



## From The President

U3A Charles Sturt celebrated its 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday in August 2017 and during that time has gone from strength to strength. Our membership is hovering around 100 and the format adopted by the members has served us well. We are an organization that values education and our main weekly activity is having guest speakers who speak on a variety of topics. The topics in this semester included four sessions by Dr. Don Hopgood on 'The Pacific Ocean', which touched on the "Ring of Fire", being the regions prone to natural disasters. Also covered were the history of discoveries, the Second World War and the present situation in the region of North Korea. We have been treated to a history of the "Murder" genre in crime writing over several centuries and, the personal experiences of Wendy Jennings who lived with her Park Ranger husband for many years in an isolated National Park in outback South Australia, to name a few.

We will be in for a treat in the first semester of 2018 as Peter has lined up some excellent speakers to provide us with more interesting topics.

Another aspect of our club is to coordinate special interest groups for our members who have more available spare time and want to participate in further education. These groups meet monthly and the topics are music, history, current affairs, a book club and a monthly guided tour of the Botanical Gardens by one of our members, who is one of their accredited volunteer guides.

We also undertake an excursion each term; this year included a visit to the Adelaide Koala and Wildlife Hospital and, the Adelaide Magistrates Court. Other activities included our Birthday lunch in August, a social afternoon tea on the last day of term and, our Christmas Lunch on the last day of term 4.

Special thanks to everyone who has contributed to the successful running of our club, from Peter who organizes our speakers, the Conveners of our special interest groups, Jane, Nancy, Ted, Annette and June and each member of the Committee, Jane (secretary and her liaison role with U3A SA), Aldis (Treasurer), Ros (Outings Coordinator and assistant to Peter), Pam, who filled in for me when I was away, Pauline, Geraldine, Melva and finally to Irene for organizing the gifts for the presenters.

I would like to also thank Paul Caica MP and his staff for their support and for the printing of all our notices and Newsletter.

I extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all and look forward to seeing you at our Christmas lunch.

Col Levy

## 2018 Program

Included in this Newsletter is our Program for Terms 1 and 2. Peter Wallace, the Program Co-ordinator, has put together a varied program. From time-to-time, some of our members have also been guest speakers and have subsequently been invited to give their talks at other U3As.

If you would like to give a presentation on a topic that you have an interest in, or have come across or hear of an interesting speaker, please speak to Peter. It is not an easy task sourcing guest speakers so any suggestion is greatly appreciated.

## Interest Groups

In addition to the weekly event, U3A Charles Sturt has five interest groups, which meet on a regular basis. They are: **Music, History, Current Affairs, Book Club** and, the **Botanic Gardens Group**. These meet monthly and the timetable and venue for each are set out on page 5 of this Newsletter. If you have an interest that you would like to pursue with several other members, the Committee can assist you in arranging this and in booking a meeting room.

The **Music Group (Jane Frankham)** listens to compositions by famous musicians. Periodically, local musicians are invited to play music and give talks on various associated topics.

"Another year of music has ended. Thank you all for attending. Most of the sessions attracted good audiences, which mean a lot to our musical visitors. Our finale for 2017 with Susan and Mark was enjoyed by a large number of members. In 2018 it will be a good opportunity to present your favourite music to the group. Play some music and say why you enjoy it.

I want to thank June Swan and Jennifer Brown for starting the year off with a selection of choral music they love and sing. My thanks to Barbara Schunke for providing tea, coffee and cakes in the interval.

For those who would enjoy telling the group about their music, please contact me. I need to organise the programme soon".

**History Group (Nancy Vasileff):** I am happy to report the History Group has had another successful year, our fifth. We have had many loyal participants over the years, visitors periodically and, those that just like to come along to listen in.

We have researched Nobel Prize winners, Poets, Ceremonies, Ancient Egyptian occupations (trades) and finishing up the year with extremely interesting and varied German Towns.

I thank the group for their dedication to research, participation and overall for our camaraderie. I invite

new members to consider attending next year to either join us and participate, or just visit and listen in.

During 2018, we will be looking at Queen Victoria's Descendants and their contribution to the European Royal houses.

