



# Liverpool U3A Gazette

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## **REPORT FROM U3A PRESIDENT – MARIA KELLY**



As Richard the 3<sup>rd</sup> said, “Now is the Winter of our Discontent.” He got Winter right but things here at U3A have been pottering along. It’s good to see people still coming to classes in their woollies.’

Woollies may vary, some people look like they are going to the Arctic and some just have a car die on a cold day. The weather has been getting colder at night, but the sunny days are marvellous. The other thing (I notice) is when I go to get into my car, I have to dig it out from under the leaves. One of the glorious things of Winter is walking through the leaves and hearing them crunch underneath.

U3A is now up to 145 students and after the virus that is a great number. Many have not returned but the ones who have are still having a good time.

Rummikub is a strange word but the class is lots of fun. It really is just the card game of Canasta with tiles. Tiles range from 1 to 13 and are divided into 4 colours. Blue, red, orange and yellow. The idea is to start with 14 tiles and get rid of all of them, first either by runs of the same colour or 3 or 4 of the same number in different colours. The game can be quick or long and it gives your brain a work out.

The other card game we have going is Euchre which I know many of you must have played. We have 10 students who enjoy being the first to get 11 points. A fast game but slow to get points.

Trivia is also going well with 8 to 9 people turning up. It is a great time with questions being asked and people trying to find the answer with help from their fellow players by giving them the first letter, rhyming the word or just helping themselves to someone else's answers. It is all for fun and there are no real winners just a gain of new knowledge. Questions like “what time does a tree grow more?” Day or night?

I want to know who sat and watched the tree to find the answer.

*Maria Kelly, President*

## ***Annual General Meeting***

**Friday 28th May 2021, 10am**

**Meeting Room, Dr Pirie Centre**

## Art Appreciation

Program for term 3, 2021

**Friday 11.6.21 \*\*Please note date and time.** *S. H. Ervin Gallery*, Watson Rd, Observatory Hill. **10am, Cost \$15.** “*Salon des Refuse’s 2021.*” Catch the the 8.12am train from Liverpool.

**Friday 2.7.21 \*\*Please note date.** *Art Gallery of NSW*. Art Gallery Rd, The Domain, Sydney. **9.30am.** (don’t be late). **\$25.** “*Archibald Prize.*” Plus combined ticket for *Archi 100, 100 years of the Archibald Prize.* Catch the **7.44am** train from Liverpool Station.

**WILL NEED TO KNOW WHO IS COMING.**  
**Friday 6.8.21 Camden Art Gallery.** Cnr Oxley & Mitchell Street, Camden. **12.30pm, Donation.** *Face to Face: Live Sitings 1936 – 1972.* Catch the **9.48am** train from Liverpool then the 895 bus from Stand A at Campbelltown station at 10.23am with time for coffee/lunch?

*We normally sit in the 2<sup>nd</sup> carriage of the train. Travel times are just a suggestion.*

*Please be ready to start the tour at least 5 mins before the scheduled start time as some guides may have a tight schedule. Correct money also helps Laurel.*

*Rose Nancollas 9711 7282*

## Congratulations Linda

A little bird has told us (or maybe that should be a tall bird) that Linda sold one of her paintings at the Royal Easter show. Linda is our tutor to the Wednesday Oil and Acrylic class. So, congratulations Linda and good on you. I don’t get to see the work of the Wednesday class, but I know we have some very talented students in the Monday class.

## Emergency Contact

**Could all members write your emergency contact details: Name and Phone No. on the back of your membership card.**

**Also, if you suffer from any allergies. In case of an emergency, it is hard to know who to contact.**

**This is especially important for members who attend classes other than in the Dr Pirie centre.**

## Don’t Annoy Us Seniors



The old lady handed her bank card to a bank teller and said, “I would like to withdraw \$10. The teller told her, “For withdrawals

less than \$100 please use the ATM.”

The lady wanted to know why.

The teller returned her bank card and irritably told her, “These are the rules. Please leave if there is no other matter. There is a line of customers behind you.”

The old lady remained silent for a few seconds, then handed the card back to the teller and said, “Please help me to withdraw all the money I have.”

