



U3A LOWER NORTH

Sharing Skills and Experience with Friends

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Dear Members,

Greetings from a weedy hollow in the Clare Valley where half-hearted rain teases a half-empty dam.

Numerous coming events, both U3A and others for good causes. Our AGM on Friday 2 November is shaping up to be a 'must do' event. Guest speaker is genetics expert David Smyth, Emeritus Professor, School of Biological Sciences, Monash University.

David became interested in biology growing up in Salter Springs, went on to Adelaide Uni and has spent the last 30 years at Monash University working in the field of plant and human genetics.

Obviously touched with a little homing pigeon gene, David has retired back to where he was born and bred which is why we have the rare opportunity of hearing him speak.

Genetics goes beyond science with political, ethical, social and legal implications. Currently SA is the only mainland state with a prohibition on genetically modified crops. Are we right or wrong? While genetics provides the tools and information, David says society must decide whether and how to use such tools.

The AGM always ends with a generous afternoon tea to celebrate our birthday (14 this year!) so do come along and feel free to bring a friend.

*See you back in the classroom,
Claire*



Clare Town Hall Committee

presents

A Sunday Afternoon Soirée

Sunday 11 November 2018

starting at 2pm

Join us for an afternoon of

Jazz and High Tea

featuring

The Dixie Band

from the Band of the S.A. Police

plus

The Clare Concert Band

Licensed Bar: *Beer, Bubbles and Wine*

Tickets \$25 each Tables of 10
Available at Tim Siv's Terry White Chemmart Pharmacy

This is a fundraiser for the Clare Town Hall which provides a venue for many Clare groups.

ART GROUP ALWAYS ON SHOW

Friday 2 November is not only the date for our AGM but also the opening of the **2018 U3A Art Exhibition** at Linhay Gallery, Auburn. It has a generous run of over 2 weeks but why not turn up for the opening by Mayor Allan Aughey at 6 pm on that Friday. Meredith Mayr says the works include oils, pastels and acrylics, many of local scenes and invites us to come along and view their interpretation of the Clare Valley. The exhibition will include works by group leader Gerald Moore who also has a solo exhibition scheduled at Linhay in December.

The U3A Art group will also be making an appearance at the **RFDS Spring Art and Garden Fair**, to be held at Lakeside Railway, Melrose Park on Sunday 30 September, from 10am to 4pm.

Six of our artists will be exhibiting a total of 21 paintings, and on the day three or four will be painting *en plein air* amongst the gum trees.

As well as showcasing local artists there will be stalls filled with spring plants, food, wine, coffee, jumping castle and face painting, music and more.

The Flying Doctor flight simulator will be there so you can see what the inside of a RFDS plane looks like. The model trains will be running all day. Free entry and a great outing for the whole family.

EARLY BIRDS SAVE \$10

Half-year membership has climbed to \$25 but the \$10 discount continues so it is just the old \$15 for anyone who pays and enrolls before the deadline of 2 October. Our rates are so affordable as members are expected to volunteer in some capacity at some time.

Payments can be made 2 ways:

- post cheques made out to 'U3A Lower North Inc.' to PO Box 480, Clare, 5453; or
- pay online. (U3A Lower North Inc., No. 748828019; BSB 085 558. For ID use surname followed by initial, e.g. John Smith = smithj. Emails to u3alownorth@gmail.com).

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Right now I'm having amnesia and deja vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." Oscar Wilde

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow

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WANT TO RUN THE SHOW?

If you would like to be part of the team running your U3A, have some skills to share or know of someone who does, let a committee member know now. Don't be modest. Let us know what you can do and we will find a place for you.

The committee will be losing one of its longest serving members this year. Assistant Secretary Justin Brady has been doing the publicity for 9 or 10 years, and more recently the minutes, and quite rightly feels he has earned a break.

If we fail to attract a nomination for **Assistant Secretary** then one of our existing committee members will step up and that will leave a vacancy for **Committee Person**. The duties of **publicity officer** can be included with either of those positions or can be someone entirely different, either on the committee or independent of it.

Nominations close 5 pm Friday 26 October but because of the multiple options we ask you to discuss your interests with us prior to that time. If you or someone you know would be suitable, please let us know. U3A is a self-help body where everyone is expected to contribute some time or skills, be it teaching, administration or just making the tea. To mix a few metaphors, many hands make light work but too many passengers break the camel's back.

CLASS UPDATES

Meditation will be in recess in Term 4 as Anne Smith will be unavailable but she is already considering an 8-week **Conscious Ageing** course.

Quentin gave the **Electronic Kit Building** class a fair go but it is ending due to lack of numbers. We thought it would attract men but not so.

Current Affairs is seeking more participants to enable a lively debate at its fortnightly sessions. **iPads** too is dependent on enrolments. Only a small group is required and it lasts for half a term.

DATES FOR TERM 4

TERM 3: _____ ends on Friday 21 September
New or changed enrolments due by _____ 2 October
Half yearly subscription rate applies.

