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What's Happening?

Congratulations! You have reached the Newsletter of U3A Network WA. We are new. Please tell your members about us, or display this publication in a prominent place at your meeting place.

Anything interesting, unusual, funny, different or especially successful or alarming happening around your way? Others might be interested to hear about it. Please encourage your members to share their stories and ideas, to be published in this forum.

By contributing to the conversation, you are helping to cultivate a sense of community among groups of strangers across our vast state. One day, perhaps, you may have the pleasure of meeting such like-minded people.

Deadline for contributions to this 1st issue is 15th October, 2012.

Photos are especially welcome.

Please attach the .jpg to your E-mail to the Editor.

For a further explanation of how this Newsletter works, see the item named "Getting the Idea" on Page 5.

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Interclub Visit

On 18th July 2012, ten members from North-Coast Region in Perth were welcomed by Mandurah U3A, 70 kilometres south of Perth. The visitors travelled about an hour by train to hear a talk by Norma Vaughan on "The Catalpa Rescue", the story of a daring escape from Fremantle Convict Establishment by six Irish Political Prisoners in 1876.

The visitors first had lunch at Ac-cent, (Mandurah Senior Citizen's Centre) in the dining room overlooking the waterfront, then moved on down the corridor to Mandurah U3A's headquarters, which is a medium sized multi-purpose room conveniently located in the same building. The Craft Room is shared with other activity groups on different days of the week.



The talk was interspersed with a variety of patriotic Irish music. Members heard something about the Irish historical background leading up to the daring rescue, followed by an account of the subsequent forgotten episode in Western Australian history. It was illustrated by several exciting short film clips of the escape itself, the getaway at sea and the aftermath. Afternoon tea was served during a break.

Word came back from the group that they had enjoyed the two-hour talk immensely and that it had created a lot of discussion on the train on the way home. They were coming back to see the Catalpa Memorial on the beach at Rockingham.

Norma Vaughan 24/7/12

Meetings Begin

What is President Peter Flanigan looking so happy about?



On Wednesday, 5th September 2012, he and a colleague had met outside Perth Underground Station, where their respective trains from North and South had arrived within minutes of each other. That was a good start. It was then a short stroll to meet a red CAT bus which appeared at exactly the right moment, then discharged the pair near the Constitutional Centre in West Perth.

The threatening stormy weather held off while the duo ventured further uphill to find the offices of the Regional Development Council Secretariat.

During the short uphill walk, the U3A Network representatives conducted a swift pavement conference, then pressed forward into the Havelock Street building where they were met with a welcoming cup of tea. Soon after, their host arrived and kindly showed interest in a brief outline of what the U3A Network was all about. Cole Thurley, the Manager of RDC Secretariat reciprocated with an overview of how the Government's

Meeting Another Minister

On Tuesday 9th October, four network members, Norma Vaughan, David Box, Peter Alcock and I, caught the lift to the tenth floor of London House to meet with the Minister for Seniors, Hon. Robyn McSweeney, MLC.



L o R: D. Box, N. Vaughan, P. Alcock, P. Flanigan. In the Cloisters, Perth.

The object of the meeting was to tell our story to the minister, say what we are trying to achieve for seniors in the state and ask for any assistance she may be able to offer.

There was no bag of money she could dip into on our behalf but there were some good suggestions for publicity. These included attending seniors' expos, preparing a leaflet for inclusion in hand-outs given out by the Department of Communities, using Community Centres (formerly known as Telecentres) and attending meetings of the Seniors' Recreation Council.

There are a couple of possible avenues to apply for grants for specific programmes and we were given information by Policy Officer, Robyn Robb.

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Royalties for Regions scheme worked.

Inquiries were phrased with the utmost delicacy, which amounted to, "Have you got any money?" In equally professional terms, the answer was "No, but I can suggest where you might start looking for some". So Peter Flanigan is smiling because it was a constructive meeting and a pleasant morning's work.

Norma Vaughan 5/9/12

Travel Talk

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After a very cordial meeting we repaired to the Cloisters Coffee Shop and made a big decision. We would go on Facebook. We could have made other momentous decisions but the coffee shop closed.

Peter Flanigan 9/10/12

NOTICE OF ONLINE GENERAL MEETING

To be held between 11th October
and 25th October, 2012.

AGENDA

CONSTITUTION for U3A NETWORK WA

Having received no queries or problems in regard to the proposed constitution we will now proceed to a formal vote.

The Motion is:

That the Constitution as distributed on 3rd September for the U3A Network WA be approved.

Moved: Peter Flanigan U3A (UWA)
Perth. Seconded: David Box U3A
Armadale

All member groups of the Network are eligible to vote. Please email your vote (In favour or against) to Secretary Norma Vaughan at u3anetworkwa@gmail.com on or before 25th October, 2012.

This is our first formal vote subsequent to our Foundation Meeting and all groups are strongly urged to vote.

Norma Vaughan
State Secretary
U3A Network WA
11th October, 2012

North Coast Power Point Workshop

A group of North Coast (Warwick) presenters and would be presenters learning about Power Point under the guidance of Peter Alcock. This was the first workshop and there will be a follow up next month.



North Coast has two meetings per month where members prepare and present stories on the twin themes of Australiana and Famous or Infamous people. The usual format is two half hour presentations although longer or shorter sessions are also allowed. The group is always trying to get more people involved in these activities.

Peter Flanigan 6/10/12

Have you seen

the October issue of

U3AAA Bulletin No. 6?

That's the one that goes all over Australia. Our U3A Network WA is in it.

It has been E-mailed to all Network Secretaries and Delegates.

Sabrina Hahn at the State Library

A large group of U3A members, gardeners and others assembled at the State Library theatre on Sunday 7th October to be entertained and educated about many aspects of gardening, forming relationships with bobcat operators and discouraging the children from coming back and settling in.



Sabrina was also selling signed copies of her latest book and although she is known to discourage questions on lemon trees, she happily obliged on this occasion. Sabrina has a wealth of knowledge about West Australian gardening, particularly favouring native species, garden design and organic methods. There were plenty of questions to keep her on her toes and all comments were very favourable.

On this occasion, the North Coast U3A based at Warwick was responsible for the catering which was capably overseen by Jaqui and Terry Harvey. U3A in collaboration with the State library run a series of lectures throughout the year, the next being on November 4th with the author Liz Byrski as guest speaker. As usual the talk will take place at 2 pm on the Sunday.

Peter Alcock 9/10/12



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