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*We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy new year!*



## Founders Day Celebration at November Coffee Morning



Catching up before the meeting

Win thanking Dot for a wonderful talk →

Squeezed into the Anglican Church hall ↓



Photos compliments of David Sime

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### Friday Coffee Morning

Coffee Mornings are held on the first Friday of the month at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall, unless advised otherwise.

### December – Christmas Lunch and entertainment...

Our member Christmas donation this year is to **MASARG** (see pages 4 and 9 for information).

### Friday 27 January 2017

Coffee Morning Speaker:  
Martin Paten, Director  
Castlemaine State Festival



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**Go to [http://www.u3acastlemaine.com/newsletters/newsletter\\_latest.pdf](http://www.u3acastlemaine.com/newsletters/newsletter_latest.pdf)**

**DEADLINE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF *THIRD THOUGHTS* IS FRIDAY 13 JANUARY**

## President's Report from Win Jodell



Season's Greetings to all members! Yes, it's that time and could it be coming faster each year? The abundance of cool weather has added to the confusion, the Catalpa trees in our Botanical Gardens are far from flowering. But do try to catch them when in flower and at the end of the day when the perfume is gorgeous.

The November Coffee Morning and Founders Day was a great success, the Anglican Church Hall was full, you could have heard a pin drop during Dot Henshall's beautifully prepared talk about U3A Castlemaine's early days. Thank you so much Dot and congratulations founders. I will add that there has since been increased activity to get a fuller Summer Program together.

Now, regarding *The Campus* (Etty Street) delay:

- There has been a lot of gossip. This is not helpful and bound to be full of inaccuracies. Please desist and remain positive.
- We were advised about three weeks ago the Education Department requires more information regarding the curriculum being offered to students.
- Members of our Committee of Management will continue to look at ways of integrating our members' skills with the curriculum being offered students.
- Two areas where we could clearly be involved:
  - ✓ **Hospitality** – U3A Castlemaine does use caterers for various events. Beginning with students managing small catering events would be sensible. If successful we could introduce the idea of a Winter Lunch. A fully catered sit down meal where students prepare and cook, set tables and wait on guests. If this were a success and not too expensive the possibilities are many.
  - ✓ **Horticulture** - The gardens at *The Campus* and close to the rooms allocated to us are in great need of attention. We have plenty of members who are skilled and knowledgeable gardeners. Many of these members might be less physically able than they would wish, however they would I'm sure be capable of giving instructions and encouraging students' interest in both their environment and actually growing and caring for plants. There is a wonderful green house we could negotiate to use also.

I have spoken to *The Campus* people about these proposals and you might like to take up these ideas when we are given the go ahead for moving. Any activities, such as those suggested above, will involve teaching or training staff so our members, while providing expertise, will in no way be responsible for students nor their learning outcomes.

As a result of the delay in moving, the 2017 Prospectus has timetabled all classes into our old venues including enrolment days in the Uniting Church hall. This has been a lot of work for Russell Annear and Deidre McDougall, our venues coordinators and Hazel Annear our MyU3A database expert. Thank you all to all three from the Committee of Management and me.

Because there is no January Newsletter there will be a mail out to all members by email and post to remind you of the important January dates. I will include any updates regarding *The Campus* should they come to hand.

Please read this Newsletter carefully and copy important dates into your diary. One of the significant changes this year will be the opportunity to renew your membership, pay your annual subscription of \$50, BEFORE enrolling in your chosen classes later in January. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas entertainment and lunch on Friday December 2, our final event for the year. Please remember to bring a small donation in an envelope to put under our Christmas tree - all donations are going to the Respite Centre, MASARG, a very worthy organisation we have donated to in the past.

Our collective thanks to Bruce Carruthers for his ongoing care and recent update of our excellent website.

The Committee and I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday period.

**Win Jodell** 0423 423 247





## 2017 Courses Update

This is the busiest time of year for course coordination activities, and this year is no exception despite utilising some new techniques to assist the twin requirements of loading data into MyU3A and creating the prospectus.

Due to delays in the projected move to *The Campus*, it has been necessary to re-timetable all “non-home” venues. We are now booked into 2016 venues until the move eventuates. Any future changes necessary will be communicated in our newsletter.