The teller was astounded when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her, you have \$300,000 in your account. And the bank doesn’t have that much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come again tomorrow?

The old lady then asked how much she could withdraw immediately.

The teller told her any amount up to \$3000.

“Well, please let me have \$3000 now”, she said.

The teller then handed it very friendly and respectfully to her.

The old lady put \$10 in her purse and asked the teller to deposit \$2990 back into her account.

The moral of this tale ...

Don’t be difficult with old people, they’ve spent a lifetime learning these skills!!

Pat Miocic has kindly offered to be our **WELFARE OFFICER**, so if you know of any U3A member who has been sick, in hospital or has lost a loved one, phone Pat on **9602 0196** and she will arrange to have a card sent from the committee and members.

## You Are Invited

The Liverpool & District Historical Society invite anyone interested in Liverpool's history to visit our mini museum the 'Havard Room'. We're open the last Sunday of every month between 12.00 and 3.30. We're located on the third floor of Liverpool Library.

We have three concurrent exhibitions. The History of Liverpool in 60 Objects, What the smartphone has done for us and New Arrivals (items recently donated to the society).

Contact: Glen 0403107496

## Did You Know?

On 7 November 1810, Liverpool became the first town founded by Governor Lachlan Macquarie.



Governor Macquarie named Liverpool after Robert Banks Jenkinson, otherwise known as the 2nd Earl of Liverpool. Jenkinson was the Secretary of the Colonies

when Governor Lachlan Macquarie founded Liverpool in 1810. Later known as Lord Liverpool, he became both the youngest and the longest-serving Prime Minister of the United Kingdom since 1806.

The City of Liverpool & District Historical Society has been the custodians of Liverpool's history since 1959 and are dedicated to the research, conservation, preservation and restoration of local history and the preservation of written, photographic and physical materials for present and future users.

The society welcomes donations of ephemera, items of local interest and collections. Cash donations and bequests are also very welcome.

*The trouble with champagne is that it makes you see double but feel single.*

## How to Maintain a Healthy Level of Insanity in RETIREMENT...

At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sunglasses on, point a hair dryer at passing cars and watch them slow down!

On all your check stubs, write, "For Sexual Favours"

Skip down the street rather than walk, and see how many looks you get.

With a serious face, order a Diet Water whenever you go out to eat.

Sing along at The Opera.

When the money comes out of the ATM, scream 'I Won! I Won!'

When leaving the Zoo, start running towards the car park, yelling, 'Run For Your Lives! They're Loose!'

Tell your children over dinner, 'Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go...!'

Pick up a box of condoms at the pharmacy, go to the counter and ask where the fitting room is.

***And The Final Way To Keep A Healthy Level Of Insanity: My Favourite...***

Go to a large Department store's fitting room, drop your drawers to your ankles and yell out, "There's no paper in here!"

## You're Not the Only One

If you ever have a problem remembering people's names you should enjoy the following.

I've always loved the story of the British conductor Sir Thomas Beecham, who encountered a familiar face in London's Burlington Arcade. Searching his memory, he was almost certain he knew the woman's sister, so asked what she was doing now. The answer: "Still the Queen."

**Donations** If anyone has any old or used knitting or crochet pattern books that they no longer need could they donate them to U3A please?

Also, any unused wool would be appreciated and put to good use.

## God's Plan for Ageing

Most seniors never get enough exercise' In His wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things, thus doing more walking.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things, requiring them to bend, reach, and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature, requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more-exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find, as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

## Nine Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older:

#9 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#8 Life is sexually transmitted.

#7 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#6 Men have two motivations: hunger and hanky-panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

Please share this wisdom with others; I need to go to the bathroom.

## Fees

Tell your friends that this year's annual fees are only \$20. Term 3 & 4 only **\$10**. Term 4 only **\$5**, this is a once in a lifetime offer, so let your friends know this a really great time to give Liverpool U3A a go.

The more members we have the more chances of new classes.

If you would like to make a donation to Liverpool U3A, this would really be appreciated.

## Thank You

Liverpool U3A is run by volunteers. So "Thank You" to our Tutors, Office Staff and the members who help set up for a class.

With a special big "Thank You" to our committee, hardworking treasurers Anne, Gloria and President Maria.

