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### *A word from the President in our Christmas edition:*

Dear Members

Following the recent easing of Coronavirus restrictions, I am definitely feeling a lot more positive about our ability to recommence U3A classes early in the New Year. More details concerning 2021 memberships and the restarting of classes are included in this Newsletter.

Also things are looking much better with respect to Xmas this year as households will be able to host up to 30 people as from December 13<sup>th</sup> enabling us all to better enjoy celebrations with our family and friends.

On behalf of the Hume U3A Committee I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best for a very merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Surely next year is going to be better than 2020.

The Hume U3A AGM was held on Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> and it was a virtual AGM, meaning that it was run on the Internet using Zoom. A big thanks to the Twenty- seven members who tuned in and enabled us to have a quorum and conduct the meeting. Thanks also to those members who put in an apology.

Whilst the meeting went well, it was disappointing **not** to receive any new nominations for our Committee. Reluctantly, the existing Committee members have agreed to continue on until the next AGM in August 2021.

On behalf of all members I would like to thank each of them for their continued effort and support.

Harry Safstrom	Secretary
Julie McPherson	Treasurer
Sandra Dyer	Office Manager
Marilyn Rohweder	Membership Officer
Anne De Gabrielle	Social Secretary
Maria Malacia	Committee Member



Also a special thanks to Peter Lazarus for his efforts in organizing the Zoom AGM and the work he does to support the Committee behind the scenes.

Also a big thanks to Jenny Brodie and Barry Craig for their efforts in producing the Newsletter.

As indicated on numerous occasions we are desperately in need of new volunteers for the Committee, especially in light of the fact that most members have served at least 3-4 years on the Committee and are now looking to stand aside and give others a chance to step up and make a contribution.

Please feel free contact me on 0412529151 if you would like to join the Committee or to simply discuss what is involved in being a Committee member.

Once again I wish you all the best for a safe and healthy Xmas and New Year.

*Geoff Mackay, President Hume U3A*

### **2021 Membership and Class Enrolment**

Your current active 2020 membership will be automatically extended to the end of 2021. In addition, you will be automatically enrolled in the same classes for next year. We will send out a general email to all active members when this rollover has occurred. When you receive your email in early January, please check your enrolments and advise [membership@humeu3a.org.au](mailto:membership@humeu3a.org.au) if there are any discrepancies.

**Essentially, you don't have to do anything to continue to attend your current classes into 2021.**

### **Cancelling or Dropping out of 2021 Classes**

If you don't want to attend a course or any courses in 2021, please advise us at [membership@humeu3a.org.au](mailto:membership@humeu3a.org.au) so we can remove you from the course. There will be no refunds for members who cancel their 2021 membership.

### **Restarting Classes in 2021**

It is expected that classes will restart in 2021 and Victorian Government guidelines will specify

- The dates when classes can resume.
- The maximum number of people permitted per class e.g. 4 square metre rule.
- Mask wearing indoors.
- Cleaning chairs and surfaces at the end of class.



Hume City Council has implemented class attendance recording processes. When attending a class at GPCC or Lynda Blundell:

- You will be required to scan the QR code at the door before entering.
- You will enter your contact details.
- The attendance records will be kept for 30 days and then will be deleted.
- If a Covid case is identified, health authorities will use the class contact details to quickly track the attendees.

This process is designed to record who associates with whom in each class in the unlikely event someone tests positive to Covid19. The attendance recording process will enable health authorities to quickly identify others in the same class who need to get tested.

### **Introducing QR Codes**

Each classroom, the hallway, and inside the front door has a QR code for you to use. All the QR codes are the same, so you can point your phone at any of the QR codes to register your attendance at GPCC.

You take out your mobile phone, point it at the QR code and the phone will take you to a website where you enter your contact details (name and telephone number).:

Thirty days after attending that class, the attendance records will be permanently deleted. A brief explanation video can be found at this site:

<https://www.aurasafe.com.au/>

AuraSafe is the name of the organisation that Hume Council has chosen to track attendance at GPCC, Hume Library, and Lynda Blundell.

This is what a QR code looks like. On many mobile phones, the QR code will automatically read and will take you to the website where you enter your contact details. On other phones, you might have to install a QR App code from Playstore or iPhone App store.

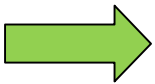
After installing the App on your phone, add an icon for it on your home screen. Doing this will mean you can quickly find the App on your phone when you need to scan the QR code. You won't be fumbling around, and holding up others.

So, check out your mobile phone by pointing your phone camera at this code. If your camera doesn't automatically take you to the website, then install a QR App and try again.

### **I Don't Have a Phone**

If you don't have a mobile phone, or you forget your phone, you can ask another class member who has a mobile phone to register you.

When you scan this QR code with your phone the Wikipedia website will open



Language is so interesting. Loved the articles in last edition. Here's a few more to ponder



### Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

Each year U3A Hume participates in fundraising by running at least three sausage sizzles at Bunnings Broadmeadows. The current organiser of the sausage sizzles, Peter Lazarus, is stepping down from this role.