All 87 classes are now loaded into MyU3A, and Course Leaders can view their 2017 details using their current MyU3A IDs and passwords. We have over a dozen new classes next year, and again we acknowledge with gratitude those Course Leaders’ contributions.

The prospectus is well underway and will be available at the December 2 Coffee Morning. As in previous years the prospectus allows you to consider the courses that will be available before enrolment time. *But* you will not be able to enrol until the Enrolment Days on January 10 and 11, either in-person or online. The 2017 courses will appear in MyU3A on December 2, below the 2016 courses if you prefer to view them online.

**Please take note of the item under ‘Important Dates’ on page 36 of the prospectus regarding arrangements if either or both of the enrolment days need to be cancelled due to extreme heat.**

We anticipate that several new short courses will be introduced later next year. We will publicise these in our newsletter, and also provide summaries of all short courses throughout the year. Please note that no courses will run during the Castlemaine State Festival, which will run between March 17 and 26. Classes will also not run on Public Holidays and during School Holidays unless the Course Leaders explicitly requested otherwise. These dates are also in the prospectus, page 35. Course Leaders will confirm these details when classes start.

By the time you read this, on-line membership renewals have opened. We encourage you to renew your U3A Castlemaine membership using the on-line process now, as it will reduce time and complexity on our Enrolment Days. Paper forms will also be available at the Office.

My thanks to the Course Coordination Working Group, who in 2017 comprises Hazel Annear, Russell Annear, Phil Fletcher, Win Jodell, Bridget Leach, Deidre McDougall and Robyn Yeoman. Sue Tomkinson also assisted in the MyU3A loading exercise.

**John Waldie**  
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**U3A ART**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**Art cards for sale**  
**Christmas and MORE!**  
**\$1 (card/envelope)**  
**December Coffee Morning**

### MASARG Christmas donation

Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation and Respite Group is an independent, not-for-profit charitable organisation working to address the critical need for temporary respite, as well as permanent accommodation for adults with disabilities in Castlemaine and the Mount Alexander region.

MASARG is run by parents of people with disabilities who have worked tirelessly to achieve their goals. Please make a donation at the December coffee morning.



## Meetings – Bendigo and Melbourne!

On the evening of October 19 *Engage Victoria* presented a 'Regional Assembly - Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnerships' in Bendigo.

Premier Dan Andrews opened the event. He had, that afternoon, opened Castlemaine Secondary College Senior Campus, and spoke admiringly of the school's plan to integrate more "old style" TAFE courses into the curriculum.

The Assembly of about 200 people was to discuss and present the matters considered to be of high priority for our region.

Almost the entire Victorian Cabinet and some top bureaucrats were facilitators on the many tables organised by topic.

I chose the topics transport and health. I argued strongly for better public transport in country towns to prevent social isolation and related health issues. On the health table my pitch was for local government assistance for U3A organisations, and other volunteer organisations such as Men's Sheds in order to promote social contact and to give opportunities for lifelong engagement and learning.

In the plenary session these items did not attract sufficient "votes" to get a mention. However I noticed neither agriculture nor water were mentioned either. The important thing was that these issues were discussed and were supported in discussion by the government advisors in attendance.

Finally the areas that attracted the most overall support were improved rail links and improved Internet access. I cannot find the published results of this meeting online.

### U3A Network Victoria Council Meeting 16 November in Melbourne

- U3A Network Victoria has a new Treasurer who took time to explain his updating of their system. The talk included suggestions and commands for all U3As to comply with various aspects of U3A Network's treasurer. I gather our system is in compliance, thanks especially our past treasurer to Peter Batten. GST was a hot topic, but not clearly explained as to its'

relevance.

- There was a much **clearer report of income and expenditure for U3A Network** thus avoiding a lot of queries from members.
- There will be a U3A Conference in Melbourne September 4 and 5 2017. More information will follow in our newsletter.
- We heard of a new survey being made of more remote U3As in the Albury/Wodonga area. Updates on this yet unpublished survey will be brought to your attention.
- Else Mutton, Network President recently attended an Asia/Pacific U3A Conference in Japan and said it was most interesting.

I did not stay for the Report on Regional Meetings, for which one and a half hours had been allotted.

**Win Jodell** 0423 423 247  
President U3A Castlemaine



## U3A in January

If you like playing with words, doodling, watching films with other members, or sharing games of all sorts, pick up a copy of the U3A holiday program. For the month when we have no regular courses, there are heaps of light-hearted activities – plus some gentle exercise for the body and brain.

