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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to U3A for 2020. A special welcome to new members who are with us for the first time. We hope your time with us will be pleasant and fruitful and that you will take advantage of all the opportunities that U3A Waverley offers.

The enrolment period at the end of 2019 went very smoothly. Those enrolling at the Hub adapted to the new procedure very well and delays were much less than previous years. We learnt a lot from this experience and think that we can improve the process even more for the enrolment at the end of 2020. Many of our classes were filled very quickly and waiting lists for some are quite large. The handling of waiting lists will be a matter for serious consideration by the Committee of Management. It was pleasing to see that our three new classes have all been oversubscribed.

If you enrolled for a class that you can no longer attend it is important that you fill in a class withdrawal form at the office as soon as possible so that people on waiting lists can be offered places.

Keep Tuesday March 17 free for the Annual General Meeting and lunch. All positions on the Committee of Management become vacant. If you feel you can contribute to the running of U3A Waverley in this way please consider nominating when the invitation is issued. If you would like to chat with me about nominating please send me an email on president@U3Awaverley.org.au and I will get in touch. Alternatively chat with any other committee member.

Robert

Wise Words If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence

Impact of Digitalization and automation... Lollll



A police officer stops a driver. "Your tail light is broken, your tyres must be changed and your bumper is hanging halfway down. That will be \$300." The driver replied. "Alright go ahead. They want twice as much as that at the garage."



OPERATIONAL DATES EARLY 2020

Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
1	3 Feb 2020	27 March	9 March - Labour Day
2	14 April	26 June	27 April - Anzac Holiday 8 June - Queens Birthday
3	13 July	18 Sept	
4	5 Oct	27 Nov	Mon 2 & Tues 3 Mel Cup

From the Membership Secretary

1. Please be sure that you are **enrolled** in your desired class and that you have paid your fees before starting the class.
2. Please ensure that you record an apology either on the class roll or notify the office on 9832-5855 when you are unable to attend. (Do not apologise by email as incoming emails are not received by the office staff). Failure to record an apology for 3 consecutive weeks may result in you being deleted from the class.

***Dying with Dignity -
End of Life Choices
Once Only Presentation -
Friday 13th March 2-4pm in Room 3***

As of June 2019, Victorians facing end-of-life now have the choice of legal Voluntary Assisted Dying as one of their options, if they are eligible. Dying With Dignity Victoria (DWDV) recommends all Victorians think through their attitude to death and dying, talk with friends and family, complete an Advance Care Directive and appoint a Medical Treatment Decision Maker.

This 2 hour, once-only presentation will be delivered by a representative from the Dying With Dignity Victoria organisation. One of DWDV's aims is to provide information, education and advice regarding end-of-life choices as it is apparent that the Act is still poorly understood by the majority of the general community.

Book your place for this information session by enrolling in 20HUM024.

Exploring Science & Technology

Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am

4 February 2020

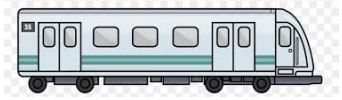
1. Sniffing out food fraud - *John Casey*
2. Murderous molecules - *John Casey*

11 February 2020

1. The transistor & its vital role in all electronic devices - *Bruce Brown*
2. Transmission upgrades to cope with renewable energy - *Graham Bennett*

18 February

1. Glen Waverley Railway Line - *Ian Jenkin*
2. Human Perceptions DVD Touch Temperature, Vibration and Pressure - *Robert Taylor*



25 February

1. Offshore Pipelines - *Rahif Kattan*
2. Continued

Wise Words Not all wounds are obvious, walk gently in the lives of others

***Helping our wildlife survivors by donating cash not goods.
(Christine Archer)***

Wildlife shelters are now asking for money donations instead of goods. They often have their bank details on their web page for donations to go straight into their account. There are many reasons for this. It avoids the lengthy process of applying to various authorities for small amounts of money, then waiting for the cash to be distributed. Another reason for preferring money is that the recent generosity of donated goods has overwhelmed them – literally!



One of the local voluntary animal shelters (Warriors4Wildlife) that I'm involved with through my son, Steve, has six drop-off points, many kilometres from each other. The logistics of collecting, sorting and then delivering suitable donated items to various wildlife shelters is immense. Sadly, a sizeable percentage of donated items are unsuitable for the animals, who are often fighting infections. Everything has to be sterile, just as you need for humans. Some donations have been packaged human food that is many years out-of-date, and worse, almost threadbare linen that is badly stained, or just plain feral. All charities, which are often cash-strapped, have to pay to dispose of such donations - money that could be spent helping the needy. Yet another reason for preferring money over goods is the various shelters can then order exactly what they need and have the companies deliver the items to them, instead of drop-off points, saving valuable time by cutting out double handling.

