

Aspley Classes for Seniors Newsletter November 2015

As we move towards the end of 4th term and 2015 the 21st year of Aspley Classes for Seniors the committee extends thanks to all students for their continued support. There are also venue convenors and a band of happy helpers who also deserve many thanks for another year of service.

Although some classes were not available in 2015 we were pleased to have enrolments of 270, 232, 228 and 177 for the 4 terms respectively.

The official social event of the year, our luncheon, was again held at Aspley Hornets on 18th September. This year 99 attended the luncheon, down a little from previous years but none the less enjoyed by those attending. As a result of its success we will be returning to Hornets in September 2016. The event was again attended also by two of our parish clergy, by coincidence both relatively new to the district, with Father Gabriel being unavailable. Available invited members of Parliament and Council again attended also. We are pleased that these representatives can join us to celebrate the support they give us during the year.

The calendar of 2016 classes has been finalised and is available. The full Program of classes will be available later this month as usual distributed to libraries, retirement villages, surgeries etc. and also on the ACFS website. There are some changes to be noted in regard to dates, classes available and tutors. Friday classes at Aspley Uniting Church are usually adjusted to meet church venue commitments – again in October for Market Day but also on 4th March for World Day of Prayer to which all are invited. Refer to our publications or website for details.

Another reminder that our website is a valuable source of information, is updated regularly and provides for queries and feedback. Your comments and suggestions for improvement to the website and/or ACFS activities and new course suggestions are always welcome. Phone and email contacts also remain available. You are also reminded that your involvement through committee membership or assistance with classes in any way would also be most welcome. For 2016 enrolment we will be making an enrolment form available on the website and encourage students returning from this year to print it, pre-fill and bring it on enrolment day or if unavailable, on first day of class.

In September we accepted with regret the resignation of our chairman Gilbert Case after 6 years of valued leadership. I will act as chairman until our annual meeting in February 2016.

On behalf of the committee I wish you a joyous and blessed holy Christmas season and safe travels for your families. We hope that 2016 brings you peace and happiness and extends your supportive association with Aspley Classes for Seniors. Enrolment day will be Thursday 28th January from 9am to 11am.

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