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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Waverley 'Insider'

(Notes from our most recent Committee Meeting).

Jordanville Hall booked for Friday, 13 December

The date for our end of year celebrations has been set – Friday, 13 December. I hope the day brings us good luck – so put the date in your diary!

The event will be held in the Jordanville Hall next door.

Tutors and classes will now have plenty of time to think about what they would like to do for performances, presentations or displays. More details will be provided closer to the date.



OneMusic Agreement with U3A Network

OneMusic (established 2019) is an APRA AMCOS and PPCA joint music licensing initiative. Music creators generally authorise these two organisations to administer their rights and collect their royalties in Australia:

- The copyright in the musical work (lyrics and score) is owned by APRA AMCOS' members (writers and publishers) and affiliate members of other rights management organisations across the world.

- The copyright in the sound recording is owned by PPCA's licensors (labels and registered artists) and affiliate members of other rights management organisations across the world

A **OneMusic** licence bundles all these rights into one licence and simplifies the process of gaining the required permission to use the music they represent. Without this licence, there would be a need to deal directly with the composers, songwriters, music publishers, recording artists and record labels who own the rights in the music we may wish to use.

U3A Network Victoria has advised it has negotiated a package of copyright licences that cover most uses of music in U3A classes including film discussion, exercise/dance involving music, choirs, instruments and performances outside usual venues.

U3A Network has advised that U3A organisations using streaming services for classes will need to investigate that form of copyright separately.

The agreement commenced on 1 April 2024 and U3A Network has paid a licence fee to cover all U3A organisations in Victoria. U3A Waverley is also covered by an Education copyright licence through a licensing agreement with Network Victoria.

Jane Evans, President

June Valentine - Biography

Introducing gardening word-nerd, June Valentine. So named because I belong to five different gardening groups, and play competition Scrabble.



When I retired from (paid) work in 2016 I joined U3A Waverley

What an excellent decision that was. I've so enjoyed participating in at least 10 different classes; done several presentations for Science and Technology, plus started, and continue to run the Scrabble group. I am one of seven children and grew up on a farm, so caring and sharing is in my DNA.

Being on the committee has been a way of contributing to the smooth running of Waverley U3A. People of different backgrounds and life experiences are very welcome to volunteer your time (meeting once a month) to this excellent organisation .

Rahif Kattan - Profile

Rahif has been a committee member since Autumn 2018. His main role is to record the minutes of every committee meeting. He is a graduate of Imperial College, London with a M.Sc. Degree in

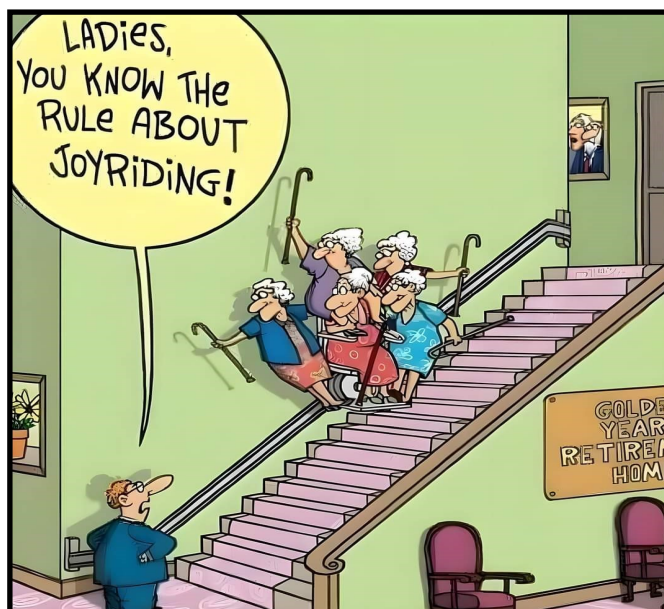


engineering. His wife is a microbiologist and they have two sons; one of them is a Guinness Book World Record holder that has been standing unchallenged for over quarter of a century. They also have one grandson.