Get a program at the December coffee morning – or read it online on the U3A website noticeboard.



## Acknowledgement

U3A Castlemaine appreciates the ongoing support of Mount Alexander Shire and U3A Network Victoria in the form of grants received this year and detailed in our Annual Report 2016.

These grants were used to purchase essential capital items to:

- Assist in the production of the Annual Prospectus, and
- Enhance the delivery of classes

We also intend to run training for first aid and Alzheimer's support.



## VIEW THE HEAVENS

As part of the U3A Summer program, VCAG (the Very Casual Astronomy Group) is pleased to offer two nights for U3A members to view the heavens.

Wednesday 14 December and  
Thursday 19 January

The first night will cover a brief (non technical) introduction to viewing the stars (and other things) and the January night will be devoted to viewing the stars and meeting other members of VCAG. Viewing requires darkness so the evenings will start at 8pm in December and 8.30pm in January. Wear something warm, as it can be cool once the sun goes down, and some insect repellent for the wee beasties!

If you are interested please contact George Gray  
gngray43@gmail.com  
5472 5334



## U3A Castlemaine Pétanque - Relay for Life

Sally Kaptein

We were delighted to join the *Relay for Life* Event at Camp Reserve recently to play Pétanque and support the admirable cause for Cancer research fund-raising. It is a very special event and impressive to see the teams who walked through the night. We are thinking of putting a team together for next year for the walking part as well as the Pétanque demonstration – but for a modest hour or so rather than the all night effort!



We also played the Maldon Pétanque group as we do each year. This time on their piste and we were overwhelmed by their expertise. We play them again in the Autumn on our piste and we are practising hard already. The competition is a real incentive to keep improving!

You are welcome to join us when we play every Friday from 2pm next to the bowling club in Campbells Creek.



# Around the classes

## Photography and Digital Imaging

### Reflection

*The year has flown. At the time of writing we are preparing for an exhibition in the Phee Broadway foyer during the month of December. Most of our class members contributed to the exhibition, with a few being a little shy to do so. Drop in any time during December to have a look.*

*Looking back on the year, it seems so long ago that we started. During 2016 we have covered a variety of genres such as portraiture, streetscapes, landscapes, low light and still life, animals, abstract, minimalist and patterns, and black and white. We have also spent a month each with a theme of "out and about" and "spring has sprung". We have been to some interesting locations for photo shoots, and were fortunate to have Professor Rod Hill, an experienced Eclipse photographer, who presented on his last expedition to Sulawesi, Indonesia in 2016. This was amazing. The wet weather provided some great opportunities, where we dodged showers, and The Cascades put on a good show for us as well. The "big wet" at Castlemaine gardens was a hit, albeit for only one day as the water moved downstream. Trying to 'shoot' animals was a challenge, as our model dogs didn't feel like posing on the day. We have had a photographic "treasure hunt" and a "shoot by colour" session – great ideas. Our night shoot was fun, including light painting with torches and coloured lights. However, the best bit for me, was the people in the group. It is great being with people who share your interests and pass on knowledge and ideas. It's good to learn that you are not the only "photo nut" (as my sister calls me) who will go out in the cold, dark, wet, fog, heatwave, mosquito ridden, windblown, hay-fever affected, fly and snake infested places to try to get "the shot".*

*I also enjoyed being involved in the running of the weekly sessions this year, and would like to thank the other class co-ordinators, Norma Rantall, Brian Richardson, Greg Pridmore, and Barb Guerin, for making it fun and a great learning experience for me and the rest of the class. A very special thank you must go to*

*Rodney Marchant, who has been our Technical Adviser this year. He is a wealth of information, and gave many informative sessions, often with very short notice. But by far the biggest thank you is reserved for our members who are all fellow "photo nuts" – and I mean that in the nicest way – for participating with as much enthusiasm as they did, and contributing during the year in various ways. Next year, with a different mix of co-ordinators, we will again be roaming the streets of Castlemaine and beyond, cameras in hand – so look out for us.*

*Merry Christmas – Sue Murphy.*

### Monthly competition

This month's topic, **Black and White Photography**, was ably lead by Norma Rantall. With a mixture of exercises, discussions and critiques, we learnt that there is more to this genre than just changing your camera settings.



