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### *A word from the President.*

Dear Members,

I trust this Newsletter finds you safe, fit and healthy, with a positive attitude, in spite of having spent over 100 days in lockdown due to the restrictions around Coronavirus.

Our **Annual General Meeting** (which was postponed from August) will now be conducted **via Zoom at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**. More details concerning the AGM will be provided via a separate notification to all financial members.

This year I ask each and every one of you to examine your conscience and seriously consider just how much you have been supporting Hume U3A over recent years. At present we are desperately seeking new Committee members as most of our current Committee have well and truly played their part and are now looking to stand aside and give others a chance to step up and make a contribution.

We are also looking for members to assist the Committee with the many other tasks that are needed from time to time such as catering, organising social events, fundraising activities, conducting raffles, office management, assisting with the website if technically minded etc. We acknowledge that many of you such as Tutors and Assistants are currently contributing and for this we are greatly appreciative. Remember we are an organisation that **relies on Volunteers**.

With regards to membership fees for next year, your Committee has decided to roll-over the fees you paid this year and credit them against next year's fees. Also enrolments for 2020 will be regarded as enrolments for next year unless you advise us otherwise.



Take care until we catch up again and don't forget to join in the Zoom AGM meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup> if you can, or at least send in a proxy vote.

*Geoff Mackay, President Hume U3A*

## ***Annual General Meeting Tuesday 10 November 2020 10.00 am***

U3A Hume will conduct its annual general meeting on Tuesday 10 November 2020 starting at 10.00 am. This will be a virtual meeting, held using Zoom on the internet. There will be no meeting at the Gladstone Park Community Centre.

All members will be emailed a notification reminding them of the AGM. Included in the email will be a committee nomination form, and a proxy form. For those members with no eMail, the meeting notice, nomination form and a proxy form will be mailed to you before the meeting.

This is a reminder to :

- Enrol for the AGM online via your member login. This will enable us to see how many of you are going to attend.
- To return your proxy form immediately if you cannot attend as postage is slow and we are hoping for all proxy forms by 2 November – again, so we can ensure we will have a quorum.

Click here for all the AGM relevant documents including the proxy form

<https://humeu3a.org.au/annual-general-meeting-2020/>

All members will be sent a link to the meeting a few days before Tuesday, November 10. If you have previously used Zoom for a class or a session we urge you to attend.

### ***Newsletter Apology***

Once more we must apologise to our members as sadly our September newsletter was not distributed without its problems. In the first place the toner ink ran out without warning. Some newsletters had faded text as a results. Click and Collect purchases are our new normal and not always as swift as you would like. Replacement toner could only be purchased with delays. We also know that some members once again had postage issues. We are so sorry.

***Jenny and Peter***



### ***2021 Enrolment and Fees***

At a meeting on Tuesday 6 October, your committee made a decision on fees for 2021. The decision is that all 2020 fees will be applied as credit to membership fees for 2021. Your active membership will be extended to 31 December 2021 without further cost. At the AGM the fees for new members for 2021 will be approved.

If you decide not to continue your membership, there will be no fee refund.

All your enrolments will be automatically extended to the end of 2021. However there will need to be adjustments to enrolments for some courses depending on the Covid19 regulations at the time that classes can restart. For example, there will be limits on the number of people who can be in the classroom at one time. We may have to schedule additional classes, or split the enrolments into alternate weeks.

Send an email to [membership@humeu3a.org.au](mailto:membership@humeu3a.org.au) to let us know you are not coming back in 2021. Let us know also if you are not continuing some courses in 2021.

### ***Free Webinar with the Florey Institute***

The Florey Institute of Health Neuroscience and Mental Health has long been

offering U3A Melbourne City U3A with access to its expertise. Now the Institute is partnering with U3A Network Victoria to offer this expertise to all U3A members. The partnership will be launched with a webinar on *The Aging Brain and Neuroplasticity* presented by Professor Anthony Hannan. The webinar will be held on Thursday 19 November from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. To find out more about the webinar and the registration process go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-aging-brain-and-neuroplasticity-tickets-121657186921>



***Pat, the collector of the teabag tags, bottle tops, ring tops from cans etc. realise that some would have a collection as we haven't met for so long so I will be at the centre on Thursday the 5th November between 11am till 12pm to take them off your hands. I will park in the disabled bay in the car park.***  
***Thanking you all, regards Pat Blundell***



## Golfing in Scotland

John, who lived in the north of England, decided to go golfing in Scotland with his buddy Shawn, so they loaded up John's minivan and headed north.

After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible downpour so they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

"I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed," she explained, "and I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house."

"Don't worry." John said. "We'll be happy to sleep in the barn and if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light."

The lady agreed and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared so they got on their way and enjoyed a great weekend of golf.

But about nine months later, John got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the golf weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Shawn and asked, "Shawn, do you remember that good looking widow on the farm we stayed at on our golf holiday in Scotland about nine months ago?"

