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

It is hard to believe that we are about to start the final term of the U3A year. Where did the year go?

Vice President Dennis Atkin and I recently met with Presidents and representatives from a number of U3A's in our region, where we shared the challenges that most of us are facing in this post-covid recovery period. Most U3As had lost enrolments over the period of lockdowns and some were starting active recruiting programs to help them return to "normal".

Your committee has decided not to follow this line, and will continue to rely upon word of mouth to rebuild our numbers slowly – we are now over 600! It is likely that there will be a substantial change in our course offerings for next year as long-time tutors retire or move away from the area, so if you have an idea for a new course and someone who would be able to lead it, please let Sue Sturman, our course coordinator know and she will follow it up.

After 11 years in the job, Jan Delaney has decided to retire from her role as Office Coordinator at the end of this year. We all owe a great deal to her work during that period and we will take the opportunity to recognise her service at a later date. We are very grateful to Andrew Croft who has agreed to take over the role.

We are getting very close to Victorian Seniors' week, and to the month-long seniors' program put on by the City of Monash. There are lot of things to do – most of which are free. Enjoy yourselves!

Best wishes

*Robert*



## ***An Honour for One of our Own***

The AGM of the Victorian U3A Network was held on Zoom on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. There were 8 Tutor Excellence Awards announced, recipients having been nominated from the thousands of tutors from U3As across Victoria.

It is a great pleasure to announce that **Dina Burgess** is the proud recipient of one of these awards and her citation and photograph, as well as a link to U3A Waverley will feature on the Victorian U3A website.

We thank all our tutors for the time and effort they put into preparing and conducting superb classes for you.



## Office Volunteers Needed



We are 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 using computer software programs is necessary, 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.

OPERATIONAL DATES 2022			
Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
4	3 Oct	2 Dec	31 Oct & 1 November—Melbourne Cup



## Sad News from Current Affairs Class

Sadly, Current Affairs has lost three of its members over the last few months:

**Veronica Mitchell** – partner of our tutor Peter Mitchell,  
**Rex Condon** – member of U3A and Current Affairs for many years; and  
**Ann Jozsa** - who was a life member.

## How to Write Good

1. Avoid Alliteration. Always
2. Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
3. Avoid cliches like the plague. They're old hat.
4. Comparisons are as bad as cliches.
5. Be more or less specific.
6. Writers should never generalise.
7. Be consistent!
8. Don't be redundant; don't use more words than necessary; it's highly superfluous.
9. Who needs rhetorical questions?
10. Exaggeration is a billion times worse than understatement.



*Sent in by Robert Taylor*



## End of Year Get Together Advanced Notice

An end of year get together for all members of U3A Waverley in the Multipurpose Room is being planned for Wednesday December 7th. Keep the date free.

We hope to have presentations from the U3A Waverley Choir and the Recorder Ensemble. Other groups are being invited to present. Lunch will be provided. More information in later newsletters

## Desperately Seeking Tutors for 2023

A couple of new courses have been proposed for 2023, but there are several tutors who will not be available for the new year. We are desperately seeking members, or friends who are interested to offer their services for classes, specifically in the following areas:

### Exercise

Tai Chi, Tone and Stretch, Pilates, Chair Yoga

### Music

Keyboard / piano / ukulele

We can only offer classes if we have tutors!

**If you are interested, please contact Kevin Delaney or Sue Sturman – [bssturman@gmail.com](mailto:bssturman@gmail.com)**

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark; professionals built the Titanic