U3A Healesville March Newsletter

Friday at 5

U3A Healesville held our first Friday @ 5 for 2023 on Friday 10 February. It was very popular, with between 80 and 100 people coming along. A number of new members came along for the first time and said they found it a very positive, friendly experience.

The event included the unveiling of the two bench seats at the Court House commemorating the significant contributions of Doug Fudge and Bob Willis to U3A Healesville.

Our next Friday @ 5 is scheduled for Friday 17 March, with a St Patrick's Day theme. So – all things green are welcome – clothing, food, and drink...

U3A Healesville is about to Hit the Road

U3A Healesville organises three to four Hit the Road tours a year, both for those with and without caravans/camper trailers. Those who need accommodation often share with others to keep the costs down. People coming along need to organise their own accommodation but the Hit the Road organisers provide contact details, directions, and maps if needed.

People going along usually take their own food and drink, have a BBQ the first night, have a meal at a local pub one night and often use up leftovers or have a BBQ on the other night.

Most evenings include a musical get together led by the many U3A Healesville members who play a musical instrument.

The first Hit the Road for the year is at Apollo Bay from March 21-23 at Pisces Holiday Park, 311 Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay (5237 6749). Nearby landmarks include Cape Otway Lighthouse, Erskine Falls, and Stevenson Falls.

At the moment there is still room for others to join in. If you want to find out more contact Anne Catchpole on 0412 431 233 or <u>annecatchpole@bigpond.com.au</u>

Planning Day 28 January 2023

U3A Healesville's committee held a successful Planning Day in late January to discuss and think about our strategic direction for the next year or so. We considered our purpose – how we work with our members and the community; our vision – the kind of organisation we are now and into the future and the key areas we want to focus on in the longer term.

These changes have been published on our website with our vision statement on the home page of the website, and details about our purpose and forward plans under the 'About us' tab on the website home page.

Save the date - mid-year dance

After last year's successful mid-year dance, a dance is now planned for mid this year. Same place – the Yarra Glen hall, date Friday 5 May.

Dates for this and next term

Term one ends on Thursday 6 April, the day before Good Friday.

Term 2 starts on Monday 24 April. The following day is Anzac Day so will be a public holiday.