May I take this opportunity to wish not only the History Group but all U3A Charles Sturt members a very happy festive season 2017.

**Current Affairs Group (Ted Manka):** Each month we discuss a number of current topics at the local, State, National and, International level. Discussions are wide ranging and members are encouraged to raise topics and issues. Thank you to all who have participated and provided their views on the various topics.

The **Book Club (Annette Day)** reviews and discusses selected books. Ten was the optimum number of people suggested by the Charles Sturt Library to start a Book Club and that was readily achieved with only females showing interest. We have been allocated a room at the Henley Library for our meetings. The books are chosen for us by a library worker, which I collect. At our first meeting we were given our book for the month and, the job of sorting through lists of book titles to find ones we'd like to read for the rest of the year.

*"I Am Malala"* by Malala Yousafzai (the girl who stood up for education for females and, as a result, was shot and seriously wounded by the Taliban) and Christina Lamb was the one book we asked for that we received. Her story evoked a lively discussion about the atrocities in Northern Pakistan and her interest in politics and the right for education for all people. After a lengthy rehabilitation, Malala is studying in England. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 and still works tirelessly for peace and education organisations.

Books by obscure authors we sometimes found frustrating and would pull them to bits but the discussion would never drag. There were books we normally would not read so we were broadening our horizons. One book was about the early missionaries in Queensland another about a Children's Rehabilitation Hospital during the polio epidemic in WA. *Life Without Limits* (How to live a ridiculous good life) by Nick Vujicic is the amazing story about living a full life after having been born without arms or legs. He is truly amazing but a bit long-winded in his writing. He's worth looking up on line.

*Madame Picasso* by Anne Girard was one we really enjoyed. It's fiction but based on Eva Gouel who became Picasso's muse and possibly could have become his wife if she hadn't died at a young age. The author takes us through the hedonistic painter's times in Paris and the dreamy Eva who has run away from home to find fame and fortune in the big city. She finds work sewing at the Moulin Rouge. By good fortune Gail Henderson, one of our Book Club members is an artist and she has copied one of Picasso's painting of Eva Gouel.

The Book Club gives us a chance to share ideas, see another perspective, learn something new, helps us debate, get to know each other better and enjoy a cuppa. Looking forward to seeing you next year.

**The Botanical Garden Group (June Littleford):** On the second Monday of each month, a group of six to 10 members toured our magnificent Botanical Gardens.

Each tour the group explores a different section of the Garden, especially as the seasons change. There are also art displays. A tour takes about one hour and is followed by coffee and lunch.

## U3A Outings

Outings are an important part of the U3A Charles Sturt education program. All members are encouraged to suggest possible outing destinations to Ros Emms. Reports on two Outings during 2017 are presented below.

### Outing: Adelaide Koala & Wildlife Hospital

The Adelaide Koala & Wildlife Hospital provides a free service for injured wildlife. The aim is to rehabilitate and eventually release the wildlife back into their habitats. Over the three years the hospital has been in operation it has treated over 2,500 injured animals. They are also involved in research working with both Adelaide University and a university on the Sunshine Coast.

As well as seeing the animals in their care we were given a presentation that was both informative and educational. The koala population is rapidly declining, Between 2000 and 2015 there has been a 64 per cent decline due to decimation of their habitats by cutting down the eucalypts. Of the 300 varieties of eucalypts only 12 are suitable for koalas to eat. They are also susceptible to disease and to predators such as dogs, foxes, cows and traffic on our highways. Five to seven koalas are lost each week on the freeway between the tunnels and the Stirling turnoff. The Government refuses to build a koala overpass over the freeway to enable the koalas to safely cross.

It was a most interesting and enlightening morning and the dedication of the team of staff and volunteers are amazing. It was surprising to learn that this amazing facility gets no funding or support from the Government.

As it said in a poster in the foyer "saving an animal's life may not change the world but for the animal their world is changed forever"

Cherie Levy

### Outing: The Adelaide Magistrates Court

Geoff, our volunteer guide, was very friendly and informative. After going through security, we learnt that the Court was one of the earliest buildings of Adelaide (built in the 1850s). Just before going into the new refurbished part of the building you can look through a window in the floor and see the old tunnel used for transferring prisoners from the cells into the court – it was only used for a few years as it was subject to flooding and vermin permeating the court with a foul odour when prisoners entered.

