robyn Buttling Office Manager

Who was 'WAZZA'?

A pharmacist by profession and a successful entrepreneur running his own chain of pharmacies, **Warren Raymond Trompf**, affectionately nicknamed '<u>Wazza</u>' by friends, was an avid table tennis player, passionate bridge player and swimmer.

He enrolled at U3AM when he retired from his pharmacy business in 2007-2008. He believed in our oraganisation's vision of lifelong learning and our volunteer system of member involvement in running it.





Warren was actively involved with its activities and courses and in 2009-2010, he was U3AM's Vice President. He was also a long serving member of our U3AM Newsletter team and the Catering and Functions team. He maintained a keen interest in world affairs and his participation in *Current Affairs* classes was notable.

Those who have had the privilege of knowing Warren would describe him as a caring and helpful person, always ready to lend a hand, as he did, chauffeuring members to and from some classes. He was 'sort of a foodie', enjoyed being in company and never short of a story or two to keep the conversation lively.

In the last 18 months, despite his fight and struggle against his debilitating condition, one trait stood out.... Warren's positivity in adversity. He maintained his jovial self throughout, and nothing could have stopped him from making his 80th birthday a blast!

He left one message for his friends that is worth noting: "When walking that proverbial extra mile, don't ignore any signs (e.g. frequent bouts of sneezing/cold, headaches, chronic fatigue, tiredness, etc.), take heed of your body's cues; don't be embarrassed to visit your GP frequently."

Warren passed away on 6 August. We will remember you and miss you. Vale, Warren 'Wazza' Raymond Trompf!

Anoop Chauhan

2022 Photo Competition - Your Chance to Vote!

The entrants for our U3AM 2022 photo competition are now available for your perusal on this website link: https://u3amanningham.org.au/docs/2022PhotoCompetition NoNames.pdf.

A big thank you to all the members who entered the competition, it has been fantastic, seeing the sheer number of entrants each year makes it all worthwhile.

- 1. Voting starts now and ends on 3 October.
- 2. All members can vote for their favourite photo but only **ONE VOTE** per member, please.
- 3. Use the title of the photo when voting.

However, there are three photos without titles, to vote for any of these, please use 1, 2, or 3. The order they are in denotes the number to be used. Could the member(s) who sent in these photos please contact me?

4. Send your vote to triciaj47@gmail.com.

Good luck to all!

Trish Gilbert

Is AFL Football a Topic for Current Affairs??

There has been at least one Current Affairs class at U3A Manningham ever since the first week of classes in 1991. Every year, some members of the class argue that AFL is not 'real current affairs'. However, no one ever dozes off when AFL football is being scrutinised and there is always plenty of participation.

The Jamie Elliot goal on Sunday, 21 August must go down in history as 'real current affairs'. The goal was kicked with seconds left and changed so much for so many people.

Top 9 AFL clubs' standings:-

	Before the Elli	ot kick	(After the Elliot	After the Elliot kick		
Standing	Club	Points		Club	Points		
1	Geelong	72	144.2%	Geelong	72	144.2%	
2	Melbourne	64	130.6%	Melbourne	64	130.6%	
3	Sydney	64	127.9%	Sydney	64	127.9%	
4	Fremantle	62	117.0%	Collingwood	64	104.3%	
5	Brisbane	60	119.3%	Fremantle	62	117.0%	
6	Collingwood	60	104.0%	Brisbane	60	119.3%	
7	Richmond	54	121.6%	Richmond	54	121.6%	
8	Carlton	52	108.7%	W Bulldogs	48	108.9%	
9	W Bulldogs	48	108.9%	Carlton	48	108.3%	

No real harm was caused, no country was invaded, no material damage occurred, no floods, no fires and the positive side of sport was put on show. However, please be nice to Carlton supporters until the end of September!

David Jensz

The Victorian Seniors Festival is back!

The festival is turning 40 this year so enjoy the many free or low cost events and activities organised throughout October.

Also, do take advantage of eight days of free public transport for senior card holders from 2-9 October.

For more details, visit https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022 Terms 3 & 4

<u>Day & date</u> <u>Activity</u> <u>Room</u> <u>Time</u>

Friday, 16 September **TERM 3 finishes**

(Break - two weeks)

Term 4, 2022

2 to 4 October U3A State Conference Bendigo

Monday, 3 October TERM 4 commences (9 weeks)

Monday, 3 October Committee of Management meeting R8 1.30pm

Monday, 24 October Newsletter deadline

Tuesday, 1 November MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Monday, 7 November Committee of Management meeting R8 1.30pm

Wednesday, 16 November Artistic Showcase PFR 10.00 - 3.00pm Wednesday, 16 November 2023 Enrolment commences *** More information to follow in

next Newsletter

Thursday, 24 November uniFEST 2022 PFR 12.00 - 3.30pm

Friday, 2 December **TERM 4 finishes**

PFR - Pines Function Room

Newsletter Contributions

Contributions to our newsletter may be sent to David Jensz at <u>djensz@bigpond.net.au</u> or put into his pigeonhole. The deadline date for the next newsletter is Monday, 24 October, 2022. Please ensure that all contributions contain your name and contact details.

The Newsletter

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