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**A word from the President:**

Dear Members

Football season is over for another year and what a great win for Collingwood and all who support the team. Congratulations! Commiserations to supporters from other clubs. Maybe 2024 will be your team's year.

Now in its forty-first year, the Victorian Seniors Festival returned this month with a huge month-long program full of free or low cost events and activities. This major statewide festival held for, and with, seniors puts the emphasis on fun and good times.

Check out the full program [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au)

The Committee sincerely thanks all our volunteers who make our Bunnings' Sausage Sizzles such a success. To those who worked on the August Sizzle and to those who have volunteered for our next one on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Committee thanks you. Participation in events such as these helps raise much needed funds for U3A.

While on the subject of fundraising, the Tickets for Our Special Effort went on sale on Monday and over 450 tickets have already been sold. Thankyou to all who have bought tickets. Good luck. Thanks to Bunnings, Pat Blundell and Angelo Penzi for the donation of prizes and to Marilyn Rohweder for organising and selling tickets.

We may have just started term 4 but it's time to start thinking about enrolments for 2024. As you are aware the fees for next year will be \$60 and for those who prefer paying at Gladstone Park Community Centre, the office will be open for fee collection commencing November 8th 2023. Online registration and payment is also still available.

*Geoff Mackay,  
President Hume U3A*

## Celebrating older Victorians.....Learn, Love, Live.

The full program can be found at [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival calendar](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festival-calendar). Choose the **Festival** icon and choose **Festival Calendar** from the drop down box.

**Note:** There are a multitude of programs available. By inserting your **postcode** and **selected date** in the table, the system will bring up a whole range of options for you to consider within a 10km to 200 km radius of your postcode.

**Locally.....Hume City Council** is celebrating older people and their valuable contribution to the Hume community by offering three seniors' social events during October.

### Rock 'n' Roll Extravaganza!

Broadmeadows Town Hall, 10 Dimboola Road, Broadmeadows  
Friday 13 October 2023, 11am-2 pm

### Live Cultural Dancing display

Mickleham North Community Centre, 82/90 St Georges Blvd, Mickleham North  
Friday 20 October 2023, 11am-2pm

### Party Time with Arnie

Sunbury Global Learning Centre, 44 Macedon Street, Sunbury  
Tuesday 24 October 2023, 11am to 2pm

#### **If you have any questions please contact:**

[Communitysupportservices@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:Communitysupportservices@hume.vic.gov.au) or **9205 2200** (choose option 2) ask to speak to Community Support

For our U3A members residing within **Merri-bek Council** there are four programs on offer during the month celebrating seniors

### Merri-bek Seniors Positive Ageing and Wellbeing Expo (FREE)

This Expo is open to anyone over 55 in Merri-bek and their families. Come along to participate in interactive activities and giveaways, entertainment, healthy food, physical activity, cultural experiences, presentations, and information on local groups.

Friday 6 October      10am - 2pm      Brunswick Town Hall

### Harding Street Senior's Exercise Park – Demonstration ( FREE)

This is an outdoor space designed for older adults, with specialized exercise stations to enhance strength, balance, flexibility, and mobility. Merri-bek Council staff will guide you in using the equipment effectively.

Tuesday 17 October      10am - 12pm      21 Harding St, Coburg 3058

**Book: 9324 1115**

### Antiques Roadshow (FREE)

Come and have your precious antique or painting appraised by expert Lester Devere who has worked in the antique trade for over 35 years.

Wednesday 18 October      9:30am – 12:00pm

Brunswick Town Hall

**Book your place here:** [bit.ly/mcc-antique](http://bit.ly/mcc-antique)

### **Merlynston Movie Screening: Jolson Sings Again (FREE)**

Jolson Sings Again will be screened along with light refreshments. Come down and enjoy an old school movie. Attendance is free for residents who hold an Aged or Disability Pension or Seniors Card.