Geoff gave his presentation in an empty courtroom. From the internal balcony on this level and other levels you can look down on a replica of the Police Station

which once stood on the site, as well as through the window designed to bring the Court and the City of Adelaide together.

Some of the information provided by Geoff and audience participation included the various Courts:

*Supreme* – the highest court ; *District* – a middle court capable of hearing serious matters except murder; *Magistrates* – civil (e.g. debts) and criminal offences; *Industrial Relations Court*; *Youth* – relates to persons aged between seven and 18; *Environment, Resources and Development (ERD)* – hears matters relating to a number of pieces of legislation including the Development Act and the Environment Protection Act; *Indigenous* – culturally sensitive, often involving the extended family of the accused. It's inception has improved the attendance rate of accused at court but does not change the outcome of any judgements; *Drug* – meant to provide specialist support to enable accused to break their drug habit; *Coroners* – deals with unexplained death, including the death of babies and young children.

The group was able to engage in some role-playing, replete with wigs and gowns. Ted Manka made a formidable judge (not requiring the sword of earlier times to control the rabble in the gallery) and, Jane Frankham gave a stirring performance as a 70 year old who had pleaded guilty to shop lifting. A fair judgement was given despite her incessant blubbing designed to sway the magistrate and the masses.

Australia has an open court system where any member of the public can go and listen to listed court matters. The court protocol of bowing to the magistrate, or judge, on entering and exiting the court shows respect for the legal system.

All members enjoyed the Court excursion, which helped explain and de-mystify the legal system and provide a counterbalance to our exposure to various fictional television shows. Geoff also gave examples of where roleplaying with school groups has effectively brought home the consequences of engaging in illegal activities.

*Alison Creaser*



## **Enrolment Day: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Time: 1.00pm – 3.00pm**

**Venue: Fulham Uniting Church Hall  
16 Madeline Cres. Fulham**

**Join us for a cuppa and a chat**



**You are cordially invited to**

## **Christmas Lunch**

**On**

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

**1.00 pm to 3.00 pm**

**at the**

**Fulham Uniting Church Hall  
Madeline Crescent, Fulham**

**Please bring a plate to share**

***Even if you haven't attended U3A recently, we would be pleased to see you at the Lunch***

RSVP: 1<sup>st</sup> December

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### **U3A CHARLES STURT COMMITTEE 2017**

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Outings	Ros Emms
Asst. Program Co-ord.	Irene Manka*
Newsletter/Computer/ Auditor	Ted Manka*

\* Non Committee Members.

Committee meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month immediately following the U3A meeting

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*"Anyone who keeps learning stays young"*

*Henry Ford*

## U3A Charles Sturt Inc. - Guest Speakers and Activities

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Meets: Tuesdays: 1.30 – 3.00  
 Fulham Uniting Church Hall  
 Madeline Cres, Fulham

