

## Group Liaison Manager's Report

April 2015

My role is to review any proposal for new groups and to help set these groups up. Then I ensure that the groups run smoothly. I help with any issues which arise.

At the moment, we have groups on 18 subjects. The Book Group, Art Appreciation, Exploration of Classical Music, Meditation and Relaxation and Mahjong meet in two locations under the same Group Leader. Petance and Mahjong have groups in Competa area with separate leaders. This means we have 26 group meetings, which is a huge increase from last year. We cover a variety of interests from Mahjong to Cycling, Art Appreciation to Polymer Clay craft.

All our groups are thriving which is reflected in our increased membership. This also reflects the health and vitality of the groups.

We have had our annual meeting of group leaders. The purpose of this meeting was to ensure everyone was familiar with the procedures for U3A and get to know one another better. There were no issues to be resolved so everything seems "hunky dory".

At the last General Meeting there was a request from the floor for computer training. I worked with the Webmaster to deliver these workshops. There was one specific workshop for Group Leaders to maximise the usage of the new website. The other two workshops were for the general membership. There will be workshops in the autumn to cover other, areas of interest. Thanks to Adrian Wilkinson and Carol Corbridge for help in tutoring these workshops.

Thank you to all Group Leaders. You are all fantastic. Remember and talk to me if you have any little issues so they don't become big problems.

The Group Leaders Reports are going to be on the internet. However, there is also a display with the reports. This will help those of you who wish to peruse the reports today.

Thanks for the opportunity of being allowed to be part of this exciting vibrant organisation and may we continue to make life in the sun fun.

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