### Advertising for a Sausage Sizzle Co-ordinator.

The Co ordinator helps manage the Bunnings sausage sizzles

Your role is to roster members to cook and serve the customers on the day. You will also be responsible for ordering and purchasing the sausages and bread from Coles and delivering it on the day. You will be responsible for managing the facilities on the day. This doesn't mean you do all the work, but that you delegate the tasks to the volunteers.

Contact Peter Lazarus on [webmaster@humeu3a.org.au](mailto:webmaster@humeu3a.org.au) to register your interest.

### APHORISM: A SHORT, POINTED SENTENCE THAT EXPRESSES A WISE OR CLEVER OBSERVATION OR A GENERAL TRUTH

The nicest thing about the future is...	<i>that it always starts tomorrow</i>
<b>Money will buy a fine dog...</b>	<b><i>but only kindness will make him wag his tail.</i></b>
A good time to keep your mouth shut is...	<i>when you're in deep water.</i>
<b>How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark...</b>	<b><i>to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?</i></b>
Be careful about reading the fine print...	<i>there's no way you're going to like it.</i>
<b>The trouble with bucket seats is that....</b>	<b><i>not everybody has the same size bucket</i></b>
No one ever says "It's only a game"...	<i>when their team is winning.</i>



Pat the collector apologises for the last pickup of the tea bag labels etc as I didn't read my notice and I turned up at the wrong time. I thank the people who waited for me & called into our place with their collections. I have set another day, **Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> December between 11 till 12pm.**

I will be there this time, at the Disabled bay in the carpark at the Gladstone Park Community Centre.

Thank you.



We were dressed and ready to go out for a dinner & theatre evening. We turned on a 'night light', turned the answering machine on, covered our pet parrot and put the cat in the backyard. We phoned the local taxi company and requested a taxi.

The taxi arrived, and we opened the front door to leave the house. As we walked out the door, the cat we had put out in the yard scooted back into the house. We didn't want the cat shut in the house because she always tries to get at the parrot. My wife walked on out to the taxi, while I went back inside to get the cat. The cat ran upstairs, with me in hot pursuit.

Waiting in the cab, my wife didn't want the driver to know that the house would be empty for the night so, she explained to the taxi driver that I would be out soon. "He's just going upstairs to say good-bye to my mother."

A few minutes later, I got into the cab. "Sorry I took so long," I said, as we drove away. "That stupid bitch was hiding under the bed. I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out. She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck. Then, I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked! I hauled her downstairs and threw her out into the backyard!

She'd better not shit in the vegetable garden again!" The silence in the Taxi was deafening.

## Answers to teasers from the October edition:

### *Brain Teaser*

1. A secret.
2. The door on the right. The lion would be dead after not eating for three months.
3. What stairs? You live in a one-storey house.
4. Drop the "S".
5. Water
6. Romeo and Juliet are fish. The rumble of the train knocked the tank off the shelf, it broke and Romeo and Juliet did not survive.

<i>General Trivia</i>	<i>Baby Boomers Bundle</i>
1. A boar	1.Cliff Richard
2. Flinders and Swanston Streets corner	2.The Thorn Birds
3. stamen	3.Cleo
4. Hugh Bonneville	4.They started using male names as well as female names
5. Hobart	5. Singapore
6. Cul de sac	6.Salvadore Allende
7. Siam	7.Singapore
8. Tasmania	8.Clothes lines
9. Gazpacho	9.Kooky
10. Around the world in 80 days	10.Red and White
11. Sir Henry Bolte (17 years)	11.Liza Minnelli
12. Cyprus	12.Shame Fraser, shame

## Milestone Celebration!

Happy Birthday wishes to three of our Hume U3A members celebrating milestone birthdays in December.

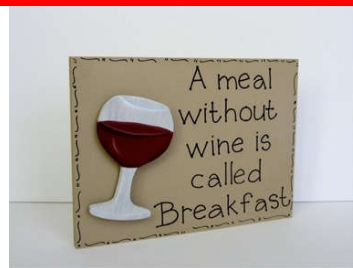


Marlene Stanley  
Cheryl Wapshott  
Douglas Pereira

*All our thoughts and best wishes go to any Hume U3A members who have been unwell. Hope you are all well on the road to good health again.*



**Just in time for Christmas.....Some facts about wine**



People say that drinking milk makes you stronger.

Drink 5 glasses of milk and try to move a wall.  
Can't?

Now drink 5 glasses of wine.  
The wall moves all by itself!



At my age  
I need glasses.



**If you want to save money at Xmas, now's the perfect time to tell the kids that Santa didn't make it through the pandemic**



Who was our  
Halloween Horror  
member?  
Yes!  
You guessed it.  
Margaret Skellett



Who better to prepare us  
for the festive season  
than our own pin up girl?

*Margaret sends love and  
best wishes to her dear  
friends at Hume U3A,  
wishes them a Merry  
Christmas and Happy  
New Year and looks  
forward to seeing them  
all in 2021.*

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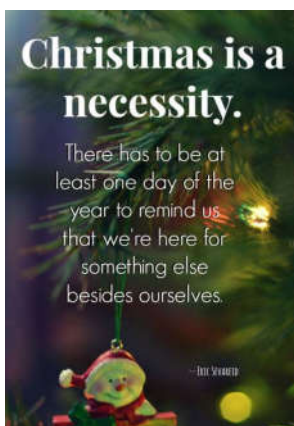
Thanks Margaret for your  
many dressups during  
Covid lockdown. You kept  
us guessing.

