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A word from the President.

As you are aware, after receiving advice from U3A Network Victoria about the Coronavirus (COVID -19), the Committee decided to cancel all classes from 17th March until further notice.

Now that we are all spending more time at home, it is more important than ever that we find ways to CONNECT with our families, our friends, our neighbours and each other.

One of the Committee's ideas for keeping our U3A community connected is through our NEWSLETTER which we propose to publish more frequently during the current emergency. All relevant information from the U3A Network Victoria will be included in our Newsletters.

In addition this is your opportunity to find out what other members are up to during our enforced social isolation.

If you want to share your coronavirus story or joke, song or poem, things you've seen on social media etc. please contact our Newsletter Editor Jenny Brodie on 0417 338 527 or email jjbrodie5@bigpond.com

On behalf of your Committee I wish every member and their families good health and we hope that it will not be too long before we see you all again.

Stay safe

Geoff Mackay
President
Hume U3A

Keep up to date with the latest Coronavirus news at:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus> Victorian Government site

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert> Australian Government site



Thankyou to
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Patricia Radenkovic
for all their efforts in
recording our history
1995-2015

For more fun stuff to fill your isolation days try these sites:

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/mar/30/10-best-virtual-tour-worlds-most-famous-landmarks>

<https://www.zoo.org.au/animal-house/>

<https://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/melbourne-museum-virtual-tours>

Editor: As we approach the 25th Anniversary of Hume U3A we are unable to celebrate the milestone as planned due to Covid-19. A précised history of our U3A is our way to celebrate until a later date.

The Beginnings of U3A in France

The idea for U3A began in 1972 in Toulouse, France. Seniors attended university lectures as passive listeners. When the idea crossed to Britain the concept changed. All members of U3A groups participate and each person may be a tutor one day, a class member the next. The British model is how U3As operate in Australia.

The Beginnings at Hume

U3A evolved from the meetings Nancy Nankervis arranged in respect of ageing and housing (City of Broadmeadows). The first of these meetings was held at the Glenmeadows Public Tenant Group premises at 27 Cooper Street, Broadmeadows (corner of Cooper Street and Nepean Street, Broadmeadows)

In 1995, Hume U3A was formed through the initiative of a Broadmeadows City Council Support worker to attempt to start a U3A in the Broadmeadows area. A "core group" was formed and meetings were held fortnightly. A public meeting was organised to be held at Lynda Blundell Centre on Friday 21st April. 1995. Thirty very enthusiastic people attended the Meeting with sixteen enrolling on the day.

Our first President was Bernice Brownsey from 1995-1998 and our current President is Geoff McKay

The first courses to be organised were:

- Basic Art: Tutor Gordon Townsend,
- Line Dancing: Tutor Audrey Curtis
- Local History: Broadmeadows Historical Society.

Bridge, Computers and Craft were also suggested.

By October that year we had an Italian Class with Tutor, Paul Gregori, and ten people at the first class. Wood Turning was originally at Gladstone Park Secondary College with Doug Birchall. However, the room was closed down and we moved to Hillcrest Secondary College until that school was closed.

By 2006, we had grown to have 275 members and 27 courses. We had support from the council and a good working committee and had developed valuable partnerships with the Hume Global Learning Centre, Banksia Gardens Community Centre, Gladstone Park Community Centre and Gladstone Park Secondary College

Cook 'n' Dine was started on the initiative of Choi Foong in 2012 and has been a great success. A monthly Dine Out group was started in January of this year on the initiative of Liz Munro. Our Social Secretary, Anne de Gabrielle, still co-ordinates this event which takes place at various venues, usually within the Hume district. In addition a recipe book was produced 2009-2010.

A great start to an organisation that supports us all. In today's environment of lockdowns it makes us realise just how much those U3A activities are being sorely missed. See you all on the "other side."



The first Hume U3A Life Members

From Right to Left: Bernese Brownsey was the first life member, Vera Crossley, Nola Alexander and Norma Dugard was the fourth life member.

