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NOTICEBOARD

December 2025

President's Message

What a year it has been and it's not quite finished yet! We've really done ourselves proud with the 20th celebrations as well as all the other regular classes and activities that have been flowing along in the background. Maybe we will have someone demonstrating Bridge. I'm eager to learn and will participate in this class myself. Please come join me so that I have a practice buddy for in between lessons as I have never played before. The committee will also provide the opportunity to register your interest in classes that have been suggested and where we don't have a tutor - yet. Armchair Travel, Music Appreciation and Tai Chi are three examples. Maybe you, or someone you know, could facilitate a class. We are keen to expand the range of classes and, if members step in/step up, maybe even share a leadership role in an area that you value, we will give you as much support as we can.

I hope that you can come along to **Kings Park on Friday 28th November for our "Melbourne Cup"** event and celebrate in style. It should be lots of fun!

Another reminder. On **Monday 1st December 10am -12pm we have our Enrolment Day**, a chance to pay your dues and get yourself set up for 2026. If you have family, friends or neighbours, bring them along to explore what they might be interested in.

Enjoy the celebrations, rest and take care of yourselves and those around you.

Irene

Reports from Groups

Book Buffet



We had coffee and a catch up at Doug's bakery for our last session of the year. Our final book, Blood Witness, by Alex Cross was found to be an easy read by all. The setting, being Melbourne West, was familiar which made a connection for us as readers. We look forward to 2026 and a whole new set of books to read and discuss. Merry Christmas to all. Jo

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Creative Writing

Here is a short blurb on behalf of the Creative Writing Group and a poem from me if you can see fit to put in somewhere/somehow.

The Creative Writing Group had its EOY gathering at Chrissy Duke's home which was delightful, except that we were farewelling our esteemed Tutor Jan Kennedy. Jan has led the group for two years and it has been a great experience for all of us. Jan has encouraged us and we produced a book of our writing for the 20th anniversary, thanks to her and her husband Denis. We are also saying goodbye to Ian Anderson as he is moving to WA to be closer to family. Thanks, Lola, for taking on being the contact person for 2026
Irene

I said I'd write a poem
So I will
What is there for me to say?
Gratitude to Phil
For standing for what he wanted
A U3a Creative Writing Group!
Appreciation to Jan
For saying "yes"
To Lola for expressing her passion
Ian for sharing his wholehearted love of family
Chrissy for painting pictures
With both word and brush
To others who came and went
Floated in and out
Scattering gems along the way
And Denis
For taking us from pen to print
As for Irene
That's for you to say!
- Irene

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Garden Matters



All photos courtesy of Chrissie Duke

Jessica's Corral



Fortunately, we will have one more opportunity to sing next Monday. There will be a few rusty voices but lots of enthusiasm! We will follow this with our Christmas get together on December 8th.

Luncheon Club

Hi all Luncheon goers. Well, after a very successful round of lunch dates this year, it is time to celebrate our last for the year 2025. Our Lunches will resume in February 2026. For now, YES. We can go to the Seymour Club on Dec 11. Please note that we are booked in for 12.30 this time.

Let me know if you are available, by email, or 0403110081.



Happy Christmas All. Cheers Joan Furletti

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General Items

Looking for something to do this Christmas time?

Experience the Magic of a Victorian-Era Christmas

This year's [Seasons Greetings: Christmas at Como](#) transforms the grand Armytage family home into a festive 1880s household in full seasonal splendour.

Evergreen garlands wind through elegant drawing rooms, the Christmas pudding rests in the kitchen, and the dining table glitters under the soft glow of candlelight. Christmas cards arrive by post, reminding us of traditions that have brought families together for generations.

Entry by tour until 11 January 2026

Como House, South Yarra

[Get tickets](#)

Festive Workshops and Events



Guided House Tours
Wed to Sun until 11 January

[Find out more](#)



Advent Calendar Workshop
22 November

[Find out more](#)



Gingerbread House Decorating
[29 November & 6, 13, 20 December](#)

[Find out more](#)



Christmas Stocking Workshop
[7 & 21 December](#)

[Find out more](#)



Como Christmas Market
7 December

[Find out more](#)



Christmas Posy Workshop
12 & 19 December

[Find out more](#)

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Embrace the Christmas Spirit at the Family Festive Day

Celebrate the joy of a Victorian Christmas at the [Family Festive Day](#) with picnics on the lawn, craft stations, and photo opportunities with Father Christmas.

Children can make traditional Victorian decorations, such as paper angels, cornucopias, and candle jars, while parents relax in the shade of Como's gardens before heading to Como Park for the Stonnington Community Christmas Carols.

Sunday 14 December

1:00pm–6:00pm (Last Entry 5.30pm)

Como House & Garden, South Yarra

[Get tickets](#)



Discover Life on a 19th-Century Farm at Gulf Station

Experience the charm and resilience of early rural Australia. Wander through hand-built homestead buildings, meet the Clydesdales and sheep, and explore the barns and sheds that tell the story of a self-sufficient pioneering family. Join a guided tour at 11:30 am or explore at your own pace, then relax with a picnic on the lawn.

See a rope-making demonstration and blacksmithing demonstration by the Australian Blacksmith Association, and a selection of plants for sale. A perfect day out for families looking to connect with Victoria's farming heritage.

Sunday 30 November

11:00am–3:00pm

Gulf Station, Yarra Glen

[Get tickets](#)

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Shop Vintage Wares at Tasma Terrace

The newly reimagined Tasma Terrace is home to Tasma Shop, a beautifully curated retail space featuring vintage clothing, millinery, footwear, bags, jewellery, giftware, and books. Whether you're hunting for unique style pieces or a special gift, there's something for every design lover. Vault fans will love exploring this space!

Open Thursday–Saturday, 11.00am–5.00pm
Tasma Terrace, East Melbourne

[Find out more](#)



Delight in a Visual Feast at The Sweet Stuff

Explore fashion as confection in The Sweet Stuff, the inaugural exhibition in the new gallery space at Tasma Terrace.

Playful, provocative, and indulgent, the exhibition draws from the National Trust's Fashion & Costume Collection, showcasing garments from nineteenth-century silhouettes to twentieth-century couture and celebrating cycles of creativity, craftsmanship, and reinvention.

Until 13 December
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The Sweet Stuff Soirée

Join us at Tasma Terrace for The Sweet Stuff Soirée and meet the creative team behind The Sweet Stuff—the inaugural exhibition in the newly reimagined Tasma Terrace.

Enjoy a glass of sparkling wine as you explore the exhibition, the heritage resource library and the curated retail space.

Thursday 4 December
6.00-8.00pm
Tasma Terrace, East Melbourne

[Secure your FREE ticket](#)



Sound Bathing in Como's Ballroom

Romy Paltoglou (Sound Healing Melbourne) invites you to join an intimate group for a divine night of self-care, sound & stillness.

Experience a Spring inspired sound bath as the first of Romy's 'Four Seasons' series offered in the ballroom.

Tuesday 25 November
8.45pm–10.00pm
Como House, South Yarra

[Book your place](#)

All notices for the next Noticeboard need to be emailed to U3A
(seymu3a@gmail.com) **and** Heather (123hbee@gmail.com) on or before
December 24.

If you have any photographs of any activities, or busy groups, please email them to
U3A **and** Heather.

Noticeboard will be sent out on **December 31.**