



Gloucester District U3A Inc.



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Well 2018 is done and dusted. Our last function for the year was the Christmas Party and from all accounts everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. This event could not have been such a success without the whole committee helping.

We are very fortunate to have a great committee with U3A, one which is constantly looking forward and caring for our members. If you would like to join us or help in any way you would be very, very welcome. The Annual General Meeting will be in March and you will be provided with a nomination form well beforehand.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**WILL BE HELD AT THE UNITING CHURCH**  
**HALL,**

**AT 10A.M. ON FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH**

Members who wish to nominate for the committee need to submit their nomination form by no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Nomination forms will be available at Hello World in Church Street from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Nomination **close** on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. If any member requests an item to be mentioned at the A.G.M. these requests must be received by close of business 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

Alternatively, members may like to express an interest in support roles, which are very important to the work of the committee. Typically, these roles include assisting committee members without the need to attend meetings. Some support roles are 'understudy' activities for the Secretary, Treasurer, Programming and Webmaster to allow for those times when the relevant committee member is away for an extended period.

U3A is all about helping each other and we would like to encourage all members to think about ways in which they may contribute. For example being a Course Clerk, is very easy and helpful. It is a great way to get to know all the members of your group. If you think you

would like to help in any way at all please speak to a committee member at some stage. Enrolment day is the 29<sup>th</sup> January, so that would be a great opportunity to put up your hand.

**ENROLMENT DAY 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019. 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**  
**UNITING CHURCH HALL, COWPER STREET**

A few things to say about this important day. Firstly, everyone can drop their enrolment forms into Hello World previous to this day if that is more convenient.

Fees can be paid online if you are okay with internet banking or otherwise leave cash in an envelope. If you would like to pay by cheque that is okay as well but we **do** get charged by the Credit Union for cheques deposited!!!

If you think you would like to have a go at Course Clerk, please mark the appropriate column on the enrolment form for the course you are involved in.

Some courses will have number limitations which are unavoidable; we will endeavour to fulfil all your needs but sometimes there could be a waiting list.

**RECEIPT OF INFORMATION - MEMBER PREFERENCE**

- The postage of our publications such as newsletters is costly. \$1 per envelope soon adds up. To help in reducing of costs we will be providing copies which can be collected from Hello World (under the box marked U3A on the right hand counter as you go in) and also at the Visitor Information Centre, staff at both of these businesses are more than willing to help.
  - There are some members who receive the email version and still request a printed version sent out, maybe you could consider picking up a hard copy from one of the above places.
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**NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

***Hello fellow Members.***

I felt it important to drop a few words into this issue of the newsletter as we are now zooming into a new year. I'm not sure what happened to the last year, it seems just a couple of months ago that I was approached to fill the casual vacancy of President but in reality it was many months ago.

I will not be continuing on as your President this year, mainly because I find being in that role for two organisations (I am also president of the Gloucester Mens' Shed) it is difficult to give my full attention to both at all times. The current U3A vice-president, Gavan Bethke, has indicated that he will nominate for the President position this year. This will leave the Vice President position vacant.

In fact, there will be only one committee position in which the incumbent was actually elected at the last AGM and will stand again for election this year. All other positions will be left open. This occurs either because the current office bearers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) have been in place for the stipulated maximum term (three years) or the positions have been temporarily filled because the elected people have had need to leave.

Fortunately, we already have Shirley Smith and Danny Green willing to nominate for office bearer roles for 2019.

***However, this means we will still be left with the VP role and four non office bearer roles to be filled.***

I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that these roles are filled at the forthcoming AGM, for several reasons. The most important reason is that as an incorporated entity we are obligated at law to have a properly constituted committee of at least seven members, without which we just cannot have a U3A. But just as importantly, we need a healthy committee to ensure that the health of our great U3A community is maintained.

I think we all agree that without our U3A, Gloucester would not be the incredibly inclusive community that it currently is. Now that I have enjoyed first hand the activities of the committee, and knowing the vision they have for this and future years, I encourage you strongly to nominate for election to the committee at the AGM this year.

I wish all members the very best of life and I look forward to continuing with you I know in our weekly activities.

Charlie Faulkner.

President,

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