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Renew membership now.

Membership renewals for 2018 are now open and due by 29th January. The annual membership fee remains \$25 for singles and \$45 for two people from the same address.

Please pay your annual membership at the same time you enroll for term 1 courses.

While cheques are very acceptable we would like to encourage any members who generally use online banking to consider paying membership renewal by electronic transfer. Do this using the account details on the renewal form plus the name of the member(s) as reference.



Wow, what a Christmas Lunch!

Thank you Chris and Penny Vavasour,

with help from the Hospital Committee ladies, for providing a delicious lunch for around 70 people.

Term dates for 2018

Term 1

Enrolment day Monday 29th Jan

Term dates 5 February to 13 April

Term 2

Enrolment day Monday 30 April

Term dates 7 May to 6 July

Term 3

Enrolment day Monday 23 July

Term dates 30 July to 28 Sept

Term 4

Enrolment day Monday 15 Oct

Term dates 22 Oct to 21 Dec

From the secretary's desk

If you think you have not been receiving your correspondence from us, please let us know. Leave a note for me in our box at *Helloworld* or tell me at enrolment.

Gloucester (Australia) goes international. Last year we received a membership application from a lady in England. Her paperwork was accompanied by a cheque for £12! We felt the travelling to attend classes

would be excessive, so returned her cheque.

Then there was the email from the gentleman who wanted to attend a class at the local guild hall the next day. Only problem was, he sent the email to U3A Gloucester, Australia, instead of Gloucester, England. I emailed him back informing him we are in the southern hemisphere.

U3A AGM Friday 23 March

The AGM will be held at the Uniting Church Hall at 10am Friday 23rd March 2018. Our guest speaker will be Arthur Poynting. A special Morning Tea will be served. The Official Notice of the AGM will be sent out in late February 2018.

If any member wishes to bring any business before the Annual General Meeting please speak with Penny Vavasour (or a committee member) before the next Committee meeting on 22nd February so that it can be put on the agenda.

Term 1 inspirations

Term 1 is off to a good start with a selection of old favourite courses back plus a number of new ones to stimulate. Thanks Susan Dixon. You have programmed an amazing line-up yet again.

Our inaugural *Morning Tea*. Come and join in our first morning tea get-together at the Uniting Church Hall on Friday 23 Feb from 10am on. Catch up with your U3A friends and make new ones too.

There are plenty of exercise sessions for you including a chance to learn that great game of croquet and strum along on your ukelele—not necessarily at the same time.

Try your creative side with Marjorie Rees's new course in coiled basket making.



In *Mindfulness* Gavan Bethke will teach you how to lift your level of conscienceness. Samantha Green will challenge your understanding of just what constitutes a *safe interection* while David Collett will help you understand what the BASIX system requires and how it makes for better building design.

Didn't you always wonder what *the Reformation* was all about? Penny Charles will provide those answers.

While you sit back in your comfie chair Margie Higgins will take you on her travels. Or, if it's a stimulating discussion you want then Rod Menzel is the conductor.

For those interested in family history Lyn Stewart is leading a new discusion group. Whether your just beginning your research or have dedicated many hours to this engrossing pass-time, do come along.