Cancellations to date due to Coronavirus lockdown

- Hume U3A 25th Anniversary celebrations have been cancelled to be rescheduled for a future date
- Bunnings have ceased everyone's favourite community event, The Sausage Sizzle until we are in a much better place. May 23rd was our next Sausage Sizzle fundraiser, so should the situation change so we can participate you will be advised. Please make sure you read your emails.
- The Biggest Morning Tea on May 21st, a huge fundraiser for Cancer Council could also be in doubt. Keep it in your diaries but also remember to read emails as they are sent and contact those you know who are not on email.



Thought for the Day - How to Stay Young

Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them!'

Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.



Hume U3A Book Library and Exchange



What a find!

Located behind the office is our well stocked library. It is open to members during office hours (post Covid-19). Members are welcome to make a gold coin donation when they borrow.

Recently Patricia Radenkovic attended the School of Optometry and Vision Sciences at Melbourne University (a study on glaucoma) where she spoke with Rekha Srinivasan, who is a PhD student conducting a research study into glaucoma. She had advertised in the Seniors Magazine for participants but there has not been a great response. Given the demographic of our group, being in the age group most likely to be affected by glaucoma there might be some members who would like to participate in this research. It would require, a trip to the city (for which you will be refunded with a \$20 voucher to offset your fare). There is a short **on-line** survey about glaucoma (for everyone, not just those with glaucoma but also seniors who have undergone Vision Field Testing).

The link for the on line survey is : <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/8qbr> (CTRL and Click mouse to open link)

A Minister, Priest and a Rabbit entered a church. The Rabbit said "I think I am a typo.!"

From our Social Secretary



CoVid 19 has put a hold on everything and this includes our annual trip away which has been cancelled.

I would like to thank Julie for all the work she did in processing the refunds for all those who had purchased Billy Elliott tickets.

Stay safe and healthy

Anne

"Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunitites and strength."

Betty Friedan



Please note:

The May edition of our Newsletter will provide alternative contact details for those who wish to purchase Dawn's book.

2nd March 2020

My name is Dawn Zuccato, I have been a member of U3A since 1995. I joined the Computer Class which was on Monday mornings, the teacher's name was Fred VanRoss.

One particular day he was teaching us how to do Publisher which I found very interesting, so I determined there and then I would master it. Over the years I made a lot of Cards for Family Birthdays, Christmas Cards etc.

In 2016 the Class were asked to make a Newsletter which was to be shown to the whole Class, I was going to make a Real Estate one because a lot of houses were getting sold in the Street where I lived, I have been in the same house since 1962,so many changes happened over the years, owing to this I decided to do a 15 Page Newsletter about Washington Street. It has taken me 4 years to complete this project with a lot of help from other people. I started to do it in A4, I showed it to my friend, with the help of her and her husband we changed it to A5 which is much better.

Over the years I researched the State Library of Victoria, National Library, Hume Library Local History Site, Free Wikipedia Encyclopaedia, Department of Lands and Survey.

Last year 2019 I completed my little Booklet. I am very happy it is in Print now. If anyone wishes to have a copy of my work may I suggest that they get in touch with the Co-ordinator of the class which they are in. There will be a small charge of \$3.00 which I will donate to the Cancer Council of Victoria.

Dawn Zuccato.



Prediction.

There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months and in 2033, we shall witness the RISE OF THE QUARANTEENS.



If you need 144 rolls of toilet paper for 14 days of quarantine you should have seen a Doctor well before Covid-19



Maureen Stacey

17th November 1927-3rd March 2020

Maureen was farewelled on Thursday March 12th by family and friends. She was a Hume U3A Life Member, book club coordinator and Walkaways Leader. Maureen ran a tight ship and Walkaways group members regularly received history lessons in relation to the walking trails. Growing up in South Africa, she moved to the UK to complete her secondary education. She was an exceptional dancer and was offered a place with the Royal Ballet. On her return to South Africa she trained in Physical Education and some years later she and her husband emigrated to Australia to ensure the best opportunities for their young family.

Maureen loved dance but she was also an accomplished pianist and choreographer. She had a great love of English History, wrote prose and poetry and was an avid reader.

Among her achievements as an educator she was responsible for many school productions at Maribyrnong Secondary College and prior to her retirement she was Deputy Principal at Hadfield High School. Coincidentally, CraigCare nursing home where Maureen was residing is built on the site of the Hadfield High School.

