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U3A Hume Newsletter August 2018

A Word from the President

Strategic Planning – Update

As mentioned at the Annual General meeting we are progressing well with our Strategic Planning Workshops. At our most recent meeting, the members of the working group identified 14 Objectives we would like to achieve over the next three to five years.

These objectives are within the key areas of Management; Administration and Communications; Courses; Accommodation and equipment; Membership and External Relations.

Some of the major objectives are around ---

- having a Succession Plan for our Committee;
- developing competent Office Staff through training;
- developing a Marketing Plan;
- increasing Membership numbers;
- keeping fees down;
- running more courses and increasing the diversity of courses;
- arranging accommodation in affordable places;
- recruiting more Tutors;
- understanding our members and community needs;
- recruiting more volunteers;
- updating technical equipment;
- improving relationships with external bodies;
- taking advantage of grant opportunities;
- spending some of our financial reserves for benefit of members.

From here the working group needs to identify the various projects involved; develop action plans; focus our energy and resources; and set priorities for what we need to achieve.

The next meeting of the working group will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday 18th September at GPCC. We would welcome any members who feel they may be able to contribute in any way as we need all the help we can get if we are to succeed with our plans for the future.

Geoff Mackay

President Hume U3A

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 7 August at Gladstone Park Community Centre. Attendance was down from last year, being 29 members.



The guest speaker,

Glen Wall, president of U3A Whittlesea shared some highlights of U3A in Victoria. There are 109 U3As in Victoria with a total membership of 38,000. Nunawading is the largest with a membership of 1800 people, and Manningham with 1600.

U3A Victoria has run TV advertising late at night. There will hopefully be additional funding for TV advertising during Seniors Week this year.

One initiative from a U3A Network point of view is for U3As to share classes.

There is a partnership between Whittlesea Council and U3A Whittlesea for continuing a walking football group. Glen mentioned another partnership being trialled with the Western Bulldogs Men's Health six week program.

New Committee for 2018-19

Please welcome your new committee, who were elected unopposed at the AGM.

President:	Geoffrey Mackay	Vice-president:	Vacant
Secretary:	Harry Safstrom	Treasurer:	Julie McPherson
Membership officer:	Fatima Felix	Course Co-ordinator:	Vacant
Marketing:	Vacant	Committee Member:	Maria Malacria
Grants and procedures:	Vacant	Committee Member:	Peter Lazarus
Social secretary:	Anne de Gabrielle		

We have two new committee members. Harry Safstrom has joined as the Secretary and Maria Malacria has joined as a committee member. Please congratulate and thank these two members for volunteering their time. There are still vacancies on the committee, so we would welcome you volunteering for those positions to share the committee workload.

Sausage Sizzle Saturday 15 September at Bunnings Broadmeadows

Our last sausage sizzle fundraising event for this year will be on 15 September 2018. Please volunteer to help us out. There are two hour time slots where you can volunteer, starting at 8 am. Call Peter on 0400 621 400 or email webmaster@humeu3a.org.au to organise your participation.

Raffle Drawn

The raffle for the outdoor heater, Ryobi whipper snipper and small greenhouse was drawn at the Annual General Meeting on 7 August. There were three winners, Julie Bialowiecki, Andy de Gabrielle and Pacita Angelin. The prizes were kindly donated by Bunnings Broadmeadows. Thanks to Norma Dugard for organising the raffle and selling the tickets. The raffle raised \$753, well done! Norma says thank you to everyone who participated.

Rotary Raffle

Very soon U3A Hume will be participating in the annual Rotary Raffle. This year will see us selling two thousand tickets. Each ticket costs \$1.00. U3A Hume receives dollar for dollar for every ticket sold. Instead of just buying the tickets yourself, please sell them to the wider community and tell them about U3A Activities. Once again, Norma Dugard will



be selling these tickets.

Quilts Returned

The missing quilts have reappeared in the cupboard at GPCC. We thank whoever returned them. They are quite valuable, and represent an important part of the U3A Hume history.

