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President's Report

Well.....what a final term for 2021! With COVID controlling the year it has been extremely difficult to keep our U3A going. We are all indebted to our togetherness that has pulled us through a very trying year. Thank you to our committee, convenors and members for your patience and determination to keep us afloat.

Two funerals in the last full week of November saw large attendances of U3A members with many being in both congregations. Firstly we attended the funeral of our esteemed member Rob Duncan. Rob was our treasurer from 2011 to 2016, a committee member before and after his treasurership, coordinator of our convenors for five years, and was the convenor of our Story Writing Group. His popularity was due to his devotion and hard work for our U3A. He will be sadly missed not only with our organization but also with the Upper Ovens Landcare Group. Rob and his lovely dog Tom were both well known and respected in our community.

The second funeral was for the 104 year old Gwyneth Millar the mother of two of our members Malcolm Millar and Kay Gillis. Gwyneth was devoted to the Bright Community holding the position of President of the Bright and District Historical Society for many years, and a long time member of the Bright Art Gallery. Her magnificent work for our community was outstanding.

Due to my health not being as good as it has been I have decided not to stand for the president position at our next AGM. Our vice-president Marianne Dredge has agreed to stand for the position of President and I will remain on the committee to give her any backup and support in her first year in the position.



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CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

What a year is has been!

We are here - we made it through!

We offer our heartfelt condolences to all those who lost family or friends during this time.



U3A Bright will hold it's annual Christmas Breakup in December, on the 10th, so put the date in your diary. Say around noon?

As times and rules have been changing so quickly, and forward planning is almost impossible, the committee decided that we should do a

"BYO EVERYTHING"

(food, utensils, drinks, chairs)

DAY IN THE PARK

Bring a plate to share too !

The venue will be the park opposite the Splash Park on Delany Ave, corner of Mountbatten Ave.

We shall have an easy get together, a few laughs and maybe a game or two.

Come along enjoy the day!





If any member has an idea for a new group we would like to hear from you. Please contact any committee member so that we can discuss it with you.

My final quote comes from the writings of the English nonconformist preacher C. H. Spurgeon (1834-92) from his 1859 "Gems from Spurgeon".

"A lie will go around the world while truth is pulling on its boots."

I wish every member and their families an enjoyable and safe Christmas followed by a happy and healthy New Year.

Roy Ward
President



VALE ROB DUNCAN

All U3A members who knew Rob Duncan would have been greatly saddened at the news of his death on November 14th.

Rob and his wife Allison arrived in Brighton from Perth in 2007.



Very soon after, he joined U3A and became an active participant both in groups and at Committee level.

On Committee he was Treasurer and later, Convenors' Co-ordinator. Some groups that he was involved in were Bushwalking, Russian and Writing. He also presented and participated in a number of our short courses. He believed in active involvement.

As a geologist with a special interest in the Rare Earths, he had travelled to many remote and interesting parts of the world - from the heat of the Australian outback and the sub-tropical forests of Cameroon to China and the remote and often frozen 'Stans' of Asia such as Kazakhstan and Siberia.

His experiences provided him with many interesting and amusing stories. Such tales revealed his interest in different cultures and situations and he was always happy to be a guest speaker. He had the ability to simplify the very complex realm of geology to a level that us mere mortals could appreciate and understand.

We will never forget Rob – small in stature but big in heart!

Steve and Pauline McCall



Alpine Voices is Back!

To all you songbirds out there, open up the gargle bottle, freshen up those vocal cords, because Alpine Voices is BACK in 2022!

Arrangements are still being finalised but at the moment the group may be using U3A HQ.

Enrollments will be taken at the end of the year when new and existing courses will be available.

Assistance for Members

As you already know, Bright U3A has installed a new membership and courses signup system, to be operated in conjunction with the new website u3abright.org.au. This will make the job of managing subscriptions and courses so much easier, and will enable the inclusion of more short courses on offer.

The committee realises that not all members have access to a computer, so all that is needed is to ask your coordinator or committee member for assistance.

We will then be happy to do the membership signup and course enrollments for you.

At the AGM and for a number of days at U3A HQ, we will have someone who will be able to enter your details into the system.

Members will then need to go to Bendigo Bank and deposit their subscription.

Enrollments will cease shortly while we are entering courses for 2022 and will begin in January. Until then no new enrollments can be done. An email will be sent to all members advising of enrollment dates.

Be careful where you shop online. We ordered a german shepherd and now this guy lives with us.



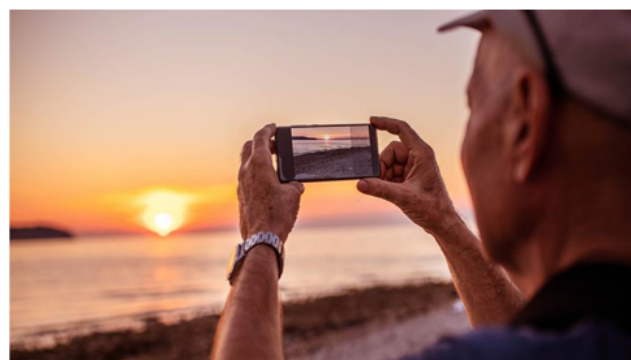
There's never been a better time to get online!



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Email: members@u3abright.org.au

As a Be Connected Network Partner, we can help you discover how being online can add new skills and experiences to your life - for free!



Sharpen your digital photography skills

Hi Helen

Many of you have told us you want to learn to do more with your digital photos. We've delivered with our new course, *Fun things to do with your photos*.

In this handy new course, we show you how to take better photos and do things like:

- use photo apps to edit your photos to fix common problems like red-eye
- transfer photos from your device to a hard drive or the cloud
- create gifts using your treasured family photos - just in time for Christmas!

We even have a practice area where you can apply your new editing skills on your computer, laptop and tablet.

There's plenty more so check out the course today!

[Find out more](#)

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great activities



Come and enjoy a **FREE** family night of fun as we celebrate the events of

That Very First Christmas

9th December & 10th December

All welcome! 18 Park Street, Bright

6-7pm SAUSAGE SIZZLE, TEA COFFEE AND CAKE,
CHOCOLATE FOUNTAIN

Family Photos & Prayer Tree

7-8pm Take your seats for the Christmas play,
Carols, puppets, songs and even a *donkey!*

Please RSVP for catering purposes to Carolyn Webb on 04324751144 or
email at 3webbs333@inet.net.au

Please note: Required COVID safe settings to be upheld

That Very First Christmas

There will be a special show of this event run for Senior Citizens, U3A, Probus etc on Sunday December 5th

2pm- 3pm will be Afternoon Tea etc and then the Christmas Pageant from 3pm – 4pm

At the Bright Church of Christ in the garden. Details from Carolyn Webb 0432475114



U3A BRIGHT Convenors positions available

With a combined total of over two decades volunteering between them, Cathy Eldred and Janette Ford have decided to pass on the baton for their respective groups, CASUAL WALKING & DECKERS.

If any members out there are interested in coordinating and running either of these two activities, please contact Convenors' coordinator, Marianne Dredge - courses@u3abright.org.au – for more information.

On behalf of all members of Bright U3A, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation for the invaluable contribution made by Cathy and Janette.