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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, we have come to the end of another “unprecedented” year where our flexibility in meeting ever changing circumstances was tested to its limit. We started the year back at the Batesford Hub and Notting Hill Hall with some limitations on class size, but with the ability to meet face-to-face once again. Most classes returned to their traditional program, some went or stayed online and a couple tackled the technical challenge of delivering a hybrid class – part in house and part online.

First term started well with only a couple of hitches upsetting the activities – we still were not allowed to use the kitchen. But it wasn't to last with a “short” lockdown called in July which lasted until the end of the year as the delta variant of the virus took hold!

We look forward to a much more positive 2022, with very high vaccination rates across the state and extremely high rates in the age group that normally attends U3A. In addition we are now learning to live with the virus that has kept us away from each other for two years.

Thank you all for your patience and your continuing support. You are truly amazing.

Thank you to all those that did their best to keep in touch with each other during the lockdowns and to those who continued to run their classes under trying circumstances.

May you and your families have a great Christmas break and may 2022 bring you all you need and, hopefully, a little of what you want!

Best wishes

Robert



OPERATIONAL DATES 2022

Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
1	31 Jan	8 April	Labour Day 14 March
2	26 April	24 June	Queen's Birthday 13 June
3	11 July	16 Sept	
4	3 Oct	2 Dec	31 Oct & 1 November— Melbourne Cup

This is a reminder for members to email a copy of double vaccination certificates to membership@u3awaverley.org.au if you haven't already sent it.

Thanks

Joanne Burn, Membership Secretary

Keyboard End of Year Party

My name is Quyen Duong. On Monday 15/11/2021, Arlene Bastian, our U3A Waverley keyboard teacher organised a small end of year party with some of her students and it was absolutely lovely. We took a couple of photos together, it was such a lovely time!



Emails Going to Spam

Several members who use Gmail for their Email client have recently reported that an Email from U3A Waverley sent on 12 November entitled UPDATES FOR ENROLMENT PROCEDURES AND COURSES FOR 2022 was identified as SPAM and carried a message that it may be unsafe.

The Email was not SPAM and was legitimate.

It appears that this is simply the result of Google being over-zealous in its attempts to protect us from malware. Unfortunately, as the sender, we at U3A Waverley have no *control or influence over this*, but you, as the recipient can take action to prevent it. You can log into your Google account and list the domain [U3Awaverley.org.au](https://helpcenter.taxcaddy.com/hc/en-us/articles/360000095407-Updating-your-Safe-Senders-list-in-Gmail) as a safe sender. It is also good practice to check, and where appropriate, delete your Spam or Junk Emails. This article has some simple instructions about how to add safe senders and domains to your Gmail.

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OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are urgently seeking extra volunteers to work in our U3A office. This is a great way for you to contribute to your U3A, which is dependent on volunteers to operate successfully. Office volunteers work a morning and/or afternoon shift about twice per month and training is offered before you start. Familiarity with computers' software programs is essential, as is a clear speaking voice for communicating with members, both on the phone and at the office.

You can also **choose Office Volunteer as one of our courses**, and Jan will be in contact. Both males and females are most welcome. Enquiries: phone **Jan Delaney on 9807 4861** to arrange an information session.





Ballroom Dancing Breakup

Despite not having danced together since July, about 50 members of the three ballroom dancing classes met together at the Notting Hill Hall on Tuesday November 23 from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm for a combined social dance and afternoon tea. Mary Cashman, the tutor for the courses, led us through many of the dances we had thought we had all forgotten and, after a short “walk-through” with George Clarke ably assisting, we managed to make a reasonable job of completing each one.

A large afternoon tea was enjoyed by all and, at the end of the day, a number of weary dancers left promising to be back next year.

“Python for GrandParents”

Learn how to drive the BBC MicroBit using the Python language. This course of 10 weeks follows the program of lessons used in schools in NSW. For more details, please email David Knobby Clarke on dawclarke@gmail.com