TERM 4: ____ Monday 15 October to Fri. 7 December
Annual General Meeting: _____ Friday 2 November
End-of-year lunch & movie: _____ Friday 7 December

If meeting outside these dates inform the secretary to protect group leader insurance.

Friday 2 November

U3A Annual General Meeting

Starts at 2 pm, Barbara J. Long Room, Clare Town Hall

Guest speaker: geneticist David Smyth, Emeritus Professor, Monash University

Entries in annual photography competition on screen and winner announced

Afternoon Tea to follow

(Nominations for election close with Secretary on Friday 26 October 2018)

Friday 7 December

U3A End of Year Lunch & Movie

Starts at 12 for 12.30 pm, Blyth Supper Room

Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Movie to follow at Blyth Cinema

(yet to be selected but we have been promised something good)

All Group Leaders invited to attend as our guests

A time for all members to combine and applaud the contribution of our Group Leaders,
farewell classmates and catch up with friends before the Christmas holidays

The secretary will be accepting early bookings but full details will be in the final 2018 newsletter



LOWER NORTH

Nomination for Office

Office: _____ Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____ Signed: _____

I accept this nomination. Signed: _____

To be in the hands of the Secretary by 5 p.m. on the Friday preceding the AGM.

2018: FOURTH TERM ACTIVITIES

CLASS	LEADER	TIME	STARTS	VENUE
Art	Gerald Moore	Wed 9:30am – 1:30pm	17/10/2018	Auburn oval
Book Group	Marianne Holliday	Alt Thu 10:30am – 12noon	25/10/2018	Clare Library
Chess	Ian Bails	Tue 2:30 – 4:30pm	16/10/2018	Essington Mews
Chinese (Mandarin)	Ron Bevan	Mon 10am – 12noon	15/10/2018	Clare Town Hall
Coffee & Chat	Val Tilbrook	Wed 10:30am	17/10/2018	Various
Computing 1	Quentin Fleming	Fri 10 am – 12 noon	19/10/2018	Clare Town Hall
Computing 2 iPads	Marian Wicks	Tue 12 noon – 1:30pm	16/10/2018	Clare Town Hall
Contract Bridge	Peter Wood	Thu 3pm	18/10/2018	St Barnabas, Clare
Cryptic Crosswords	Greta Handmer	Alt Thu 10:30am – 12noon	18/10/2018	25 Edward St, Clare
Current Affairs	Claire Eglinton	Alt Wed. 11am – 12.30pm	17/10/2018	Clare Town Hall
Drumbeat	John Montan	Mon. 10am – 12noon	15/10/2018	St Barnabas, Clare
Exercise 1	Chris Roberts	Tue 9 – 10am	16/10/2018	Lutheran Hall
Exercise 2	Chris Roberts	Tue 10 – 11am	16/10/2018	Lutheran Hall
Film Group	Val Tilbrook	1st Tue 2pm	13/11/2018	Blyth Cinema
French 1 Basics*	Claire Eglinton	Thu 9.30 – 10.30am	18/10/2018	Clare Town Hall
French 2*	Claire Eglinton	Thu 10.45 am – 12.30pm	18/10/2018	Clare Town Hall
Furniture Restoration	Barrie Smith	Wed 10am – 12noon	17/10/2018	12 Guildford St, Blyth
History	Val Tilbrook	Fri 10am – 12noon	TBA	St Barnabas, Clare
Knit and Sew	Mary Clark	Tue 2 – 4pm	16/10/2018	Clare Town Hall
Law Talk	Christopher Cocks	Wed 2 – 4pm	17/10/2018	Clare Town Hall
Mah-jong, Auburn	Sue Beaton	Tue 1 – 3pm	16/10/2018	Linhay, Auburn
Mah-jong, Clare	Pam Murray	Wed 2 – 4pm	17/10/2018	St Barnabas, Clare
Music Appreciation	Helen Weckert	1 st , 3 rd Wed 2pm	17/10/2018	10 March Ct, Clare
Petanque	Jim Morran	Mon 1.30pm	15/10/2018	Cent. Pk, Auburn
Quilting	Diane Richardson	Thu 10am – 1pm	18/10/2018	St Barnabas, Clare
Scrabble	Carol Stewart	Mon 1:15pm	15/10/2018	St Barnabas, Clare
Walking, Clare	Margaret Daly	Mon 8am	15/10/2018	Lennon St east

* French class requires some prior knowledge of the language, no matter how rusty.



RETURN new enrolments to Quentin Fleming, preferably before Tuesday 2 October at P.O. Box 480, Clare SA 5453, or message 0447 601 142, or email asku3a@gmail.com. Retain top half so you know when and where to turn up. Assume enrolment accepted on payment unless you hear otherwise.

Enrol me in the following group/s: _____

Name: _____ Current Member? Yes / No

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Year of birth: _____ Country of origin _____

Newsletters by post [] or email []. **Payment** by cheque [] cash [] EFT [] Details overleaf

New members ½ year subs \$25 or \$15 early bird rate if payment received by 2/10/18; Total \$ _____

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