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President's Report

I expect that, recently, U3A Waverley made history!

We had the shortest opening of U3A Waverley in its history!

We opened for classes on a Thursday and closed on the following day!

Lucky for those who had classes on that Thursday—but unlucky for the rest.

As someone commented after the event - “We are becoming very adept at changing our plans at very short notice.” It is very frustrating for all of us, but it what we are required to do in these challenging times.

At the time of writing this report, the earliest we can expect to be back at the Batesford Hub or the Notting Hill Hall is **Monday September 6** - but that will very much depend on whether the current outbreak can be controlled.

Meanwhile, a number of classes continue to operate on Zoom, YouTube, or by other means. We are ready to “open up” as soon as we are allowed—and is safe to do so.

I am pleased to advise that **Susan Sturman** - who recently took up the role of course coordinator - has accepted an invitation to join the committee and we look forward to her bringing her substantial experience to our deliberations.

At long last, after constant frustration and dogged persistence, I am pleased to announce the NBN is now connected to U3A.

An enormous vote of thanks to **Geoff Fitzpatrick, Ray Newton and Fock Lee** for all the work they have done to make this happen.

Unfortunately, this occurred just before the latest lockdown so we have been unable to test the system fully as yet.

It will mean that U3A Waverley will have new telephone numbers, and as soon as we are able, we will send you full information on the new numbers, and what will be available with the new connection.



Robert

In the meantime, stay in touch with each other and stay safe.

Committee is as follows:

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

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

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

“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—when it comes!”

Take Care - Scamming is on the Increase!



It appears that Scamming is ever on the increase, and those in the high risk category tend to be older Australians, many of whom have lost significant sums of money and on occasion, even their identity. Some of the recent kinds of Scams include:

- Phone calls from people purporting to be from financial organisations, internet providers and government departments like the Taxation Department, wanting you to reveal information such as bank account details, PINs and passwords, even wanting you to let them take control of your computer - or worse, threatening you will fines and/or imprisonment if you don't respond.

- Phone calls that ring once then stop, hoping you will call the number back. These are scammers who will then run up significant debt on your phone account by making international calls via your phone line.

- Emails or text messages from what appears to be trusted organisations like the Post Office, major retailers and the like asking you to click on a link that is supposedly an invoice or delivery information.



We advise all our Members to be extremely careful when responding to phone calls or emails where you aren't 100% certain of the authenticity of the caller or sender. No reputable company will call or email you and ask for private information that could allow them to access your money or your identity, so if it sounds dodgy, it probably is.

So, what do you do if you are concerned about the authenticity of a caller or an email?



"I know those big money deals from Nigeria are a scam, but this e-mail is from New Guinea!"

Ask questions: get a name of the company and the person as well as their phone number. Don't let them put you off or make excuses - just tell them you will call them back once you have verified them, which you can do by a quick Google search. If they are legitimate you'll soon know; if they're not, they'll most likely hang up.

- Don't be intimidated by threats such as fines or being arrested if you don't immediately comply. You know you haven't done anything wrong so don't let them fool you.

- Don't click on any links in emails or text message unless you are 100% sure of the sender and are expecting the email - such as a parcel delivery. Instead click on the sender's address at the top of the email which may be a company name; if it's a scam you'll see the actual email address is quite different and this should be a warning.

- If you receive a phone call, especially if you hear your phone ring just for a couple of seconds, don't call the number back if you don't recognise it. If the person calling you really needs to speak to you, they will leave a message.

The Australian Government, teamed with the ACCC, have an excellent website called Scam Watch, which shows many different types of scams to watch out for and how to report them. The 'Scam Watch' web address will take you to this website - and because we are your trusted U3APP e-Bulletin, you know you can use it with complete confidence



<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au>

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U3A Waverley and EMAIL

For some time now, U3A Waverley has used email as the main means by which we normally contact members. This has become increasingly important in these Covid times when the rules change rapidly and with short notice - and we have very little time to communicate these changes to the membership.

We have never had to use the "Global" email system - sending emails to all members - as much as we have in the last few months.

Very few of our members do not have email and most of them have organised methods by which they get the email message information by other means (friends who phone etc).

Others do have email but choose, for whatever reason, not to give U3A Waverley their email address. Others have email, have given U3A Waverley their email address, but rarely check their email inbox to see if there is mail.