Hot off the Press From the Committee Meeting held 29th November

- **Dina Burgess** has advised that, after 20 years of faithful service, she is retiring from her role as Tutor, Choirmaster, Accompanist, Organiser.... of the choir. The committee made a small presentation to her as a token of our thanks at the committee breakup lunch on November 30. She is also retiring from her role as Tutor in poetry.
- We are pleased to advise that **David (Knobby) Clark** has agreed to take over responsibility for the Choir – see item below in this newsletter.
- Because the introduction of the NBN to the Hub, our telephone numbers have changed and that means that **our current name tags are out of date**. New ones – a different colour – will be produced and members will be able to collect them early next year.
- The course coordinator advised that we will have 67 courses running at the beginning of next year. The membership secretary advised that she had already received some 250 **Covid vaccination certificates**. [That means that 500 members have not yet done so] A reminder to those who have still to send their certificates in that your enrolment for 2021 cannot be completed [you will remain on the waiting list] until your vaccination certificate has been certified by U3A and is entered against your name on the enrolment system. You can send a copy of the certificate to the membership secretary on - membership@u3awaverley.org.au or bring it to the Hub on Wednesday December 8th from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm to have it manually certified.

U3A Choir is seeking new members

Everyone has a voice. It is simply a matter of learning how to use it. The Choir welcomes all those who wish to learn the skill of singing in harmony with others. All singers will be provided with musical scores. Ability to read the music is desirable, but not essential. The teaching and learning techniques will cater for those who lack the necessary skill.



The musical programme will develop the skills needed to sing multi-part harmony. Accordingly, the repertoire will draw on the religious and secular polyphonic music that was intended to be sung by amateurs, rather than professionals. Sources include the Afro-American Gospel tradition, Anglican church music and the English music of the late Renaissance. We shall particularly explore the beauty of *a cappella* singing, where a correct blending of the voices can reveal a richness of tone that is not possible with the equal-temperament tuning of modern instruments.

The Choir rehearses for 2 hours each Wednesday. There will be a limit of twenty (20) members. Those members who attended rehearsals by telephone and Zoom throughout 2020 will receive preference for renewed membership.

We seek to recruit more male singers and these will be preferred. Any further members will be selected on the basis of an audition.

If you are interested and want to find out more contact Knobby Clarke on 0408 793 793

In a local cinema one evening before the film started, the following announcement came on the screen: "Will the owner of car number ABC-12345678910111213141516171819120 please remove their car. It is not the vehicle, it is the number plate blocking the roadway".

Sent in by Rahif Kattan of the Committee.



Christmas Lunch

My name is Frederick Choy and I am a parishioner of St. Christopher's Parish Syndal (just off Blackburn Rd). I am writing to the U3A local outlets (Highvale and Waverley) regarding a Christmas Lunch event at our parish of St. Christopher's in Syndal, Glen Waverley.

Our parish is hosting a Christmas Day lunch this Dec 25 to share some festive care and joy to people in our community (Syndal, Glen Waverley, and thereabouts) who may not have anyone to celebrate Christmas with, or, may not be able to celebrate Christmas themselves.

We have realized through the various charity and welfare organizations in Victoria, that due to the direct and indirect effects of COVID19, activity centres and/or their events have been reduced or even closed.

Perhaps some of our elderly community (who enjoy social interaction and companionship of others at those events and centres) may have been affected negatively, at least to some degree by not having the same amount of interaction as before. As such, our parish is concerned that some may be alone or feel neglected this Christmas, and we wish to show them some love and care!

The Christmas Lunch is a proper sit-down 3 course meal, and each guest will also receive a goodie bag. The aim is to bring people together and have a nice lunch, enjoy each other's company, and, make new friends or likely rediscover 'old' ones! We hope through this event our guests will feel and see that they are not forgotten, and perhaps we can also be another avenue of care and companionship for them in future.

If there are any members of your institute or area of care whom you know are alone or going through a tough time, and unable to celebrate or enjoy Christmas, but would like to, we would appreciate it if you can kindly relay the message and the (attached) flyer/RSVP to them. **Please do note that RSVP is mandatory (as is certified fully vaccinated).** If you have further questions please feel free to call (0431950090) or email us at Christmas Lunch @ St Christopher's/U3A

Thank you. Regards,

Frederick Choy. Member, Organizing Committee

Tip of the day: Blow on the wine in your coffee mug to convince the rest of the zoom meeting that it is tea.



FIVE ETHICS OF LIFE

Listen. Before you speak.
Earn. Before you spend.
Think. Before you write.
Try. Before you quit.
Live. Before you die.

I'm a multi-tasker, I can listen, ignore and forget, all at the same time.

Retired. Under new management, see spouse for details.

I came, I saw, I forgot what I was doing. Retraced my steps. Got lost on the way back. Now I have no idea what's going on.

If you can't think of a word. Say, "I forget the English word for it." That way. people will think you're bilingual instead of an idiot.