Last year was not an easy year for any organization. If it were not for these people, we would not be in the good position that we are in, at this time we have 145 members.

So "Thank You" everyone and keep up the good work. *Rose Nancollas*

## We Need You!

Do you have a few hours to spare once a month? If so, the Committee would love you to come and join them. It is held on the first Wednesday of the month at 12.30pm in the Dr Pirie Centre.

## Vale

We have lost two of our former Tutors. Merle Taylor and Hilton Janz were Tutors for many years. Merle as a Handicraft Tutor and Hilton as a Computer Tutor. Our sympathy goes to their families.

**Annual General Meeting**  
Friday 28th May 2021, 10am  
Meeting Room  
Dr Pirie Centre

## The Best Mother's Day Gift I Received Only Cost \$5 and it Wasn't Spent on Me.



Whoever came up with the concept of the school Mother's Day gift stall was clearly a genius - and I suspect, most likely a mother. It's a beautifully simple idea that almost guarantees that mums will be honoured on the second Sunday in May: the kids are given cash on the day (often from the other parent), they get to choose the presents and the profits go back to help fund the school's parent committee.

It's a win for everyone, especially those with a penchant for anything pink or scented, or pink *and* scented.

I once received a soap cupcake from my daughter with the following disclaimer: "Sorry Mum, I don't know if it's a cupcake... or soap." We're still not sure.

Another time I scored a blue plastic watch covered in diamonds. Upon presentation, my son confessed: "I don't think the diamonds are real." Even his innocent six-year-old eyes weren't fooled.

But it's the thought of kids deliberating over whether to buy the 'World's best mum' mug or the 'Wake at own risk' sleep mask that makes the whole experience a heart-warming one, even more so when the gifts are teamed with a handcrafted 'I love you, Mummy' card.

Over the past few weeks I wouldn't be able to count the number of reminder emails I have received from the school about this year's stall. "Parents, please send \$5 or \$10 with your child on Thursday" they drilled into us.

There was even an option to enter credit card details online so the child could turn up with a voucher to spend. It really couldn't have been easier for kids (and partners) not to forget Mother's Day. Genius, right?

When Thursday morning came around, I asked my son if he was cashed up and ready to shop. "Nope."

Note to self: forward the school emails to my husband at this time of year.

I sent my son to check the contents of my purse.

"Sorry Mum, you don't have \$10."

"Really?" I queried.

"Yes, you only have two \$5 notes."

"Take both," I winked.

With the school offering both \$5 and \$10 options for presents, I knew this would quite possibly be my best Mother's Day haul yet. Hello real diamonds. Or at least a real cupcake. Later that day, I picked up my son from school and thoughts of the stall had completely left my head.

His first words to me were: "I'm not going to tell you what I got you."

I paused. What was he talking about? Then the pink, scented penny dropped.

"Oh, that's fine. I prefer surprises."

Then he lowered his head. Had I given the wrong response?

"Sorry Mum..." he continued.

"What's wrong?" I asked.

"I only spent \$5 on your present," he confessed.

I laughed with relief.

"That's fine, I'm sure it's a great present," I reassured him.

He paused again.

"I gave the other \$5 to Oliver ... he didn't have any money to spend," he whispered.

He looked at me knowing what I was thinking. He couldn't mention this boy's name without me having one particular thought.

We both just stood there.

He searched my face to see if I recognised who he was referring to. In the small chance that I didn't, he lowered his voice and clarified: "Oliver. The boy whose dad died last year."

I couldn't speak.

Of course, I knew who Oliver was. I thought,

of this 10-year-old boy often. I tried to imagine the sadness that must regularly grip him, and the anguish his mother must deal with daily. I wanted to understand the pain they'd experienced. But I knew I couldn't really grasp it.

The only response I had was to hug my son. We stood outside the school gate as I held him close to me and sobbed quietly into his embrace. He held me tightly, as I breathed in the familiar scent of his hair.

When I drew back, I could see his face was confused. I asked: "Is Oliver your friend?" It really didn't matter, but I was curious as I didn't think they played together.

"No," he shook his head.

I held him again. He pulled away and looked at me, and I could tell he wondered what he'd done wrong. I didn't know how to tell him that he'd done everything right.

