

U3A Hume - ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending June 30, 2020

As President of Hume U3A, it is my pleasure to report to you, the achievements and activities of the organisation for the **year ending June 2020**.

Similar to recent years we have decided to provide only **one** report for the year ending **30th June 2020** - rather than individual reports from each Committee member.

This year we are reporting on the following topics:-

Membership

Our membership numbers over the **past 4 years** are:-

As at 30 th	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Female	240	230	215	210
Male	57	49	45	47
Total Members	297 (18)	279 (34)	260 (32)	257 (35)

(free subscriptions shown in brackets)

It is disappointing to report that our overall numbers have decreased **from 297 in 2017 to 257 in 2020 --- a decrease of 12%**. This compares with an overall **increase of 16%** throughout all U3As within Victoria over the **past 4 years**.

Having regards to the effects of the Coronavirus (on our member's approach to attending social outings), we may find that some members decide not to re-enrol next year. This will apply increased pressure on our efforts to grow our membership in the future.

As a point of interest, we are providing a breakdown of the ages of members as shown in the following table.

Under 60 years	10
61-70	94
71-80	108
81- 90	43
91 +	3
Total	258

It is interesting to note that a large majority of our members **154 (66 %) are over the age of 70 years**.

Financial Report

For the financial year **ending 30th June 2020**, we have to report that we have had an **operating loss of \$ 1060**. **Total Expenses \$26,635** **Income \$ 25575**.

Fortunately we have significant cash reserves in the bank, so financially we are still in a sound position.

Having regard to our financial position your hard working Committee has decided to recommend **not to increase membership fees for the ensuing year**. In addition, due to the fact we have had limited classes during 2020 (as a result of the Coronavirus) any fees paid by members during 2020 will be **credited towards 2021 fees**.

Classes and other Activities

We commenced the 2020 calendar year with around **30** classes and activities which was a decrease of **4** classes on the previous year. The courses covered a broad range of activities with a focus on craft work, exercise and computer technology.

However, as you are all aware, the Coronavirus pandemic hit us in March 2020, and our face-to-face courses were all brought to a sudden halt due to Government restrictions on attendance in public places.

Except for a few Zoom video-conferencing classes in Astronomy and Patchwork we been out of action during 2020. Let's hope we are able to return to all physical classes in 2020.

The Newsletter

A big thanks to Jenny Brodie, Editor and Barry Craig, Reporter who continue to produce a brighter and more detailed Newsletter.

As we have been in Lockdown for most of the year, the Newsletter has provided us all with an excellent way of staying connected with many interesting stories being provided by members.

U3A Network Membership Management System

A major change has been made to our membership system. The change is the result of U3A Network Victoria investing in a software project to improve the usability of the membership system.

The new system was described in detail in the September 2020 Newsletter. We expect that members will find it easier to manage their membership details and enrolments with the new interface. The system is working well.

During the year, Peter Lazarus continues to help other Victorian U3A's (including Hobson's Bay, Colac, Otway, Moreland, Avoca, and Creswick) in implementing a standard website as part of the U3A Network Group initiative.

Rotary raffle

Once again we participated in the Rotary Raffle. Income netted **\$1790**.

Thanks to Maria Malacria for organising the raffle in 2019. Thanks also to Norma Dugard for advice and assistance and also to Marilyn Rohweder and Tutors and others who helped distribute and collect raffle tickets.

Social Activities

- 21st October to 25th October 2020. A week getaway to Bright which included a visit to the Bonegilla Migrant Camp and the Mt. Buffalo Chalet
- 15th January 2020 Musical - Chicago.
- Summer Program January 2020

Movies at Airport West

Airways Museum and Civil Aviation Historical, Essendon Airport

Exhibition Buildings Tour

Ten Pin Bowling at Maribyrnong

A big thanks to Anne De Gabrielle our Social Secretary for organising these events.

New Life Members

If anyone believes they may qualify for an award please raise this matter with either myself or any other Committee member.

Representations and Partnerships

Peter Lazarus continues to be the U3A Hume representative on the Gladstone Park Community Centre Council.

Our partnership with the Hume Global Learning Centre continues. Monday computer classes at the Hume Global Learning Centre are supported by Hume City Council.

Strategic Planning

Much of our planning has been put on hold due to the sub-committee being unable to meet due to Coronavirus lockdowns.

Next year we plan to seek more support from the Network in the areas of Marketing and how we can best fill positions for Tutors and Committee members.



Future Challenges

U3A Hume has a challenging future. We definitely need new Committee members in particular a Course Co-ordinator. We will be looking for members to implement new ideas and approaches and new classes.

We also need to continue our Strategic Planning Process to develop action plans for implementation. This will require more time and effort from the Committee and other members in an environment where we are all **VOLUNTEERS**.

Finally on your behalf - I would like to thank our very dedicated Committee for working as a team during the last year to get things done with a minimum of fuss.

Geoff Mackay

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U3A Hume President

10 November 2020