

News from your committee – September 2023.

Dear members.

1. A group of 13 U3A Mt Dandenong members and friends enjoyed our excursion to Mont De Lancey on September 15. It was a lovely Spring Day and the gardens were looking delightful. We were treated to a tour of the buildings and were given demonstrations of a variety of old domestic and farm machinery before a demonstration of wood turning. A walk through the



blacksmiths and the chapel was followed by a tour of the house and garden by a member of the Sebire family. The substantial house was made of brick from local clay in 1887. We finished the day with a tasty lunch in the onsite café.

2. Some classes will be on a break as it is school holidays at present but some groups continue through the holidays such as the Friday mornings coffee group. The majority of classes will resume on October 2.
3. The First Nations Peoples Course completed at the end of term 3. A small group of participants attended this course with two attendees coming from other U3A groups. This course helped extend our understanding of the history and issues facing the First Australians. The participants gave favourable feedback on the course content and delivery but some expressed disappointment that more people had not attended this course.
4. Some of you may have noticed a conflict in the date of the bush band. The date in the shire brochure for the 2023 Over 50's festival has the date advertised as October 15. The band have agreed to change the date to October 15. Therefore, our bush dance will be on Sunday October 15 from 2-5pm at Farndon's Hall. Please bring and your own snacks and a donation toward the hire of the hall. Tea and Coffee will be provided.
5. Our AGM is coming up and will be Wednesday November 8 at 2pm at Farndon's Hall. Corey McFayden from the Yarra Ranges Council will be guest speaker. Corey will be speaking about the 'Gardens for Wildlife Program'. Please attend the AGM to provide an audience and there is no pressure to join the committee unless you want to. If you wish to nominate for the committee, I have attached a nomination form to this email.
6. The Christmas Party will be on the evening of Friday December 8.

Any queries? Contact us on the phone number or email below.

Regards
Gaye de Lisle
Secretary