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A word from the President:

Dear Members

U3A Hume only exists because of the work of our many volunteers. We thank all the Volunteer Tutors and others who have given their time and effort to ensure the continuance of our organisation. So, it is with regret that we have to accept Harry Safstrom's resignation as Secretary of the U3A Hume Committee effective the end of December 2023. Harry has been in this role since 2018 and has put in a lot of time and effort to keep the organisation afloat. Harry was always planning to step down as Secretary at our next AGM in August but has decided to leave earlier as he has no involvement with any classes in 2024. On behalf of the Committee and all members I thank Harry for his contributions and wish him all the best for the future.

Any member who may be interested in taking on the role of Secretary should get in contact with either Harry or myself to discuss further.

The Committee once more deserves our thanks for their continued input and support. This year we have again been successful in gaining some grant money for which we have Julie McPherson to thank. Particular mention must be made of our Membership Officer, Marilyn Rohweder. Every year Marilyn puts in an enormous effort, well over the call of duty, as she takes on work normally undertaken by a Course Co-Ordinator and Office Manager which adds significantly to her responsibilities.

Amongst the many challenges for the committee this year was to improve our financial position as we cannot continue to run our organisation at an operating loss. To this end we are pleased to say that this year our three Sausage Sizzles netted us a profit of \$3472. A great effort considering it's our first event since Covid stopped the aroma of fried onions reaching us as we visit Bunnings. We thank those who donated prizes for our Special Effort Fundraiser which resulted in a profit of \$704 and three happy winners.

As 2023 winds down we hope you have all enjoyed and benefitted from your U3A Hume activities and look forward to what the New Year brings. With a full Summer Program planned by Anne De Gabrielle and Pat Blundell you have much to keep you occupied until classes begin in 2024. A reminder that all fees need to be paid prior to commencement of classes in the new year.

On behalf of the Hume U3A Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the very best for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

*Geoff Mackay,
President U3AHume*

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Sausage Sizzles 2023

Our third and final Sausage Sizzle for the year was on Sunday November 5th and what a huge success it turned out to be. More than 500 sausages were cooked and devoured by happy customers. The profit from this day was \$1411.50 which brought our year's total profit to more than \$3472.

While you could still use cash to buy your sausage and onion in bread more than \$490 was spent via the recently introduced QR code.

Special thanks must go to Marilyn and Choi for their organisation and support to all on the day and extra special thanks to all volunteers on the day. Some of our volunteers had cooked and served on all three occasions this year. Without the contribution and support of all who participated we would not be able to be involved in such positive fundraising events. We look forward to what 2024 may have to offer.



L to R: Tending to the lunchtime crowd :Patricia Radenkovic, Dick Radenkovic, Margaret Skillet

Our Special Effort Fundraiser for '23:

Thanks to the generosity of Bunnings' Broadmeadows and two members of our U3A Hume family (who donated prizes)we were able to conduct an extremely successful fundraiser this year .

Thankyou Marilyn for all the hard yards you put in to make this effort such as success and your generosity and enthusiasm ensured we made a handsome profit of over \$700.

Congratulations to our prize winners

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| 1st Prize | \$100 Bunnings' Voucher | Tamara McKay |
| 2nd Prize | Portable heater | Ruth Galea |
| 3rd prize | Retro vase | Val Howman |

Membership Matters 2024

A reminder to all that our membership year runs from 1st Jan to 31 Dec 2024.

Fees are now due and payable before classes resume on 1st Feb 2024.

Full membership is \$60, Social Membership is \$30, and Associate Membership is \$30.

***** For final collection of fees the office at Gladstone Park Community Centre will be open on January 29th and 30th between 10am -12noon.**

Note: All class times for the start of the new year can be found on our website. www.humeu3a.org.au

Term 1 dates 29 January 2024 – 28 March 2024



Line Dancers will be pleased to know that classes will continue in the new year.

Anton has stepped up with Norma, Marilyn D and Delores to provide classes in 2024. Awesome team effort.



From Our Social Secretary: **Dine Out**

When: Friday February 23rd

Where: TBA

Time: 6 pm

Summer Program 2024

January 10th **Movies** at Broadmeadows Theatres
Meet at the Food Court no later than 11.00am

January 17th **Lunch** in the city at **Cafe on Bourke**
50 Bourke St
Meet on the Concourse of Flinders Street Station at 11.00am

January 24th **Museum.**
Meet on the Concourse of Flinders Street Station at 11.00am
Cost: Free to Concession holders

***** NOTE: Numbers MUST be confirmed.**

Call Anne on 0403067626 or Pat on 0400 092 027



January 31st Day trip to Portarlington.

Cost: \$75

Includes:

- Coach Pickup
- Coach drop off at Docklands
- One way ferry ride
- Morning Tea
- Lunch
- Visit to Op shops
- Return to Melbourne via Coach

NOTE:

The cost of the trip is dependent on at least 25 people booking .

Call Anne on 0403067626 or Pat on 0400 092 027as soon as possible so bookings can be made with the bus company.

Money is to be paid to Anne no later than December 24th 2023



Regards Anne De Gabrielle and Pat Blundell



Lee Tipton

All U3A members and especially our Line Dancers are keeping you in their thoughts during your time in hospital.

Congratulations Keith



Each year Diabetes Australia presents the Kellion Victory Medal to those who have lived with type 1 or type 2 diabetes for 50 years or more. It recognises the achievement of living a fulfilling life with diabetes.

