



**HEALESVILLE**  
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

## Welcome to U3A Healesville's May newsletter

### From the President

Greetings,

As we commence Term 2 I am delighted to inform you that your Committee has just renewed our Courthouse lease with the Yarra Ranges Council. This continues our use of the Courthouse, which began in 2018 when we were first able to call the Old Courthouse our home, through until 2026. The building has a heritage listing being one of only five courthouses in Victoria with its particular front façade - so it is a building of particular significance. As part of the process of renewing the lease your committee has been in very productive discussions with Council about a number of maintenance issues at the Courthouse. I look forward to updating you in due course.

I have been a member of U3AHealesville for seven years now and one of the things I have particularly enjoyed and regularly hear about is how much fun and enjoyment our members gain from the various activities we run and how much members value and respect friendships formed. The feedback on course and social activities has invariably been very positive and this is reflected in our growing membership, currently 274, and the number and range of courses we run.

We have a busy term ahead with three new courses added to our offering as well as a number of social occasions as listed below. I remind you about a number of protocols based on our values as stated on the U3AHealesville website under "About Us". Included is the importance and courtesy of informing Course Leaders if you are unable to attend a particular session. Also, should you decide to withdraw from a course please inform the relevant course leader who will then inform our database manager, Bill Woods. Alternatively, you can contact Bill yourself and he will adjust the records. This ensures an accurate record of numbers in each course, which becomes particularly significant where there are waiting lists. And of course, please remember to wear your name tag when attending events or courses. It seems trivial at times but for new members in particular it does make life easier if they can refer to members by their name.

We are a voluntary organisation where every activity is run by volunteers who do a wonderful job for the sole purpose of sharing a passion of theirs with others. They invariably take a great deal of time to prepare or organise their courses and to set an enjoyable tone. We need to be mindful and respectful of each other at all times based on our stated values of being welcoming, friendly, supportive of each other and respectful of our community. Our *Terms and Conditions of Membership Policy* and *Code of Conduct Policy* – both on the website - state that we "treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times"; that "Every member of U3AHealesville Inc has the right to feel safe and respected"; that "Every member of U3AHealesville Inc. has the responsibility to respect the beliefs, needs and backgrounds of

others, act and speak respectfully, maintain positive relationships and help create an inclusive environment.” Overwhelmingly we get things right. It is in this spirit that I look forward to Term 2.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Anzac Day march – Tuesday 25 April**

U3A Healesville will be represented at the Anzac Day march – those members who wish to march are invited to join in. We gather at Church Street opposite Aldi at 9.30am. U3AHealesville is also laying a wreath.

#### **The mid-year dance at Yarra Glen Hall - Friday 5 May**

Currently approximately 96 people have booked in to this event, with eight people per table. The event is BYO everything. As outlined previously, there is a cost of \$20 to pay at the door, to cover the cost of the hire of the hall and the band. With Mal Day organising the dance routines during band breaks, the dance is scheduled to run from 6:30 to approximately 10:30 – we need to be packed up and out of the hall by 11 pm.

This is shaping up to be a fantastic evening. Barbara Woods and Rebecca Doig lead a team of members who have organised this event and I am grateful for the work they have all done.

#### **Arvo Tea - Thursday 1 June**

Our annual arvo tea will be held this term in the Senior Citizens Hall commencing at 2pm. I am grateful to Heather Higgs who always does a wonderful job organising this.

### **Term dates**

Term 2 commences on Monday 24 April and finishes on Friday 23 June. Tuesday 25 April is Anzac Day and a public holiday, so – no classes on that day.

### **More dates for your diary**

#### **Health and Wellbeing talk**

Damien Kristoff will return to Healesville on 10 May at 2 pm at the Senior Citizens Hall to talk on the topic of ‘Health and Wellbeing’. Damien gave a very well-received talk at last year’s Health Expo at the Memo. Both Senior Citizens and U3A members will be there, with the Seniors providing afternoon tea. Bookings are still open for interested U3A members – contact John Pascoe for more information.

#### **Healesville CoRE webinar**

Healesville Community Renewable Energy will hold a webinar on Wednesday 10 May between 7:30 and 9:00 pm. Amongst others, speakers will include Lucinda Flynn - home energy efficiency trainer and assessor; Amy Gregorovich - Energy Resilient Communities Officer at YRC; Matthew Leeson from the Leeson Group - solar installers; and Ross Coulson – enthusiastic EV owner.

For more information go to [www.healesvillecore.org.au](http://www.healesvillecore.org.au).

#### **Lilydale Pop-up Blood Donor Centre: 8 to 19 May.**

The Pop-up Blood Donor Centre stopped coming to Healesville about 10 years ago. If you want to donate blood they are in Lilydale at the Baptist Church Complex (Cnr Hull and Swansea Roads) on Monday 8 (12.30-8pm); Tuesday 9 May -Thursday 11 May (12pm – 8pm);

Friday 12 May (8am – 3pm); Monday 15 May (12.30pm- 8PM); Tuesday 16 May – Wednesday 17 May (12pm-8pm); Thursday 18 May (8am – 3.30pm) and Friday 19 May (8am – 3pm0.

### **Course updates**

Three new courses commence in term two:

*Stage Stories*, being run by Phil Stephenson, which will include a brief history of the theatre, play readings and more. The course will run in terms 2 and 3, on most Wednesday afternoons at the Court House, between 3:30 and 5 pm.

*A Trip to the Movies* – also in the Court House on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month from 3:30 to 5:30. Nostalgic and enjoyable sessions will include snippets from Movietone news, a cartoon and a full-length movie.

*Exploring Life's Meanings* – will run for nine weeks and include sessions that share events, experiences and milestones, to help clarify our life's puzzle and to highlight our present choices. Classes will run from 12 midday on Thursdays at the Court House from 25 May to 10 August.

### **And remember**

- Please remember to wear your name tags at classes.
- Please let your course leader know if you are not able to attend a class.
- Please remember to treat other members with respect. We are all individuals, coming from different backgrounds and life experiences. In common, we have our membership and enjoyment of U3A.

Welcome to Term 2, 2023.