

DENILIQUIN BRANCH

Welcome to 2019

**Enrolment day for 2019 will be held on Wednesday 30 January 2019 at 11am** at Intereach followed by lunch. ***Could all members please bring along a plate to share***. **Fees are still $35.00** which is great value as we all know. Please remember on enrolment day we only take cash or cheque NO cards as we do not have the facilities to process. Thank you for your understanding. If you know of anyone who wishes to join please encourage them to do so and explain about the “3 tries before you buy”. Following on from the enrolment day at 11 am there will be a committee meeting at 1.30 pm.

Our Christmas break up was well attended and this was followed by the Annual General Meeting. The U3A committee for this year is as follows:

President: Alison Wilson 0438894339

Vice President: Helen Thompson 0408893347

Secretary: Gill Fraser 0427453256

Treasurer: Sue Gatacre 0419536738

Co-Ordinator: Helen Burnham 0400110749

Publicity Officer: Gayle Beckton 0488002286

Committee Members: Airlie Circuitt – 0429934069

Phyllis Ball -58824215

Marge Donohue – 0407094093

Jan Renwick -041866394 & John Waters - 58825910

**U3A now has a mobile phone number of 0499839468**. This number has been sourced so that prospective members/current members can ring and enquire about classes, etc., and also as the executive may change over the years we will not have to keep updating brochures. The mobile will be held by a committee member who will be able to answer enquiries.

**SENIORS WEEK for this year is 13 February to 24 February 2019.**

An email was sent out to all members informing them of the movie “Ladies in Black” to be held at Intereach on Thursday 14 February 2019 at 2pm. If you are wishing to attend and haven’t already done so, please reply to my previous email or the U3A mobile phone number on 0499839468. There will be more promotion through the Edward River Council and Pastoral Times in the forthcoming weeks. Also in conjunction with Edward River Council & U3A celebrating Seniors Week a Garden Tour and Morning Tea will be held at a private garden “Sherwood” Deniliquin on Friday 22/02/2019 and a Purtills bus has been organised. In order to attend the Garden Tour you must make a booking on the bus to be part of the tour which will depart Intereach at 9am on the 22 February. **Please phone Helen Burnham on 0400110749 OR the U3A number 0499839468 to secure your seat.** There will be more promotion for this event in the forthcoming weeks by the Edward River Council.

**School Terms for 2019 for New South Wales**

**Term 1 04/02/2019 to 12/04/2019**

**Term 2 30/04/2019 to 05/07/2019**

**Term 3 22/07/2019 to 27/09/2019**

**Term 4 14/10/2019 to 13/12/2019 (last day of U3A)**

**Dates to remember:**

**Enrolment date: 30/01/2019 at 11am Intereach**

**Term 1 Classes commence week beginning 04/02/2019**

**Guest speaker 27/02/2019 – Sam Hall Communications Officer Intereach**

The new Timetable for 1st Term is attached to the email with this newsletter.

Note: **Tai Chi** on Mondays for beginners commences at 9.30am for 30 minutes with the more advanced members starting at 10 am. If you start at 9.30 then you are welcome to stay until 11 am. If you wish to find out more about this course then please contact Jan Renwick on 041866394.

The **Walking Group** has an earlier time of 8am – 9am on Tuesdays. Meet at the Water Tower Memorial Park. Please bring water, comfortable walking shoes and appropriate clothing.



**U3A BOOK CLUB MEMBERS AT THEIR CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 2018.**

**Looks like it was a fun day.**

**Thank you Ladies.**

**Photo courtesy: Cathy Cleary**

STOP PRESS**:** Our new U3A brochure is now completed and ready to be distributed around Deniliquin. The brochure will be available for all to see on enrolment day. I’m sure you will be suitably impressed with the finished product, our thanks go to Siovnne Binks for her professionalism and assistance. Siovnne was fun and fabulous to work with. Thank you Siovnne. Also Deniliquin Community Group Inc for providing the funding to produce this brochure. We (the committee) think that it is “fantastic”, “wonderful” and any other superlatives that can be found to describe it.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – 2018 DENILIQUIN U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**PRESIDENTS REPORT – DENILIQUIN U3A – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

I would like to welcome you to the Annual General Meeting of U3A 2018.