It was an interesting subject, and forced us to look for the light and shade, interesting subjects, textures and patterns, and experiment with in-camera filters. This resulted in a wide range of photographs being presented. The People's Choice Award winner from the U3A coffee morning was Russell Annear. As you can see, Russell's photograph is a great example of a subject suitable for this genre. The line of bikes looks like they are heading off into the heavens. The texture in the brick wall, and the bikes and their shadows are very eye catching.

Well done again, Russell!

## Choir Extravaganza



In October the choir thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Town Hall concert held during Mental Health Week. Our performance was very well received by the large audience. Eight very diverse choirs were involved on the night and one of the highlights of the evening was a combined performance of Leonard Cohen's song *Hallelujah*.

The choir has had a busy year with several performances. We are currently rehearsing Christmas songs that we will be singing at the Library in December, and of course, the choir is also busy with preparations for our performance at the U3A Castlemaine Christmas celebration coffee morning to be held on the first Friday in December. The audience will have the opportunity to hear Angela's ukulele and guitar students as they will be accompanying us with some of our songs.

If you enjoy having a sing, come along and join us, you are always welcome to come to one of our practices held on Tuesdays at the Salvation Army Hall in Kennedy Street – 3.30 pm until 5.30pm. You'll find that we are a friendly group and our sessions are always a lot of fun. Singing is a great way to relax and current research shows that singing in a choir is not only good for your brain, it also enhances our sense of well being.

**Jeanette Johnston**

## Musicals

There were a few tears sliding as we "Walked Through a Storm ...", to this Musicals gathering.

Roger's & Hammerstein's *Carousel* was on offer and we all agreed that it was perhaps their best Musical...the dance scenes spectacular and the music enduring.

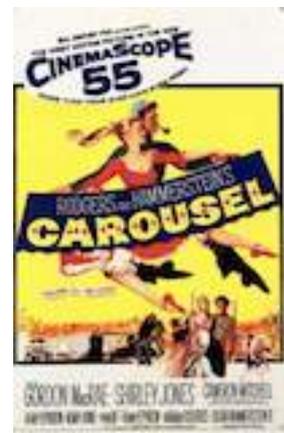
December 21 will be our last "Musicals" afternoon for this year, *White Christmas* will be screened (no Bing, will not be singing!).

Please bring a plate or drink to enjoy together following the film.

Cheers till then, **Jan Gower**



Rodgers and Hammerstein



## Trading Table volunteer

We are looking for a volunteer to facilitate the coffee morning trading table.

Audrey Richardson is retiring from the position in 2017.

**If you can assist please ring Audrey for details on 54723867**



Cake raffle ticket sales with trading table in the background

## Garden Group

Garden Group visited the last garden on this year's calendar. Elizabeth Brown's beautiful garden in Maldon is a labour of love and most days she says she is out working in it. When She and David bought their property the garden was a blank canvas... it had two existing trees — a willow and a mulberry. They cleared the site, except for the two trees and Elizabeth started planting.

The garden is set on a large country block just outside of town and Elizabeth has filled it with her favourite plants and trees to give much needed shade. Today there are roses everywhere and their scent fills the garden. Husband David helps with the hard landscaping and assists Elizabeth with the maintenance when it's needed so it's team work that's made the garden what it is today.

After our visit most of the group had lunch at the *Kangaroo Hotel* before going home.

We'd like to thank all those generous people who invited the group to visit their garden. Some gardens we didn't have time to visit, but I'll keep your offer in mind for next year. This year we had a lovely time being led up the garden path and have seen lots of different local gardens.

Have a safe and happy break over the holidays, and I hope to see some of you next year.

## Bronwen Stephens



## Popular Music

Popular Music is a little different to most U3A Castlemaine classes as class members present music of their choice.

I would like to thank all the presenters for their enthusiasm and research that resulted in too many highlights to mention, but I must mention *Patriotism and Propaganda: the songs of World War 2*. Peter Benson set up the Manse to look like a wartime sitting room. We all sat round and "watched" the wireless (like we did back when we were young) as it played the hits of the war years. It was so real that some of us felt the blackout and heard the air raid sirens.

We'll do it all again next year.

## Peter Stephens



## Coffee, Cake and Conversation

Coffee, Cake and Conversation will be held next on December 16 at the usual time, 3pm.