Rahif honed his MOM writing skills when he was a committee member of an oil company country club. His career spanned over 40 years during which he directed the design, procurement and construction of numerous onshore and offshore oil and gas pipelines. His close relationship with pipelines stems from his thesis at university.

He researched the behavior of thick-walled pipes and cylinders operating under extreme internal pressure. These vessels are typically used in pressurized water reactors such as those installed onboard nuclear-powered submarines. Rahif is soft-hearted and is very approachable. He is willing to listen to your stories with open ears. He wants to promote the good work that U3A offers to the community.

One such endeavor has been his serious campaign to persuade Australia Post to issue a postage stamp commemorating the 40th anniversary of U3A in Australia. Rahif is a keen philatelist and is willing to look after your stamps if you no longer want to hang on to them.



I've just finished reading a book about the world's greatest basement. It was a best cellar.

Horses have lower divorce rates. It's because they are in stable relationships.

My laptop caught pneumonia, apparently because I left Windows open.



90% of bald people still own a comb; they just can't part with it .



‘Thank you’ for Robert

Robert Taylor retired from being President of U3A Waverley at the AGM in March. Robert had been in the role for five years – at least two of those during the Covid pandemic.

Thinking of the challenges the pandemic presented to keeping U3A Waverley vibrant and active, the Committee agreed Robert was well deserving of an extraordinary service award. The award acknowledges his long years of service and involvement with U3A Waverley, and in particular, his five-year Presidential term and exemplary leadership during the Covid pandemic years.

The incoming President, Jane Evans, presented a small gift to Robert in recognition of this service after the Science and Technology class on 16 April 2024.



U3A Stamp Concept

U3A Waverley Committee member, Rahif Kattan, is an enthusiastic philatelist. He has hundreds of thousands of stamps in his collection gathered over many decades and from present and past countries all over the world.



Rahif's Grandson "guarding" the stamp collection

Rahif and his graphics designer son came up with the idea of a U3A Stamp to recognise and celebrate U3A and the 100,000 members in the organisation across Australia. The concept and designs were put to Australia Post and U3A Network but, unfortunately, Australia Post's Stamp Issue Policy is quite limiting and the idea did not meet the requirement of being of "interest to a significant percentage of the Australian population". For this reason, U3A Network also felt they could not support the idea.

The Committee will see if there are ways we can celebrate the concept within U3A Waverley – and start with sharing these design ideas with you....



Increase in Covid 19 cases – Department of Health

The Department of Health has advised that Victoria is experiencing an increase in Covid 19 and influenza cases as we head into winter.

So that we can all stay healthy, you might want to check when you last had a Covid or flu vaccination and arrange a booster if appropriate.

For those who have decided to wear masks again, did you know they have a 'use by' date? Please check the box or packet – it might be time to buy some new ones!

Always check with your doctor if you have any concerns or visit the Department of Health <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/>

Jane Evans - President

OPERATIONAL DATES 2024

| Term | Starts | Ends | Public Holidays |
|------|----------|---------|--|
| 2 | 15 April | 28 June | 25 April Anzac Day 10 June, King's Birthday |
| 3 | 15 July | 20 Sept | |
| 4 | 7 Oct | 6 Dec | Melbourne Cup Holiday 4 & 5 November |

Profile - Gail Robinson

By Anne Cornish

Asked how she came to be co-tutor of the Creative Writing class, Gail Robinson says she started going to the group and nobody else would do the job! "I always liked writing, my father was a big storyteller and I've always loved telling stories," she said.



There are 15 people who currently enjoy the weekly adventure of creative writing, and Gail says "The variety of these stories is amazing and so enjoyable. We are a very entertaining group. Every week we suggest three titles, for example last week, [the options were]

Did She Actually Just Say That?

Source and Sauce.

A story describing a sundial."

