

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are soon to have our AGM when members will be asked to endorse rule changes. The proposed changes have been placed around the building and are available on our website. I urge all members to look at the proposed changes and make comments to our secretary, Del Stitz, so they can be addressed before the meeting. This year's meeting will include an address by the Lord Mayor of Glen Eira, Mary Delahunty.

I have decided to stand down as President at this year's AGM but have undertaken to continue as a member of the committee. I want to use this report as an opportunity to thank all those who have been and, in some cases, remain members of the committee for their tireless effort and support in working to ensure the continued success of our U3A. I also want to thank all our office volunteers who make the place work: without them the front doors would never open. We should all remember that they are volunteering their time and need to be treated with respect and courtesy.

We have recently had a concrete pad installed in the back area of the property. The shed to be placed there will be used to house gardening equipment etc. to enable a refurbishment of the studio to be undertaken. Planning for this refurbishment is well advanced and we are hoping to have the work undertaken during the Christmas/New Year break.

**David Neufeld,  
President.**

## FALLS PREVENTION PROGRAM

If you are concerned about falling, losing your balance, you might like to attend the education program presented by trained educators of the Caulfield Community Health Service, Bentleigh Bayside Community Health and Inner South Community Health to be held at our U3A on Thursday, 2nd November, from 1.00 to 2.00 pm in the Green Rooms. To reserve a place you can enter your name on the sheet on the notice board in the foyer, enrol online or contact the office.

**Please note:** there will be no classes at our campus on Thursday, 26th October, because of preparation for the Annual General Meeting.

**THE ENROLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR'S  
COURSES WILL COMMENCE ON  
WEDNESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 2017.**

## News from the Management Committee

Three members, Jack Edelman, Ditta Libson, and Marilyn Rawadi have expressed interest in joining the management committee and have begun attending meetings as observers.

David Neufeld has indicated his intention to stand down as President at the October AGM but is willing to nominate as a committee member next year.

### New policy

All previous policies have been reviewed by Maggie Moulds, Jo Brown and Del Stitz. Current policies are now available on the website: Advertising and Communications; Anti Discrimination; Attendance; Bullying; Class Operations; Conflict of Interest; Document Management; Health and Safety; Privacy; Security and Keys; System Security Levels; Volunteers.

### Facilities

There was a break in at U3A on the weekend of 24,25 June. Entry was gained by using a screw driver or something similar to force the door. A small amount of cash was stolen. Since then, keys and the security code have been changed, and metal plates have been added to all entry doors.

A new storage shed has been ordered by Stephen Au and will be installed near the water tank.

David Neufeld, Stephen Au and Merv Barnett are continuing with planning work on improvements to the studio. A meeting is being held with tutors to discuss requirements.

In some classrooms, screens have been lowered to ensure that air vents are not obscured.

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### COMMITTEE, 2016/17

**President:** David Neufeld  
**Vice President:** Garry Fabian  
**Secretary:** Del Stitz  
**Treasurer:** Jo Brown  
**Committee Members:**  
Maggie Moulds  
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Stephen Au  
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**Course Co-ordinators:** Maggie Moulds and  
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### Dates to Remember

Campus is closed on public holidays

Friday before AFL Final: Fri, 29th September  
Melbourne Cup Day: Tuesday, 7th November  
Daylight Saving change: Sunday, 1st October  
Last day of semester 2, 2017: Friday, 24th November

### RESERVED PARKING ANOTHER REMINDER

There are three spaces that are marked RESERVED PARKING against our U3A fence. **These three spaces are reserved for those people who are tutors, work in the office or otherwise have commitments at U3A for longer than three hours.** Even though a sign nearby may say that Staff and Patrons of U3A can park in those spaces, this is not the case. They are not reserved for the general membership. So please do not park in those reserved spaces even though they may be empty. It is easy enough to get a three hour parking permit from the office to allow you to park in other parts of the general carpark. Thank you for your co-operation.

### THERE ARE A NUMBER OF NEW COURSES STARTING from SEPTEMBER

**Please refer to our website for full information or to the reception desk.**

Flower arranging for everyone: Tuesday for four weeks from 5th Sept., 12 noon 12 people \$50 to cover flowers.