On November 14th this year Keith Vandomme, who is 82, received the Kellion Victory Medal. He has had Diabetes for 75 years and during that time Keith has seen many changes in how Diabetes is managed.

A fantastic achievement.

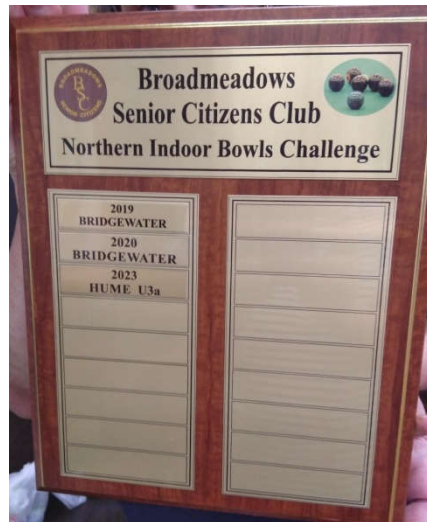
A U3a Hume member Keith plays carpet bowls and was a member of the winning team in the Indoor Bowls Challenge in October. He also keeps fit at the gym at the Broadmeadows Leisure Centre three times a week.



**What do reindeers say before they tell you a joke?
This one's gonna sleigh you**

**What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?
Stick with me and we'll go places!**

Indoor Bowls Challenge



On Sunday 22 October this year, Bridgewater Lake Estate hosted the 3rd (annual) Broadmeadows' Senior Citizens indoor biased bowls competition. Bridgewater won the perpetual trophy in 2019 and again in 2020 but Covid interrupted its continuance. However this year with the energy and drive from Liz Munro assisted by Gordon Riley, the competition was revived with 2 teams from Bridgewater, 2 teams from Broadmeadows' Seniors and 2 teams from U3a Hume.

At the lunch break Bridgewater and U3a were tied on 35 points with Broadmeadows'

Seniors not too far off the pace.

John Fardell who cooks for Broadmeadows' Seniors, provided a delicious roast pork lunch with all the trimmings and with individual apple pies and ice-cream to follow. Lunch set up the final game for the 3 clubs with the final play off between Bridgewater and U3a. U3a eventually triumphed after a tense and hard fought battle.

An enjoyable day for all, a chance to meet and greet other bowlers in a spirit of competition and friendship.

We look forward to inviting teams next year at Broadmeadows' Seniors.

Gordon Riley



Left to Right: Gordon Riley, Noelene Cruickshank, Keith Vandomme, Maureen Roberts, Rod McFarland (rear) Terry Roberts, Lorraine Missingham, Patricia Wood.



The Broadmeadows and District Garden Club sincerely thank all U3A Hume members who attended this year's Spring Show in Hadfield, a number of whom support our show on an annual basis.



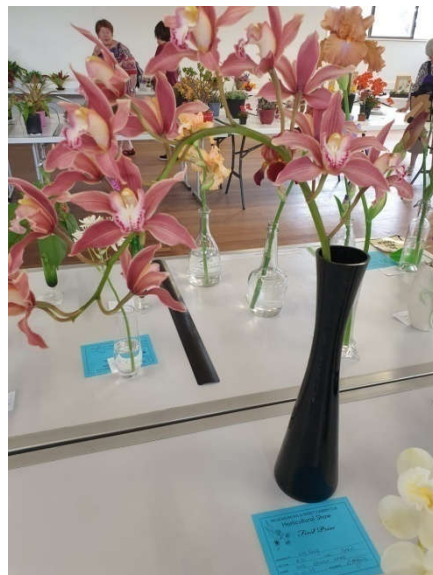
Chris won First Prize for a "Single Bonsai"



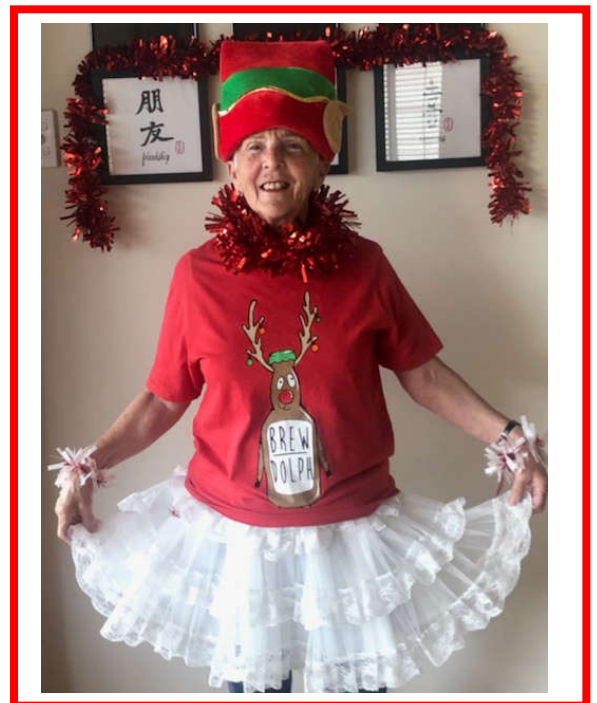
Choi won First Prize for "one container cacti or succulent" and the Mavis Thorne Perpetual Trophy.



Well done everyone



Lin won First Prize for "One Orchid spike"



It wouldn't be a newsletter without a dressup and a message from Margaret.....

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Merry Christmas everyone. Ho Ho Ho Love Margaret xx

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