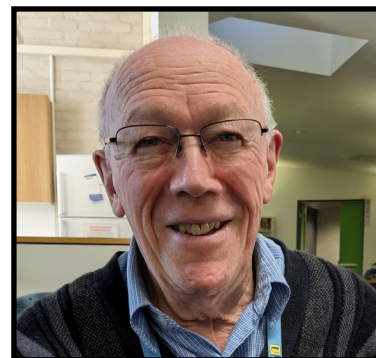
Gail reckons that writing can be cathartic, as good as a psychiatrist's couch, and a lot cheaper. The class members enjoy reading their stories to each other.

After many years of working in payroll, "which is a bit dull and boring, but people need to know their money's in the bank", and a couple of redundancies, Gail is making the most of the U3A offerings, attending Current Affairs, Creative Writing, and Broadway Musicals. She and her husband Norm (tutor for the Painting class) have become Grey Nomads and in the couple of years since they began this new venture they have been up the centre to Darwin, and got as far as Innisfail on a quest to Cairns. Next they are planning to hook up the caravan and head west towards Perth.

Profile - Kevin Delaney

By Anne Cornish

Kevin Delaney has been a committee member for 12 years, since Waverley U3A moved into the Hub. "I enjoy it, I like being of service to our members, I know a lot of people and they know who I am. If people want help they often come to me," he said.



In the early days at the Hub he started to help out in the office because people were needed.

"Prior to that it was always women and it was terribly sexist, and I'm pleased to see now there's a handful of men who help out in the office."

He is the tutor liaison officer and at the beginning and end of each year is heavily involved with enrolments alongside Joanne Burns, the Membership Secretary.

Kevin says Robert did a wonderful job of guiding us through the awkward Covid times and since. Membership dropped to about 400 and is now up to 650, offering about 70 courses.

He has six children and seven grandchildren. "Yesterday I went to grandparents morning at the school. It was very draining because I have hearing aids, and in the second half of it they were all talking and my ears were overcome, I was pleased to get back to the quietness of the car", he said.

Kevin takes full advantage of the course offerings - Monday Current Affairs, Tuesday, Science and Technology, "Wednesday, I often do the office", Thursday, Astronomy, every second Friday, Music Appreciation and Downsizing.



FREE!

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Music Concert at Waverley U3A

When? 11.45am - 1.45pm 19th June 2024

Where? Room 3 Waverley U3A

Who? Wednesday Guitar Band Practice Group

What? The band playing popular tunes you will know

All U3A members welcome



Some of the U3A members may have noticed a noise emanating from room 3 some Wednesday lunch times. This is the Guitar Workshop band practicing. The band will now perform a (free) concert. All Waverley U3A members are invited to this event on Wednesday 19th June at 11.45am.



2024 State Conference

3 - 5 October 2024

Forty and Fabulous! Now what's next

Thursday 3 October

U3A Network Victoria – AGM

Yarra River Cruise - optional

Friday 4 October

Welcome and official start of the conference

Plenary speakers

Breakout rooms

City Walking Tour - optional

Conference dinner - optional

Morning and afternoon tea, lunch provided

Saturday 5 October

Plenary speakers

Breakout rooms

Morning tea

Wrap up of conference and official end of the conference.

Booking can be made through

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPDWW>

See Conference Speakers on following page.

From Your Course Coordinator

Ever thought of running a short course?

There are a few spaces in the Terms 3 and 4 timetable, so if you or anyone you know is interested in running a course, be it one session, one term or one semester, please contact Sue at

course.coordinator@u3awaverley.org.au
to discuss your suggestions.

Downsizing made easy

The 6 week course run on Friday afternoons has now finished, and has been so successful that there have been many requests for the course to run again.

The new course will run on Mondays in Term 4 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm from 7th October until 18th November. Please enrol through the website.

Availability in other courses in Term 2.

Some courses still have places available, so please check the website and enrol to 'have a go' at something that is new and different for you.



Conference Speakers



Dr Norman Swan
Keynote Speaker



Rhonda Weston AM



Joanna Maxwell



Rebecca Nisbet



Glen Wall



Michael Cowling



Ritesh Chugh



Rosemary Cameron