Yiddish Civilization: weekly Wednesday, from 20th Sept, 11.30 am, 11 vacancies

Falls Prevention Program: one day on Thurs., 2nd Nov. at 1 pm, 40 people

Spreadsheets: tailored to your need: for two weeks, Fri. 22nd Sept, 11 am, 4 vacancies

Spreadsheets: Your very own: for two weeks for one person,

### My Living Will

Last night I was sitting in the living room with my children when I said to them: 'I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on a machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug.' So they got up, unplugged the computer and threw out my wine!

### Church Ladies with Typewriters

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Glen Eira U3A has written to Glen Eira Council expressing interest in additional accommodation as part of the development of community hubs as part of City Futures Planning.

The second complaint to the Telecommunications Ombudsman about the Telstra service is now closed. However, further service improvements will be sought as part of the move to the NBN in the next few months.

An upgrade to UMAS was implemented in July.

### **Satisfaction Surveys**

During July, a tutor satisfaction survey was conducted. Results have been considered by the management committee and are summarised in this newsletter.

A member satisfaction survey is underway in August.

### **New Purposes and Rules**

A draft of purposes for Glen Eira U3A was distributed in the June newsletter and comments closed at the end of July. All the feedback has been positive.

It is proposed to adopt new rules for Glen Eira U3A at the AGM on 26 October. All relevant information has been placed on the website in the resources tab. Comments on the draft are invited by 11 September to secretary@gleneirau3a.org.au.

### **PROPOSED NEW RULES**

On 26 October, Glen Eira U3A will hold its Annual General Meeting. At that meeting it is proposed to adopt new rules.

Glen Eira U3A has a legal status as an Incorporated Association under Victorian law, the Incorporated Associations Act. This legal status provides certain protections under the law.

In November 2012, the legislation was changed.

An association's statement of purposes is no longer a separate statement, but is automatically included as part of its rules.

Associations with their own rules are not required to make changes to adapt to the new laws, but if an association does change its rules, it must include its statement of purposes in the proposed new rules.

An association may use the model rules, or create its own rules. Either way, unless an existing association decides not to change its own rules, the rules must address every item listed in Schedule 1 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

If own rules don't address all the mandatory provisions in Schedule 1 of the Act, the mandatory provisions are deemed to apply.

The Management Committee considered this issue and noted as follows:

The current statement of purposes for Glen Eira U3A is not included in the rules.

The current statement of purposes contains wording which is quite ambitious in terms of promoting the establishment of other U3As and engaging internationally. It is also very broad in that it goes beyond what programs and activities U3A can deliver, to broader outcomes.

Glen Eira U3A has its own rules which were prepared some time ago.

The current rules do not address all the mandatory provisions.

Therefore, to determine the rules, members would need to look at three current documents: purposes, own rules and mandatory provisions.

The Management Committee is proposing that Glen Eira U3A adopt the model rules with minor adjustments, similar to other U3As, to reflect the operation of U3As. The proposed new rules do embrace all the mandatory provisions.

The new rules include:

A new statement of purposes which was proposed in the June newsletter.

A new concept of honorary member, which can be bestowed by the management committee, under guidelines yet to be developed.

The management committee will include the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and a number of ordinary members to be determined by the AGM.

The quorum for the AGM will be 5% or 20 whichever is the lesser of members entitled to vote.

The quorum for the management committee is a majority of members holding office.

Copies of all relevant documents are available on the website in the resources tab. Copies are also available on the tables in reception.

Please review the draft rules and provide any comments to the Secretary by 11 September.

### **Tutor Satisfaction Survey**

The survey of tutor satisfaction was conducted during July 2017 using Google Forms. The survey was distributed to 102 tutors. Sixty four responses were received, representing a 63% response rate.

The results demonstrate quite high levels of satisfaction amongst tutors.

Key findings were as follows:

80% of tutors reported high levels of satisfaction.

70% of tutors reported satisfaction with the enrolment process.

More than 85% of tutors rated communication with U3A as satisfactory.

70% of tutors rated student engagement very high with only 25% rating it low.

Tutors regard the key benefits for students to be knowledge, social interaction and skills.

Very few instances were reported with student management issues.

A number of suggestions were made which have been discussed by the management committee and are now being actioned.

