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## ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

As I write this report there seems to be some real possibility that we may be able to resume "normal" activities at the Hub in July. It would seem reasonable to expect that, if restaurants are permitted to have 100 diners inside their premises then the "100 person rule" might apply to other venues. We will, of course, have to see how the current reductions of restrictions work out in the next month or so and what, if any restrictions will apply to us gathering together at the Hub. It is possible that we will have to introduce some restrictions of our own to ensure that we will meet the guidelines that will apply at that time. This may include limiting numbers in rooms, staggering morning and afternoon tea times etc. etc. etc.... We will just have to wait and see. We will keep you informed by the newsletter or, if things move very fast, by global email.

Speaking of which.....We still have a few members who do not use email at all and others who read their emails irregularly. If you are in contact with any other U3A Waverley members who may fit in that category could you please pass on as much of the news about what is going on as possible.

We have written to Monash Council suggesting that we are basically happy with the current contractual arrangements for the use of the Hub and believe that they should, in essence, continue when the lease is renewed. We have suggested that we would be interested in discussing with them the greater use of a room downstairs and the use of the Jordanville Community Hall next door to the Hub (replacing the current use of the Notting Hill Hall) for 2021 and after. We have yet to have those discussions.

You will note in this newsletter a Notice of Meeting for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting of U3A Waverley which was originally set for March 17. We have been given permission by the relevant government authorities to delay that meeting until early July but the committee feels that it would not be possible to call a physical meeting at that time – even if restrictions were completely removed by then - which seems unlikely. Accordingly we are calling a meeting to be handled electronically by use of Zoom. Many of you would already be using Zoom to participate in classes or to simply chat with class members and friends. The committee is using Zoom to conduct its meetings. For those of you not currently using Zoom you will have to download it to your computer, laptop, tablet or telephone before the meeting. You will be given instructions on how to do so with the notice of meeting.

The holding of an Annual General Meeting is a legal requirement principally to elect the committee for the following year and to receive the audited financial records of the previous financial year which are then presented to the government. We must have a minimum of 30 members present or having submitted a proxy for the meeting to run. It is proposed that, because of the peculiar situation that applies this year, that this AGM be a very formal meeting and should not take very long. As such all of the paper work for the meeting will be sent out in advance by email to facilitate focused questioning at the meeting. Similarly those submitting items for discussion in general business will be asked to provide the topic earlier than usual so that it can also be circulated in advance of the meeting. Because of the challenges faced in any electronic meeting of this sort when two, or more, people try to speak at the same time the chair will carefully control who is permitted to speak at any particular time and those who wish to speak will need to wait until they are called. This has not been a problem in meetings conducted so far but it takes a bit of getting used to. I am sure that we will manage this very well.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.

*Robert*

## ***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING***

This is to advise that the Annual General Meeting of U3A Waverley Inc will be held using Zoom Conferencing software on **Tuesday 23 June 2020 commencing at 11 am.** A formal notice of the meeting will be Emailed to members in due course, together with associated papers. Nominations for the committee have already been made prior to the postponement of the meeting in March.

*Geoff Fitzpatrick, Acting Secretary*

**Hi Everyone,**

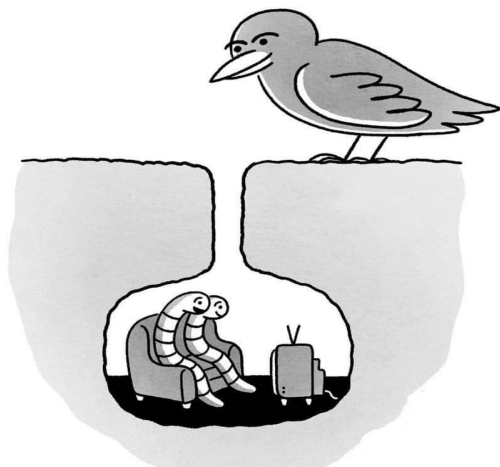
*It is really great to hear that so many members have been keeping in touch and loving it.*

*Maybe by now with the rules being more relaxed you have seen your friends and families and experienced the great joy of your first visit with the grandchildren. Of course we still have to be careful, but we are very fortunate in Australia to have such low numbers of deaths and cases of the virus. I feel very lucky as the little walking group I belong to will be able to resume our Sunday Walks as we usually have under 20 people who attend.*

*Cheers, Lorraine Erenstrom, Editor*



I would have liked to go on a diet during lockdown, but I had too much on my plate."



"Hey, the experts are saying it's safe to go out again"

Its been such a joy being home with my wife for the past four weeks. We have caught up with all the things I have done wrong over the past 30 years



## **Broadway Musicals**

Broadway Musicals is keeping its course members engaged through email containing a weekly presentation. Check your Spam folders! The suspension of activities has let the new course alter its program to enable students to both savour my



presentations and do their own exploring as well, at home and at leisure. But, that's something we all can do regardless. So let's hope we resume soon because the magic of musical theatre is even better enjoyed together.

**John Molligodde**

### **Extract from a letter to John Molligodde. from Jan Delaney**

*Thank you for all your preparations, which have enabled you to send us the marvellous links to such a variety of musicals. I realise that I have a very narrow experience on the topic, mainly knowing the 'blockbusters' musicals that have made their way onto film or produced on stage in Australia.*

*Ahrens and Flaherty have been a real eye opener. Such creative talent has me in awe of their abilities. I particularly enjoyed the interview with them which gave a real insight into the creative process of writing a musical. I would love to see some of their productions performed in Australia.*



## **U3A Waverley Keeping Connected Online**

During the Covid19 pandemic many tutors and their class members have kept in contact with each other in many ways. Some have used good old phones and the email, others may have used many forms of social media like Facebook, Skype, Jitsi and probably more. U3A Waverley has been encouraging tutors to utilize the Zoom platform as it can display many participants at once. Courses with large enrolments and/or active type courses have found it more difficult. Some have taken it up to try to keep classes going in some form and at the same time provide social contact during isolation. More recently a group of IT trained members have been reaching out to tutors and members to teach them how to use Zoom. A nice side benefit has been that some members have used Zoom to stay in contact with family and friends.

Well done to the following tutors and members who are "having a go " at Zoom at one level or another.

Recorder Ensemble,	Crochet,	Broadway Musicals,	Classical Guitar,	Tai Chi,
French Conversation,	Cryptic Crosswords,	Music Theory,	Write Your Own Story,	
Creative Writing,	Art History.			

If your course has been using Zoom and is not here, let us know.

**Dennis Atkin, Vice President**