

U3A Adelaide

University of the Third Age



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Happy New Year to all our valued members

This year we are offering over 2,400 places in more than 80 courses. A short time ago something over sixty per cent of those places had been taken taken with almost 30 per cent of courses already full and a handful of others only having single vacancies. Our membership numbers are holding up well compared with last year and we expect continued growth as the year progresses. So this is a very promising start to another year.

The City Council has offered us a piano (upright Kawai). Due to previous experience the Board is inclined to decline the offer. However, if there is someone with a burning desire to use a piano for (for example) a small choir then please let us know within the next two weeks and we will explore the matter further.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Roger Bills who, over the break, has arranged for a new projection screen to be installed in Room 4 and also introduced new and simple arrangements for those of us using the Audio-Visual trolleys. So all concerned should take the time to familiarise themselves with the 'operating procedures', and remember - if you don't know, don't guess, ask someone who does know. So many thanks Roger.

Another little snippet is that we have now introduced emails for me and our new Treasurer, Ken Noll. Find me at president@adelaideu3a.org.au and Ken at treasurer@adelaideu3a.org.au
Thanks to John Travers for organising this.

While on that matter I should mention that Ken has worked tirelessly with Lawrie Stanford over the break in a handover of the Treasurer's duties. Thanks to them both for their efforts.

Which leaves me to wish you all well for this year. And remember that U3A only exists because of the efforts of an army of volunteers. So please treat them with respect and remember that courtesy comes free of charge.

Best wishes, Robert Fletcher, President

If you can't attend...

We are about to start a new year of Adelaide U3A with a bumper crop of courses, most with healthy numbers of enrolments, and quite a few that are fully subscribed.

My request is that if you have enrolled for a course, and then circumstances change and you find you can no longer attend, can you please let us know as soon as possible. Just phone the office or send an email stating that you wish to withdraw from the course. That way someone languishing on a waiting list could be offered a place.

Sue Garforth, Program Coordinator

New screen in room 4

At last, our new screen has been installed. It is a high-quality screen with a greyish background for more vibrant colours and darker blacks. At present the screen will be lowered in the morning by the office staff, and raised at the end of the day by them as well. So please, do not try to raise or lower the screen. Eventually, it may be operated automatically from the A/V cabinet, but that is not possible yet.

Roger Bills, AV Coordinator

Online Tutors: free video Licences

We have established a Not for Profit licence with Google which provides tutors with a free video *Meet* licence. (similar to Zoom). If you are possibly interested in running an online course across the state there is a tutorial on how to apply for and use Meet at...
<https://sites.google.com/adelaideu3a.org.au/adelaideworkspace>



2024 Dates

Feb 5	Courses begin
April	Annual General Meeting
Oct 25	2025 Courses due
Nov 29	Office closes