## MEET OUR ART SHOW SPONSORS

Jane Banting, President of the Glen Huntly Village Traders, physiotherapist and health professional.

Champion U3A bocce player, Nancye Flear, can personally attest to the treatment she received at JBA Physio. Unable to play bocce for over a year, Jane's regular physiotherapy and exercises enabled Nancy to once again be able to lift her arm, something she was unable to do since her fall. Nancy can now be found most Monday afternoons on the Glen Eira bocce court bowling up her winning moves.

Jane Banting is no stranger to our U3A having been guest speaker at the Tuesday morning Perspective Series, giving talks on Ageing with Style and the value of linking exercise with Good Diet – the key Jane believes to helping prevent heart disease and diabetes.

Jane, together with her husband Steve Cuming, were the main drivers helping make last year's art exhibition a great success. Steve set up the special art Facebook page to publicise the event and for 'the general public to vote on their choice of paintings'. Prior to that they had organised the major Glen Huntly Festival in 2014. Then in 2015 and 2016 they were behind the special local Heart Week Promotions in Glen Huntly village and also the Art Mashups linking art students from Glen Eira Secondary College with our own U3A art students culminating in the colourful mural adorning our boundary fence facing Glen Huntly Road.

A passionate supporter of the Glen Huntly Village shopping strip, the Traders Association is working closely with Glen Eira Council's new department, City Futures, to ensure the precinct remains a vibrant local shopping centre. They want the Council to tackle a major health issue, the pigeon mess problem, also for Council to speed up the approvals process to allow the new proprietors of empty vacant shops to get their businesses up and running. These procedures can take almost a year. The traders have lobbied the State Government for the removal of the level crossing which divides the shopping strip and having the railway put underground. This is still "a work in progress".

One new venture Jane is tackling with JBA Physio's dietician Emily Pereira is the promotion of healthy Indian foods. "Glen Huntly has a big Indian community with a number of Indian businesses catering for their needs. We have been told that there is a much higher risk of heart disease within the community." Jane and Emily are planning a special exercise class coupled with talks on the myths surrounding foods once said to be bad for you, foods such as potatoes, eggs, sweet potatoes and others, now regarded as acceptable in moderation.

Jane's boutique practice, JBA Physio, has Physiotherapy, Clinical Pilates and Allied Health and is situated some 100 metres from the U3A campus at 1201 Glen Huntly Road. Through her good relationships with local doctors a number of our members, such as Nancye Flear, have come to her. The practice has a special physiotherapy rate for pensioners and the exercise classes are regarded as reasonably priced at \$23 per hour, or \$17 if you are a pensioner.

**Bruce King,**  
Publicity Co-ordinator



Jane Banting and Steve Cuming

### *Calling all U3A artists*

Just a reminder that we will be having our Annual Art Exhibition on **Thursday 30th November 2017**; so keep on with your art/craft work. We will be emailing out the entry forms late September. If you have any queries, please speak to one of the art tutors.



**The Art Exhibition Committee.**

### **Wanted: a picture framer**

Is there a U3A member with experience in picture framing who could help with or teach others the skill of framing in preparation for the art show later in the year? If so, please contact the art tutors or the reception desk. Thanks.

**Ann Watts**

*There are times when my greatest achievement is just keeping my mouth shut.*

*People with goals succeed because they know where they are going.*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please show your support for Glen Eira U3A by joining us in celebration at the Annual General Meeting at 2pm on Thursday, 26th October in the Green Rooms.

A number of things will happen at the meeting:

There will be a guest speaker.

You will be asked to accept the annual financial report.

You will get to hear what Glen Eira U3A has done this year and plans for the future.

You will be asked to vote to accept a new set of rules for Glen Eira U3A.

You will be asked to vote to elect a new committee of management.

There will be a celebratory afternoon tea to follow.

There will be no classes held on that day.

The key item on the agenda will be adoption of the new rules. Please have a look at the new rules and come prepared to endorse them.

Under the proposed new rules, members will need to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus a number of ordinary members to be determined by the AGM. Members may wish to continue the current practice of up to 8 ordinary members.

If you wish to nominate for positions on the management committee, you will need to complete a nomination form which will be available from the reception desk. The form must be signed by two other members of Glen Eira U3A. The form needs to be submitted to the Secretary 7 days before the AGM.