But it may be quite different as we are thinking of scones and tea and at my place to give us a celebratory atmosphere. We might even go for punch and pav.

The usual conversationalists will be in fine form and we are all looking forward to meeting for our 2016 finale.

**Peggy Munro** 54722086

**MASARG Project 1 — Respite house: Now completed!** A purpose built Respite/ Community House at 2 Melissa Court, on land generously donated at McKenzie Hill, Castlemaine. The completed construction, valued at approximately \$1.2 million is complemented by modern internal fittings and furnishings. In harmony, beautiful landscaped surrounds match the project's purpose. This project has benefitted from the added investment of skilled and appreciative volunteer labour, particularly from the MASARG carers group. This is a wonderful achievement by this small group of determined parents. [www.masarg.org](http://www.masarg.org)

**THANK YOU!**

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**To all our wonderful cake makers in 2016**

A sincere thank you to all the raffle cake makers in 2016:

Colleen S (Jan/ Feb), Helen R (March), Margaret G (Apr), Anne V G (May), Margaret G (June), Mary McG (July), Veronica H (Aug), Margot (Sept), Johan W (Oct), Christobel (Nov), and Jennie R (Jan/Feb 2016 in anticipation).

A much appreciated role, and a very special thank you to Betty Renn & Enid Chapman for their support every coffee morning in selling and folding the raffle tickets.

A special mention to Christobel for making once again, and donating, the wonderful Christmas cake for our November coffee morning raffle. Please, if you are interested in volunteering for cake making for the 2017 cake raffle year contact Beryl 5472 3182, or berylleavesley@hotmail.com, or tick the 'coffee morning helper' box on the membership form at the enrolment days in January.

Together we help the finances of U3A Castlemaine grow a little bigger.

**Beryl Leavesley 5472 3182**



## **October Excursion**

If you haven't indulged in a U3A Castlemaine excursion you are missing out on an inspiring experience. Our October destination was the Royal Botanic Gardens, a memorable jaunt guided by a volunteer botanist-historian both passionate and knowledgeable.

The planned 1½ hour walk stretched to two hours where we leisurely lost time immersed in fascinating revelations combining history and botany that unfolded from 1856 when the Garden's original dry, hard-clay location, now Docklands, was abandoned for the gently undulating hills and swampland near the River Yarra - its present site - the landscape upon which the gardens were created.

Here, we walked meandering paths following the contours of the terrain where accents on colour, form, foliage appeared in natural ramblings and formal beds. We marvelled at ornamental lakes, wetlands of rushes, shady fronds of temperate rain forests, stands of bamboo, and cacti, sculptural-like, occupying drier terrain. We noted grand, aged specimens of significant historical interest planted in the 1800s, with origins rooted in distant continents. Also, those planted by visiting monarchs and official dignitaries from nations afar. The One hundred year drought-proof plan will ensure our botanical heritage survives.

In the broader picture, the range of plantings we admired merely hint at the expanse of botanical treasures and delights of nature's art abounding in Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens; a legacy attributed to the visionary, first Governor, Charles Latrobe; his appointed Director-botanist Ferdinand von Mueller, and successor, landscape master, William Guilfoyle. Sadly, time ran out and we missed seeing Guilfoyle's amazing Volcano. If 2017 goes to plan, we agree to return to study and enjoy Guilfoyle's creation.

**Sandra Finger Lee**

## **Doug Mills**

Rita Mills has sent a card to thank the Committee of Management and Members for the kind thoughts, concern, cards, phone calls and offers to help after the passing of Doug in September.

**Doug 17/4/31 – 9/9/16**



## A notice from the Treasurer

*Do you want your receipt?*

Receipts that are not collected by a member at the time of payment, are kept for the current calendar year.

Receipts can be collected from the office during office hours, or from the treasurer's table at Coffee Mornings.

All uncollected member receipts will be destroyed at the end of December, while the treasurer's copy is kept for our records.

For enquiries, please contact -

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## Thank you from Val Anderson's daughter – Sharon Anderson-Warne

Dear U3A comm.  
& members & past  
members,  
Thankyou so much for  
your – kind words &  
support at my Mum's  
recent life celebration,  
and for the flowers.  
I met so many  
wonderful people each  
with their own story &  
it certainly made a  
difference to me!  
Warmest wishes Sharon  
Anderson-Warne

Sharon also asked if it was possible for her to receive our *Third Thoughts* newsletter –  
*as your club and Castlemaine has a special place in my heart which I don't want to lose.*

President Win Jodell has approved Sharon's request.



