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A word from the President.

Dear Members

As we enter into the winter months, I trust you are all keeping warm and free from any colds/flu etc.

In this Newsletter, our Social Secretary is surveying members with regards to the possibility of a **6 day trip to Canberra in Sept/Oct. this year** which will coincide with the Floriade show. Anne is currently investigating transport and accommodation arrangements and timing of the trip before publishing details to all members. Also the Social Secretary is asking members to consider our dining - out arrangements being extended to include lunch-time hours. It would be appreciated if you could respond to the Social Secretary with your thoughts on these proposals ASAP.

A reminder that our Annual General meeting is planned for Friday August 5th 2022. Anyone interested in joining the Committee should feel free to discuss with anyone on the Committee or myself for more details and find out what is involved. Nomination forms for the Committee positions will be forwarded to all members within the next few weeks.

Nominations for Life Membership Awards should also be considered at this time and submissions should be submitted in writing to the Secretary in line with the current **Policy by the end of June.**

Yours sincerely

Geoff Mackay, President Hume U3A





Our U3A library has been replenished and provides members with plenty of choice. There are also several books from single authors available for your enjoyment.

Our library is open when the Gladstone Park Community Centre (GPCC) is open for classes or office staff are in attendance.



Happy Birthday Andy.
Line Dancing group celebrating Andy's 89th birthday.





From Our Social Secretary:

Dine Out 2022

When: Friday June 24th
Where: Cross Keys Hotel
350 Pascoe Vale Road, Essendon
Time: 6.00pm

When: Friday July 22nd
Where: Taylor's Lake Hotel
7 Melton Highway Taylors Lakes
Time: 6.00pm

When: Friday August 26th
Where: Pascoe Vale Hotel
12 Railway Parade, Pascoe Vale
Time: 6.00pm

To book your seat at the table...

Call Anne: 0403 067 626 or Pat: 0400 092 027

Dine Out for Lunch

Would you be interested in a Dine Out Luncheon?

Currently Dine out is a monthly evening event which, for a variety of reasons, doesn't suit all members. Before we start planning a lunch we must know if our members believe it's worth considering and more importantly would be interested in attending.

Call Anne or Pat to register your interest

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TIME FOR A TRIP.....CANBERRA IN SPRING.

It will be amazing to get back to the travels we have loved over many years pre Covid. We are looking at spending 6 nights away in September -October 2022.

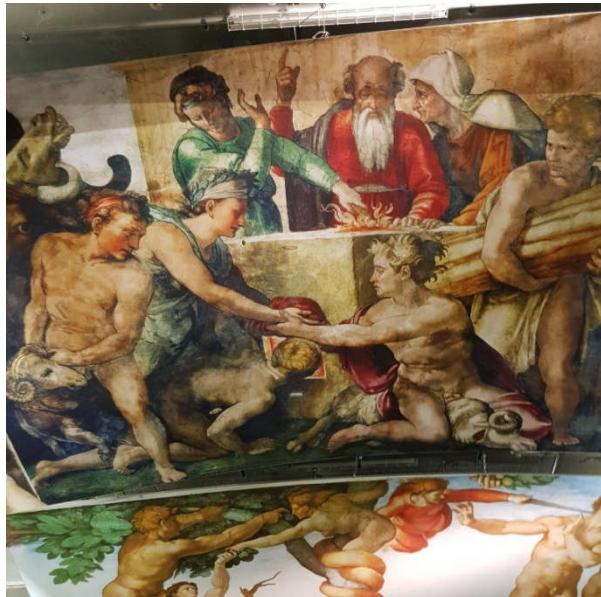
BUT to enable us to plan costs, transport, accommodation and tours we need to hear from you, our members, as soon as possible.

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MICHELANGELO'S SISTINE CHAPEL EXHIBITION

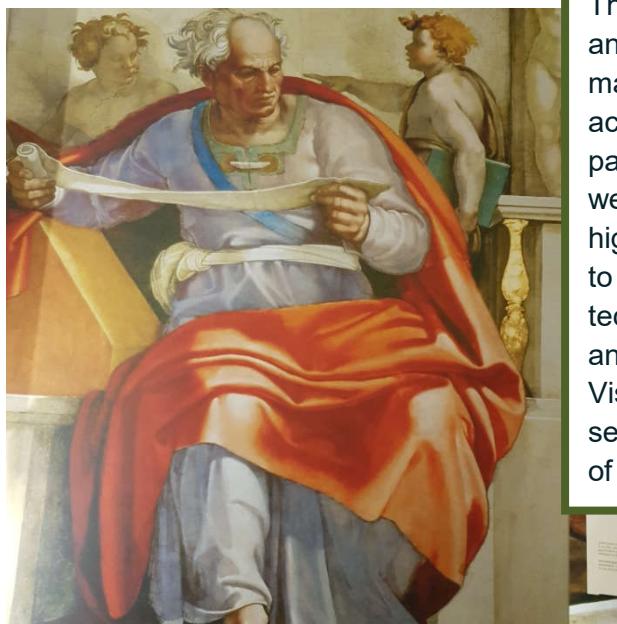


Tom and I went to the Sistine Chapel Exhibition during its last week in Melbourne.