We got into the car in silence and drove from the school without saying a word.

After some time, he turned to me and asked: "Why did you cry?"

I went to explain but couldn't find the words. I wanted to tell him that as parents, we have hopes and dreams for our children, and those aspirations are many and varied. Some are easier to pursue than others. Academic success can be achieved by education. Athletic prowess can be nurtured with training. But what about those less-measurable attributes that you hope your kids will develop?

How do you raise a child to be kind? Where are the teachers for Altruism 101? Is there an Introduction to Being a Good Person subject offered in school?

Mostly it's left to us parents to teach these things. But what makes us the most qualified people for the job? The truth is, it's not easy to role model this kind of behaviour all the time. Actually, sometimes it's really hard.

It was in this moment that I realised that perhaps my husband and I are doing an okay job of it. Raising good kids has always been our ultimate parenting goal and our son's actions on that day showed us that he's on the right path.

"I'm proud of you," I finally said. "You've just given me the best Mother's Day present ever."

He looked back at me.

"But I only spent \$5," he contested.

"Yes," I agreed. "But you spent it in the best way possible."

*Thanks to Rada Bogdanovic*

## Good Home Wanted

Aged about 10 or 11 I started reading "historical romances" by Georgette Heyer. Such novels as "These Old Shades," and "The Convenient Marriage." Later, I moved on to her more historical novels, such as "The Conqueror," and "An Infamous Army."

Then I found out she had written murder mysteries such as "Why Shoot a Butler?" and "They Found Him Dead." Over the years I believe I have bought all the books she has written, all 52 of them. A few years ago, looking for something "light" to read I re-read some of them again. They gave me a good laugh.

So, if you or someone you know would like some "light" reading please let me know and I would be happy to pass them on.

*Rose Nancollas, 9711 7282*

## Old Stamps & Glasses?

We no longer collect old stamps or glasses, but **Spec Savers at Westfield Liverpool** will take old glasses as I am sure will many other spectacle shops.

Stamps can sent to the following address.

Geoff Harvery

P.O. Box 833, Kings Langley NSW 2147

He collects for the Deaf & Blind Children at North Rocks

Or Bingara Lions Club,

P.O.Box 3. Bingara 2404



## Social Walking Group

Programme for Term 3, 2021

Coordinator: Anne Wing. 9601 7859

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**12th June 2021 Baywalk to Birken Head Point.** 8.39 train from Liverpool to Dulwich Hill 9.29 light rail to Leichardt north meet at 9.50 walk to Birkenhead.

Jan 96011067 0407074967.

**26th June 2021 Karne Park Riverwood.** 8.52 train from Liverpool to Glenfield change at Revesby 9.38 to Riverwood. Loop walk via Karne Park back to the station or option via the bus. Fay 96029269 0400082600.

**10th July 2021 Circular Quay to Barangaroo Reserve.** 8.27 train from Liverpool to Circular Quay meet at wharf 6 for a 10am start. Return train from Wynyard. Fay 0400082600.

**24th July 2021 Como to Oatley.** 8.38 train from Liverpool to Glenfield 9.04 to Como. Walk from Como Pleasure Point & Oatley. Anne 96017859 0413593213

**14th August 2021 Woy Woy.** 8.27 from Liverpool to Strathfield 9.31 from Strathfield to Woy Woy. Short walk along the boardwalk. Fish & chips for lunch.

Sandra 0405673442 Peggy 0490262906.

**28th August 2021 TBA**

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Chipping Norton Lakes.** Meet Liverpool Station time TBA. David 9600 9894 0423 096 659.

We walk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. We normally catch the **8.27am** train from Liverpool unless otherwise stated and sit in the second carriage.

***Must bring – hat for sun, Umbrella or raincoat, bottle of water, morning tea, lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes.***

For any queries we have included a contact phone number for each group. Please remember it is up to each walker to check for track work and any other changes. If a walk needs to be cancelled or changed, it will be up to the leaders of the walk to contact everyone on the roll. This is why it is important for you to fill in your enrolment form; if you are not on the roll, **you will not be contacted.**

**Please Note – if the temperature is above 35 degrees or it is pouring with rain there will be no walk.** If you are not sure contact the leader of the walk.