Classes are going well and attendances have been good. We reintroduced the walking group this year and it is going well.

In April this year, Sue Gatacre, Gill Fraser and I attended the Annual Conference in Canberra. It was well attended with lots of guest speakers and dialogue.

This year we applied for and received two grants, the first grant was from Deniliquin Community Group Inc for $450.00, this money will be used to design, print and distribute promotional material to the business sector of Deniliquin.

The second grant received was for $1,500, this is for Seniors Week which is in February 2019. This will be a combined event between Intereach, Edward River Council and U3A.

The information for this event will be in the January newsletter and the Pastoral Times.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for your commitment to U3A.

To the incoming committee I would like to welcome you and look forward to working with you in 2019 and to you the members I thank you for your participation and I would like to thank the tutors.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Alison Wilson – President.

**CO-ORDINATORS REPORT – DENILIQUIN U3A – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019**

2018 has been a great year for our branch of U3A.

Throughout the year we have again kept a full timetable with activities every week day. These included Tai Chi, iPads and iPhones, Scattergories, Italian, Discussion Group, Mah jong, Play Reading, Guest Speakers, Guided Meditation, Armchair Travel, History, Walking Group & Book Club at the Library. I would like to thank our dedicated group leaders, Jan Renwick, June Moon, Anne Sinclair, Sue McMillan, Amanda Barlow, Bob Apedaile, Sally-Ann Dillon, Irene Duffy, Helen & John Thompson, Dorothy Reidy, Margaret Russell, Wendy Beck & Alison Wilson.

Dorothy Reidy started the Walking Group mid-year & it has some keen participants. Margaret Russell started up the History classes at the beginning of the year & they have also been extremely successful. These will continue next year with Margaret choosing topics and length of courses. Newsletters will keep members informed.

Armchair travel is another new class which has proved extremely popular. Helen & John Thompson are doing a great job speaking themselves or sourcing guest speakers.

At this stage all of our courses will remain next year.

Our monthly newsletter keeps everyone up to date, thanks to our Publicity Officer Gayle Beckton for her continued efforts collating information & getting this out every month. Gayle also does a great job co-ordinating information for our contract with the Pastoral Times which we renewed for 2018/2019. We have received an enormous amount of publicity throughout the year & I once again thank the PT for their continued interest & support of our organisation. We currently have 82 financial members, 6 new financial members during the second half of the year & 4 prospective members who are attending the last few classes of the year on the “try before you buy” offer.

Most of these members read the PT articles & rang for details of the organization before joining. I would also like to thank Gayle for the assistance she has given me throughout the year keeping members informed of programs, guest speakers & any changes made.

Senior Week this year was again organised through the local Council with their supplying the movie “Hidden Figures”. Intereach joined us with this activity & supplied “movie food” again. This year we applied for funding for 2019 Seniors Week through the council & our application was successful. We are currently working on providing a movie & bus tour for 2019 Seniors Week in February. More information will be sent out in the newsletters.

We are constantly looking for new activities for the program & encourage everyone to give us any ideas they have or hidden talent they hear of who we could tap into for new class leaders.

We have several guest speakers lined up for next year & a couple of people interested in participating in the “Pathways to Deniliquin” project.

A big thank you to our President Alison Wilson who is on hand to assist with everything!!! Secretary Gill Fraser, Treasurer Sue Gatacre, Vice President Helen Thompson & all the committee keeping the group together.

Finally, thank you to all our members for their support & feedback throughout the year.

Happy Christmas & New Year & I look forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Helen Burnham – Course Co-Ordinator

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***We hope that you will enjoy the courses that are on offer. Also, don’t forget the Seniors Week Celebrations – the movie “Ladies in Black” and the Garden Tour and Morning Tea.***

Looking forward to a great year ahead for Deniliquin U3A.

Gayle Beckton

Publicity Officer