It was very well presented and we thoroughly enjoyed it. The frescoes were commissioned by the Pope with the entire work taking 4.5 years to complete between 1508-1512.

Among the art work were scenes from Genesis, the first Book of Moses, the fall of man, Adam and Eve and the salvation of Noah

Dina Lewis



The Exhibition showcased the awe and wonder of arguably one of mankind's greatest artistic achievements .The ceiling paintings from the Sistine Chapel were reproduced using licensed high-definition photos and brought to life using a special printing technique that emulated the look and feel of the original paintings, Visitors were given a chance to see every detail and every colour of the artist's 34 frescoes.

FYI: Notification from Hume City Council

Hume City Council have some path construction works commencing soon at Gladstone Park Reserve that may impact the Gladstone Park Community Centre user groups if they walk to the facility via the reserve.

These works may also affect parking in the car park if maintenance machinery is left there. At this stage it is not known if this will happen.

It is expected the works will be completed by end of June 2022 and include

*New shared path from Wolverton Drive to South Circular Road.
Replacement of existing gravel path with concrete shared path
New concrete paths to the new sports pavilion (under construction)*



Responsible for these creations are:

L to R:

Joan Foulkes, Vivian Panuccio, Valentina Kojevnikov, Joan Fitzpatrick and Maria Malacria

It's a great opportunity to share ideas, pick up new tips and recipes and enjoy good food and company.

To register

Call Marilyn

0409 622 238

OZ HARVEST NUTRITION EDUCATION & SKILLS TRAINING
6-WEEK PROGRAM: HUME U3A

Learn to cook easy cheap and healthy meals

Hume City Council has partnered with Oz Harvest to bring their NEST program to Hume. The program is FREE to all participants.

NEST is a nutrition education and cooking program that will teach you essential life skills in a friendly, fun and supportive way.

Learn from qualified Dieticians and Nutritionists how to eat healthy and cook easy, affordable and delicious meals.

This program includes x6 NEST sessions, that will run for 2.5 hours each. Each NEST session will include fun nutrition activities, practical cooking activities and the sharing of a meal. Participants will also be given some NEST recipes and resources to take home.

Book your place today.

SESSION DETAILS:

Location: Lynda Blundell Community Centre, 185 Blair St, Dallas VIC 3047
Time: 11:00am – 1:30pm

TUESDAYS Dates: 7 June, 14 June, 21 June, 28 June, 5 July, 12 July, 19 July

RSVP required: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

*If you are unable to book via Eventbrite, please contact Bianca on biancao@hume.vic.gov.au or 92052512 – and I will book your place (for this option please provide your full name, contact phone number and any dietary requirements/food allergies you have).

OK MARLYN 0409 622 238

A scam clever enough to catch some of us off guard!

This scam is very clever. Just when you thought you'd heard it all. Be very careful out there! Beware of people bearing gifts!

The following is a recounting of the incident from the victim:

Recently I had a phone call from someone saying that he was from "Express Couriers," (The name could be any courier company).

He asked if I was going to be home because there was a package for me that required a signature. The caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in approximately an hour. Sure enough, about an hour later, a uniformed delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. I was very surprised, since there was no special occasion or holiday and I certainly wasn't expecting anything like it. Intrigued, I inquired as to who the sender was. Apparently, a greeting card was being sent separately. (The card has never arrived!)

There was also a consignment note with the gift. He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a \$3.50 "delivery/ verification charge," providing proof that he actually had delivered the package to an adult (of legal drinking age), and not just left it on the doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor. This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the delivery company required payment to be by credit or debit card only, so that everything is properly accounted for, and this would help in keeping a legal record of the transaction.

He added, "Couriers don't carry cash to avoid loss or being likely targets for robbery." My husband, who by this time was standing beside me, pulled out his credit card, and the "delivery man," asked him to swipe the card on a small mobile card machine with a small screen and keypad. Frank, my husband, was asked to enter his PIN number and a receipt was printed out. He was given a copy of the transaction.

The guy said everything was in order, and wished us good day, and left.

To our surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, \$4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines. Apparently, the "mobile credit card machine," which the deliveryman carried, now had all the information necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details including the PIN number. Upon finding out about the illegal transactions on our card, we immediately notified the bank which issued us a new card, and our credit/debit account was closed.

We also went to the police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households had been similarly hit.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package," which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is. Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

PLEASE pass this on, it may just prevent someone else from being swindled.

THIS IS A MUST READ AND... PLEASE LET FAMILY AND FRIENDS KNOW, TOO!

