



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

DENILIQVIN BRANCH

Welcome to the May Newsletter.

**Don't forget the U3A phone number is 0499839468.**

**Please remember if you do make contact and the message bank is on please leave your name and contact number for your call to be returned.**

### **PATHWAYS TO DENILIQVIN SPEAKER FOR APRIL.**

Our speaker for the month of April was Ray Kirby. Thank you to Ray for filling in at the last moment, it was much appreciated.



### **GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL 2019.**

**Our guest speaker for the month of May is Kellie Crossley from the Deniliquin Branch of Can Assist.**

*Can Assist is a grass roots, community based organisation run by local volunteers. They provide practical support and financial assistance to anyone in the local community affected by cancer.*

*The Deniliquin Can Assist Branch commenced in January 2017. Since its inception they have assisted 43 people. This has helped ease some of the financial burden that these families have faced and in turn allowed them access to the same opportunities and choices in cancer treatment that their city counterparts take for granted.*

*All money raised in the local community stays in the local community.*

**Please note: that there will be no Meditation session on Wednesday 22 May 2019.**

**Mahjong has started again and the class needs more players if you are interested in attending please let Helen know on 0400110749. The tutor is Marlene Kenna and the class is on Thursdays – 1.30 to 4pm.**

## **INTRODUCING YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

Each month I will be endeavouring to introduce Deniliquin U3A committee members.

### **PRESIDENT – Alison Wilson**

Alison joined U3A when she retired from Nursing 12 years ago. She enjoys the courses provided by U3A and the friendship and the interaction with members. She has been President of U3A for 4 years. Her other interests are Card making (she makes her own), reading and walking. Alison and her husband Maurice also enjoy travelling around Australia in their caravan.

Alison has also been a member of Sing Australia for about 11 years, and is the leader of U3A's Bookclub. Alison's contact is 0438894339

### **SECRETARY – Gill Fraser**

Gill was born in Blayney, NSW & lived most of her life in the Central West of NSW. Gill came to Deniliquin in 2015 to be near her daughter Ellie Danckert. Gill says that she is really enjoying living as a new resident of Deni, people are so friendly & inclusive & she has expanded her interests & new friends to a degree that she didn't ever think possible.

Gill has always been involved with horses, riding & judging dressage became her passion & the discipline of the sport is a lifelong

learning activity. But being a member of U3A has opened an amazing array of new interests. She enjoys Tai Chi, and the History course is opening new doors to the world as is Travel & the general interaction with like minded people who also attend U3A. Gill's contact is 0427453256

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER – John Waters**

John is the only male member of the committee. (Well done John)

He goes to U3A on the Wednesday because that is the day that has mainly what he is interested in. Scattergories was daunting at first he says until he got the hang of it, it is a very sociable game with lots of fun had by all participants. To be able to get on with people of diverse opinions the discussion group is a great place to develop confidence in living with others.

For years he has been working on his family history and went to the iPad/iPhone class one day where June Moon showed him on to make up an Ebook. John now has an Ebook of his family history. Something else that John has mentioned that he might be interested in is the writing class that David Schoffel was talking about taking. John's contact is 03 58825910.

Thank you to Alison, Gill and John for providing this information.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Pathways to Deniliquin**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 am – Martin Wilmshurst.**

### **Guest speaker for May**

**Kellie Crossley – May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm Can Assist**

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### **U3A Conference Tamworth**

**10.04.2019 – 12.04.2019**

I recently attended and represented Deniliquin U3A at the annual Conference in Tamworth.

A well organised conference with Workshops to attend as well.

I attended the Workshop – “Raising the Profile of your U3A” which the presenter was Kylie Galbraith – the Accounts Manager, Sefton’s Regional and Rural Communication Specialists.

I was able to present our brochure, and explain about being successful in obtaining the grant to produce same and also that our U3A has a good relationship with local media “Pastoral Times”.

The keynote speaker for the conference was the Hon. Dr Kay Patterson AO – Age Discrimination Commissioner followed by Meagan Lawson – CEO – Council of the Ageing.

Dr Patterson was an interesting and passionate speaker.

The Development of the Country Music Festival – Defy Expectation was presented by Barry Harley from Tamworth Regional Council, was interesting in how the festival started to where it is now.

As well as meeting new people, putting faces to names that you see in emails and newsletters I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The 2020 conference will be held at Shellharbour – 29<sup>th</sup>; 30<sup>th</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

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