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A word from the President:

I recognise the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, and members of the Gunung-Willam-Balluk clan, as the Traditional Custodians of this land and recognise, celebrate and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

When I started my “A Word from the President” with the above acknowledgement in the last newsletter it was never my intention for it to be a political statement nor did it intend to reflect the opinion of the Committee or the Hume U3A.

A very few people took offence and called it a “Welcome to Country”, there is a difference. To the uninformed “A Welcome to Country” can only be performed by the “Traditional” owners/custodians of the land on which an event is to be conducted. An acknowledgement is often treated as an act of political correctness, but this is totally misunderstood as to why the acknowledgement is made. It is intended to formally recognise that this land traditionally belonged to the indigenous peoples who cared for and managed it for thousands of years. My statement is meant as one of respect for all indigenous people and their culture.
“Enough said”.

The Committee issued a Survey for all members to complete, no name required. This survey had been distributed in all classes and I have compiled the results of the completed forms. Please note that some members chose not to answer all questions, other members chose not to participate in the survey at all, so be it.

The totals therefore may not add up, but that’s the way the numbers came in. All comments which were placed on the survey forms will be passed on to the committee to consider.

It was very disappointing to note how so very few members were willing to become part of the committee or become a Tutor.

Here are the Results for your perusal. (page2)

Anton Godressi
President Hume U3A

Results of U3A Hume course Survey 16th March 2024

Surveys were handed out in all classes and across three sites, with a total of 83 surveys returned.

| