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### *A word from the President.*

Dear Members

Last Friday, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, we conducted our Annual General Meeting for Hume U3A and on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the 18 members who were in attendance.

The formalities of the meeting were concluded within 30 minutes and we then adjourned for some refreshments.

As there were no new nominations for any of the Committee positions I had to announce that the existing Committee would stand again rather than see the organisation fold.

So once again, **Harry Safstrom** will act as Secretary, **Julie McPherson** as Treasurer, **Marilyn Rohweder** as Membership Officer, **Anne De Gabriele** as Social Secretary with **Pat Blundell** as her Assistant, and **Jenny Brodie** as Newsletter Officer and myself again as President.

A big thanks to the existing Committee for their continued support and preparedness to soldier on until replacements can be found.

A pleasing task at the AGM was the opportunity to present Life Membership Awards to the following Volunteer Tutors:-

**Ira Vale**, Huff and Puff and Chair Aerobics

**Margaret Crowe**, Jewellery classes, and

**Lee Tipton**, Line Dancing

We congratulate each of these members for their efforts over many years.

A full copy of our Annual Report including financial position will be published on our website for all members to read should they wish to do so.

We look forward to the ensuing year with a positive outlook.

Yours sincerely

*Geoff Mackay, President Hume U3A*

*We wish to thank all that took part in our AGM*

*A thank you for the ladies who set up the lunch*

*If you have not yet sent in your nomination for a Course Coordinator and an Office Manager.*

*We cannot operate without a full team on the (*

*We look forward to a better year ahead.*

*Harry Safstrom*

*Secretary Hume U3A Inc*

**NOTE:** All AGM documents can be found on our website

**NOTE:**

*This article outlines the main features of the Annual Report.  
The complete report can be viewed on our Website.*

**HUME U3A ANNUAL REPORT ---- YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

**Geoff Mackay President**

**Membership**

- Hume U3A has 212 members ( 170 Female and 42 Male)\_There have been **35 new members** join our U3A since **1<sup>st</sup> July 2021**.
- The **U3A Network** has been predicting that memberships will decrease by around **20%** due to the impact of COVID -19. Our current Hume U3A figures show a decrease of around **17%** on pre COVID -19 figures and compares favourably with overall expectations.

**Financial Report**

- For the financial year ending **30<sup>th</sup> June 2022** we have experienced an **Operating Loss of \$ 3914**. Although we have had an operating loss this year, it compares favourably with the previous year when the loss was **\$6179** due to the non-collection of membership fees.
- Overall we are in a good position financially as we have significant cash reserves in the bank.
- During the forthcoming Financial Year we anticipate an increase in our income via a number of activities ( Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, Hume Council funding)
- Having increased membership fees up to \$50 p.a. in 2022, the Committee does not propose any further increase in 2023.

**Classes and other Activities**

- The courses cover a wide range of activities with a focus on craft work, exercise and computer technology.
- Without a Course Co-ordinator and an Office Manager the day-to-day operations are made more difficult. A special thanks to Marilyn for her help in this regard.

**The Newsletter**

- Thanks again to Jenny Brodie and Barry Craig.

**Social Activities**

- Dine-out functions were re-commenced this year and continue to be very popular.
- Consideration is currently being given to the option of organising Dine-Out functions as a lunch-time event.
- Thanks to Anne De Gabrielle and Pat Blundell for organising our functions.

**New Life Members**

This year the Committee has decided to award Life Membership to the following members for their contributions and support of Hume U3A:-

- **Ira Vale**
- **Margaret Crowe**
- **Lee Tipton**

**U3A Network Membership Management System**

The new Membership Management Software System helps members manage their membership details and enrolments. To explore the system click on the yellow **Member Login in the Menu on our Website**.

### **Representations and Partnerships**

Thanks to Peter Lazarus who continues to represent our organisation on the Gladstone Park Community Centre Committee.

### **Future Challenges**

Our immediate challenges are to:

- improve our day-to-day operational requirements by filling the vacant positions of Course Co-Ordinator and Office Manager.
- improve our marketing strategies and attract new members and create new courses were possible.
- recruit new Committee members to replace those wishing to stand aside after many years of voluntary contribution.

### **LIFE MEMBERS 2022**



At our recent AGM three U3A members were awarded Life Memberships. Congratulations and thank you for your support and dedication to Hume U3A. Geoff Mackay , President, presented each Life member with her certificate.

**L to R: Margaret Crowe, Geoff Mackay, Ira Vale, Lee Tipton.**

### **MUSIC TRIVIA .....QUESTIONS**

1. **Name the recording company founded by the Beatles?**
2. **Who sang the 1966 top hit, "Strangers in the Night"?**
3. **On which track does the "Chattanooga Choo Choo" leave from?**
4. **Who sang about parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme?**
5. **Whose album "Tapestry" won the 1981 Grammy for album of the year?**
6. **Who sang the country hit "Harper Valley PTA"?**

We all celebrate birthdays differently.....



How about a slippery slide resulting in three broken bones in your ankle, spending your birthday under anaesthetic and being put out of action for six weeks.  
Well done Robyn Craig.

Happy Birthday Robyn and many good wishes from everyone as you endure the next six weeks of recovery.