## Creating Age-Friendly Communities

Report of the  
**U3A Castlemaine Consultations**  
Friday 4 November 2016

### General points

- Why do these projects need to use 'new money' – surely they should be part of normal council expenditure. Isn't it all a key remit of council staff?
- Why are all the images on the poster infirm or disabled? That's not the right image of older members of an age-friendly community.
- Older people are interested in most things everyone else is but may need mobility access, hearing loops, etc. so Shire should review disability friendly services.
- Forums on housing? Maybe U3A should run them.

### The Consultation

All members were given a form and asked to 'vote' on the eight projects at the monthly coffee morning. About half, 38, returned forms. The preceding business meeting had been longer than usual and that's a good response.

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17 members, seven men and ten women, discussed four projects around two tables. These notes are summaries from both tables.

### Project 1: Positive Ageing Advocacy Group

**Why did you choose this project or why is it important?**

This is the key to everything else  
Do this first and channel all the other ideas through it

**What are some of the issues/difficulties we need to overcome in getting this to happen?**

What would it cost?

How reliable could it be?

Not all cars easy to get in and out of

Who would chair it? It would need to be independent of council, but have someone

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experienced in running meetings involved.  
Would it meet on council premises?  
How would you stop inappropriate people putting themselves forward?

**How would this project work best for you?**

Nominations from all local organisation  
Exploring succession planning and finding new money to tap into  
Work with businesses to make them more accessible / friendly

**Project 2: Better Community Bus Services  
Why did you choose this project or why is it important?**

Public transport needed in town  
Underutilised buses  
Why do buses run round empty?  
Could develop from the advocacy group  
The Castlemaine-Maldon bus is scandalously underutilised  
Role of Castlemaine Bus Company?

**What are some of the issues/difficulties we need to overcome in getting this to happen?**

Information – no one knows when buses run – how would they find out?  
Buses don't run at the right times – you can get there but not get back  
Buses used for school students can't be used (but someone else said we avoid those times e.g. for shopping because they are less crowded)  
This project money wouldn't buy another minibus  
Why no wheelchair accessible Shire bus?

**How would this project work best for you?**

Buses like Woodend, going all day, lots of stops, but can be phoned to stop  
Dial-a-ride to take you from your door would be better  
Information so people would know  
We could arrange our day around public transport  
A wheelchair accessible community bus  
Better other services

**Project 3: Community Car Pool  
Why did you choose this project or why is it important?**

It's financially achievable  
Lots of volunteers keen to help  
Already exists to some extent but needs concerted and organised effort  
Could be expanded

**What are some of the issues/difficulties we need to overcome in getting this to**

**happen?**

Driver capability, insurance, etc.  
How would drivers be assessed and who would decide when they were no longer qualified / safe on the road?  
Distrust of strangers  
Needs to be part of an overall transport policy  
Harder for isolated people to get in touch  
Frivolous requests from people who don't need it  
Seems to be a policy on the cheap but would need paid coordinator  
Looks like a good idea but lots of problems  
Heavy admin load  
Don't need it – we already take our friends – look how many people were picked up today for the meeting

**How would this project work best for you?**

Volunteers could sign up for half a day to be a pool  
Darebin example, where paid person evaluated need and assessed drivers (do they still do this?)  
24-hour service?  
Priority to health appointments

**Project 4: Age Friendly Activity Calendar  
Why did you choose this project or why is it important?**

Obviously needed  
Should be a council function  
Castlemaine Mail only lists some events  
Council website is rubbish [as a place to find out what's going on]

**What are some of the issues/difficulties we need to overcome in getting this to happen?**

Not only about older people  
Needs to be comprehensive and trusted  
Who decides what goes on?  
Can't be online only – must have hard copies  
Cost of coordinating and printing (and distribution)

**How would this project work best for you?**

Monthly  
Hard copies left in obvious places – doctors', CHIRP, library, etc.  
U3A has too many activities to put on calendar, but we could let people know we exist  
Older people interested in all sorts of things  
Better link with newspaper – not everything is in Castlemaine Mail.

