



# Newsletter

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## Lorraine's Letter

Welcome to the first edition of the Creswick & District U3A Newsletter.

Eleven people became foundation members at the information meeting held on 23 April. We now have 24 members and more are considering joining. This is a great start. As a comparison, Stawell U3A recently celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

and have 60 members.

Thank you to each and every one of you for ensuring the formation of Creswick and District U3A – let's keep the momentum going.

Look forward to seeing you at the general meeting at 2 p.m. on 8 July at the Creswick Learning Centre.

*Lorraine*

### Hot off the Press

U3A Network Victoria accepted Creswick & District U3A as a new member on 17 June.

Our application now goes to Government for approval to grant us \$1000 to help with set up costs of our U3A branch.

We expect to receive the funds in August.



Some well-wishers help get U3A off the ground.

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*If only I'd gone to U3A I wouldn't be in this mess now.*

## General Meeting Wednesday 8 July

General Meeting  
Our first general meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 July 2.00pm at the Learning Centre. Registration of new members and enrolments for courses of your choice will be taken afterwards.

You are welcome to bring your friends, relatives or complete

strangers interested in recreational learning. If you know someone with a particular interest or passion who may like to share it with us, please let Lorraine know.

We need you to register your attendance for this meeting – just in case we have outgrown the large classroom.

Creswick & District U3A

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### Special points of interest:

- Term Three Timetables special insert
- Committee Members
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## Activities



**Così fan tutti,  
U3A that is**

Our first U3A course, *Australian Films*, led by John Morris was held on Thursday 11 June with the showing of *Jedda* (re-digitised).

*Jedda* is supposedly set in the Top End but much of the movie was shot around Alice Springs and Katherine Gorge.

The three of us in attendance had lived in the Northern Terri-

tory and John knew many of the actors involved so we had a lively and interesting discussion after the film.

Friday 19 June was the first session for *Confidently Compute* led by Tracey O'Brien. The class is full so I imagine we will keep Tracey very busy for a couple of hours.

Also starting is *German for Beginners*

with Heather Booker. Although this class has only 2 students, it will proceed because Beryl has offered the use of her home.

Thank you. or should I say bless you Beryl, for understanding immediately that paying rent for a small class is not a viable option. More students are very welcome.



**I won two  
Nobel prizes,  
in different  
sciences.  
I wish I could  
lead a class at  
Creswick U3A**

## The Formalities: Incorporation

The Committee has recommended that Creswick & District U3A be incorporated and a vote of members will be taken on this at the General Meeting on 8 July.

No proxy votes are available for the meeting so we need a good attendance. Only financial mem-

bers are able to vote so come along and help shape the future of our U3A.

Incorporation is important because it defines the organization as a legal entity rather than holding office bearers individually responsible.

Incorporation is essential prerequisite

when making applications for some grants.

The incorporated body has its own identity. It can sue and be sued in its own right which offers protection to the members and the committee.

*Bill Morrison  
Hon Sec*

## Behind the Scenes

Our U3A is fortunate in having an enthusiastic committee, each of whom volunteered.

The committee has seven people with a variety of experience, expertise and knowledge working harmoniously for our members.

This is just what a new organization needs.

The committee meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Learning Centre.

The meeting starts 4.00pm with all business conducted by

5.00pm. Financial members are welcome at any meeting.

Should you like to attend please contact Bill Morrison 5345 2995.



**I wish I could  
join but I don't  
live in Creswick**

# Community Supports U3A

Chance conversations have surprising results. I lost an earring at my exercise session at the John Curtin Memorial Hostel (*note: free plug!* Thursdays 2pm, cost \$2.00 – phone Community Health Centre if you'd like gentle exercise with light weights).

I phoned the hostel and mentioned U3A in passing. Next thing the phone rings. Jenny Sewell had overheard the conversation and believes the Hostel should be

supporting our new organization. As a result we will be showing *Australian Films* at the Hostel in future.

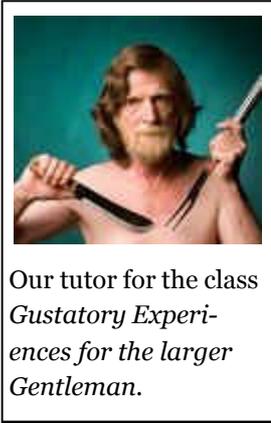
Second phone call was from a Daylesford U3A member who said that in their early days they held classes in the Daylesford Library when it was closed.

Next day I approached Geraldine asking if CHRL would consider allowing our U3A to use the library on

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Geraldine's response was positive and supportive and within 90 minutes she rang me saying the library was ours to use.

We are extremely grateful to Jenny and Geraldine for their support and the fantastic news is that both venues are being offered to us rent free.



Our tutor for the class *Gustatory Experiences for the larger Gentleman.*



Want to join my classes in Method Acting?

Darlings, come up and see me some time.

Letters to the Editor would be very welcome!

**There are many intelligent species in the Universe.**  
**They are all owned by cats.**

## Public Notices

### Lost & Found

**Lost:** Steinway Concert Grand Piano last Saturday somewhere on the La Gerche Walk. Reward to finder.

**Found:** Calambeen Park: **Gold locket** inscribed *To Linda Rhonda love always Melvyn*

### Coming Soon

*The Tabbouleh Wars*, an opera for six voices, euphonium and ukulele by young composer, Juniper Cardamom. Bookings open 31 June.

Art Exhibition  
A Retrospective: Picasso in Australia. *"An intriguing and puzzling experience"* (Courier)

### For Sale

Viking Helmet, full set of horns, matching breastplate, very little use (quarterly pillaging trips only). \$250 ONO

*The Delights of the Turnip* by Baldrick Sneed, 327 interesting things to do with and to turnips. Collector's Edition \$18



U3A is more fun than national security

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Please come to the meeting on  
**Wednesday 8 July**  
Creswick Learning Centre  
2 pm

***Creswick & District U3A***

We'll soon be on the  
web! Watch this  
space.

### **Committee Members**

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### **Courses**

#### **Classes are held at:**

Creswick Learning Centre	Computing
John Curtin Meeting Room	Australian Films
Creswick Library	Your Memories, your life

#### **Courses**

Introduction to Bonsai  
German for Beginners  
Indigenous Culture  
Your Memories, Your Life  
Australian History  
Australian Films  
Computing with confidence  
Leisurely Lunches

#### **Courses to be arranged**

Heritage Fruit  
Recipe Exchange  
Short story writing