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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As I write this report we know that we are able to return to face-to-face activities at The Batesford Hub and The Notting Hill Community Hall but with restrictions very close to those imposed when we resumed after the long lockdown in February this year. We are hoping that the announcements just before we return will give us greater freedom.

In talking to other, local, U3A's they have the same problems as we do. Some that use many different facilities have even greater problems in that the rules they have to follow vary between facilities and many are quite small. Even those that use council facilities, as we do, can face very strict conditions of use – in one case having to pay for intensive cleaning at the end of each day! Monash Council Halls officers have been very good in explaining clearly what is expected of us and responding to changes in the regulations very rapidly – for which we are very grateful.

You often do not realise how much some things are important to you until they are not available. That seems to me to be very true of the kitchen facilities at The Hub which was our “centre” of social contact - both within classes and between classes. We really miss the opportunity of a chat over a “cuppa”. It is good to see, however, that members are really trying to catch up with each other before and after classes.

As we start term three we can only hope that the external environment will continue to improve and that, with increased rates of vaccination, authorities will have greater confidence to carefully remove restrictions and enable us to return to a fuller “U3A life” together.

Best wishes to all.

Robert

The need for apologies if you cannot come to class

A reminder to always advise of your absence from classes. There are several ways to do this:

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 make the absences on the roll.

If this is not possible then you can phone and advise the office or you can email it to:

membership@u3awaverley.org.au

The office will then record your absence on the appropriate roll.

Failure to record an apology on 3 consecutive weeks may result in you being deleted from the class.

Joanne Burn, Membership Secretary

Music Theory Level 1 returns In Semester 2

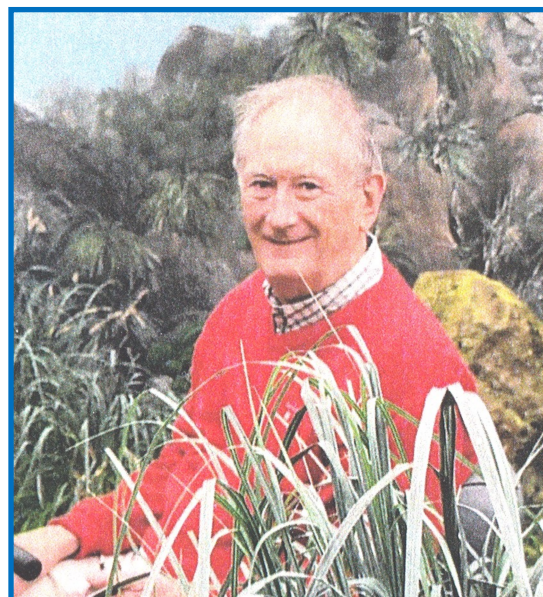
Wednesdays at 2pm - Room 2

Despite originally scheduling this course for one semester only, Jenny Hall has offered to run the course again in semester 2 hoping that our Covid restrictions will be lifted significantly.

The course is a beginners course and aims to enable a basic understanding of music notation, keys & transposition of melodies. The level 1 course includes Treble & Bass Clef notes, Intervals, Scales, Transposition of Melodies, Note Values, Time Signatures and Italian Terms.

Members interested in enrolling for this course should look for course code 21MUS003. Members will need to purchase a course book - **MASTER YOUR THEORY GRADE ONE**, by **Dulcie Holland** for around \$20 from your local music shop.

Term		Ends	Public Holidays
3	12 July	17 Sep	
4	4 Oct	26 Nov	Melb Cup Eve Mon 1 Nov Melb Cup Day Tues 2 Nov



Vale Robert Sinclair

27 February 1939 - 22 June 2021

Members will be saddened to learn that long standing member Robert Sinclair passed away last month.

He was born in Queensland and shortly afterwards the family moved to Melbourne. At age 7, Robert contracted polio, but managed to overcome this, graduate from Pharmacy College and set up his own Pharmacy.

Robert met his future wife Elizabeth and set up home in Glen Waverley, having meticulously planned and built the house. Robert and Elizabeth enjoyed travelling and had several motoring trips through the UK and Europe.

He also planned and built a country property, where he enjoyed life with Elizabeth and their favourite dogs two Jack Russells.

Robert has made a great contribution to U3A Waverley over the past 20 years. He was heavily involved with the Science class which he tutored in earlier years. Also with Current Affairs, where as Tutor, he organised the programs and supported fellow presenters.

He was involved in reviewing the club's operations and implementing the many recommendations.

Robert will be sadly missed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Elizabeth.

Peter Mitchell

From The Newsletter Editor

This issue is a combined July/August one.

I hope you are all keeping warm and safe this winter. I am sure you are all happy to return to U3A for the new term and catch up with your friends face to face.

I am planning (all being well) to travel up to Queensland in a caravan for around six weeks, leaving on 11 August.

In my absence, a kind member, Campbell Law will be doing the newsletter, so please forward any contributions for September and October to him at his email at the top of this newsletter which is:

Cam Law on nemo@retirecom.com.au

Kind regards, Lorraine.



Did some financial planning and it looks like I can retire at 62 and live comfortably for eleven minutes.

I hate telling people I am a taxidermist. When they ask what I do everyday I say: "Y'know. Stuff."

I finally told my suitcases there would be no holiday this year. Now I am dealing with the emotional baggage.

Now that I have lived through an actual plague I totally understand why the Italian Renaissance paintings are full of naked fat people lying on couches.

Wife texts on a cold winter morning "Windows frozen, won't open" Husband texts back, "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap with a hammer." Ten minutes later wife texts back, "Computer really messed up now."

Divorce Lawyers - Ditcher, Quick and Hyde.

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 4, 11, and 18 August.

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).



A Visual Guide to the Universe

9.30am on 1st, 2nd & 5th Fridays after "The Science of Flight Series" is completed.



Friday Science; When we complete our series "the Science of Flight" we plan to fly a little higher with "A Visual Guide to the Universe". As this course was not offered at last year's enrolment those interested will be required to enrol through our website. We will probably conduct the course at the hub, but if we are unable to do this we will revert to Zoom. "If the good Lord's willing and the borders don't close" Robert and Sue plan to explore the northern reaches of Australia, in which case I will conduct the course.

David Kemp



Don't blame me I was cleaning his cage and he flew up the pipe.



Pre cooking tip: If you stir coconut oil into your kale, it makes it easier to scrape into the trash.



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