Only financial members may attend the AGM. Any financial members not able to attend may appoint a proxy in writing.

Please come and help us celebrate another great year.

## SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Survey was conducted during August 2017. 404 members responded out of a total of 1158 members. This represented a response rate of 35%.

Members rated their satisfaction on a number of topics. High satisfaction (rated 1 or 2 out of a 5 point scale) was recorded as follows:

Overall satisfaction	81.4%
Physical environment	76.3%
Learning environment	80.7%
Management and administration	83.7%
Communications	84.2%

There were many favourable comments about courses and activities, as well as identification of some improvements that could be made to current courses. The list of suggestions for future courses was very long.

Many members appreciate the facilities at Glen Eira U3A, but there were many comments about improvements to the physical environment. They included:

Heating and ventilation    Parking    Noise control  
Audio visual equipment and its maintenance, and  
the suitability of the studio for certain classes.

A common theme for some members was their desire to continue in their current courses into next year.

There was a lot of recognition of the volunteers who contribute to U3A as tutors, reception staff, office staff and in other ways.

All suggestions will be reviewed by the management committee and actions planned.

## FUTURES PLANNING IN GLEN EIRA

Come and hear about the future development of Glen Eira municipality.

Mary Delahunty, the Mayor of Glen Eira, has agreed to be our guest speaker at the Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held at 2pm on Thursday, 26th October in the Green Room at 1151 Glen Huntly Rd Glen Huntly.

It is evident that Glen Eira is undergoing an exciting time of transition. In response, the city of Glen Eira is currently developing an Activity Centre, Housing and Local Economy Strategy. The strategy deals with the development of activity centres and community hubs, fostering local jobs and housing development.

Glen Eira U3A has written to Council expressing its interest in expanding through access to space in future community hubs.

### Tutor Profile    Jack Edelman

Tutors at Glen Eira U3A come from many backgrounds and professional areas, but the quality they share is their willingness to share their time and expertise with others.

Jack Edelman's family background is similar to many others associated with our U3A. His parents were Holocaust survivors from Poland, who after 1945 found themselves living in Germany, where Jack was born. They arrived in Australia in the early 1950s, when he was just over three years old.

His education followed the traditional path through primary and secondary schools, and progressed at RMIT, where he studied electrical engineering. His career path in his chosen profession was for many years in the Defence area as well as a spell working at the Victorian Tramways Board in the control and engineering section. "Unlike today, when it's all electronic and computerised, we largely relied on levers and push buttons to make the network operate", Jack said.

He has been a keen fisherman for decades, which led him to another "after hours" activity. He joined the voluntary Coast Guard where he was an integral part for many years. "But after one very confronting experience, when we were called out and had to pull a dead body out of the water, I retired from my involvement."

To the question how he became a tutor at U3A, where he runs classes on computing for beginners, his wife who is one our tutors, suggested that he could share his knowledge and expertise with others, and as they say "the rest is history".

The Edelmanns have two children and two grandchildren, and Jack still enjoys the occasional round of golf.

**Garry Fabian**

## MELBOURNE 50 YEARS AGO

Recently in my Year 4 Italian class I set the students a challenge to do a short presentation on Melbourne, and these interestingly included Melbourne's restaurants, alleyways, culture, sport, history, a trip up the Maribyrnong, and then there was "Melbourne 50 years ago". Sue Evans' presentation had us all nodding as we reminisced about the early days of Melbourne that we all remember so fondly.

### Charmaine Hart, Italian Tutor, 1-4

#### We hope you too will enjoy "Melbourne fifty years ago" by year 4 Italian student - Sue Evans

In January 1965, I arrived with my family at Port Melbourne, at Station Pier, in an Italian ship. We emigrated from England. After the arrival, we stayed for three weeks in a small old hotel in the city centre. During this time, we walked all over the city. I was impressed with the wide streets and the green trams with their conductors. I liked the end of Collins Street, near Spring Street, where there were many beautiful old buildings. This area was called the 'Paris End' because of the Boulevard Café, with its outdoor tables, of the grand old hotel Ress Oriental, where Collins Place is now. Around the corner was a more modern grand hotel, the Southern Cross.

