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## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It's that time of the year again. As Vice President I will be filling in for our President Robert Taylor until August, as he takes a well-deserved break. I have a few items to mention today.

### Annual Fees

At the recent May Committee of Management meeting, it was reported that our current finances are quite healthy. As a result, it was decided to keep the Annual Fees at \$40 for next year. It is fair to say this is one of the most reasonable Annual Fees in the state, but with the changing nature of the economy, this may need change in future years.

### Enrolments

After the effects of Covid, membership numbers are steadily climbing up again. Prior to Covid we reached approximately 780 members, which is getting close to capacity for the Hub. During Covid, we dropped to about 550. In April, our numbers had reached 630. There is ongoing discussion across U3As at the moment about what a maximum enrolment might look like. This has been triggered by the decision of Nunawading U3A to stop new enrolments, as they are struggling to cope with a large increase in membership. As we head back towards that 800 mark, we too may need to make decisions about the optimum size of Waverley U3A given current accommodation resources. Watch this space.

### Job/Role Descriptions

It came to light about a year ago, that U3A Waverley didn't have a set of job descriptions. These have now been written and approved by the Committee of Management. These will provide valuable guidance for our office bearers, especially those new to a role. Ten descriptions have been done for the following roles as follows: **Committee Roles**; President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, Minute Secretary. **Support Roles**; Course Coordinator, Office Manager, Tutor Liaison Officer, Membership Secretary, Webmaster. These job descriptions will be published on our website in the near future. We shouldn't forget our hard working tutors/facilitators here. There is a detailed Tutor's Guide for this role. If any tutor doesn't have one, see Tutor Liaison Officer, Kevin Delaney.

### Succession Planning

The issue of succession planning is an ongoing one, especially in a voluntary organisation. You can see in the previous section, there are a lot of roles to fill. When jobs come up in the future (and they will) we ask all members to consider taking up one of these challenges. We wouldn't exist without our volunteer members, and the wide range of skills they bring to our organisation. Again, watch this space.

### Enrolment Process

The enrolment process for 2024 has now been confirmed. As for the last couple of years, the vast majority of enrolments will be done **on-line**. A detailed process time-line will be published later this year to all members.

*Dennis Atkin,*  
Vice President

## Vacancies in Art Workshop Classes

Wednesday 1pm to 3pm and

Friday 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Tutor Marjorie Large, advises that there are vacancies in both her Wednesday and Friday afternoon groups.

Artists in any medium are welcome, as are beginners, throughout the year. Students to supply own equipment.



## Our U3A Library

New members may not realise that they are welcome to borrow all the books and magazines in the shelves in our foyer. Denise Powell who looks after the books says "Bring them back or pass them on to someone else to read." Of course if you have books to donate, everyone will be happy about that also.



## Wise Quotes

1. You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated. - **Maya Angelou**
2. The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. - **Nelson Mandela**
3. In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. - **Abraham Lincoln**
4. Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game. - **Babe Ruth**
5. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all. - **Helen Keller**
6. Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up. - **Thomas A. Edison**



## OPERATIONAL DATES 2023

Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
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

PASSENGERS Travelling first class on British Airways Boeing 747s are worried about a re-design which means some lavatories have windows.

A woman travelling to New York complained there were no blinds. She was told by a stewardess, "Madam, if some pervert is clinging to the side of this aircraft at 35,000 feet they deserve to see everything."



Sometimes you meet someone and you know from the first moment that you want to spend your whole life without them.



Every loaf of bread is a tragic story of a group of grains that could have become whiskey, but didn't.

I'm writing a book about all the things I should be doing in my life. Its an oughtobiography.

Finally my winter fat is gone, now I have spring rolls.

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner. So I took the battery out of the smoke alarm.