

U3A BRIGHT DISTRICT

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President's Report

MARCH 2023

Greetings everyone!

A new era has started at Bright U3A, with our move to the wonderful premises we now share with the Bright Senior Citizens. We shifted in officially on Monday 27th February and I want to thank everyone who made themselves available on the day for packing up, removals, cleaning & shifting in. By the end of that first day, it looked as though we had been here for a while.

There have been a couple of little teething problems, but with great cooperation and accommodations made between both organisations, week 2 has proceeded very smoothly and the response by U3A members to our new home has been overwhelmingly happy and positive. Special thanks to Convenors, Keith Ashfold and Olivia Stapleton who have changed days or times of their groups' activities due to clashes with other users.

Already a lot of potential has been unleashed - the very first casual cuppa, cake and conversation was held on Friday 3rd March with 18 happy people sitting around enjoying yummy cake, biscuits and friendly chats. Come along on the first Friday of the month (excepting public and school holidays) for some social fun. The next date is Friday May 5th, 10.30 – 11.30am

Our Social Committee, ably lead by Jan Smith, is organising a Celebration Dinner Party on Friday April 14th, in the main hall. More details are attached to this newsletter and I hope to see many of you there, supporting Jan & her team in a night of music, food & good times. This committee is keen to hear your ideas for all types of social events, so contact Jan - michaelandjansmith@gmail.com

We welcome Diane Mayorga to the position of Secretary and thank her for taking on this important responsibility. A list of executive officers and committee members is on our website for your information.

The Victorian government is offering a new round of \$250 POWER SAVING BONUS under the Victorian Energy Compare program.

Applications will open on 24 March 2023. Victorian households will be able to receive one payment, even if they have received \$250 under the current scheme.

Coffee Morning

Friday 31st March 10am

*In our new home
2 Cobden St!*

*Guest Speaker:
Brett Lidbury*

Coffee Morning Roster

Birdwatchers,
French & Russian

Yoga will be coming to U3A Bright.

Arrangements are currently underway for Yoga classes to be held in Bright.

At this stage they will be starting in the second term.

Enrolments will be through U-MAS

Bright U3A Committee Contacts

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For all details, log on to www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au

The end of term Coffee Morning will be held at 10.00am on Friday March 31st NOT Friday April 7th as that is Good Friday. Brett Lidbury, our resident scientist, will be an interesting guest speaker, so I encourage you all to attend.

Don't forget that our Newsletters are available in print at the Bright library. If you know someone who doesn't have a computer or an email address, please let them know.

Until next time, I'll leave you with this ... "If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you"

Marianne Dredge - President

Casual Cuppa, Cake and Conversation

First Friday of each month!

The move for U3A BRIGHT to 2 Cobden St has delivered a huge potential for expansion of activities and this is just the start. The inaugural casual cuppa, cake and conversation was a huge hit with members.

On Friday the 3rd March 18 members enjoyed themselves over a coffee or tea and cakes and biscuits.

The casual cuppa will be held on the FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH at 10.30 at our new home at 2 Cobden St





CELEBRATION

DINNER PARTY

What are we celebrating? OUR NEW HOME!

When: Friday 14th April 2023

Time: 6 pm to 10.30pm

Where: U3A Home,

*2 Cobden Street
Bright VIC 3741*

FORMAT:

3 course sit-down dinner.

Main Course is BBQ steak and salad.

If you prefer vegetarian, please email Jan Smith

michaelandjansmith@gmail.com

BYO Drinks and Glasses

Entertainment, music, dancing.

COST: \$20 per person

Enrol via UMAS (u3abright.org.au) MEMBER LOGIN

and go to CELEBRATION DINNER use checkout

Payment to Bendigo Bank

BSB 633000 A/C 117560979

Reference your surname and "celebration dinner"



The social committee needs help with decorating the hall for the Celebration Dinner.

We are asking each activity group to come up with an idea to represent their activity.

Examples could be: bike group brings a bike, bushwalking brings a potted tree, scrabble does an A3 poster covered in letters.

These would be given to Helen Carlson who is organizing the decoration of the room.

If anyone else would like to help her, please contact Helen

We are catering for a 3 course sit down dinner, so help is needed in various ways.

Donations of food such as vegetables and meats like salami.

Offers of making finger food desserts and salads.

Working bees to prepare will be held at Unit 3, 10 Riverside Drive on Thursday 13th February and the Senior Citizens Centre and Friday 14th February. Contact Jan for times.

Please contact Jan Smith on 0432 612 648 or email michaelandjansmith@gmail.com if you can help.

staying active



Barefoot Bowls



lifelong learning

The Community Keg at the Bright Brewery was held on 1st March. The Brewery kindly donates the proceeds of sales to a selected organisation.

This time it was U3A Bright's turn to be the lucky recipients.

As you can see everyone enjoyed the night out as well as raising funds!



Bright Brewery - Community Keg

Every month, the Bright Brewery throws on a keg of their award winning Alpine Lager for the Community Keg.

Instead of paying for a beer, a donation is made to a local beneficiary. The brewery donates 100% of the proceeds from the keg to a chosen group. - last month it was the turn of U3A Bright!

A big THANK YOU to everyone at the Bright Brewery who put on the Community Fundraising keg for Bright U3A in late February.

A whopping \$453.90 was raised and will be put towards refurbishments at our new home.

So, well done to all those beer drinkers and others who attended and made the night a great success!



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Hard at work with the move!

