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A word from the President:

Dear members

It's hard to believe but we are nearly half way through the year. I trust that you are all staying as warm as possible and keeping healthy and clear of viruses, colds etc.

Soon we will be sending out details concerning our up-coming Annual General Meeting which is only 7 weeks away to be held on **Friday August 4th 2023**.

Once again, we ask that you consider supporting U3A Hume in whichever way possible. We have said it before but we definitely need new members who are willing to step up and contribute by joining our Committee. If you are unsure as to what role you may wish to undertake just come along initially as a Committee member then learn what goes on and see if it's for you.

At our recent June Committee meeting we discussed several matters regarding the collection of money in classrooms for various reasons, such as, tea/coffee arrangements, end of term break-ups or Xmas parties, flowers for sick classmates, raffles and contributions to outside charities.

Some members have expressed concern that some of these collections are being made **COMPULSORY**. The Committee generally believes that no one should feel compelled or obligated to contribute to any activity they don't wish to and has therefore decided that all classroom contributions should be **VOLUNTARY**.

Exceptions to this general rule are for membership fees, and where classes charge fees for materials that have been bulk billed or in the case of the purchase of food in the Cook-n-dine class. The reasons for any collections should be made clear to all class members and where there are funds left over then people should be told how the balance is spent.

We also wish to confirm that, prior approval should be obtained from the Committee, before any collections are commenced for outside charities.

Sincerely yours

Geoff Mackay, President U3A Hume



Susan Geddes and Margaret Skillet celebrating end of Semester and a rest from Huffin “n” Puffin.

Winter Solstice
Thursday Jun 22, 2023

The winter solstice, occurs when either of Earth's poles reaches its maximum tilt away from the Sun. It is the day where we'll see the least amount of daylight in 24 hours, due to the tilt of the Earth.

All Committee positions become vacant:

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| President | Membership |
| Vice President | Course Co ordinator |
| Secretary/Public Officer | Marketing Officer |
| Treasurer | Office Manager |
| Social Secretary | Newsletter Editor |
| Grants and Procedures | General Committee Members |

While current committee members are committed to the positions they hold, many have been carrying out the duties for several years and are ready for a change. As members we enjoy what U3A Hume brings to our lives. We urge all members to consider the value that each of you could add to any of these positions. Further information will be available closer to the AGM.

Editor

Rain is the only thing that stops our Walkaways group from its weekly walk around local waterways and parks. Will Will Rook Cemetery was the meeting place on May 25th. Following the walk and in blustery cold conditions, coffee and a chat was enjoyed in 12 degrees with a wind chill of 4.1. Are we crazy or not?



Lto R: Trish Gillard, Margaret Ford, Jan Bowles, Lorraine Ievens

Why:
Why are Zero scores in tennis called 'love?'

Because:
In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf', which is French for egg. When tennis was introduced in the USA, Americans (naturally) pronounced it 'love.'



Following a 2 year hiatus due to Covid lockdowns Bunnings Sausage Sizzle has returned at long last. As a fund raising event it has been very beneficial to U3AHume's bottom line over the years and we look forward to continuing our participation with two more sausage sizzle days during 2023.

Saturday August 12th
Sunday November 5th

Sunday June 11th was our time to shine, masks and all. And, shine we did! After cooking and serving more than 450 sausages we turned a profit of \$844.00. Great effort as we were competing with a long weekend and expenditure to set up after such a long break.

Well done to all members, both seasoned sizzlers and novices who volunteered their time on Sunday. Best of all most are ready to front up again. How great is that?

Our volunteers are the reason we can hold this fundraiser. We urge you to consider giving a couple of hours to this event and to register your interest for future involvement.

To Register your interest : email Marilyn at membership@humeu3a.org.au



L to R: Maria Jovanovic, Tessa Insanti, Wendy Hughes, Lorraine Ievens

Membership

Hume U3A currently has 209 members. We welcome the nine new members who have joined us since April this year.





