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

Welcome to U3A Waverley for 2023. We enter the New Year with hope that it will be uninterrupted by major medical or other emergencies as we learn to live with Covid – in all of its many forms. Many of the restrictions that have been imposed upon us, or we have chosen to impose ourselves, have been removed. Nevertheless we remain cautious knowing that we are in a susceptible age group and that the results of infection can be very serious for us. We ask that all members recognise that the virus is still with us and act accordingly, thereby minimising the opportunity for its transmission to others.



We start 2023 with 72 classes – many of them new – which is very encouraging. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to teach, coordinate or manage a class or classes. We could not exist without you.

At the end of 2022, after many requests from U3A, Monash Council introduced a one-way traffic system in the Batesford Road car park. There are still some “do not enter” signs to be installed and perhaps some small additions to other signage, but the basics are there for us all to follow when we use that car park.

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday March 17 in the Multi Purpose Room. You will receive paperwork for the meeting in the next few weeks. Please consider nominating for the Committee – we expect to have vacancies.

We hope you enjoy yourselves this year, learn a little, meet new people and make new friends. We are a community that helps and cares for each other.

Best wishes for a great year

*Robert*



Waverley and Wheelers Hill Guitar Groups

## THREE TERRIFIC NEW COURSES WITH PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

### Patchwork

**Starts Monday 30th January at 9.30am to 11.30am**

This short course runs until 3rd April.

The tutor Debbie Jones has many years of experience at this extremely popular craft. You will find that it is very addictive and enjoyable.

### Indoor Croquet

**Begins on Monday 30 January at 1.30pm to 3pm  
in the multipurpose room**

This is a great way to have fun and gentle exercise combined. No prior experience needed. The tutor Graeme Kinzett will assist you with the necessary learning skills.

### Create your own Budget and save money

**Begins on Tuesday 31st January at 10am to 11.30am.**

Ted White, the highly qualified tutor will take you through the basics of bookkeeping and advise you of all you need to know for your day to day needs in this busy world.

## Office Volunteers Needed

We are seeking extra volunteers to work in our U3A office. This is an excellent way for you to contribute to your U3A, which is completely

dependent on volunteers. Come along and meet all the friendly U3A members. 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 I will be in contact. Both males and females are most welcome.

Enquiries phone **Heather Topp 9569 7650**  
**or the U3A Office on 90772720**  
to arrange an information session.

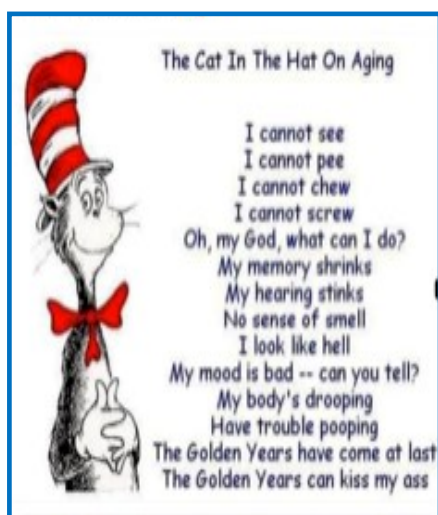


David Fraser (left) Tutor of the Create your own illustrated book class with four of his students showcasing their beautiful books that they made last year. This short course will run again this year from Thursday 13 July to 30 November.

### OPERATIONAL DATES 2023

Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
1	30 Jan 2023	6 April	Labour Day 13 March
2	24 April	23 June	Anzac Day 25 April King's B'day 12 June
3	10 July	15 Sept	
4	2 October	1 Dec	Melbourne Cup Holiday 6 and 7 November

Pat is at the airport with a sack over each shoulder and when he is stopped at customs they find that both sacks are full of mobile phones. When asked Pat said, "Well, while I was on my travels in America, I got a phone call from my mate Mick and he told me that he is starting up a jazz band and could I bring him back two saxophones."



A laugh for you sent in  
by Geoff Fitzpatrick



Some of our choir members at our enjoyable U3A Christmas Breakup