## Safety First

Just a reminder that the safety-first kit should be carried by the walking group's leaders and passed on to the leaders of the next walk.

## Report Any Accidents

We have an "Incident report" that needs to be filled in if an accident does happen. Not just for the walking group but for any U3A class.

## Computer Use

If you do not have a computer at home, you may like the use of the computers in the computer room.

This would only be available while another class was running in the Dr Pirie Centre. No computer tutor would be available to help you.

## Disabled Toilet

If you use the disabled toilet in the Dr Pirie centre. **PLEASE DO NOT PULL OR PUSH THE DOOR.**

Yes, we know it is slow but just press the open (green) or lock (black) button and wait for the door to open or shut by itself. This hopefully will keep it in working order.

## Why?

How were hailstones measured before golf balls were invented?

Why is stuff transported by ship called a CARgo and stuff transported by road called a SHIPment?

Why are they called apartments when they are built so close together?

*Thanks to Peter Fizzimmon SMH*

*Exercise is a dirty word. Every time I hear it, I wash my mouth out with chocolate. Charles Schulz*

*A day off is usually followed by an off day.*

*One thing about nudists, you can't pin anything on them.*

# Program for 3rd Term 2021

The Highlighted Classes shown below are changes or new classes.

## MONDAY

- Euchre, 12.45pm, Dr Pirie Centre
- Italian, 12.30pm, Dr Pirie Centre
- Watercolour Painting/Drawing/Mixed Media, 10am, Dr Pirie Centre.

If you hear nothing from Liverpool U3A, it means you have been accepted for the class (es) you ticked on your enrolment form. **You will be notified ONLY if the class is full.**

## TUESDAY

- Enjoy Reading, 10.30am, Dr Pirie Centre, **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every Month.**
- Méditation, 12.30pm, Dr Pirie Centre
- Rummikub, 10am, Dr Pirie Centre, Every Tuesday
- Yogalates, 1pm, Chipping Norton CC

**To All Members** – When you fill in the enrolment forms, **please** only tick the classes that you **can** attend- regularly during the term, as so much time is wasted entering names on the rolls of people who never attend class. We understand if sickness causes a problem, otherwise **please** only write your name on the form to classes you know you will be attending. If you no longer want to attend a class, PLEASE let the office know.

## WEDNESDAY

- Oil & Acrylic Painting 10am, Chipping Norton Community Centre.
- Various Handicrafts, 10am, Dr Pirie Centre

## THURSDAY

- Card Making, 10am, C.W.A. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.
- Creative Writing, 10am, Dr Pirie Centre
- History, 1.30pm, Liverpool Library, Gold Room
- Trivia/Laughter, 1pm, Dr Pirie Centre

### TERM DATES FOR 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Term – 1 FEBRUARY to 26 MARCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Term – 26 APRIL to 18 JUNE

3<sup>rd</sup> Term – 19 JULY to 10 SEPTEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> Term – 11 OCTOBER to 3 DECEMBER

## FRIDAY

- Art Appreciation, Various Times, Different Galleries, Normally 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month.
- French, Intermediate, 12pm, Dr Pirie Centre
- Smart Phones and Tablets, Advanced 10am, **Beginners 12.30pm**, Cost \$1 - \$4, Dr Pirie Centre

## How to Contact Us?

**We have a new website please check it out.**

Our website is [www.liverpool.u3anet.org.au](http://www.liverpool.u3anet.org.au) Please type in full.

**Changes to our e-mail.** Please note that we have a new e-mail address, it is [liverpoolu3a@gmail.com](mailto:liverpoolu3a@gmail.com)

Also we now only have the one phone number in the office. It is 9601 5574.

## SATURDAY

- Social Walking Group, Different locations, **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month.**

## Flyers Available

Flyers are available in the office for anyone who would like to spread the word about Liverpool U3A. You might like to drop them off in letter boxes, Doctors waiting rooms or put them up in community notice boards. **Please remember it only costs \$10 for term 3 & 4.**

- **OFFICE HOURS**
- **During Term Time**
- **Monday to Friday 10am to 12pm**