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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual General meeting for U3A Waverley Inc was held on March 16 in the multipurpose room. AGM's are often not the most exciting thing that members can spend their time on and, by their very nature, are often routine. It was thus very pleasing to see a large turnout of members for the event which went smoothly, except that the lunch was late in arriving – or was it that the meeting finished early – or was it both! This situation created an opportunity for members to grab a cup of coffee or tea, sit down and have a chat. It was just wonderful to see members enjoying themselves just socialising – something we have not been able to do easily at U3A for some time. As the immunisation program progresses and we continue to have low incidences of Covid in the community, we hope that current restrictions will be eased to the extent that we can return to a situation closer to pre-Covid than we are in at the present moment.



Thank you for the support members showed in the management committee in re-electing all members of the previous committee. We will continue to manage the affairs of the organization for the benefit of all members. Our membership has dropped significantly from a high of 773 just when Covid lockdowns hit us to 612 half way through March this year – a 20% reduction... However new members are joining each week and some former members who were hesitant about re-enrolling are now coming back. We are not rushing to build our membership up again, but will take a steady, incremental approach, as we have in the past.

Thank you to all who have been so patient in adapting to all the new procedures we have had to introduce to keep our members as safe as possible under the "Covid circumstances" and to the restrictions some classes have had to face on classroom numbers. We will keep you well informed when these restrictions can be eased.

Robert

New Committee is as follows:

President : Robert Taylor
Treasurer: Maree Brown
Member: Gloria Kiri

Vice President: Dennis Atkin
Member: Kevin Delaney
Member: Cliff Picton

Secretary : Geoff Fitzpatrick
Member: Rahif Kattan
Member : June Valentine

Covid-19

The Victorian State Government has announced an easing of some restrictions as from midnight on Friday March 26. We have been advised by Monash City Council how these changes affect our occupancy of the Batesford Hub and the Notting Hill Community Centre. Unfortunately nothing much has changed as far as we are concerned in that the room occupancy restrictions, now based only on the 2sqm and 4sqm per person rules, are still the same. It is these rules that are limiting how many members can attend classes in the various rooms that we use. However the wearing of masks is now optional.

"Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment in life."

Batesford Road Carpark

The management committee has again asked Monash Council to introduce a one-way traffic system in the Batesford Road car park at the Hub similar to that used in the Power Avenue car park. This is to maximise the safety of all those who use the car park which has relatively narrow roadways. We are encouraged by the positive response we have received from our request, but understand that other matters may take higher priority.

In the meantime we request all U3A members who use the car park to proceed in a clockwise direction through the car park as per the diagram below. We will be requesting staff and clients of Ramsay Health (Ground floor occupants) to do the same.



Ode to the Spellchecker

Eye have a spelling checker
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.
Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight 4 it 2 say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.
As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.
Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew!

Sent in by Peter Curnow



2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons 1pm to 3pm

Keep your brain active by playing scrabble. Join other word nerds. Current Players have been set the challenge of finding more than 300 words from "Easter Time".

ITS YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE

June Valentine, Tutor

OPERATIONAL DATES 2021

Term		Ends	Public Holidays
2	19 April	25 June	Queen's B'day Mon 14 June
3	12 July	17 Sept	
4	4 October	26 Nov	Mon 1 & Tues 2 Nov. Mel Cup Eve & Cup Day

Rock and Roll Dancing



Sadly, the recent offer to commence a rock and roll class at Waverley has been withdrawn. There were a significant number of people expressing their interest and it

is indeed unfortunate that the tutor has decided **not to** proceed at Waverley.

Email Contact

In the last newsletter we advised of two new email addresses for members to contact either the office or the membership secretary. Following a review of that process, it has now been decided to consolidate all enquiries into one email address.

For all **membership enquiries and to contact the office** (membership, class enrolment, withdrawal, apologies, class timetables, room location etc) you should use the following email address

membership@u3awaverley.org.au

PLEASE NOTE THIS EMAIL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE OPERATIONAL BEFORE TERM 2

Broadway Musicals

Every Friday Afternoon 2pm to 4pm

Places are available in the Broadway Musicals class. Even though it is a weekly session on Friday afternoons, members can choose which sessions they can attend, because a timetable of presentations is handed out at the start of every term. Presentations are made up out of a vast variety of shows spanning over a century of theatre; and they include song selections, focus on theatrical people, songwriters and stars, and even the lyrics and full length shows available on video, with accompanying literature, all of which is to broaden one's knowledge and appreciation of musicals and music theatre.



Back-up Newsletter Editor

It has been decided that I need a back-up person to take over the U3A Newsletter if I am unable to do it because I am on holiday or in hospital. I haven't got any plans for either at present, but up until now Vera Joseph our Computer teacher has always stepped in to help out before she retired. Is there a member who feels they would be available for this? Please email me on erenstrom@optusnet.com.au

Lorraine Erenstrom, Newsletter Editor



Puns to start the day with.

I have a pencil that used to be owned by William Shakespeare. But he chewed it a lot. Now I can't tell if it's 2B or not 2B.

I relabelled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet....but the thyme is cumin.

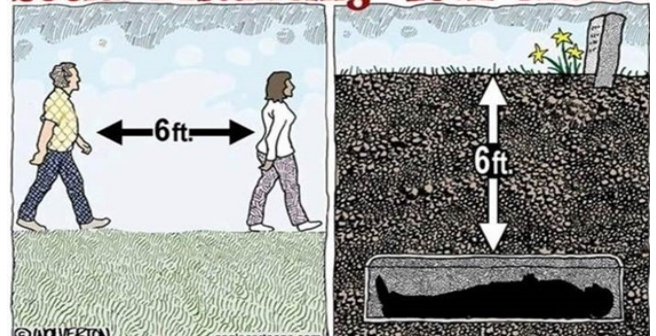
Before my surgery the anesthesiologist offered to knock me out with gas or a boat paddle.. It was an ether/oar situation.

Astronomers got tired of watching the moon go round the earth for 24 hours. So they decided to call it a day.

Make sure your loved ones are buckled up



Social Distancing—Your Choice



One day 2020 will be the one word catch phrase for everything messed up. "How's your day?" "A total 2020." Say no more.



We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.

Man shot 200 times with upholstery gun. Surgeons revealed he is now fully recovered.

So you've been eating hotdogs and Chicken Nuggets all your life, but don't want the vaccine, because, "you don't know what's in it"?

They say every piece of chocolate you eat shortens your life by two minutes. I've done the maths. Seems I died in 1537