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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that the first term of 2023 is almost over! Where has the time gone?

Classes have settled down into a more routine operation and most members have sorted out their enrolments. We are still enrolling new members and our total membership is now about 650. One of our neighbouring U3A's, Nunawading, recently had an unexpected surge in new enrolments – over 500 – and as a result, they have suspended new enrolments until they can solve challenges such as very large waiting lists and car parking! We have offered to assist them in any way that we can,

The Annual General Meeting was held in the multi-purpose room with about 55 members present. The management committee elected for 2023 will be:-

**President: Robert Taylor**

**Secretary: Geoff Fitzpatrick**

**Members:**

**Vice President : Dennis Atkin**

**Treasurer: Alime Adieva**

**Kevin Delaney**

**Sue Sturman**

**Rahif Kattan**

**June Valentine**

**Cliff Picton**

The treasurer reported that we had run at a financial loss during 2022 and that we were likely to run at a similar loss in 2023 unless there was a significant increase in membership during the year. She also reported that we have sufficient funds to cover these losses for the foreseeable future. This engendered significant debate on the level of our membership fees. It was agreed that this matter will be reviewed by the committee of management.

Presentations for Life Membership were made to Marjorie Large and to George Clarke.

The AGM endorsed the committee's recommendations that Christine Archer, Jan Delaney and Kevin Delaney be awarded Distinguished Service Membership awards.

Thank you all for your interest, support and contributions. Enjoy the break. See you in Term 2!

*Robert*

## New Life Members



## NEW COURSES FOR TERM 2

U3A Waverley is delighted to inform you that we have new tutors and new courses for next term.

### ***Astronomy – Thursdays 9.30 to 11am, - 27 April to 30 November***

**Tutor: Tony Burgess**

#### **Understanding Planets, Stars, and Galaxies**

In this introductory unit you will learn about how planets form, the structure of our solar system and the possibility of there being similar solar systems elsewhere in the Universe. The study includes the life-cycles of our sun and other stars such as Red Dwarfs and Blue Giants. The term will finish by reviewing the structures and locations of different galaxies including the Milky Way, Andromeda, the Antenna galaxies and the black holes associated with galaxies.

Your tutor, Professor Tony Burgess, was a scientist, focussed on cancer research, for most of his 50-year working life. However, he also wanted to understand more about the Universe and what scientists really knew about planets, stars, galaxies, life in the Universe, and the life of the Universe. From 2008 to 2015 he studied and completed a Master of Astronomy at Swinburne University.



### ***Living Younger Longer***

**On Zoom on Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30 to 11.30am -Tutor: Dr John Beaney - Details in last Newsletter.**

***Cybersecurity for Everyone*** On Zoom on Wednesdays 10.30 to 12 noon, 22 March to 13th December.  
**Please check our Website and read through the course details.**

This is a course from NBN Co Presentations for U3A Members. You can choose one session or all. **HOWEVER** - Please note: Registration in advance is required:

**<https://u3anetworkvictoria.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsde-qqjltE9Ye8j7IWx1njA7AyydbPG13>**

***Tai Chi for Beginners - Tuesdays in Term 2, 10am to 11am. Tutor: George Clarke***

***Tai Chi - Tuesdays in Term 2 from 9am to 10am - Tutor: York Dong***

An early session for those who would like another Tai Chi session during the week.

**ALSO**

***Patchwork for Beginners - Mondays 9.30 to 11.30am Tutor: Debbie Jones***

This course will continue in Term 2. You may join now as Debbie is ensuring that members work at their own pace under her guidance.

## **COURSES STILL AVAILABLE**

There are still vacancies in many courses. Have you thought about:

**Broadway Musicals,**

**Indoor Croquet,**

**Scrabble,**

**Music Appreciation,**

**Rummikub,**

**Australian History of 20<sup>th</sup> Century.**

Check the website and read through the courses to find many and varied offerings.

***Sue Sturman Class Coordinator***

## ***Apologies***

A reminder to always advise of your absence from classes.  
You can email your apology to

**[membership@u3awaverley.org.au](mailto:membership@u3awaverley.org.au).**

**Or** you can mark it in the roll when you are at your class or  
you can phone and advise the office.

***Joanne Burns, Membership Secretary.***

## **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



Bruce Brown (below) our technical expert, gave an excellent presentation on Audio Visual Services available to tutors.



Three well-deserved Distinguished Service Membership Awards were given to Kevin Delaney (top), Jan Delaney (above) and Christine Archer

Dina Burgess receiving her Tutor Excellence Award from the Victorian U3A Network. Dina who led our U3A Waverley Choir for many years, was one of 8 chosen from thousands of tutors across Victoria.



## ***Mysteries of Life***

My mind resonated on what the elder said.

He uttered, " let your spirit wander,  
And ponder what mysteries life brings".

A very timely thought, but no use pretending,  
my quest was new, for sages down the ages have found no end.

In spite of this, my freedom I sought to gain  
In order the fears of my earthly life to relieve.

No harm is done delving deep in your mind,  
And having faith, you never know what you may find.

Astrology, cosmology for others feed their thirst,

Others ask, chicken or the egg came first?

A theorist thinks he owns the answer, as if from a hat it's drawn,  
But for the rest of us, from simple notions the grand design may  
dawn.

The only mystery I traced, parallel to my lengthy past,  
Steeped in endless but kind thoughts, love was the elusive one,  
But alas full of mortal whims and deeds,  
Ever rising to a constant and final clash.

To gain knowledge, the more I ponder, if truth has been  
revealed,

And it comes with an awareness that makes my soul sink deep.

Vexation of the spirit grows with every step I learn,  
Oh God, help me gain the bliss that I so dearly miss.

***By Takis Stanton of the "Write Your Own Story" class***



My wireless doorbells  
on their chargers

Mini Blinds, no need to clean or dust  
them. Just tear off and throw away.

