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**Next Meeting: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2015 at the R.S.L. Hall Inverloch commencing at 2:00 P. M.**  
**Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.**  
**Visitors and new members are always very welcome.**

As this newsletter is going to print much earlier than usual, we have not completed arrangements enabling us to give members details regarding the guest speaker for July.

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the R.S.L. Hall at 2:00 P.M. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the Year ending 30.6.15 will be presented, the election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for the 2015/2016 year will follow. Nomination forms for the Elections will be attached to the July Newsletter, together with the Notice regarding the Annual General Meeting. Only financial Members are eligible to nominate or to accept nomination.  
Nomination Forms must be with the Secretary no later than August 19<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**Notes from the past:** The following items were taken from **The Express Wonthaggi, Wednesday December 30<sup>th</sup> 1059.** (With thanks to John Bickley for providing the Newspaper).

- **Came by “copter:** Mr. Alex Tolmer, toy manufacturer, of Melbourne, caused a stir when he arrived at Inverloch a fortnight ago. He came by helicopter. The machine landed on the Inverloch recreation reserve. It was the first helicopter that has ever landed at Inverloch.
- Motorists were advised that there were five authorised dealers for cars at eight mile distant Wonthaggi. Vehicle brands available were **Austin, Chrysler- Simca, Ford, G.M.H, Vanguard, Triumph and Volkswagen.**
- A block of land was available on the Nautilus Estate. Only 150 yards from shore, magnificent view of Inlet, No house will be built in front of this site, made road and water. **1000 pounds or offer.**
- Meals at all hours: Yes....ALL hours....at **TWO VIEWS GUEST HOUSE** (at the top of a'Beckett Street). \* Grills or three course meals. Grills ready in 10 minutes.

**P.T.O.**



The Guest Speaker for the June meeting Steve White told us about his involvement with the University of the Third Age (U3A), and the history of the organisation. Steve has been a Committee member for 10 years, and is currently a Tutor for the subject “Broadband for Seniors.”

Steve explained that U3A is for people who have retired or who are semi retired, and that the three ages are from birth to the end of formal education, the second age is work and the third age is retirement.

There are two models. The first U3A began in France in 1968. Legislation was enacted requiring Universities to do more for the community. In 1973, the first U3A began when the University of Toulouse opened its doors to the general public, in particular the elderly. By 1975, U3A’s had spread across France also, where no University was available in a particular place, Local governments took over the role of running a U3A. At the Universities, courses, in the main, were run by Professors who were Second age people being paid to teach Third age people. Generally the Universities made use of their buildings when students were on holidays.

U3A’s came to the United Kingdom in 1981, it was the second model. The British people didn’t want to pay anybody so they became self managed groups, as are all the Australian U3A’s. There was no distinction between the teachers and the people being taught. It became very successful in Britain.

The British model spread to Australia in 1984, and was introduced to Melbourne in 1984. Ten years later, in Australia, there were 80,000 U3A members and 108 independent U3A’s.

U3A’s spread throughout Europe all modelled on the French system. In the Republic of Ireland, a U3A was called a Federation of Active Retirement Association. In New Zealand, the majority of U3A’s are run in private homes. In the U.S.A. Institutes for Learning in Retirement, with a U3A philosophy, began in 1962. The first one was in New York, before the French model began in 1973.

In 1998, U3A On Line began, that is, computer based learning. A small fee of \$15 a subject was required.

The growth of U3A’s in Victoria is quite significant. In Victoria to July 2014 there were 105 U3A’s with 32,000 members. Back in 2005 Victoria had 73 U3A’s with 18,000 members. Wonthaggi U3A has almost 200 members whereas some U3A’s in the Metropolitan area have over 800 members.

After answering a number of questions, Steve was thanked by Shirley Burchett for his interesting and informative talk, and a presentation of a basket of fruit was made in appreciation for sharing his time with us today.



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE A.G.M. IN AUGUST. THE POSITION OF SECRETARY WILL BE VACANT AS LINDSAY IS RETIRING.**

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