Friday 27 October 10:30am (Doors open at 9:45am)

1 Novian St, Merlynston

**Book: 9350 8777**



### **Sausage Sizzle**

Our sausage sizzle on Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> was once again a huge success with a profit of \$1217.45, a modest increase from our first Sausage Sizzle earlier in the year. We want to thank all who participated, in any way, on the day.

Our last Sausage Sizzle for 2023 is

**Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

If you aren't able to volunteer your services why not drop in to the sizzle and buy a snag to support U3A Hume. All efforts are appreciated

**To Register your interest in volunteering :**

email Marilyn at [membership@humeu3a.org.au](mailto:membership@humeu3a.org.au) or text on 0409 622 238 .

Thankyou

*Marilyn Rohweder & Choi Foong*



### **Camera Club**

We are seeking a new tutor for Camera Club for 2024.

The current tutor is stepping down and no current club members are taking up the position. It could be your turn to shine if you or anyone you know has an interest in photography and the knowledge to support others in their learning

If a tutor can't be found this class may no longer be available to U3A Hume members.

**Help please!**

### **Why are many coin collection jars shaped like pigs?**

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called "pygg". When people saved coins in the jars made of clay, the jars became known as "pyggbanks". When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig and the idea caught on.

## U3A Special Effort Fundraiser

**First Prize**



\$100 Voucher

**Second Prize**



Tiva Indoor/Outdoor  
Heater (boxed)

Donated by Angelo Penzi

**Third Prize**



Retro Vase  
28cm x23cm

Donated by Pat Blundell

**Tickets**

**\$1 each**

Tickets can be purchased from Marilyn Rohweder who will be visiting all classes from Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. The prize winners of our Special Effort will be drawn at **Cook N Dine on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Winners will be notified.



### **From Our Social Secretary: Dine Out**

**When:** Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Fiesta Family Restaurant  
217 Mickleham Road, Tullamarine  
**Time:** 6 pm

**When:** Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** to be advised( keep an eye on your U3A Hume emails)  
**Time:** 6 pm

**Note:**

Ann and Pat are working out details for our wonderful Summer Program. They will keep us posted.



**Summer  
Program**

## ***U3A Hume Membership Summary***

We have had 43 new members join in 2023.

We are always looking to increase the number of classes and activities. If anybody has an interest or specialist knowledge they would like to share with other members, please contact Marilyn Rohweder at [membership@humeu3a.org.au](mailto:membership@humeu3a.org.au).

## ***2024 Enrolments and fees***

It's time to think about your enrolment for 2024 as memberships **don't roll over** from year to year. All fees must be paid prior to commencing classes in the new year. Enrolments can be completed on line via our website or in paper format and fees paid on line or in person at the office.

**Fees:** \$60  
**Where:** Gladstone Park Community Centre  
**When:** Commencing Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 10am -12noon

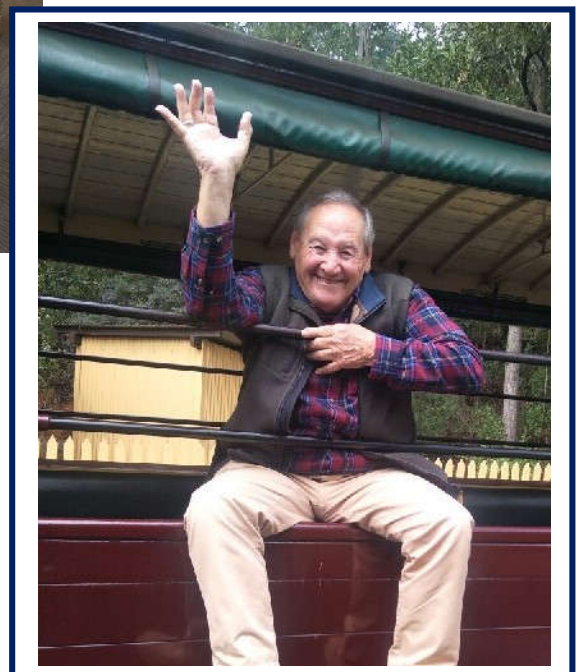
**For collection of fees the office will be open every Wednesday between 10am - 12noon and Thursday between 11.30am -1.30pm.**

## ***Are your Next of Kin details current?***

If they require updating contact Marilyn at: [membership@humeu3a.org.au](mailto:membership@humeu3a.org.au)



**Hanging around at Puffing Billy.  
You can't take the boy out of the man**



## **Huff N Puff**

Clowning around as they celebrate end of term.

## Walkaways

Well earned cuppa and a chat after wandering the tracks around Woodland Historic Park.



## GiddyUp at Longreach

Evelyn and Peter joined a five day line dancing tour of Longreach, Qld in August. The tour was organised by Jenny Moynahan, Melbourne, and Prue Button of iButton Tours Longreach.

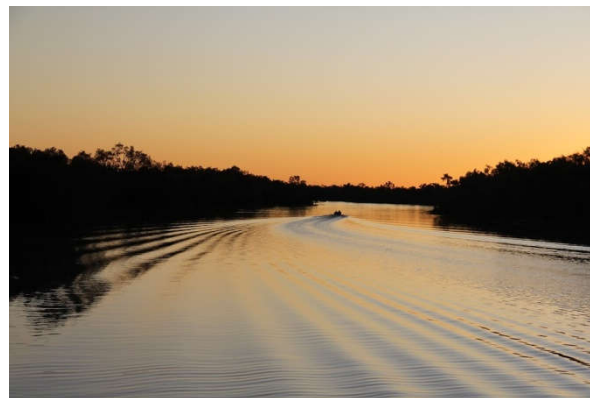


We arrived in Longreach after flying from Melbourne to Brisbane, and on to Longreach. There was brief bus tour of some of the sights of Longreach before heading out to Cambden Park, a cattle ranch. Drinks and nibbles were consumed as the sun set and produced a wonderful set of

colours. Then there was dinner in a shearing shed on the property. It hadn't been used for years, so there was no smell of sheep wool or dung.

Day two started with the Qantas Founders museum where we had a guided tour

of the first 747 flown by Qantas. The museum had some wonderful stories of the early Qantas founders overcoming the challenges of flying in the Queensland outback.



We visited the Stockman's Hall of Fame. Afternoon line dancing was conducted in the Longreach Civic Centre with line dance instructors

Stephen Patterson and Tim Gauci. In the evening, Smithy's Drovers sunset cruise along the Thompson River finished with a spectacular sunset. Dinner out under the stars with musical entertainment finished off the evening.

Did you know that the tiny country town of Ilfracombe was the childhood home of our past Governor General Quentin Bryce?



On Sunday there was line dancing at outside locations around Longreach, such as on a disused bridge, and in a single line on a dirt track. The most significant location for the line dancing was at the Qantas museum, right next to the 747.

At each location we sang the Peter Allen song "I still call Australia Home", in the style of the Qantas children's choir advertisement. Singing the Peter Allen song at each location was quite poignant.

Lunch was at the historic Wellshot Hotel, Ilfracombe



Monday was a full day in Winton. We visited the Waltzing Matilda Centre. The highlight of the day was a guided tour of the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum followed by dinner accompanied by another spectacular sunset, and a dark sky view of the Milky Way.

It was a wonderful, entertainment packed, full-on tour of a country town in the middle of Queensland.

Peter Lazarus



I'm on two simultaneous diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

## Happy Halloween everyone



Thanks once again  
Margaret. We love it!

### Halloween Trivia

#### Why do people wear masks and costumes on Halloween?

- A. To confuse evil spirits who are looking for humans
- B. To make them stand out in the festival
- C. To hide themselves from other people

#### Which of the following animals is a common symbol of Halloween?

- A. Owls
- B. Bats
- C. Black dogs

#### In medieval times, groups of children in Europe knocked on the doors of their neighbours to ask for what in exchange for praying for the souls of the dead?

- A. Coins
- B. Food
- C. Flowers

#### *Answers below*



Thanks  
Choi Foong..  
We are happy to  
advertise the  
Broadmeadows  
Garden Club  
Spring Show.

#### Answers:

A,B,B

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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.