Surviving the Lockdown. What are you doing?

This is how Robyn and I are trying to keep sane during the lockdown. We are using FaceTime to keep in touch with the families.(I believe the Zoom app is a little better, but haven't tried it yet). We find Face Time better than just a phone call. I've been teaching our grandson the guitar for a while now but have since found we can do it on FaceTime. Robyn has been keeping in touch with some members of her groups who live alone to check if they are managing or need something from the shops. A little bit of tidying up has also taken place. Also some walks around the park opposite is a nice pastime.

Barry & Robyn Craig

My oven is sparkling and the spare room is clean. We have severely chopped a few trees, done the puzzles in the paper, walked each day and hope we can continue to do so. Used houseparty app for the first time to see and speak to our kids all at the same time, well two of them as one isn't the least bit interested in technology at all. We are still walking everyday and next week I AM going to get onto the weights!

Jenny & John Brodie

We are keeping ourselves busy during this time in isolation. Andy has been provided with exercises and is exercising every day. We potter in the garden and I have been madly knitting for my new Winter collection.

Anne De Gabrielle

Reminding you now that it's your turn. What are you doing to pass the time without U3A ??

Email your stories to me on : jjbrodie5@bigpond.com and we can include them in the May edition. Keep your stories coming.

Remember they keep telling us "we're all in this together."

Together we can keep our U3A community connected.



**It is not boring at all
to stay in the house.
But how come a bag
of rice has 7,456
pieces and the other
bag 7,398?**

Holidays Pg on FB

BREAKING NEWS
Australias Page

ABC NEWS

**JOHN TRAVOLTA SUSPECTED
OF HAVING CORONA VIRUS**

JOHN TRAVOLTA was hospitalized for suspected COVID-1
but doctors now confirm that it was only Saturday night fever,
and they assure everyone that he is staying alive.
Apparently he was diagnosed because he had chills that were multiplying

A REBUS is a pictorial representation of a name, work, or phrase.

EG: HERRING
Red Herring

Answers below and no cheating!

ANSWERS

Australian Trivia

1. Bob Hawke
2. Harold Holt
3. Golf Course
4. New Zealand
5. Camels
6. 21 snakes
7. The Castle
8. Drink a beer

Music answers

1. Frankie J Holden
2. Winchester Cathedral
3. Fever
4. Agnetha, Benny, Bjorn, Anni-Frid
5. Four: Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion
6. Georgia

Rebus answers

1. Pretty please
2. Your time is up
3. Top Secret
4. H2O (water)
5. Put the boot on the other foot
6. Moral support

Next Edition:
May 2020

<p>1</p> <p>PLEASE</p>	<p>2Your time</p>	<p>3SECRET </p> <p>SECRET</p> <p>SECRET</p>
<p>4</p> <p>HIJKLMNO</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BOOT </p> <p>FOOT FOOT</p>	<p>6</p> <p>MORAL </p> <p></p>

How musical are you?

1. I was the singer in a 70's band Ol' 55 and a make of car. I am ??
2. I am a very popular rifle, a Cathedral in the UK as well as a song title. What's my name??
3. Peggy Lee sang about me when she had a temperature??????
4. What are the names of the singers in ABBA???
5. How many sections are there in a full symphony orchestra?.
6. I'm leaving on a Midnight Train To Where??????

Australian Trivia

1. Which former Australian Prime Minister set a beer drinking world record?
2. Which Aussie promised to "Go all the way with LBJ"?
3. With the 5,000 km long Dingo Fence, Australia has the longest fence in the world. What else does it have the longest of?
4. Australia was the second country in the world to give women the right to vote. Who was the first?
5. What unexpected animal does Australia export to Saudi Arabia?
6. Of the 25 deadliest snakes in the world, how many are found in Australia?
7. Which classic Aussie film features the phrase, "Tell him he's dreaming."?
8. When an Aussie tells you he's going to "Bend an elbow", what is he about to do?



Easter Greetings to everyone



Birthday wishes to all who are celebrating this month.

Get well wishes for those in recovery. U3A community is thinking of you all



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