

Batesford Community Hub, 94 Batesford Rd, Chadstone 3148 Tel: (03) 9077-2720

Email: Apologies and Membership enquiries: **membership@u3awaverley.org.au**,

Webpage: **www.u3awaverley.org.au**

PLEASE EMAIL ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE MONTH TO:

Lorraine Erenstrom on **erenstrom@optusnet.com.au**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well.....the end of the U3A Waverley year is rapidly approaching with our last classes for 2023 ceasing at the end of November. We resume operations at the end of January, 2024.

Between these dates we have the enrolment for 2024 commencing on December 4th and the end-of-year celebration on December 13th (see below in this newsletter for details).

Our membership continues to grow with 687 members now enrolled – 477 females and 217 males – almost back to where we were before Covid struck in 2020!

I remind you that we are looking for members to put their hand up and join the committee of management in 2024. Without the committee U3A Waverley cannot run – and none of us would like that to occur. Please talk to one of the existing committee members or myself if you want to find out more information. The Annual General Meeting will be held in March next year.

In the meantime, enjoy the last four weeks of classes.

Best wishes

Robert



End-of-year celebration

Keep Wednesday December 13th free to join other members in the Jordanville Community hall (Next door to the Hub) for our end-of-year celebration. It is expected that several classes will put on displays of their work. A light lunch will be served. You will need to book your seats as space is limited and we can only take 130 people. Keep an eye on your emails for further details later in the month.

Would you like to be in Tipping Point?

Channel 9 is inviting U3A Waverley members to be in the audience for the Australian version of the popular British Quiz show – Tipping Point hosted by Todd Woodbridge.

- ✦ Filming sessions will take place from October and early November 2023.
- ✦ There will be morning and afternoon sessions.

Filming will take place in Southbank (just off St Kilda Road opposite the Shrine).

To book your tickets and learn more about the event, please go to:-

<https://tippingpointaudience.eventbrite.com>

New dates every couple of weeks, so keep an eye on the website.

Two New Wednesday Science Courses in 2024

Wednesday Science will be introducing two new courses for 2024. The classes run from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm (approx.) on Wednesdays.

Understanding Linguistics: The Science of Language

Running over 18 weeks commencing at the beginning of the year, facilitated by David Kemp.

We all use language every day of our lives. Recently, many experts who study language have become convinced that the capacity for spoken language and the rules for its structure are not cultural, but *universal* - a set of rules shared by humans in every culture and that even may be hardwired into our brains. Moreover, these rules apply regardless of which of the world's 6,000 languages are being spoken.

This course is your opportunity to focus on the scientific aspects of human language that were left out of any classes you may have taken in English or a foreign language, and you emerge from your journey with a newfound appreciation of the mysterious machinery built into all of us.

Music and the Brain

Running over 9 weeks commencing mid-August facilitated by Robert Taylor

Music is an integral part of humanity. Music is part of our most important rituals, including those marking birth, weddings, and death. It has been the medium of some of our greatest works of art.

Yet it remains deeply puzzling, provoking questions such as:

- How and why did musical behaviour originate?
- What gives mere tones such a powerful effect on our emotions?
- Why does music with a beat give us the urge to move and dance?
- Are we born with our sense of music, or do we acquire it by experience?

The new, exciting field of neuroscience has not only helped us address age-old questions about music; it also allows us to ask entirely new ones, like:

- Do the brains of musicians differ from non-musicians?
- Can musical training promote cognitive development in children?
- Does making or listening to music help patients with brain damage?
- Is there a deep connection between music and language?

Music and the Brain assumes no prior background in the subject. The course is truly interdisciplinary, covering fundamental ideas of music theory, neuroanatomy, and cognitive science, while spotlighting the diverse range of experiments, discoveries, and debates in this fast-changing field.



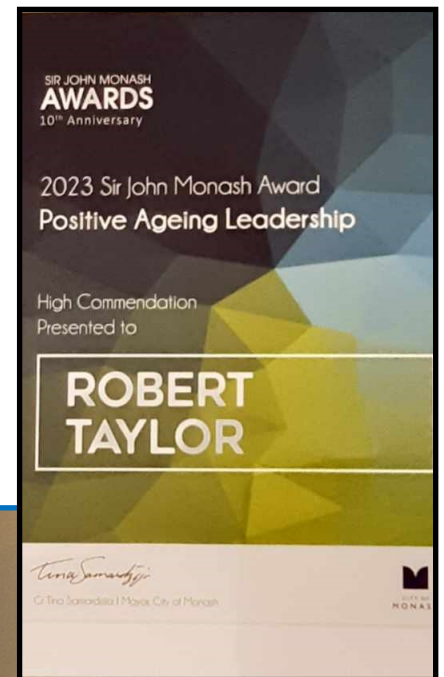
OPERATIONAL DATES 2023

Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
4	2 October	1 Dec	Melbourne Cup Holiday 6 and 7 November

* "Often it is those who live quietly, modestly and *
* contentedly with a simple life who are the happiest." *
* *
* **Joshua Becker** *

Our President Receives an Award

At the City of Monash's Sir John Monash Award ceremony held at the Wheelers Hill Library on 26 October, our esteemed President, Robert Taylor was awarded a High Commendation certificate in the category of Positive Ageing Leadership. Here Robert is presented with his certificate by Cr Stewart James and MC Andrew Hansen. Congratulations Robert!



A Unit of Beauty

At last, scientists have been able to arrive at a definition for the unit to measure beauty after years of research into history going all the way back to the Trojan War. They have agreed to call it a MilliHelen, where one MilliHelen is the unit of beauty that launches one ship.



Sent in By Rahif Kattan

My first job was at an orange juice factory, but I got canned. I couldn't concentrate