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Newsletter - September, 2018

Enrolment day for Term 4 is Monday, 15th October, 10am to 12p.m,

From the Secretary's Desk:

POSITION VACANT

SECRETARY required for Gloucester District U3A Inc IMMEDIATE START as current holder of position is leaving for family commitments. However, she will be available for the next four (4) weeks to familiarise successful applicant with current procedures.

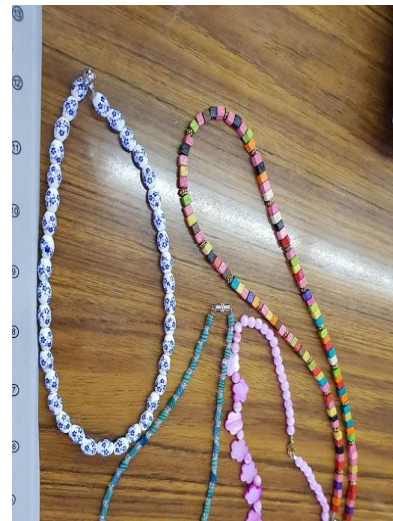
For further details and expressions of interest, please contact Cecily Mahoney at: secretary@gloucester.u3anet.org.au or Gavan Bethke, Vice President, gavnb@bigpond.com

Jewellery Making with Julie Marchant



Julie has been making jewellery for 20 years for herself and others. She very much enjoys making these creations and has sold her jewellery at markets locally and in the Newcastle and Mid North Coast districts. If you would like to learn how to make your own jewellery, join her next term to learn how. The term will have a very casual atmosphere so come along, have fun and be creative. If you have jewellery at home you need repairing, bring it

and learn how to make it wearable again or make something new or just come along to watch how jewellery pieces can be created. If you have jewellery making tools or your own beads please bring them along.





10TH Anniversary to be celebrated on Thursday, 1st November. A delicious morning tea – scones, cakes, sandwiches, slices and other beautiful morsels to whet the appetite. Please come and join in the morning tea you will be fed and entertained. 10 to 12pm

Christmas Party – 13th December for lunch 12pm to 2pm. Let us finalise the wonderful year we have had together, memories were made, new friends made and hopefully we all continued to learn a little something along the way. For special dietary requirements please fill in the tear off strip at the end of this newsletter.

GLOUCESTER IN THE 30s AND 40s

On Wednesday 1st August an inquisitive group of U3A folk attended the Gloucester Museum, here follows a report from our travelling reporter Chris Vavasour

We were privileged to welcome an old Gloucester resident on 1st August. Harold Franks, who was born and spent his early years here, drove from his home on the Central Coast to present a fascinating picture of how Gloucester was all those years ago.

Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend this morning were fascinated by Harold's vivid descriptions of the Gloucester that he remembers from before, during and after the Second World War.

Harold started his presentation by taking us down the memory lane of Church Street. Earlier in the morning he had walked down Church Street and refreshed his memory on who were the occupants of many of the shops when he was young. It seems that the only shop still under the same family ownership is Channel's our Newsagency. Some others are still offering the same products, including Dave Fraser's Avon Valley Butchers. Many have changed and sadly there are no longer two cinemas.

Other highlights of Harold's talk included the German spy who was counting the numerous troop trains full of mostly American troops heading North before he was arrested in Taree. Harold covered the whole spectrum of life in those days: characters, the school and the teachers, bomb explosion at the school, Victory Day and sadly a fatal accident on that day as the celebrations were about to begin.

Occasionally, Harold was helped with people's names by some of the members of the audience who are of that generation but we all admired mostly his vivid memory of those times. We so appreciated that he had driven quite a distance at an early hour to enthrall us for two hours.

Thank you, Harold

We hope to follow this visit up with further expeditions, please check out the programme each term for more exciting trips.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Gloucester District U3A has been here for the last 10 years and was started by our current programmer Susan Dixon along with Kay Stelzer and Frances Kinsela.

Now time has marched on and we are on the lookout for people to help with the committee. Susan will no longer be with us, she has done a marvellous job for 10 years but feels IT IS TIME FOR NEW BLOOD AND IDEAS. Our Secretary Cecily Mahoney is moving onto Coffs Harbour to be nearer her beautiful family. The time for our Treasurer, Synthia, will be up AT THE AGM IN TERM 1 2019, as our constitution says we must change after 3 years.

What we would like to see is people step up to take on these positions and be on the committee, more hands do really make light work and without a workable committee U3A could not exist. We NEED new blood and new ideas going into the next 10 years.

If you feel that you would like to contribute to your U3A kindly contact one of the committee members. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Community Notices

For those who did not attend the Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group (BWNG) session on 12th September, BWNG will be doing a "Tech Savvy for Seniors" in the New Year. Members who are interested should check the November/December Newsletter.

* **Meals on Wheels** now have fresh hot meals Mon to Fri, from training facility Blueprint

* **Community drivers** are needed for this very important service to our community and if you enjoy people and driving you can get a great deal of enjoyment from doing this volunteer work.

..... Please call BWNG on 6558 2454 for more information on the above.

* Registration with My Aged Care is essential for all forms of Community Transport - including any U3A excursion. BWNG recommend that all our (eligible) members sign up NOW to avoid delay as registration can take two days to four months.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

NAME:.....

DIETARY REQUIREMENT.....

*Please give to committee member or leave in the box at Hello World: