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A word from the President.

Dear members

Congratulations to all the Geelong football Club supporters for their team's great win in the 2022 Grand Final. **Commiserations** to all other football supporters whose teams were eliminated by the smallest of margins in the race to the finals, in particular Collingwood, Richmond and Carlton supporters.

Now that the football finals are over for another year, we can concentrate, over the next few weeks on the Spring Horse racing Carnival. My early pick for the Melbourne Cup is Alegron. Bet responsibly and I hope you back a winner.

For those of you who are not interested in either Football or Horse Racing then maybe getting out and about and just enjoying the better weather is "your thing". At this time of the year there are many Country towns with flower displays and I was fortunate to have recently visited Bendigo and enjoyed their Tulip display in Rosalind Park. I would highly recommend a trip to Bendigo if you are interested in this activity.

On Wednesday, 16th November this year, Our Social Secretary, Anne De Gabrielle is arranging a bus trip to Woop Woop for all Hume U3A members and I would strongly recommend you contact Anne if interested. More details are available in this Newsletter.

Also in October, the Victoria Seniors Festival turns 40, with a month long program of activities. Eight days of free public transport for Seniors Card holders from Sunday 2nd to Sunday 9th October. COTA Victoria will be front and centre at Celebration Day Sunday 2nd and throughout the first week of October at Federation Square.

Hume Council also has information about what's on offer in our area. Whatever you get up to over the next month I hope you enjoy.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Mackay, President Hume U3A

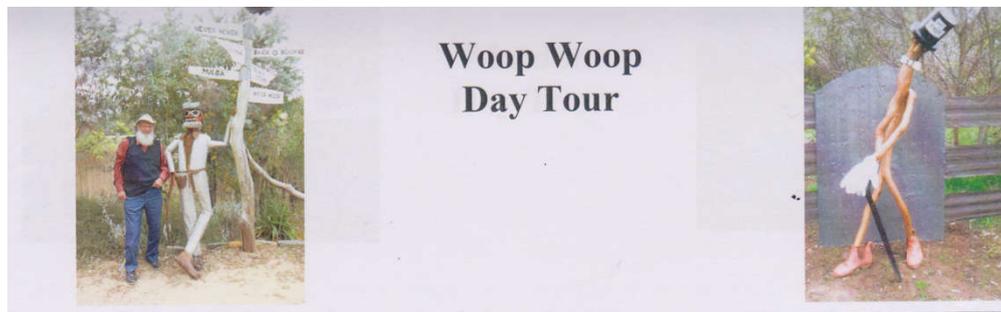
Woop Woop - it's a name that is as elusive and legendary as Timbuktu, Beyond the Black Stump and the Back of Bourke. It has come to mean a place that is beyond civilisation, a far distant destination that is difficult to reach, and indeed, **may not even exist**.

Day trip ideas for 2023:
Maldon
A day to Anglesea
Marysville
Yarragon
Barwon Park Mansion
Rochester
Bendigo Day tour

Social Event ----Day trip to Woop Woop

It is clear from member comments /responses that the longer trips once enjoyed are not as popular at present, so day trips may be the way forward for us.

Join the **Woop Woop Day Tour** on **Wednesday November 16th 2022** and end the year with a howl and not a whimper.



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Leaving from the pickup point at **8.30am** we travel along the Calder Highway towards Harcourt. Enjoy morning tea at a local park before heading out to Woop Woop.

If laughter is the best medicine you will get plenty of it at Woop Woop as you wander around this true blue Aussie sculpture garden.

Enjoy lunch at a local hotel in Castlemaine and return home via the highway to arrive at approximately **5pm**.

Cost is \$75 per head and includes

- Luxury coach travel
- Tour guide to entertain
- Morning Tea
- 2 Course lunch
- Entry to Woop Woop

All you have to do is contact Anne on 0403 067 626 or Pat on 0400 092 027 and get added to the list now!!!!

Trip Advisor Reviews (Woop Woop Sculpture Garden)

Andy and Melva have created this oasis because they "were trying to keep our colourful and inventive language alive and kicking". Woop Woop is a garden filled with sculptures and activities depicting Aussie sayings and humour.

Lovely Devonshire morning tea, followed by a tour of the venue. Well worth a visit. Probably more suited to over 50 yr olds. Been more than once and will go again. Great place to take your visitors.



From Our Social Secretary:

Dine Out 2022

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

When: Friday November 25th
Where: Gladstone Park Hotel
196 Mickleham Road, Gladstone Park
Time: 6.00pm

To book your seat at the table...

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

NOTE: November Dine Out is the last dinner for this year. Any suggestions for 2023 venues gratefully accepted by Anne or Pat.

Course updates

Our Hume U3A website has been updated this year and provides us with course outlines as well as dates and times of classes. A handy resource if you have been away for a period of time and need to catch up.

