

u3a Perth News Round-up

13 March 2024

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2. AGM 2024
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4. Ninewells volunteer opportunity
4. Semitones and Ukelele Concert

1. Our next Open Meeting will be on Monday 8 April and will be on the History of St Matthew's Church, given by Marjorie Clark. As usual, it will take place at St Matthew's Church on Tay Street, and coffees etc will be available from 10am with the talk commencing at 10.30am. These meetings are open to all, so feel free to bring along any friends and family who might be interested.
2. Our AGM is on Monday 6 May, 10.00 for 10.30 in St Matthew's Church, Perth. Election for Office Holders and Committee will take place. Our current Chair, Robert Proctor, is stepping down this year, so our Vice Chair will be standing as the new Chair. The full list of those currently standing is:-

Office Holders

Chair: Graham Dry

Membership Secretary: Dave Smith (elected in 2021 for 3 years and therefore standing for re-election this year)

Committee members

Trevor Abell

Sue Hendry

Ray Hodgson (Groups co-ordinator)

Bill Younger

Jonathan Babb (a new recruit!)

Yvonne Connell (Secretary) was elected in 2023 for 3 years and therefore doesn't need to stand this year.

Irene Twinn (Treasurer) was elected in 2022 for 3 years and therefore doesn't need to stand this year.

In addition to Robert Proctor, Joan Fraser, Wilma Coleman and Bob Thomson are also stepping down.

3. Your Committee still needs you! As you will see above, there are 3 vacant positions in the Committee for 2024/25. Assuming Graham is elected as our new Chair, we will need a new Vice Chair. We'll also need 2 new ordinary Committee members and, in particular, we're looking for a volunteer to take over from Wilma Coleman as accommodation officer. You'll receive plenty of support from Wilma, as she'll still be 'in attendance' at meetings as required.

Please do consider joining us. Don't assume someone else will step up – if we all think that, there'll be no Committee and no u3a in Perth. Duties are light and meetings are friendly. We meet at 10am in Unit4, on the Tuesday before the next Open Meeting (ie every four weeks), and meetings usually last about an hour. Contact Yvonne (Perthu3aSecretary@gmail.com) if you're interested.

4. Anna Hamilton (u3a member) has been in touch to say that she volunteers at Ninewells Hospital as a (sim)ulated patient, helping the medical school teach communications skills. They're always looking for new recruits (travel expenses paid) and as most of the sim patients are retired we're the ideal demographic. You'll get more information on their website: patientbank.dundee.ac.uk. If you want to contact them, please phone 01382 383300 or email patientbank@dundee.ac.uk.
5. A reminder that the Semitones and Ukelele Groups will be giving a concert at 2.30pm on Wednesday 3 April at St Marks Letham – all welcome.