### TERM 1 - 2018

### TERM 2 - 2018

6 Feb.	<b>Islamic State in Syria and Levant</b> <i>Dr Michael Sullivan</i>	1 May	<b>The Alhambra Palace</b> <i>Ros Emms</i>
13 Feb.	<b>Xi Jin Ping's China</b> <i>Dr Michael Sullivan</i>	8 May	<b>Pakistan: Living and Working as a Volunteer</b> <i>Sr. Cynthia Griffin</i>
20 Feb.	<b>From the Stone Age to the Internet in One Lifetime</b> <i>Trevor Steele</i>	15 May	<b>Trying to Stay Healthy</b> <i>Dr Graham Talbot</i>
27 Feb.	<b>Ancient Gardens</b> <i>Elizabeth Caldicott</i>	22 May	<b>Stroke</b> <i>Janet Weir</i>
6 Mar.	<b>Murder of Darnley</b> (Husband of Mary Queen of Scots) <i>Sue Garforth</i>	29 May	<b>Growing Up In China</b> <i>Ruth Grant.</i>
13 Mar.	<b>Oriental Gardens</b> <i>Elizabeth Caldicott</i>	5 June	<b>Asbestosis</b> <i>Gloria Hinks</i>
20 Mar.	<b>USSR in Extremis</b> <i>Trevor Steele</i>	12 June	<b>Music That Exhilarates</b> <i>Colin Macdonald</i>
23 Mar.	<b>OUTING : Migration Museum</b> 17 Kintore Avenue, Adelaide City. 2.30 pm start. Details to be advised	19 June	<b>Australian Film and TV</b> <i>Don Barker (retired actor)</i> <i>Don has appeared in a number of television series including Homicide, Division 4 and in films such as Gallipoli, Rabbit-Proof Fence.</i>
27 Mar.	<b>Diaries from Hell</b> <i>Trevor Steele</i>  ----- <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	26 June	<b>Western France and Provence</b> <i>Elizabeth Caldicott</i>
3 Apr.	<b>1066 And All That</b> <i>Sue Garforth</i>	3 July	<b>Growing Up With The Aircraft Industry</b> <i>Henry O'Brien</i>
10 Apr.	<b>1066 And All That (cont.)</b> <i>Sue Garforth</i>		<b>TERM 2 OUTING – to be advised</b>

## Timetable for Special Interest Groups - 2018

<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>HISTORY</b>	<b>CURRENT AFFAIRS</b>	<b>BOOK CLUB</b>	<b>BOTANICAL GARDENS</b>
3.15pm – 4.15pm Tuesday	1.30pm – 3.00pm Thursday	1.30pm – 3.00pm Thursday	1.30pm – 3.00pm Thursday	11.00am - Monday
Convener : Jane Frankham	Convener : Nancy Vasileff	Convener : Ted Manka	Convener : Annette Day	Guide : June Littleford (tel : 0403 107 215)
Venue : Fulham Uniting Church Hall, Madeline Crs. Fulham	Venue : Henley Library Community Learning Room 379 Seaview Rd. Henley Beach	Venue : Henley Library Community Learning Room 379 Seaview Rd. Henley Beach	Venue : Henley Library Community Learning Room 379 Seaview Rd. Henley Beach	Venue : Meet at the North Terrace Gate  A donation of \$2 is appreciated by the Gardens.
6 <sup>th</sup> February	8 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> February	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	12 <sup>th</sup> February
6 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	12 <sup>th</sup> March
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	12 <sup>th</sup> April	-	-	9 <sup>th</sup> April
1 <sup>st</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May
5 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	-	-	26 <sup>th</sup> July	-
7 <sup>th</sup> August	9 <sup>th</sup> August	16 <sup>th</sup> August	23 <sup>rd</sup> August	13 <sup>th</sup> August
4 <sup>th</sup> September	13 <sup>th</sup> September	20 <sup>th</sup> September	27 <sup>th</sup> September	10 <sup>th</sup> September
-	-	18 <sup>th</sup> October	25 <sup>th</sup> October	-
6 <sup>th</sup> November	8 <sup>th</sup> November	15 <sup>th</sup> November	22 <sup>th</sup> November	12 <sup>th</sup> November



## Enrolment Form – 2018

### All Members

\*Please be sure to complete all questions in clear print

Name :	
Address :	
Phone No :	Email :
Country of Birth:	Year of Birth: M / F
Emergency Contact Name :	Phone Number:
<b>Annual Fee : \$40 single / \$60 couple</b> <b>Mid-year : \$25 single / \$40 couple    One Term : \$10.00 Single / \$20.00 Couple</b>	
<b>Enrolment Day : Tuesday, 30th January 2018      1.00 pm – 3.00 pm</b> Join us for a cuppa and chat.    Uniting Church Hall, 16 Madeline Crescent, Fulham.	
<b>Please complete :</b> How did you hear about U3A Charles Sturt ? Friend .....      Local Paper .....      Website .....      Other .....	

### Returning members

Have any of your contact details changed since 2017 - including emergency numbers..... yes/no

I have read the Code of Conduct.... Yes/no

Need a name tag .....yes/no

I can present a topic on
I can recommend a presenter
I could lead a small group with a topic of interest
Suggestions/Comments

**COMPLETED FORM TO BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH PAYMENT TO THE TREASURER**