"Yes, I do." said Shawn.

"Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?"

"Well, um, yes." Shawn said, a little embarrassed about being found out, "I have to admit that I did."

"And did you happen to give her my name and address instead of telling her your name?"

Shawn's face turned beet red and he said, "Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy I'm afraid I did.

Why do you ask?"

"She just died and left me everything.

(And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you? You know you smiled...

Now keep that smile for the rest of the day!!!)



*This month we send congratulations and best wishes to U3A members celebrating a birthday milestone.*

**Lisa Arnold  
Cheryl McClair  
Judy Barnes  
Ted Bouchier**



*We send our thoughts and prayers to Lorraine Missingham whose sister recently passed away, after a long illness.*

### **Freedom Times**

*What is the first thing you will do once we have more freedom in our lives?*

*For me it is a haircut, nails and travel, in that order.*

**Jenny**

*For all you frustrated travellers, this is a really good link and hopefully, it will stay up and running for a bit or at least until we can all go back to doing it for real.*

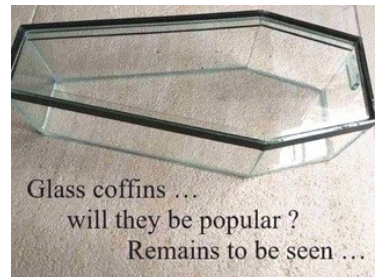
*You can drive in 50 cities around the world and spend as much time in any one of them driving.*

*You can set the speed of the vehicle, street noise, music and visit the world while at home.*

*Pick the city of your choice from the list in the upper right.*

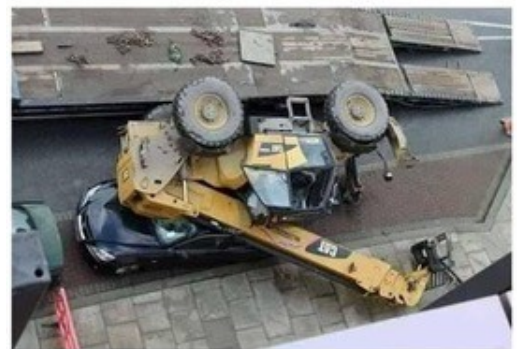
*We can still travel while staying home: <https://driveandlisten.herokuapp.com/>*

It's that nosey cow from next door 😂



Glass coffins ...  
will they be popular?  
Remains to be seen ...

Don't you hate it when you see a cat laying on top of your car?



-Relax David it's just a small surgery, don't panic.  
 -But doctor my name isn't David...  
 -I know I am David



## **Baz's Brainers**

### **General Trivia**

- (1) What is a male Guinea Pig called?
- (2) At which intersection is Melbourne's Young & Jackson Hotel?
- (3) Which is the male part of a flower, the stamen or pistil?
- (4) Who starred as Robert Crawley in the TV series Downton Abbey?
- (5) Which capital city was next to be founded after Sydney?
- (6) Which French phrase describes a road closed at one end?
- (7) What was Thailand formerly known as?
- (8) Huon pine is native to which Australian state?
- (9) What Spanish soup (starting with G) is traditionally served cold?
- (10) Which novel follows the adventures of Phileas Fogg?
- (11) To this stage who is the longest serving Victorian Premier?
- (12) Nicosia is the capital of which country?

### **Baby Boomers Bundle**

- (1) What early rocker's career was revived in 1979 with "We don't talk anymore"?
- (2) What book set a new record when it sold over 100,000 hardback copies in Australia in 1978?
- (3) Which women's magazine first hit newsstands in November 1972?
- (4) What changes were made in the naming of cyclones after Cyclone Tracey?
- (5) What role earned Lee Marvin a best actor Oscar in 1963?
- (6) Who did Augusto Pinochet overthrow as President of Chile?
- (7) Which Asian island country closed its borders to "long haired hippies" in 1970?
- (8) What did "snow droppers" steal things from?
- (9) Who was the car valet at 77 Sunset Strip?
- (10) What two colours was Stripe toothpaste?
- (11) Who did Peter Allen divorce in 1974?
- (12) What slogan did Labour use in the 1975 Federal election?





Halloween – 31 October 2020  
Imagine being greeted at the door by this scary looking person (the one on the right). Hopefully they will be wearing a facemask.

Who is this Halloween horror member?