Mahjong is played on Thursday. The session does have the capacity to play other social games such as Bridge and Scrabble but can only do so with more members.

Tai Chi (beginner and advanced) is on Monday and has vacancies for new participants

Enrol on line or email course@humeu3a.org.au



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During our long, wet and cold Winter we have missed the smiling faces and enthusiasm of some of our regular class members.

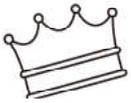
Hopefully with Spring in the air we will soon see you back in class.

Please call your tutor if you don't plan to return to class, otherwise we will see you in term 4.

Team "Huff n Puff" soldiered on through Winter. Great commitment girls!!!



Walkaways meet every Thursday for a walk at whatever pace suits you on the day. A chat and a cuppa ends the morning on a high note. Throughout this long, cold, wet Winter numbers have remained constant and the group has missed just one walking day due to rain. Not a bad effort at all.



On Thursday September 22nd Walkaways voted to have the weekly walk. It was such a beautiful day with 16 of us walking from Boeing Reserve. As a token to Queen Elizabeth II we enjoyed a Morning Tea of scones, jam and cream supplied by Jenny and Marilyn. As a mark of respect we held a minute's silence.

So proud of our group.

Thank you all.

Lorraine Ievens

Boeing Reserve September 15th



Oz Harvest

Oz HARVEST - NEST is a 6 week program designed to educate people in how to eat a varied, healthy, well balanced diet and with an emphasis on minimizing waste and costs.

Very similar to our own Cook n Dine class held 2nd Friday monthly.

Jan measuring ingredients under the watchful eyes of Beverley and Council Rep Naomi.



Left to right: Peter, Jan, Pat, Beverley, Rod, Marilyn, Deborah, Wendy and Gordon. Cheryl attended but was absent on Graduation day
Front: Ebony Yin (the NEST Program Co-Ordinator).

SPRING

We look forward to Spring with its colour, abundant blossoms, of new foliage and warmer weather after the long cold winter.



As the warmer days and clear skies appear, more than 53,000 of Bendigo's famed-tulips open to brighten the beautiful heritage streets from mid to late September to mid October.

The City of Greater Bendigo's Park and Natural Reserves team put on a great annual Tulip display along Pall Mall and Conservatory

Garden. The display features more than 53,000 tulips in an assortment of colours, sizes and blooming times.



On a smaller scale but no less beautiful is the display of colour at Geoff's unit. Flourishing in spite of him!!! It all just happens magically in Spring

Dear Camera Club

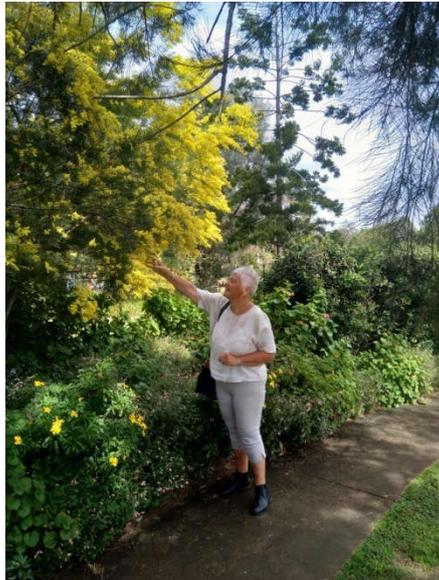
If you have been out shooting during Spring we would love some photos for our December edition.

Email

jjbrodie5@bigpond.com

or text pics to

0417 338 527



The best I can do is beautiful Wattle in Rockhampton in late Winter.

What does Spring mean to people?

Spring means meeting new people and trying new things, discovering yourself and moulding into someone new.

Spring means taking the leap and pushing back fears, a time for change and an opportunity for progress.

Editor: It's as good a way as any to describe Spring. Thanks Google



Welcome back to Robyn and Barry Craig, even if it is intermittently at present. Loved seeing you both at Chair Aerobics last week.

Welcome back to any U3A member who has been absent over the past Winter months.



The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

From my stash of stuff to fill the gaps. Thankyou members. Editor

Halloween

Originated from an ancient Celtic festival.

The origins of Halloween date back 2,000 years to the ancient pagan Celtic festival of Samhain, celebrated on October 31 marking the end of the harvest season and beginning of winter or "darker-half" of the year. The Celts also believed that the dead returned to earth that night, so they lit bonfires and donned costumes to ward off the ghosts.



The colours orange and black symbolise Halloween. You will see a lot of orange and black during the Halloween season.

It's not just because pumpkins are orange! Orange symbolises autumn (Northern hemisphere) and harvest whilst black symbolises darkness and death.

Even Halloween fashion follows trends

One of the top Halloween trends in 2022 is animal skeletons, which range from cute to completely creepy.



Trick or Treat.
If you dare.

Happy Halloween

From
Our favourite dress up member.

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