New Courses in 2018

Diamond Dot Painting

Diamond-Dot Painting is an awesome new DIY craft involving the completion of beautiful designs, based on the same concept as mosaics and paint-by-numbers. Diamond painting uses diamond faceted resin dots, which produce a stunning shimmery effect. The Diamond-Dot Painting technique is remarkably easy to master and gives crafters of all skill levels the opportunity to quickly advance to more challenging projects.



This course will run each second Monday to begin with. If there is sufficient interest, the course will then be run weekly.

Android Tablets, Fridays

The Android Tablet class is starting again on Friday 12 October for seven weeks. That's Friday mornings from 10.00 am to 12 noon in the White room at GPCC. There are Samsung tablets available for class use. So you can try these devices out to see if you like them. Otherwise you can bring your own Android device. Please express your interest and enrol now. Preference will be given to those members who have not done the class before.

Christmas Decorations

Join us for some Christmas Craft activities. You will be making table decorations, gift boxes, Christmas cards and more. The limit on class numbers will be 12 participants. The dates the course will run are from Friday 19th October to 7th December. There will be a \$20 upfront charge for materials. Enrol now on our website.

Wear your badges

A U3A member recently had a medical emergency. The person did not have their membership badge with them, and so some difficulties arose in contacting next of kin, and assisting ambulance with existing medical conditions. So, it is very important that you carry your membership cards with you when attending classes. Make sure that the details are filled out inside the cards.

Dine-Out.....

When: Friday September 28 at 6.00pm **Where:** Lazy Moe's, Mickleham Road
Tullamarine

When: Friday October 26 at 6.00pm **Where:** Meadow Inn Hotel, 1435 Sydney
road, corner Camp Road, Fawkner.



*Reminder from Anne..... Bookings for dinner venues **MUST** be made no later than two days prior. And if you are not coming, let Anne know also.*

Shows

Money for School of Rock is due to for payment by 1st of October. Amount: \$69.90

The School of Rock is on Wednesday 5th of December, 1:00 pm at Her Majesty's Theatre, Exhibition Street.

Evita will need to be paid in December. More details will be in the October newsletter.

Cruise Final Payments

The Balance for our Cruise is to be paid in full into U3A Bank account by 18th of October.

Anne, Social Secretary, socialsec@humeu3a.org.au, 0403 067 626

Obituary

Maree Marchino, a member of the Huff n Puff and Yoga classes, has passed away after suffering a stroke. She was a very well-liked member of both classes. Our sympathies to her family.

Canada/Alaska

The highlight of our tour of Canada/Alaska in May 2018 was the cruise to the town of Ketchikan in Glacier Bay, Alaska. We strolled down Creek Street to find the most talked about “Dolly’s House” museum (established 1919).

For half a century this house was part of Ketchikan’s notorious red light district. Its most infamous resident was Beatrice Greene, who began to ply her trade there in 1947.

When authorities brought an end to prostitution on Creek Street ladies left town, retired or moved to another neighbourhood, but Beatrice Greene simply went underground. She then played a game of cat and mouse with the local police, entertaining “gentlemen callers” when she thought she could get away with it. This house is now a museum on Creek Street and wonderful to see painted green along with all the other brightly coloured houses sitting on the creek.



A wonderful sight we will never forget.....

Dawn & Ken Daws

Quilt Class

The Patchwork class, tutored by Su Butterfield, is still tirelessly stitching away on various projects, many of which have finally reached completion. Renuka Amberkar shows an early creation on her quilting journey. And next to it is the latest creation from Sandra Dyer, made for her daughter. More photos and larger photos can be found on our website.



Live Life Get Active

Life Live Get Active is all about getting people active in their local or working communities, providing them with a way of eating that is healthy and easy to adapt and very importantly an environment that is fun and motivating.



With the help facilitation and funding of local Government and Business, Live Life provides Free Activity Camps and Free Tailored Nutritional Planning to those that want to make positive changes to their lives. A group has started in Craigieburn. Further details will be in the October newsletter.