### Christmas Trivia

1. What are the two other popular names for Santa Claus?
2. What spirit is traditionally added to Christmas pudding?
3. How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish?
4. Who wrote the book "A Christmas Carol"?
5. In the Nativity story what was the name of the angel who told Mary she would give birth to Jesus?
6. Why is Christmas celebrated on December 25th.?
7. What are the names of the 3 wise men?
8. In the song "Frosty the snowman" what made Frosty come to life?
9. In Australia what 2 famous sporting events begin on Boxing Day?
10. In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" what was the first name of SCROOGE?
11. Where did the Nativity take place?
12. A recent holiday fad, what "spy" hides around the house, reporting to Santa on who has been naughty or nice?

### It just wouldn't be Christmas without some cracker jokes

1. What do angry mice send to each other at Christmas?
2. Why don't you ever see Santa in hospital?
3. Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
4. What carol is heard in the desert?'
5. What's the difference between Santa Clause and a knight?
6. What would you call an elf who just has won the lottery?





# CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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BELLS	RUDOLPH	ELVES	JOY
CANDLES	SANTA	FROSTY	MERRY
CANDY CANE	SEASON	GIFT	MISTLETOE
CARDS	SLEIGH	GIVING	NOEL
CELEBRATE	STOCKING	GREETINGS	NORTH POLE
CHIMNEY	TREE	HOLIDAY	REINDEER
CHRISTMAS	WREATH	JOLLY	



## An Australian Christmas

Australians have a special way  
Of spreading Christmas Cheer  
Ploughing snow is a no- no  
We have sun over here.

Christmas pud is a pav instead  
While lunch is on the beach.  
Cold ham replaces turkey  
And we have three servings each.

Kangaroos help Santa out  
'Cause reindeer just won't do  
For they don't know the bush so well  
Roos just bound on through.

Forget the fur lined boots this year  
Thongs are what you need.  
Rudolph will have to sit it out  
While Skippy takes the lead.

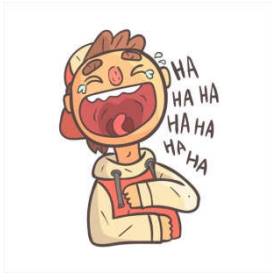
But don't you worry  
Have no fear  
Santa's use to us down here.



"Maybe  
CHRISTMAS,  
he thought, doesn't come  
from a Store.  
MAYBE  
CHRISTMAS  
...perhaps...  
mean's a little  
BIT MORE."  
-The Grinch



This was too good to leave out, even though we are all so over Covid !!!!



**HA HA HA HA!**

### ***Various Doctors Battling How To Fight Coronavirus.***

*The American Medical Association has weighed in on Coronavirus (a.k.a. Chinese or Wuhan virus) strategy:*

*The Allergists were in favour of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.*

*The Gastroenterologist had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.*

*Meanwhile, Obstetricians felt certain everyone was labouring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea short sighted.*

*Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"*

*The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.*

*Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Internists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow.*

*The Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter".*

*The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.*

*Anaesthesiologists thought the entire concept was a gas, and the lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.*

*In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in Washington.*

### ***Christmas Trivia Answers***

- (1) Kris Kringle and St. Nicholas**
- (2) Brandy**
- (3) Feliz Navidad**
- (4) Charles Dickens**
- (5) Gabriel**
- (6) Because Pope Julius 1, in 359A.D. declared that December 25th. is the official date to celebrate the birth of Christ.**
- (7) Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar**
- (8) An old silk hat**
- (9) The Sydney to Hobart boat race and the Boxing Day Test**
- (10) Ebenezer**
- (11) Bethlehem**
- (12) The Elf on the shelf**

### Cracker Answers

1. Cross-mouse cards!
2. Because he has private elf insurance
3. A mince spy!
4. 'O camel ye faithful!
5. One slays a dragon, the other drags a sleigh!
6. Welfy

Finally we can see that face and listen to the story.

We will cherish our freedom following lockdown.



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A big thankyou goes out Baz for, not only proof reading every issue, but also for his many contributions to the newsletter including Baz's Brainers.

Huge thanks to Peter for printing and uploading the newsletter and organising our envelope stuffers.

Thanks to the U3A members who contributed. It makes for more interesting reading with a variety of articles, puzzles, jokes or cartoons.

Finally some thoughts for 2021 as the new year approaches.....

**"Drop the last year into the silent limbo of the past. Let it go, for it was imperfect, and thank God that it can go." — Brooks Atkinson**

**"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." — Vern McLellan**

**"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbours, and let every new year find you a better man." (or woman) — Benjamin Franklin**

Next edition:

Late January 2021

Thankyou to each and every U3A member who supported Peter Lazarus in the huge effort in getting our newsletter printed, envelopes stuffed and distributed to every member. Special thanks to Sandra and Sam for doing the honours again.