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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



U3a Waverley started back very well at the beginning of 2021. Whilst there was some uncertainty, right up to the last minute, about what we would be permitted to do, the rules, fortunately, did not change at the last minute. The biggest effect on us has been the limit on room capacities, at both the Batesford Hub and the Notting Hill Community Centre. Most classes were able to resume as "normal" (Covid normal that is), but some of our larger classes have had to modify their programs to meet the requirements. Some classes stayed as online classes, some have developed a combination of online and face-to-face classes, the so-called Hybrid classes, and at least one class went online for the first time. A few classes chose not to resume until later in the year.

At the end of the first week in February, the membership of U3A Waverley stood at 591. The rules we now live by are set by Monash City Council and are reviewed on a monthly basis. We expect to remain in the current situation until at least the end of term 1.

Two new contact points for members have recently been set up to facilitate email communication:

For all membership enquiries (membership, class enrolment, withdrawal etc) you can now email the membership secretary on **membership@u3awaverley.org.au**

For all office enquiries (apologies, class timetable, room location etc) you can now email the office on **u3awaverleyoffice@gmail.com**

Please do not email committee members or the course coordinator for any of the above matters, it just delays things and your email may not be responded to properly.

Please don't forget the upcoming Annual General meeting on Tuesday 16th March at 11:00 am in the Multipurpose Room. If you have not received a notice of meeting please contact the office to request one. If you would like to nominate for the committee please complete a nomination form and hand it in to the office by 4:00 pm on Friday March 12.

Members who wish to raise items of General Business should submit details in writing to the Secretary via email at secretary@u3awaverley.org.au or by leaving a written request at the office. All items must be submitted not later than 4.00 pm on Friday 12 March 2021.

Best wishes for the rest of 2021.

Robert

Lifetime Memberships

Each year at the Annual General Meeting, the committee awards Lifetime Memberships to members who have achieved 20 years continuous membership. This involves the presentation of a Certificate and a waiver of fees in the future.

We are finding that early records are not always accurate and it is possible that some members who qualify have been overlooked. If you believe that you qualify for Lifetime Membership, but have not been offered an award, please contact secretary@u3awaverley.org.au

Our AGM is coming up, so don't delay!

Geoff Fitzpatrick, Secretary

Possible New Classes -

Expressions of interest required please.

The following new classes have been proposed and we would like to determine if there is sufficient interest in order to consider running them.

CHINESE MAHJONG. - A tiled based game, played with a set of 144 tiles based on Chinese characters and symbols.

SI RUMMY - A variant of the gin rummy card game except it's using tiles.

ROCK 'N' ROLL DANCING

If any of these potential classes interest you, please send an email to the Course Coordinator

course.coordinator@u3awaverley.org.au

and we will consider including them on our timetable in due course if there is sufficient interest.



My mind is like an internet browser - 19 tabs open, 3 of them are frozen and I have no idea where the music is coming from.



Don't let them take your temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket because it erases your memory. I went for macaroni and cheese and came home with two cases of lager.

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

The King of Spain has been quarantined on his private jet. That means the reign in Spain is mainly on the plane.

Thought for the day - Propaganda is what Cockneys do when they really look at something.

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 pm is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.