

Newsletter - Dec 2024

U3A Bass Valley Committee

President:	Pam Richmond	Committee Members:
Vice President:	Marg Boyer	Christine Holmes
Treasurer:	Glenda Bent	Geoff Guilfoyle
Secretary:	David Laing	Janet Cobden
Minutes Secretary:	Di Goeman	

News Flash

Our **Christmas lunch** for 2024 will be held on Friday 13 December at 12:30pm at the KooWeeRup Royal Hotel . All members, previous and past, and partners are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet other members from different courses and meet our new committee. We welcome any suggestions for courses you would like. Contact Di Goeman at diannegoeman@yahoo.com to RSVP.

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 8 December from 5pm run by the Grantville Business & Community Association. U3A Bass Valley will have a table there between 5 and 6pm with information, brochures and membership forms. Come and join the fun!

The **Story Boards at Grantville Memorial Park** are almost complete and will be installed soon. It is envisaged that the official unveiling will occur early next year. Congratulations and thanks go to all the people involved in this project including Di Goeman, Geoff Guilfoyle and Trish Hart. Watch this space!

Message from the President

A quick update on what's been happening at U3A Bass Valley. As you can see we have a new committee and I would like to thank all the members of the previous committee, some of whom are continuing, for keeping things running smoothly. A warm welcome to the new committee. I look forward to an exciting year working with you.

We are looking at strengthening our ties with groups that support us, especially the Corinella District Community Centre (CDCC) where some of our courses are run. We have no office but are currently using their address at 48 Smythe Street Corinella.

We are also looking at expanding our range of courses. As you know we are reliant on volunteers from our community. We are currently looking for a pianist or other musician who could accompany a choir. Any volunteers? We have so much talent amongst us waiting to be tapped (on the shoulder!)

Memberships

Memberships for 2025 are now open and will remain at \$35 for the calendar year. This enables you to join as many classes as you like and attend all our events.

There are 3 ways to pay:

1. By paying in person into our account at the Bendigo Bank with the EFTPOS details below (please include your name as a reference)
2. By cash or cheque made out to U3A Bass Valley, directly to your tutor
3. On our website by completing the membership form at u3abassvalley.com and using online payment

Our EFTPOS Deposit details are:

BSB 633000 Account No. 132310517

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Courses continuing in 2025

- Tai Chi
- Photography
- Ukelele
- Book Club
- Ageing Positively (4 sessions back by popular request for those who missed it before).

Potential Courses

- A Lunch club - visit different venues once a month
- A Games club - bring your favourite game for 2h of fun or learn a new game. Scrabble, Draughts, Chinese Checkers, Chess, Cards, Bridge, Mahjongg??
- Another bookclub at daytime (for those on the waiting list and others interested)
- A series of monthly talks from local speakers - that might include travel tales, fishing tips, stories from authors, artists, councillors and locals with a story to tell (don't wait to be tapped on the shoulder!)

Interested in running a session?

If you are thinking of offering a course or have suggestions, please get in touch with our Secretary David Laing at admin@u3abassvalley.com. We have resources and other support to offer you. There are options for a one-off session or something longer, or sharing with another tutor. Don't be shy!

Privacy

If a member does not wish to be filmed, photographed or recorded - or for any photo or recordings that feature them to be used by U3A Bass Valley - then the member must make this known when the image or recording is made. The member must move out of range of cameras and recording devices.

Brain Tickler

Five years ago Ray was eight times as old as his daughter Becky. In five years Ray will be five years older than three times Becky's age. How old are they now? (Answer in next Newsletter)