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A word from the President:

The festive season is well and truly behind us and we will shortly be returning to classes for 2024. It is with a saddened heart that I have to inform you of the passing of our respected U3A Line Dance Tutor Lee Tipton. Our sincere condolences go out to Peter Cancellieri her soulmate and partner and also her family. Lee was a much loved tutor, full of life and very respected by her peers, class attendees and fellow members of the Hume U3A. Lee will be sorely missed.

It is also with much regret that I have to inform Hume U3A members that Geoff Mackay has resigned as President of the Hume U3A effective from December 31, 2023. Geoff tirelessly and professionally served the Hume U3A for many years in a variety of capacities and will be missed. Geoff generously offered to make himself available to myself, as incoming President, should I need any information or guidance in Hume U3A matters. On behalf of the Hume U3A committee and members, I wish Geoff the best in his future ventures.

Once again thank you Geoff on behalf of the U3A membership.

I look forward to undertaking the role of President of the Hume U3A and continuing to ensure that the Hume U3A is a vibrant and dynamic institution that caters for the needs of our members.

Anton Godressi
President Hume U3A

U3A Hume Committee meetings.....

Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the White Room at Gladstone Park Community Centre.

Members are most welcome to join us at these meetings.

- **February 13th at 9.30am**
- **Tuesday March 12th at 9.30am**

Email: Anne Hulett, secretary@humeu3a.org.au to register interest in attending.

Mob: 0474 440 648

We all celebrated the 2023 end of term in various ways.



Huff n Puffers enjoyed the usual fine spread of food, some laughs and a visit from Santa, a highlight of the morning. We all headed off in various directions to enjoy Christmas and the Summer break before returning in February for more huffing 'n' puffing.



Summer Program

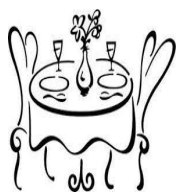
To welcome in the new year and keep us busy and entertained during the break Pat Blundell and Anne De Gabrielle put together a varied Summer Program including movies, lunch in the city and a trip to the museum. The program was enjoyed by those who attended.

Volunteer Lunch

Annually we hold a lunch to thank our volunteers for the time they put in to supporting U3A and its programs, tutors and members. Highlands Hotel, Craigieburn was the venue for this year's lunch on January 19th.



Our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Anne De Gabrielle who is currently in hospital nursing a broken leg. Anne has been a U3A member for many years, Social Secretary and committee member.



Mark the following dates in your calendar for later in the year.

**June 22nd
September 29th**

From Our Social Secretary: Dine Out

When: Friday February 23rd
Where: Westmeadows Tavern
 10 Ardlie Street Westmeadows
Time: 6.00pm

Membership Matters 2024

A reminder to all that fees are due and payable before attendance in classes for the new year.

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

Sausage Sizzles 2024



After such a long break, 2023 was a great year for fundraising via our Sausage Sizzles. Our volunteers and customers helped us raise more than \$3000 during the year.

So here we are again with more opportunities to raise money for U3A Hume. Our first Sausage Sizzle for the year is on:

Sunday February 25th

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 or text on 0409 622 238 .

Thankyou Marilyn Rohweder & Choi Foong

Editor: *It's great to hear that more members are getting involved in this fundraising opportunity*

Geoff Mackay recently resigned as President of U3A Hume, a position he held for seven years. He joined U3A Hume in 2013 and attended Family History, French and Art classes and often contributed to our newsletter. Farewell Geoff and thankyou.

Enjoy your next phase which no doubt will include much travel.

Tribute to Lee Tipton.....



I only knew Lee for a short time although many of you would have known her much longer. I am sure that like myself, she provided us with some unforgettable memories of the great times we shared at various stages of her life.

Lee was gracious, fun loving and a great mother to her children. Her favourite music was Country and Western which led her to become a line dance teacher.

She played tennis and squash and loved camping and water skiing but by far her favourite pastime was Line Dancing. This is probably where many of us got to know her.

To family and friends Lee was known as the Dancing queen. She loved teaching. It didn't matter if you were a rank beginner or an advanced accomplished dancer you received equal time and respect. Many a time she would come down from the stage to stand beside a beginner making sure they got the steps right. I know I was one of those people.

Lee was loved by her students at her class in Dallas where she was treated more as a family member, than a teacher, and made life long friends. When she broke her arm she continued to travel from Lancefield to teach.

In the last few months up to her passing , some of us realised that something was amiss with Lee. This was being reflected in the dances she was teaching and her choice of music, especially "Thankyou" by Tina Argyle, a song from Gary Perkins and the Breeze. When you listened to the lyrics Lee was saying thankyou and good bye to all of us. "Thank you" became Lee's Line Dance theme.

Thankyou Lee for all the good times.

Your students and friends

Anton Godressi
President U3A Hume



Lee Tipton had been a U3A Hume member since 2006. She passed away at 3pm on Tuesday December 12th 2023. Our deepest sympathy to Lee's family

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