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Speaker Bandt, Adam, MP

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Mr BANDT (Melbourne) (16:16): I stand in parliament today to congratulate the Yarra City University of the Third Age on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. Since it was founded in 2005, the U3A Yarra City has made an outstanding contribution to the community in my electorate of Melbourne. U3As are part of an international movement that encourages people to take part in lifelong learning for pleasure. There are no exams, no degrees awarded and no formal qualifications required. Rather, U3As are about putting into practice the values of lifelong learning, social connection, friendship and community.

U3A Yarra City has 200 members and is entirely run by volunteers. In its 10 years, U3A Yarra City has run classes on a wide range of topics as well as talks, events and leisure activities. There are currently over 50 courses to choose from. Its courses are open to all people of the third age in Yarra for one very low joining fee. I encourage Yarra residents to get involved with their U3A as learners, teachers or by providing support. This Wednesday, members of U3A Yarra City are coming together to celebrate this important milestone. I would like to take this opportunity in our federal parliament to warmly congratulate all of those who have given their time to make U3A Yarra City what it is today. To the U3A Yarra City community, I say thank you for all you have done to make Melbourne a great place for all.