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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After some initial hiccups with connections, the annual general meeting, using zoom, went ahead with 34 members attending. Apologies to those who tried to get through, but were unable to use the link in the reminder email. Only some people were affected by the fact that this link did not seem to work but it must have been frustrating for them. It was great to see some faces that we haven't seen for a long time because of the lockdown. More and more classes are using zoom and other technological mechanisms to keep in touch - even if for just a chat. As well as the content parts of our classes, the social interaction within and between classes is an important part of what U3A is about. We are missing that.

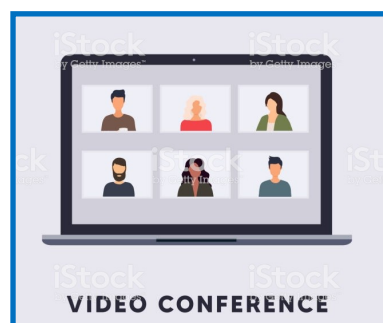
At the meeting the following members were created Life Members due to their 20 years of membership of U3A Waverley:

***Pamela Beattie***  
***Margaret Cardinaletti***  
***Shirley Le Gassick***  
***Ted Sullivan***

They will be presented with their life membership certificates and badges at a later date.

The Committee for 2020/2021 was elected unopposed and will comprise:

***President:*** ***Robert Taylor***  
***Vice President:*** ***Dennis Atkin***  
***Secretary:*** ***Geoff Fitzpatrick***  
***Treasurer:*** ***Maree Brown***  
***Members:*** ***Kevin Delaney***  
***Rahif Kattan***  
***Gloria Kiri***  
***Cliff Picton***  
***June Valentine***



As well as welcoming back the returning members, we particularly welcome Gloria and Cliff who are committee members for the first time.

At the time of writing this report we have just been advised that restrictions on movement and meetings are returning to previous levels. This is likely to significantly delay the return of U3A Waverley to the hub. Even before the restrictions were changed, we had preliminary information from Monash City Council about the permissible size of our classes (given the restrictions that then applied), such that it would mean that many of our classes could not meet in the rooms they had been allocated, if even only a small proportion of the class turned up!

We will now have to wait for further information to come from the state government and from Monash City Council before we can start to plan a return in detail. It is conceivable that we may not be able to restart before much later in term 3 or even term 4. For some of the larger classes, or those with closer physical contact, it may not be possible this year. The committee will hold discussions on this matter early in July. In the meantime we are keeping in touch with other U3A's to find out what innovative things they are doing to overcome the challenges. Alternate week scheduling with classes repeated for half the class at a time and alternate week scheduling using a larger room (say rooms 2 and 3 together) have already been suggested. All U3A's are facing the same problems, as are many other voluntary groups.

Meanwhile, keep safe, keep well and keep in touch with each other.

*Robert*

## NEW ONE-DAY PRESENTATIONS

Three new, one-day presentations are being offered by first-time presenter Adrian Guest. Adrian, an ex teacher has offered a diverse range of topics as single presentations, which will be ideal to fill in small gaps within our timetable, three of which have been programmed for this year. Hopefully, as we begin to relax our Covid-19 restrictions somewhat, we will be able to conduct the following presentations to a limited number of members in accordance with the social distancing rules in place at the time. These courses are available for enrolment on our website now, so you are free to pre-book your place at any time in anticipation of having them available at the nominated dates.

### *Be Your Own Travel Agent* Friday 14 August

DIY independent travel. Something to look forward to when restrictions are finally lifted!  
Take control of booking your holidays.  
We will cover booking online flights, accommodation, transportation (particularly trains), loyalty schemes, travel money, insurance, travel cancellation waivers, refunds, applying for visas online, useful websites and apps.  
Look for course code **20HUM026**

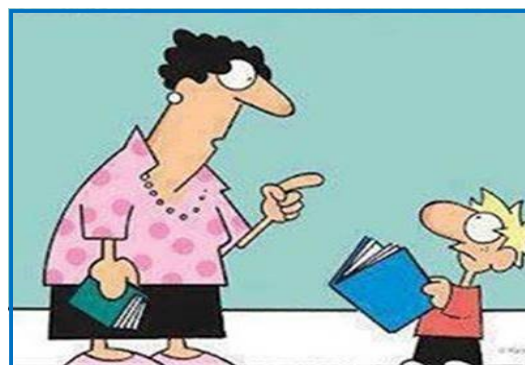
### *Helping Your Grandkids with Maths* Friday 28 August

Strategies and best practice methods.  
Areas covered include: Axioms of Primary Maths, the importance of attitudes, calculation strategies and aids, basic algebra, real-life applications, the use of children's literature, patterns, games and puzzles.  
Look for course code **20HUM028**

### *Melbourne Now & Then* Thursday 26 November

Incorporating a brief history of Melbourne, notable buildings with free admissions, examining landmarks in the CBD from the nineteenth century to present day.  
Look for course code **20HUM030**

Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds.  
You can grow flowers or you can grow weeds.



It's called reading. It's how people install new software into their brains.

It's funny how when you are in your 40s you realise that middle age doesn't really start until you are in your 60s. And once you are in your 60s you realise that it doesn't really start until your 80s.



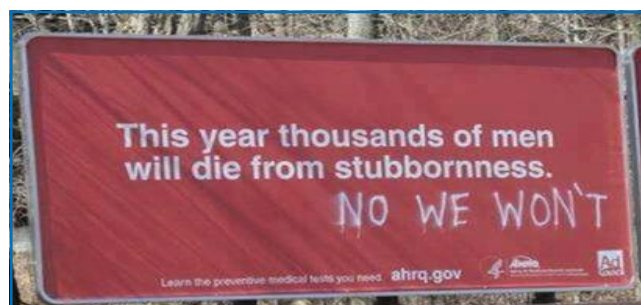
Everyone should believe in something. I believe I should be on a beach drinking margaritas.

People who wonder whether the glass is half empty or half full miss the point.... The glass is refillable.

**World:** "There is no way we can shut everything down in order to lower emissions, slow Climate Change and protect the environment"

**Mother Nature:** "Here's a virus. Practise"

Sent in by Rob Melville



## What Doom and Gloom?

Although there is constant talk of doom and gloom  
We can still talk and laugh through zoom and noom  
If we just remember that along with the bad  
There is always something to make us glad  
Bad tidings are always better when they are shared  
Simply because it shows that somebody cared.  
Sometimes a simple smile brings a moment of joy  
A baby's laughter playing with his new toy  
We waste so much time on hate and spite  
When a five letter 'sorry' could make it right  
Along with a smile to show there's another way  
Or one small hello to make someone's day  
These are just a few idle thoughts to clear my mind  
Because I know if I look, a joyous moment I'll find.  
**Carol Robertson** - (Creative Writing Group)