Since then, many old buildings have disappeared. The city was in many ways quite different to that of today. For example, there were few skyscrapers – the tallest building was the CRA building in Collins Street with 26 floors. In addition, there was no underground railway, the City Loop. I remember the old Queen Victoria hospital in Lonsdale Street, the little clothing factories in Flinders Lane, the Princes Bridge Station and the old red rattler trains. This time was many years before the redevelopment of Southbank and Docklands – these were still industrial areas. The Melbourne newspapers were still printed in the city – *The Age* in Collins Street, *The Sun* and *The Herald* in Flinders Street. *The Herald* was an afternoon newspaper.

Some things have not changed much, for example, the Victoria Market, the State Library, the Parliament, the entrance to Flinders Street station with the old clocks, the Exhibition Buildings and the parks around the edge of the city. Many old theatres are still here, such as The Princess, Her Majesty's and The Athenaeum. Best of all, the old lanes and arcades, like The Block and the Royal Arcade, continue still.

In the sixties, the city was quieter than now, especially on Sundays, when the shops were closed. But for a teenager from the country, the Melbourne city centre was very exciting. Although I still like the city, it is a bit crowded and busy today, and I am no longer a young girl.

Ctd: next column

And for those keen to read in Italian:

#### "Melbourne di cinquant'anni fa"

Nel gennaio 1965, sono arrivata con la mia famiglia a Port Melbourne, a Station Pier, in una nave italiana. Siamo emigrati dall'Inghilterra. Dopo l'arrivo, siamo restati per tre settimane in un piccolo albergo vecchio in centro di Melbourne. Durante questo periodo, abbiamo camminato per tutto il centro. Sono stata impressionata dalle strade larghe ed i tram verde con i loro conduttori. Mi sono piaciuta il fine della strada Collins, vicino la strada Spring, ci sono stati molti edifici belli ed antichi. Questa zona è chiamata la fine di Parigi perchè c'è stato il 'Boulevard Café', con i suoi tavoli all'aperto, del grande albergo 'Ress Oriental', dove ora si trova Collins Place. Dietro l'angolo è stato un più moderno e grande albergo, il 'Southern Cross'.

Da allora, molti edifici antichi sono scomparsi. Il centro della città è stata in molto modi diversa da quella di oggi. Per esempio, ci sono stati pochi grattacieli – il più alto è stato l'edificio di CRA nella strada Collins, con 26 piani. Inoltre, non c'è stata la ferrovia sotterranea, il 'City Loop'. Ricordo il vecchio ospedale Queen Victoria nella strada Lonsdale, le piccole fabbriche di abbigliamento nel Flinders Lane, i vecchia stazione 'Princes Bridge' ed i antichi treni rossi e rumorosi. Questo tempo è stato molti anni prima delle riqualificazioni di Southbank e Docklands – queste zone sono state ancora industriale. I giornali di Melbourne sono stati stampati nel centro della città – 'The Age' nella strada Collins, 'The Sun' e 'The Herald' nella strada Flinders. 'The Herald' è stato un giornale del pomeriggio.

### When Irish Eyes are Smiling

- Definition of an Irish husband: He hasn't kissed his wife for twenty years, but he will kill any man who does.

- Murphy told Quinn that his wife was driving him to drink. Quinn thinks he's very lucky because his own wife makes him walk.

- The late Bishop Sheen stated that the reason the Irish fight so often among themselves is that they're always assured of having a worthy opponent.

- Slaney phoned the maternity ward at the hospital. "Quick!" he said. "Send an ambulance, my wife is goin' to have a baby!"

"Tell me, is this her first baby?" the intern asked.

"No, this is her husband, Kevin, speakin'."

*In connection with the pie graphs on p. 8, two people have described their childhood years growing up in another country.*

## Growing up in Malaya

### **My Early Years**

I was born in 1941 in Zellim See in Austria, and two years later my father was called up and we moved to a small village further up the mountains. We all lived in one small room: mum, my brother and me.

Summer was a paradise for small children, playing in the woods and fields, with the winter snow reaching up to our chests. One morning we went to the fields and excitedly collected what looked like glittering tinsel, and ran back to mum with it. Apparently it was spread to confuse the allied bombers by interfering with their radar. Another day we heard an incredible noise, and we rushed out to see the sky blocked out by large Allied bombers heading for Linz or Vienna.

