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### *Letter from our Vice President*

*As a result of a lot of work and further information from Monash Council, the U3A Waverley Committee have decided to...**suspend all classes**...at the Batesford Hub from Thursday 27th of May returning on Monday 7th of June (though the end date may change.)*

*We are now taking into account the new tight lockdown measures which came into effect at midnight on 27th May. We want all our members to be safe in the face of the pandemic, and we hope we can get back to classes in the not too distant future.*

*One last point. As a result of this decision, the U3A office will closed for this period, so please don't ring.*

*Regards. **Dennis Atkin.** Vice (Acting) President. (Robert is having a well earned holiday.)*

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

Before the present snap lockdown which was announced to take place from midnight on May 27th, it was pleasing to see more classes returning to face-to-face activities at the Hub and that attendances at classes, despite the cooler weather, had been steadily increasing. As members get vaccinated against Covid-19, people feel more comfortable about being together. We recognise that some, for medical or other reasons, have to be more careful than others about returning to activities in which they may feel uncomfortable, but we hope that, with time, these anxieties will decrease.

A big thank you to all those members who have responded positively to checking in with the QR codes that are in the buildings we use. This is a back-up to our strict use of the rolls as a record of member's attendances at classes – it does not replace it. The roll is still our legal record of attendance and our method of satisfying government and council requirements. The QR code use means that, in the event of a need to trace members who have attended a class, it can be done far faster using the QR code. It is recognised that some members are unable to use the QR code system because, they do not use a mobile phone, do not bring their phone to U3A or their phone is unable to download/use the Services Victoria App. That is fine – they can still attend classes. The QR code is an extra safety feature.

I am pleased to advise that Monash City Council has agreed to install speakers and an amplifier into the Notting Hill Hall to assist our ballroom dancing classes with their equipment movement. Currently these items, belonging to the tutor – Mary Cashman, have to be moved from her car, installed in the hall, taken down at the end of classes and returned to Mary's car every week. The provision of permanently installed equipment will save a significant amount of time and, particularly because the speakers are heavy, reduce the danger of members moving the equipment injuring themselves.

The section of Council responsible for the Batesford Hub has agreed to pursue the question of a one way system in the Batesford Road car park with the section of council responsible for roads and car parks. We await a positive outcome. In the meantime please keep driving clockwise!

*Robert*



## ***Wanted - Course Coordinator and Tutor Liaison Officer***

Ray Newton has indicated to the committee his desire to retire from the position of **Course Co-ordinator** which he has held for several years. The committee of management has decided to split the role that Ray has fulfilled into two:-

a **Course Co-ordinator** whose main responsibility lies in the area of organising the courses, organising the course timetable and facilitating new courses **and**

a **Tutor Liaison Officer** who will handle the day-to-day activities of running classes such as tutor absences, equipment requests and simply being there to answer tutor's questions.

Both of these positions are now available and the committee would welcome expressions of interest from members who would like to be considered for either (or both) roles. There is no requirement that either of these positions require committee membership. If you feel you may be interested please send an email to [president@u3awaverley.org.au](mailto:president@u3awaverley.org.au) and we will be in touch.

## ***The U3A Waverley Choir***

Our choir has a few vacancies for second semester 2021 – possibly for 2 sopranos, 2 altos and 4 men. Anyone NOT CURRENTLY singing with the Choir is welcome to audition. If you have previously been a member of our Choir, but have not sung with us during first semester this year, you too will need to re-audition.

The Choir rehearses from 11.45 am (promptly) to 1.45 pm, in room 2 at Batesford, on Wednesdays. Auditions will be held in room 2 at 11.30 am on Wednesday 9, 16, and 23 June.



### ***Requirements for Auditioning:***

Applicants must have had at least one Astra Zenica vaccination at least 3 weeks before auditioning, or be fully immunized with 2 Pfizer injections;

Ability to read music is helpful, but not mandatory. However, you must be able to sing in tune and hold your musical line.

The Choir is an enjoyable activity, but also a serious commitment. Full attendance at all rehearsals is essential (barring illness) and also at the three concerts booked for November 2021. Rehearsals for new members will start on Wednesday 14 July.

If you have any queries, please leave your name and phone number with the U3A office staff at Batesford, and I will call you.

***Dina Burgess (Choir Director).***

## ***Absences***

A reminder that it is courteous to advise of absences from classes. We have several ways this can be done: If you know in advance that you will be away, you can tell the roll/covid monitor when you are at your class and they will mark the absences on the roll.

If this is not possible, then you can phone your absence into the office or email it. The office will then record your absence on the appropriate roll.

If you are absent from a class for **3 consecutive sessions, without apology**, you may be removed from the roll for that class. We try not to do this in the middle of a term, but the rolls are reviewed at the end of each term.

## ***Sending Emails from U-mas***

A further reminder to those using the "Send Emails" function in U-mas to overwrite the default "from" field. Failure to do so results in replies coming to [webmaster@u3awaverley.org.au](mailto:webmaster@u3awaverley.org.au), a mailbox that I manage. Often, I cannot identify the original sender and so replies end up simply being deleted.

So, please remember to overwrite that field.

***Geoff Fitzpatrick, Secretary/Webmaster***



## Sprechen sie Deutsch?

The German conversation group has some vacancies for new participants. Each week we each take turns to read parts of a selected text, and then conversation follows on. Texts

vary. They can be amusing, historical, or contemporary topics. The group is not suitable for a beginner, as some degree of fluency is required. However, regular participation leads to increased confidence in basic conversation. The group meets for 1 hour at 12 noon each Friday of term at the Batesford Hub. Please email Elena Hartley at [ehartley1951@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ehartley1951@yahoo.com.au) for answers to questions you may have. **Thank you, Elena**

People are excited about the new iPhone, but no one has caught up with the awesome technology of using your blinker when you drive.



I'm just watching a 3 yr old pull up apps on a cell phone. Me, I just figured out how to turn mine off without taking the battery out.

## Wise Words

If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them. If you see someone being ignored, find a way to include them.

Always remind people of their worth. One small act could mean the world to them.



"I asked my new assistant to get me a sheet of graph paper."

| Term |          | Ends    | Public Holidays                                   |
|------|----------|---------|---|
| 2    | 19 April | 25 June | Queen's BD Mon 14 June                            |
| 3    | 12 July  | 17 Sep  |   |
| 4    | 4 Oct    | 26 Nov  | Melb Cup Eve Mon 1 Nov<br>Melb Cup Day Tues 2 Nov |

## A Change of Phone Number

In the near future, U3A Waverley will have a new phone number and our existing number will stop working. This is the result of a reconfiguration of our phone system because of connection to the NBN.



At this time, we don't know what our new phone number will be nor when it will be activated, so this is just a forewarning. A bulk Email will be sent when the time comes.

**Geoff Fitzpatrick, Secretary/Webmaster.**

## Laughter is good for the soul

When I was in my younger days,  
I weighed a few pounds less,  
I needn't hold my tummy in  
to wear a belted dress.  
But now that I am older,  
I've set my body free:  
There's the comfort of elastic  
where once my waist would be.  
Inventor of those high-heeled shoes  
my feet have not forgiven:  
I have to wear a nine now,  
but used to wear a seven.  
And how about those pantyhose -  
They're sized by weight, you see,  
so how come when I put them on  
the crotch is at my knee?  
I need to wear these glasses  
as the print's been getting smaller:  
And it wasn't very long ago  
I know that I was taller.  
Though my hair has turned to gray  
And my skin no longer fits;  
On the inside, I'm the same old me,  
It's the outside's changed a bit.



"Rover really put up a battle last night dear, when I put him out."