This means, for those members in the above group, they are not up to date with what is happening in relation to changes in arrangements. This can cause confusion and undue stress.

Can I encourage all those who are able, to keep up with their emails as we rely on this system to keep you informed.



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Course Coordination

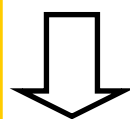
As indicated in a previous newsletter, following the retirement of Ray Newton as our course coordinator, the position has been restructured into two separate positions.

I am pleased to announce that **Sue Sturman** has accepted the position as course coordinator and that **Kevin Delaney** has accepted the position of Tutor Liaison Officer. We thank them for their willingness to assist in the running of U3A Waverley.

These are positions that particularly relate to class organization and tutors at U3A Waverley.

All enquiries about membership including enrolment, apologies, etc should continue to be addressed to the office or by email to membership@u3awaverley.org.au

Robert Taylor
President
U3A Waverley

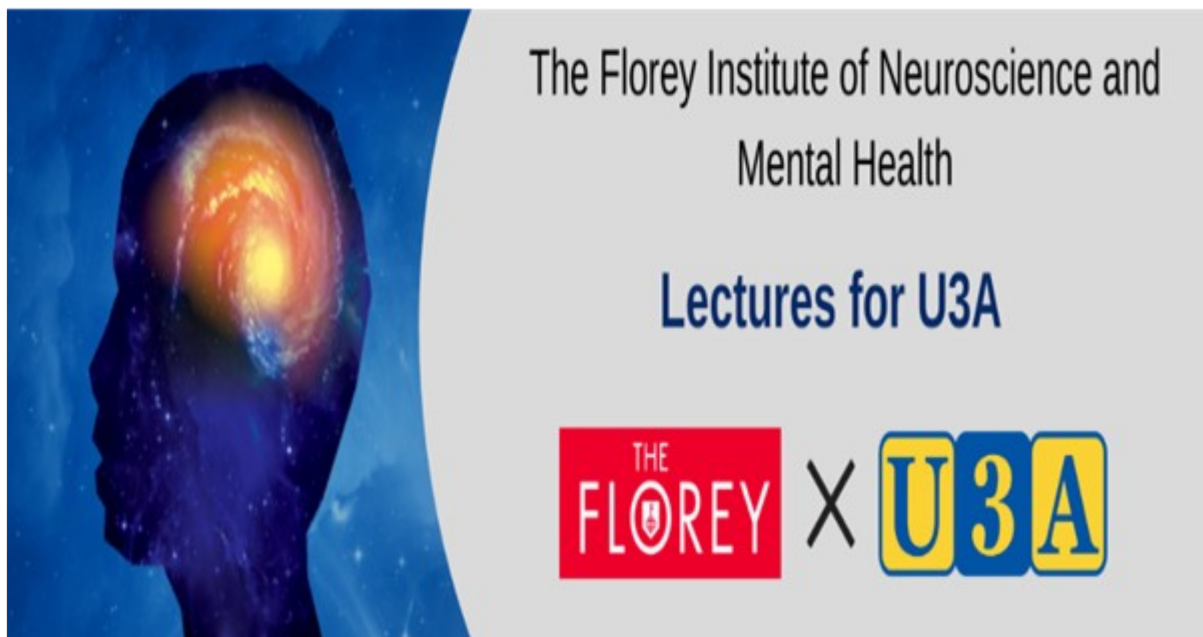


Enrolment 2022 - Advance Notice

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enrolment for 2022 will occur in **December 2021** and will be completed **online only**.

Members who may have difficulty with using the process should think about organising someone to assist them in the process to ensure that they can enrol correctly. We will make arrangements for fees to be paid in person for those unwilling to use electronic transfer of funds. More detail will be supplied as we get closer to the time.



Florey Institute's Lectures for U3As

The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health is again making available **lectures exclusively for members of Victorian U3As.**

On September 9, Professor Kevin Barnham and Dr Leah Beauchamp will offer a lecture called *Parkinson's Disease: Defining a New Paradigm*. The lecture will update on recent advances in the science of Parkinson's Disease (PD) including:

- What is Parkinson's?
- How COVID can cause Parkinsonism
- How is PD diagnosed?
- New treatments and scam treatments.
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To register for this event please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parkinsons-disease-defining-a-new-paradigm-tickets-165228110727?aff=ebdssbeac>