We only had limited food, so one day my brother rushed home to tell mum that he had found coffee. He had picked up some goats' droppings!

One day there was nervous excitement in the village and everyone looked anxiously up the mountain where the road entered the valley, where first a green truck appeared, followed by many more. There was a great sense of relief when it was the Americans and not the Russians. It took hours for the Americans to come down the mountain and, as children, we were terrified to see black soldiers who we believed were the devil! The Americans were generous to us with gifts of chocolate, sweets and cheese in big tins, none of which we had seen before.

My father returned, having been a POW of the British forces in Italy. He was allowed to come home because food was scarce in Italy, even for the British troops.

We moved back to Zellim See where my father worked for the Americans. We now had two rooms and a communal toilet. We could not purchase any food or goods, as there were none in the shops, but one shop was set aside where families could barter for food and used clothes. The winters were very cold, and the women made coats out of military blankets provided by the Americans. In summer, we collected mushrooms which we sliced and dried in the attic, and picked all sorts of berries to make jam, and mum, who was country bred, picked nettles which were mixed with water and flour and made into patties.

I went to kindergarten and at the age of six to school. We had ink and poor quality paper which blotted. There were 40-50 children in one class, but many nationalities owing to refugees from Italy and the East. The town library had no books until the Americans donated some, but unfortunately they were in English which we could not read.

We kept rabbits as pets, but they kept disappearing and mum said they had died, but we suddenly ate better! There was no sugar so dad went to Switzerland and came home with saccharine.

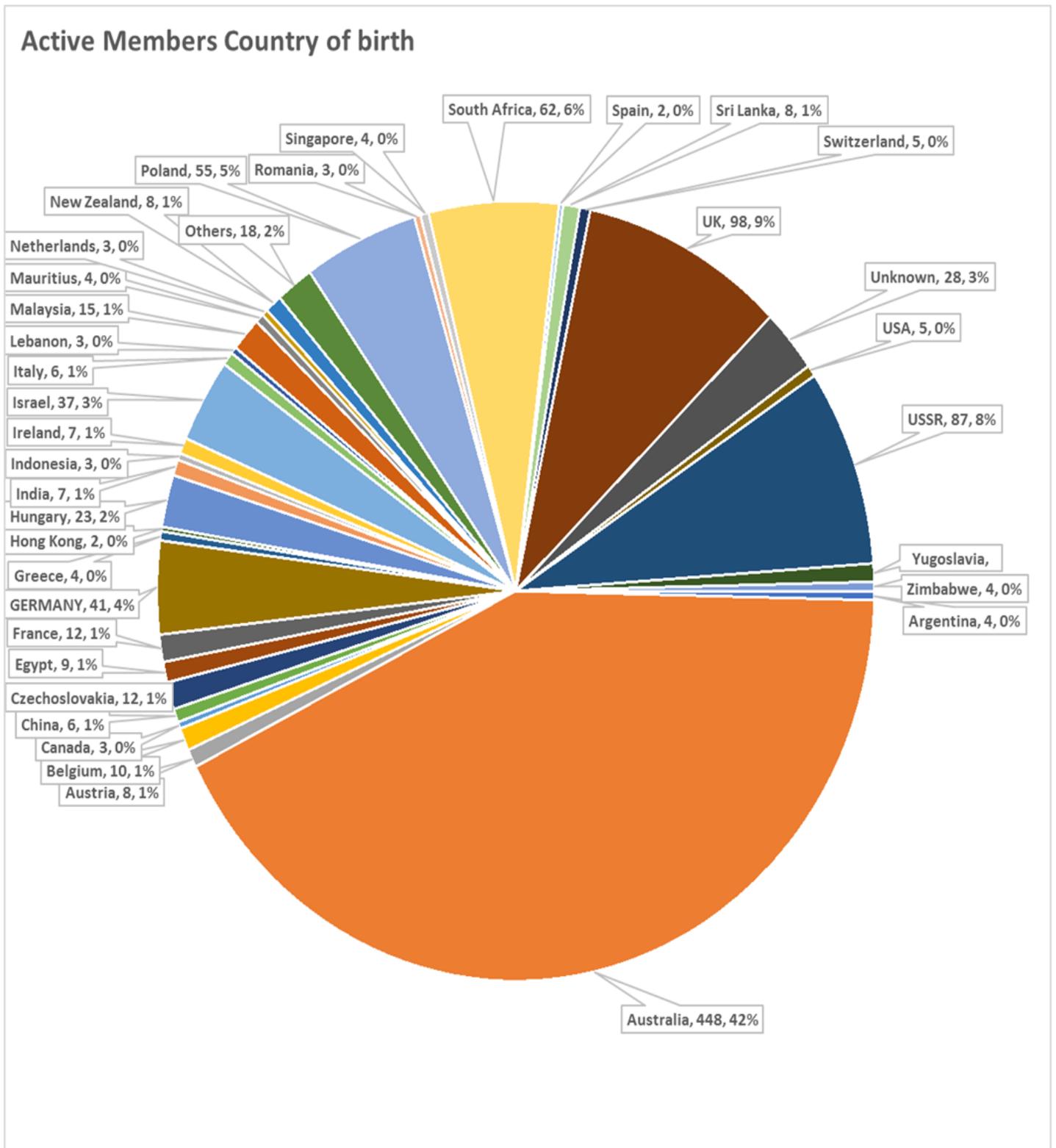
Our teachers were all old, as so many soldiers were not returning home. Those who disagreed with the Nazis ended up in concentration camps.