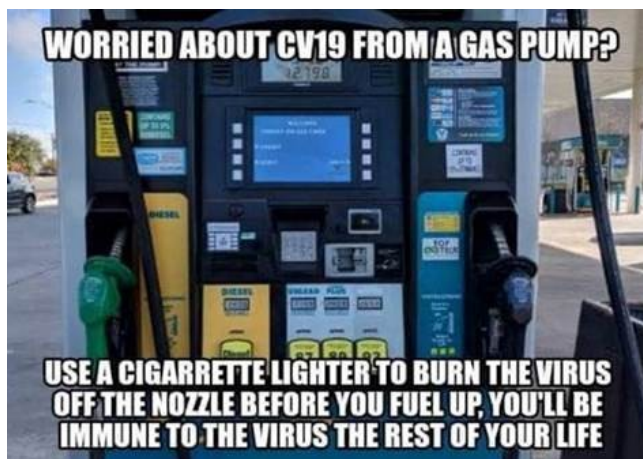
## Brain Teasers

1. If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, you don't have me. What am I?
2. You're escaping a labyrinth, and there are three doors in front of you. The door on the left leads to a raging inferno. The door in the centre leads to a deadly assassin. The door on the right leads to a lion that hasn't eaten in three months. Which door do you choose?
3. You live in a one storey house made entirely of redwood. What colour would the stairs be?
4. How do you make the number 7 an even number without addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division?
5. Always in you, if I surround you, I can kill you. What am I?
6. Romeo and Juliet are found dead on the floor in a bedroom. When they were discovered, there were pieces of glass and some water on the floor. The only furniture in the room is a shelf and a bed. The house is in a remote location, away from everything except for the nearby railroad track. What caused the death of Romeo and Juliet?

## Four great confusions still unresolved.

1. At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
2. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
3. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
4. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

Answers to puzzles will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.



## Kitchen Utensils

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LADLE  
PIZZA CUTTER  
TONGS  
SPATULA  
MIXER  
CLEAVER  
BLENDER  
MASHER  
BOTTLE OPENER  
THERMOMETER  
SCISSORS  
WHISK  
CHOPPER  
GRATER  
BEATER

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/36/>



Here's that Halloween person again, getting ready to grab you for trick or treat. You'd better have your lollies ready to give to save yourself. Or call them out by their real name.

## Vagaries of English Language!

Ever wonder why the word funeral starts with FUN?

Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come Banks have Branches?

If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop Flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?

Why do doctors 'practice' medicine? Are they having practice at the cost of the patients?

Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come Noses run and Feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

Did you know that if you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

## Online Classes

### Quilt Class

The quilt class meets online each two weeks using Zoom. The next sessions are on 29 October and 12 November at 10:00am. Please enrol in the class in order to receive your meeting invite information.

### Monthly Morning Tea Chat

There have been two of these get-togethers so far. The next session is October 26, 2020

10:30 am, and the last one for the year will be Monday November 30 at 10:30 am. Join in to chat to other members, and to tell us what you have been doing during lockdown.

### **RACV Years Ahead - Road Safety for Seniors**

Date of Presentation: 9 November 2020 starting at 10:30 AM. The session will last 45 minutes. Presenter Name: Rebekah Smith.

Click on this Eventbrite link to join: <https://yearsaheadnovember.eventbrite.com.au>

Hume City Council, in partnership with VicRoads and RACV present this one hour road safety awareness presentation designed to help drivers 60 plus, passengers and pedestrians stay safe and mobile longer. The program covers information and advice on driving safety and aims to promote safe road user behaviour, continued mobility and quality of life

### **Biro - The History**

Most of us will use a ball point pen today, but do you know how they work?



The heart of a ballpoint pen is a precision-ground metal ball which transfers fast drying, oil based ink onto paper. The ball is usually made of mild or stainless steel, about 1mm in diameter and ground to an accuracy of a few thousandths of a millimetre. It could also be made of tungsten and carbon compound which is nearly as hard as a diamond. Sometimes the ball is textured so it can get a better grip on the paper.

#### **Did You Know?**



The ball is fitted into a steel or brass housing, designed so it can rotate in all directions. The tip of the housing is then bent over so the ball cannot drop out. The ink is fed from a reservoir to the ball housing through narrow tube. The ink reservoir must be open to the air, or have a hole in it. Otherwise as the ink level falls a partial vacuum would be created, preventing the ink from flowing.

Ridges in the metal housing distribute the ink evenly around the ball, so that when it is moved over a surface it rotates and draws a line.

The French company BIC sells more than 12 million ball-point pens daily world wide. Each pen will produce more than 3.5 kilometres of writing if it has a fine point, or 2.5 kilometres if it has a medium point.

*Ladislao Biro invented the ball-point pen in Budapest in the 1930's. He fled when World War 2 broke out, eventually reaching Argentina. With his brother George's help, he perfected the pen and manufactured it in Buenos Aires during the war. In 1944 he sold his interests in the invention to one of his backers, who produced the Biro pen for the Allied air forces, because it was not affected by changes in air pressure.*

*Barry Craig*

#### **Next edition:**

**December 2020**

**As our newsletter was later coming out this month there will be no November edition. The December newsletter will be distributed well before Christmas.**

A big thankyou to Peter Lazarus for printing our newsletter and organising September's envelope filling with Sam and Sandra Dyer. We all appreciate the effort you have made for us. In fact, you did such a great job, we will employ you for this October Newsletter!