Thanks Barry Craig for the thumbs up. Pity some people didn't use their skills for good

Here's just a few trivia questions:

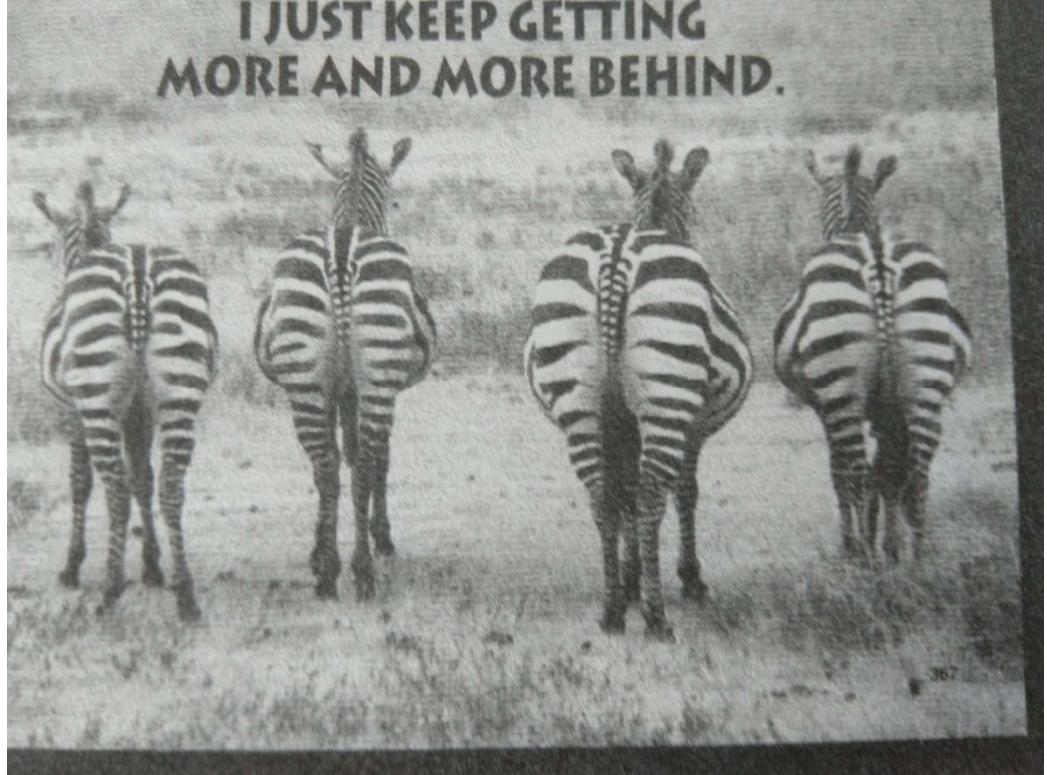
- (1) What city's airport was Billy Hayes arrested at in *Midnight Express*?
- (2) What was the name of the reigning world heavyweight champ in *Rocky*?
- (3) What 1952 Gene Kelly film has been acclaimed as the finest musical ever made?
- (4) What was the name of the O'Hara estate in *Gone With The Wind*?
- (5) Who played Lex Luthor, Superman's archenemy in *Superman*?

Something funny to finish with.....

A Lexus mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a LS460 when he spotted a well known cardiologist in his shop. The cardiologist was there waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his car when the mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc, want to take a look at this?" The cardiologist, a bit surprised, walked over to where the mechanic was working. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I opened its heart, took the valves out, repaired or replaced anything damaged, and then put everything back in, and when I finished, it worked just like new. So how is it that I make \$48,000 a year and you make \$1.7M, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The cardiologist paused, leaned over, and then whispered to the mechanic.....

"Try doing it with the engine running."



From Little Things

Just recently my wife and I were invited to Sacred Heart College in Kyneton, for our Grandson's musical recital put on by part of the excellent music program they have. About 18 drummers, bass players and guitarists performed. Angus is now half way through his music scholarship

I started teaching Angus to play guitar when he was in primary school and he was showing promise, then we came to the Covid era and it was too hard for us to get together often enough. I'm very pleased to see he kept at it when he started at college. It was really great to see him on stage with his music teacher, playing so well and with lots of confidence. He's certainly come a long way since the first photo.

Barry Craig



Starting out..

TRIVIA ANSWERS

ISTANBUL

APOLLO CREED

SINGIN' IN THE
RAIN

TARA

GENE HACKMAN



Today...

Note:

A great opportunity as it doesn't take long to chalk up \$40 at a restaurant. My claim was denied as I uploaded a credit card receipt and didn't provide the required printed and itemised Tax Invoice (similar to the printout you get at retail stores).

Editor

From Hume News.....May:

Victorian Entertainment and Dining program

<https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-dining-and-entertainment-program>

From Tuesday 29 March, you can claim 25 per cent back on your bill when you spend at least \$40(in a single transaction) in hospitality venues anywhere in Victoria outside of the City of Melbourne's 14 suburbs.

You can also claim 25 per cent back on the total cost of your Entertainment experience (zoo, museum, live show, movies) when you spend \$40 or more in a single transaction Combined maximum rebate is \$125 (dining and entertainment)

The program finishes on June 30 or when the money runs out, whichever comes first. At present there is \$20m in each of the Dining and Entertainment packages.

Claims are submitted to the secure Dining or Entertainment websites with **tax invoice** and **personal bank account details**

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