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# JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2020

Hello everyone,

Welcome to our first newsletter for the new decade, we hope you have all had a happy holiday period.

## **ENROLMENT DAY TUESDAY, 28th January, 2020** 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M. UNITING CHURCH HALL, COWPER STREET

**Enrolment and Renewal Forms** can, as usual, be dropped into Hello World prior to this day. Fees can be paid online if you are okay with internet banking or otherwise leave cash in an envelope with your completed forms.

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.

The postage of our publications such as newsletters is costly. \$1 per envelope soon adds up. To help in reducing of costs we provide copies which can be collected from Hello World and also at the Visitor Information Centre. Staff at both of these businesses are more than willing to help.

First day of term is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and we wish you all a very happy and informative term.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

WILL BE HELD AT THE UNITING CHURCH HALL,  
AT 10A.M. ON FRIDAY **27th MARCH, 2020**

Members who wish to nominate for the committee need to submit their nomination form by no later than Friday **13th March, 2020**. Nomination forms will be available at Hello World in Church Street from Monday **2nd February, 2020**. Nominations close on Friday **6th March 2020**. If any member requests an item to be mentioned at the A.G.M. these requests must be received by close of **business 6th March, 2020**.

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.

## **Exciting New Courses for 2020**

2020 courses will include our usual favourites, but thanks to great suggestions from members, and presenters stepping forward, we are able to offer some lovely new options.

Photography has often been requested, so we are excited to offer the first of a new series. Brian Rope, our special guest presenter is a long-term, much exhibited photographer. We hope there will be an opportunity to start our own ongoing Gloucester U3A photography group as well as more sessions in future terms.

If you have always wanted to know more about your car, or if you long-time a fan of the motor car, then Allan Cornish's session on the motor car is definitely for you.

Food is a topic of interest to us all and we hope to have a range of offerings from basics of cooking and nutrition to special interest foods in future terms. This term we are excited to offer a session by our Gloucester butcher on meat cuts and how to prepare them. A chance also to hear more about Dave and his life as a butcher and sample some pre-prepared cooked meats.

Sessions on other places are also always a great draw and this term's session on Ireland by David and Kerry Marston (very close to St Patrick's Day) should prove very popular. But let's not forget our own great Australian places! We will start this term with a session on outback travel (Gibb River Road) from Pat Burrows and Peter Moon. Don't miss it.

Many thanks to Kaye Stelzer who will enable U3A to offer a much requested new writing group. There are only 6 places available so if you are interested make sure you sign up! This is planned to be an ongoing group.

History will reappear on our program, starting this term with a look at the broad sweep of Australian history but moving across a range of interesting topics in future terms, not forgetting those wonderful stories from Gloucester and its people.

### **Using TV to deliver new topics**

Gloucester U3A has already offered some very popular courses using DVD, or online. We are planning to use these media much more to enable a wider range of topics in future. This term we will start with a DVD presentation exploring some truly lovely international gardens.

### **What interests you interests us.**

Your suggestions will help us find new possibilities for new sessions so let us know about your specialty, or what topics, skills or activities you would like to be able to try! Please email your suggestions to [penelope\\_charles@hotmail.com](mailto:penelope_charles@hotmail.com), message or talk to Penny on 0415 413 573 or any time you see her around!