Maybe a more conventional celebration in '23.



## **From Our Social Secretary:**

### **Dine Out 2022**

**When:** Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Pascoe Vale Hotel  
12 Railway Parade, Pascoe Vale  
**Time:** 6.00pm

**When:** Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Rashay's ( Modern Aussies Faves)  
Shop E002, Broadmeadows Town Centre  
Next to Hoyts.  
**Time:** 6.00pm

**When:** Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** D's Souvlaki  
22 Hood St, Airport West  
**Time:** 6.00pm

**To book your seat at the table...**  
**Call Anne: 0403 067 626 or Pat: 0400 092 027**

## **Floral Art**

It's amazing what can be done with a few flowers, lots of enthusiasm and Maria. Well done everyone.



We did a 'hot air' balloon arrangement, it was very challenging for the ladies but they loved the end result as you can see by their big smiles.

### **Dear Tutors**

**Our newsletter would be a great forum for you to provide an update on courses.**

**Please let us know what's been happening in your program. Do you have vacancies? What is planned for last term of this year?**

**Maybe send a photo or two if appropriate.**

*Email any information to [jjbrodie5@bigpond.com](mailto:jjbrodie5@bigpond.com)*



## OUT AND ABOUT WITH GEOFF MACKAY.....

Hi from Whitsunday Islands.

Apparently COVID-19 is the 37th cause of death behind Cancer and Heart attacks etc.

I'll start to worry when it gets in the top 10.

Until then I've decided to get out and about and live life to the fullest.



Recently visited the Mackenzie Waterfalls at Halls Gap.

The 800 steps to the bottom of the falls were OK but the steps up were exhausting to say the least.

Hi from recent trip to Maryborough Victoria. One of the many great country towns that can be visited on a day trip from Melbourne.

**Hi Members.....**

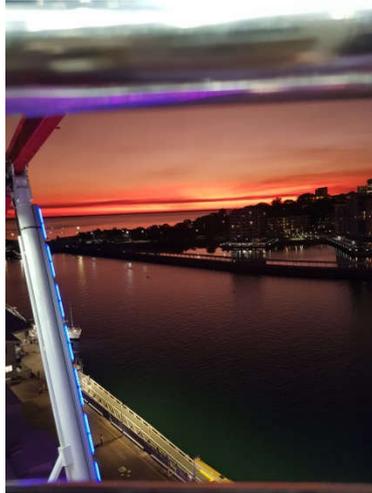
**Let us know if there is a day trip we might all enjoy.**

**All you have to do is call Anne 0403 067 626 or Pat 0400 092 027 to discuss any ideas.**



## DINA WENT TO DARWIN.....

Dina Lewis finally got her trip to Darwin after the many trials and tribulations of Covid.



Beautiful sunset from the ferris wheel on the waterfront in Darwin. Dina says that she never tires of Darwin's sunrises and sunsets

The boxing croc was the mascot for the 1983 America's Cup. It's in Humpty Doo about 30kms from Darwin.



### Jingili Water Park Gardens in North Darwin.

A popular Park in Darwin with many attractions to suit every family member.

#### SURVIVAL TIP:

If you get lost in the woods start talking about politics and someone will show up to argue with you.



### VALE

We send our sincere condolences to the family of Dorothy McLeod who passed away on Wednesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022.

Dorothy joined U3A in July 1995 and was enrolled in Family History. From the friends who knew her well they say she was a bright and well educated woman and always ready to help others.

## AWOL SOMEWHERE IN QUEENSLAND.....JENNY BRODIE

It's a great idea to leave our cold weather and travel to QLD. Well, maybe not this year as Winter has been unusually cold and wet up north. We are visiting some of our favourite places like Charleville, Barcaldine and Rubyvale as well as new



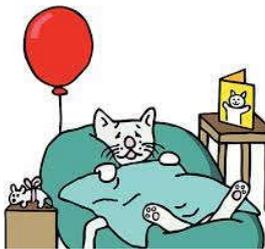
towns. We spent a week in Rockhampton and while there visited their Heritage Village. While it has many of the same displays as other parks the Dingley Cottage was very interesting. The owner lived in this cottage until her death at 102 years of age. She had no power or water connected to the house, had an outside toilet as well as an outside cold shower. We have little to

complain about.



We moved on from Rockhampton to Biloela and Monto with its amazing street art. We have just left The Town of 1770. It is truly paradise. Captain Cook landed here back in 1770 but I'm guessing didn't enjoy the sunset and fish and chips we enjoyed. They rivalled anything we have at home, which for me was a first for takeaway anywhere other than Victoria. Our adventures continue as we slowly head south. I know I am lucky to be able to travel and cherish the time away.

*Get well wishes  
to anybody  
currently  
suffering  
through Covid  
and the flu*



Has anyone else been for a trip anywhere?

Would love your travel snaps to share in next newsletter.



### MUSIC TRIVIA .....ANSWERS

- 1 Apple
- 2 Frank Sinatra
- 3 Track 29
- 4 Simon and Garfunkel
- 5 Carol King
- 6 Jeannie C. Riley

The Committee of Hume U3A would like to thank Maria Vamvakinou MP and her staff for the printing of this newsletter.