Meanwhile, our older girls enjoyed fraternising with the handsome Americans.

**ERIKA POYNTON**

I was born in Province Wellesley in Malaya (now called Malaysia) in 1949. I was the youngest of five, two older brothers and two older sisters, and we all lived in a large old wooden house with my parents, grandfather, uncle and two aunts. Quite an extended family. I remember 17 steps up to our front door. The house was situated in a fruit orchard near a creek of fresh clean water near which many birds and insects swarmed – dragon flies, exotic butterflies, unusual colourful birds, singing and tweeting. We were not rich and life was simple and easy. My father was an auditor with the government but he was disappointed with the corruption and left that job to become a teacher as was my mother, but that meant a move to Penang Is. It was a very multicultural community – Siamese, Burmese, Sikh, Indians, Eurasians, Chinese which was my background and of course the Malay Muslims. All these people made it very interesting and I grew up learning to speak a variety of languages – Hakka, Malay, English and a smattering of others. With other children of these different ethnic backgrounds we played with tops marbles, catapults, and played games such as rounders and hopscotch, all fairly simple games. I remember making a toy which consisted of a rubber ring with feathers stuck into it which we kicked around with our heels. When I was 7 I started school at a little convent, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Jesus, where the classes were fairly large and there were strict but caring nuns and other lay teachers again a mixture of ethnicities. In Malaya there were a number of communist infiltrations and I remember that there was an Australian military base at Butterworth which was in the Province of Wellesley. The Royal Australian Air Force was stationed there and I remember that our population was grateful that they were there keeping our country safe. I enjoyed living here in this simple and easy multicultural society. I remember going to a beach near where we lived which had, in 1960, clean crystal water. I think it's quite filthy now. But I didn't like the heat and humidity where the temperature was never below 30 degrees. And the monsoon season! The thunderstorms and lightening were frightening. I finished school at 17 when my mother urged me to go to England to study nursing. I lived in England for 25 years working there and bringing up my children. Eventually I moved to Australia because my sister who had studied nursing in Australia and a brother who had also settled here sponsored me to come. I think Australia is a great place to live, but I do miss Malayan cooking and the fresh tropical fruits.

Anon.



Many thanks to Saul Dishon for producing this pie graph showing the origins of our U3A members—quite a mammoth task. I hope you find this interesting as I did. On the previous page there are two articles prepared by a couple of members who did come from another country. Their experiences were different as I am sure are those of most of you. We are truly a multicultural group.

Some editing of the information given by members was necessary, as over 76 different countries were listed, far too many to show on this pie graph. So all countries that were part of the Soviet Union are grouped under USSR, all parts of Great Britain are grouped under UK, all countries that were represented by only one member are grouped under Others. Those members who did not provide their country of origin are grouped under Unknown. And so on.