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# Newsletter - March 2018

**Enrolment day** for term 2 is  
Monday 30 April  
**Term 2 dates** 7 May to 6 July

## Our U3A AGM

The AGM was held yesterday (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March), at the Uniting Church Hall. Nominations were read out to the meeting by our returning officer Margery Phair. Unfortunately we had no nominations for president despite some arm-twisting for some weeks before. The new management committee is as follows:

President – *vacant*  
Vice-president – Penny Vavasour  
Secretary- Cecily Mahoney  
Treasurer – Synthia Elks  
Programing – Susan Dixon  
Enrolment – Frances Writer  
Members without portfolio – Penelope Charles and Pam Judd

Lyn Stewart, Cathy Webb and Patricia Greenaway stepped down from the committee after a number of years service.

Running a U3A without a president is hardly fair on the committee members. We need a president, and the time is now.

At the end of the meeting we had a discussion about use of our accumulated funds. We discussed plans for improving the audio-visual facilities and we are determined to improved the equipment at the Senior Citizens hall in particular, especially for people with hearing difficulties. If you have any constructive ideas please contact the committee or Colin Charles who will be helping us plan the equipment we need.

We we are seeking members for NON-Committee roles when needed. In particular we need advice from persons who have experience in

(i) helping get out our newsletter (this one is the last one by Lyn Stewart.)

(ii) assessing information about, and applying for grants,

(iii) technology, electronics etc

Our guest speaker was Arthur Poynting, Gloucester's Veterinary Surgeon. He gave us an interesting insight into his 43 year career in Gloucester—from what sounded like the dark ages of vet practice to today's modern well-equipped setup. He had a few comical experiences along the way as well as some rather bad injuries, usually from a protesting bull. All part of the risks of being a vet so Arthur said. Arthur retires this week and we

look forward to meeting the new vet. The practice is now 70% small animals and 30% large farm animals—the opposite of when Arthur began in Gloucester 43 years ago.

**\*\*Coming before term 2\*\***  
**On Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> April, 10-12**  
**Our trial with EnhanceTV**

*Expanding our course options with EnhanceTV.*

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-12noon we are running a trial session at the Senior Citizens Centre, utilizing a wonderful new on-line resource called EnhanceTV. It is a resource developed for schools, but because Gloucester District U3A has a Screenrights license we are able to utilize the courses on offer. That is because we, like schools, have an educational aim.

We have selected a topic of current affairs for our EnhanceTV trial which is a debate chaired by Nik Gowing entitled 'Break up the Tech Giants'. This lively debate, on the subject 'Should we be worried about so much wealth and influence over our lives being centralized by a handful of tech giants?' was first screened on BBC World News on February 3rd, 2018. Considering recent revelations about 'Facebook' the topic has become even more relevant.

Be sure to come along and if you wish bring a guest. We will not be collecting a \$2 fee for this one BUT do sign-in when you arrive and ask your guest to also sign in marking their name with the words 'Guest'. Checkout the extensive list of courses that will be available to us at the EnhanceTV website. You can search the subjects available. Let us know what you fancy.

*Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Tea* will be

on the term 2 program. Come and join in our social morning tea get-together at the Uniting Church Hall. Check the program for the date and mark it with a tick. Catch up with your U3A friends and make new ones too.

*News from COTA*

FREE Power of Attorney Seminars by Cognitive Decline Partnership Centre (CDPC) and COTA NSW

Powers of Attorney - Choose who manages your finances when you can't?

Following COTA's first two Power of Attorney seminars, held in Sydney and Orange in November, they will continue to roll out these free events in 2018 at locations across New South Wales including Wollongong, Newcastle, the Central Coast, Rockdale, Parramatta and Bankstown.

These seminars cover all the details about how a substitute decision-maker can be appointed to make financial decisions on your behalf – when you can't, or choose not to. Check for locations and dates at [www.cotansw.com.au](http://www.cotansw.com.au) under menu 'Events'

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*Community news:*

**From the Gloucester Rotary Club....**

**Towards maintaining cognitive ability, physical strength and stability.**

The exercise stations now installed in Gloucester Park provide easy to use equipment that combines strength building exercise with a pleasant walking track helping to maintain stability. The Rotary Club of Gloucester is proud to be instrumental in providing this community facility and invites you to use it.