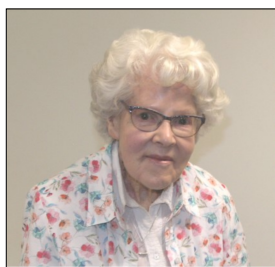
But many donated items have been wonderful, such as tonnes of specialist wildlife food and stockfeed, jerry cans of diesel, and fuel gift cards. The Medical Pantry in Yarraville donated over five tonnes of medical supplies – with more to come. Another (anonymous) person donated thirty 500g tubs of Flamazine cream, an expensive top of the range product for burns. And, incredibly, a shipping container company donated four of their largest containers for emergency shelters or supply storage. Unfortunately, the Prime Mover that delivered one of them to a bush block in Bruthen a few days ago got stuck in the mud for over an hour. It took three vehicles and lots of advice to haul him out. I just stayed out of it and took pictures!

Many wildlife shelters in Gippsland have burnt down or been otherwise affected, and their animals evacuated to whichever shelter in Victoria has room. I started accompanying my son a few weeks ago when he delivered desperately needed medical supplies to a large wildlife shelter in Tarcombe, near Euroa. Dr Robyn Coy, who runs WildCare Victoria then distributes what she can to other shelters in the area. The following day, Steve took up another ute and trailer load of stock feed and cartons of medical supplies. He and others have driven thousands of kilometres delivering supplies to the wildlife shelters under pressure. And they continue

So if you are thinking about donating cash straight to the bank account of a bona fide, registered, not-for-profit animal shelter, they will be extremely grateful. Most of them have a website or Facebook page on the Internet.

PASSING OF LIFE MEMBERS

Over the break two of our longest serving members passed away.



Bronwyn Hays

(Member number 48) joined Waverley U3A in 1988 and was a regular member of the Music Appreciation Class and also the History of Art Class.

In later years, even though she had stopped driving, she continued to catch a cab from her retirement home in Brighton each fortnight. She volunteered and presented Music Classes over a number of years.

Bronwyn's husband Warren Hay was the first Policy Chairman and subsequent President elected of our U3A in 1985. *[Thanks to Beverley Lovegrove]*

Lilian McDonald

Our old friend, Lilian McDonald, has died at the age of 97. She was a life member of U3A as indicated by her membership number of 67! Over the years she attended Art History with Humphrey Fuller-Jackson and more recently John R Thompson. Previously she enjoyed Listening to Music sessions with Henry Fenig.



After the death of her husband, Ken, she took on leadership of an enthusiastic Chamber Music group – or groups, as it became so popular she had to break it into two groups, held in her own home on two consecutive days each month and for each of which she provided morning tea!

Lilian lived her long life well. She was always genuinely interested in people and welcomed into her home people of all ages and backgrounds. Consequently she had a wide circle of friends, some of whom shared her other interests like the Australian Native Plant Association and Friends of the ABC. Her greatest joy until recent years was going to Chamber Music concerts for, as she sometimes said, Music was her life.

Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will.

Our Greek Night Out In 2019

Rainer Kosack



What a wonderful thought from Nia, the tireless U3A teacher of Greek, who took her students to the Grecian Hall for an end of year celebration, late last year. The host and members of the Springvale and District Greek Community were most generous and thoughtful to the members of the class. Thanks go to all of them, including the President, barmen, cooks, musicians (μουσικούς) and serving staff (Σερβιτόρος/ servitros).

The class members received many wonderful dishes and platters during the evening, including fish, chips, bottomless salad servings topped with amazing Greek φέτα and then lamb and more. The class members however let down the side as they could not eat the entire offering. The disappointed hosts rallied however and supplied free sealable containers in order that the offering might continue at home. Alas, the goat survived another famous feast!

A special thanks is in order for the most amazing group of musicians. Their sense of timing, melody, intonation and harmony was exquisite. The player of the bouzouki (μπουζούκι) demonstrated complete mastery of his instrument. Surely it was this man who inspired the likes of Richie Blackmore and Mark Knoffler.

Our class colleague Monica, stunned us when she danced the most intricate steps to the complex rhythms laid down by the group, always missing a beat when required. The locals could hardly contain their joy and rushed to the dance floor to join her. The local men and woman dressed so beautifully in black and white fashion joined the rhapsody (ραψωδία) as they couldn't contain themselves any longer. One of our class mates, a long-time student of languages (γλώσσα/ glossa) and linguistics, said that the cultural experience of the night was fantastic - an amazing kaleidoscope of rhythm and colour. He is such a φίλος σοφίας! But for Monica, this was just a mere warm up to her normal Saturday half marathon (μαραθώνας/ marathon).

The evening was declared a total success with additional funds raised for the Club to continue their important community and charitable work. At the close, the class members continued practising their language skills with various terms such as Γεια σας (hello/goodbye/health to you), πολύ ωραία (very nice) and of course καληνυχτα (good night).

By now the reader will realise that the Greek language makes up about 6% of our English language and lots of fun to learn. Practise your Greek αλφάβητο skills now, online & be sure to enrol for the class promptly as the enrolments will quickly swell now that the word is out.