Happy Birthday Andy. Celebrated in style on Friday May 19th with friends from Line Dancing.



Anton Godressi
Fun times at Line Dancing

*To book your seat at the table...
Call Pat on
0400 092 027*



From Our Social Secretary: Dine Out

Reminder: During the Winter months the Social Committee will be trialling a Lunch time Dine Out, the first one on June 23rd.

Lunch time will give an opportunity to those U3A members, who are unable to attend in the evenings, to enjoy good company and good food with our regular diners.

- When:** *Friday June 23rd*
- Where:** *Chi Chi Vietnamese Restaurant
403 Keilor Road Niddrie*
- Time:** Noon

- When:** *Friday July 28th*
- Where:** *Craigieburn RSL
235-251 Craigieburn Road Craigieburn*
- Time:** Noon

- When:** *Friday August 25th*
- Where:** *Noble Palace,
83 Wheatsheaf Road Glenroy*
- Time:** 6 pm

- When:** *Friday September 22nd*
- Where:** *Pascoe Vale RSL
40 Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale*
- Time:** 6 pm

Bunnings' Hume U3A Craft Classes 2023

Every Bunnings store has an Activities Coordinator responsible for the planning and delivery of a range of activities and workshops both in the community as well as on site.

Vicky Ross, from the Broadmeadows store, has planned a series of monthly craft workshops specifically for U3A Hume members.

Tuesday July 11th
Tuesday September 12th
Tuesday November 14th

Tuesday August 8th
Tuesday October 10th
Tuesday December 12th

Time: 10am -12 noon. Please aim to be at Bunnings at 9.45 am
Meet at the cafe.

Contact: Lorraine Ivens on 9306 6346 to register your interest in attending.

*Great company
assured and morning
tea a bonus.*

Creativity encouraged.

*Impressive work, class
of June 13th*

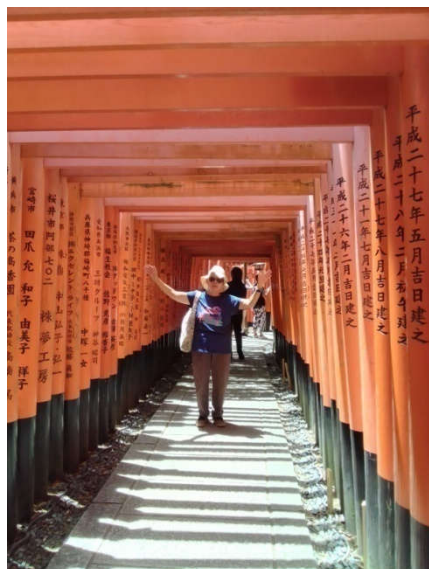


Choi Foong has recently returned from a holiday in Japan and is sharing some special moments with us.



Arshiyama Bamboo forest is one of the most iconic sights in Kyoto. It's a short but impressive walk through the bamboo grove. A place of scenic beauty in Japan.





The Fushimi Inari Shrine, in Kyoto, was founded in 711 before the city became Japan's capital. The path leading up to Mt Inari is lined with many stone altars and marked by approximately 10,000 vermilion torii (traditional) gates. An incredible experience.



The Children's Peace Monument was built to commemorate Sadako Sasaki and the thousands of other innocent children who died due to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. When Sadako was 2 years old, the atomic bomb was dropped and she was exposed at home about 1.7 kilometres from hypocentre.

We witnessed the peace pledge by local school children who made and delivered hundreds of paper cranes(peace birds) to Hiroshima.



For three decades, thousands of amazingly generous Victorians have hosted a morning tea in their homes, at work, or in their community raising well over \$200 million for cancer research, prevention and support, and that's something worth celebrating.

Gail Monger once again organised our Biggest Morning Tea which was held at the Gladstone Park Community Centre on May 25th. Congratulations to all who attended and helped raise a total of \$500.



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