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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

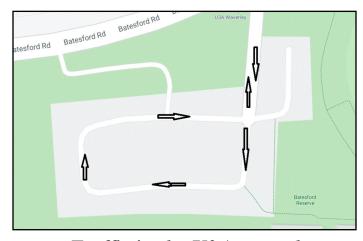
It is hard to believe that, by the time you read this, the first month of the U3A year has already gone. Whilst it takes time for classes to settle into their routine as late-enrolling members join after the first day and others withdraw from classes they can no longer attend, this year seems to have started without too many hiccups. Many thanks to our wonderful team of tutors for their assistance in making this all happen.

We welcome all new members to U3A Waverley and we hope you will enjoy your time with us. A warm welcome back, also, to those who have been with us before. We are confident of exceeding our 800 plus enrolment of last year by the end of this year.

During the month it was necessary for the building to be evacuated due to an incident down stairs. It was clear that some members were unaware of what was expected of them when the evacuation was signalled and, therefore, the instructions on what to do in such an event have been included in this newsletter. Please take the time to read them. They are important.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at 11.00 am on Tuesday March 17. Please plan to be there. All positions on the Committee of Management are vacant so also please consider nominating yourself for one of them. Nomination forms are available in the office. A light lunch will be served after the meeting.

Robert



Traffic in the U3A carpark

A reminder to all U3A Waverley members that, to minimise potential accidents in the Batesford Road car park, all drivers should travel in a clockwise manner in the car park. As per the following diagram.

Robert Taylor

Exploring Science & Technology

Tuesdays 9.30 to 11.30am

3 March

- 1. Ultralong haul flight David Kemp
- 2. Continued

10 March

- Pot Pourri of Science Research in 2019 - Robert Taylor
- 2. British Postal Service Ian Jackson

17 March

- 1. The 21st Century Race for Space DVD
- 2. AGM

24 March

- 1. Textiles Mac Fergusson
- 2. Continued.

Apologies

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.

The Membership Secretary

VicRoads Guide

Several copies of the VICROADS guide for older drivers have been placed in a container on the U3A Waverley "Library" shelves. This is a very useful booklet for older drivers. Please feel free to take, read and return.

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.



End Of Year Function at Greek Social Club Here is a picture of Nia's Greek and Italian class participants

at the end of year party held at the Greek Social Club. The picture appeared in the Greek Newspaper, Neos Kosmos and they wrote, "Congratulations to the students for their love of the Greek language, civilisation and customs, etc."



I went to see the doctor about my short-term memory problems. The first thing he did was make me pay in advance.

OPERATIONAL DATES EARLY 2020

T	erm	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

EVACUATION

A notice to evacuate the first floor of the Hub will be made by one or more of the following methods:-

- A flashing light in the room
- An audible siren
- Instructions from the Building Warden
- Instructions from office staff who have received external advice to evacuate.

In the event of an evacuation by any of the above means, members of U3A Waverley are to:-

- Immediately stop what they are doing
- Leave any equipment they have been using where it is
- Unless otherwise advised by the Building Warden, proceed in an orderly manner to the emergency exit at the end of the multi-purpose room. Unless otherwise advised do not use the central stairs or the lift.
- Descend the ramp.
- Assemble in their class groups at the assembly point in the car park where their tutor will check off their names to ensure that no one has been left in the building
- Await further instructions from the building warden or emergency manager e.g. senior fire officer or police officer.
- Do not re-enter the building until the all-clear signal is given.

What is Flutracking.net?

It is an Australian/New Zealand online health surveillance system used to detect the potential spread of influenza in our countries. Whether you are vaccinated or not, if you live in Australia or New Zealand, and have easy access to email on a weekly basis, they will appreciate your help. It only takes 10-15 seconds each week during the flu season to tick three boxes and "send". They have started earlier this year because of the COVID-19 virus, and have already emailed participants the first of their weekly surveys. So if you are interested, please Google them to access their info-rich web site.

Ah, the modern days. I just saw a grandpa help a youngster who was staring into his phone, to cross the street.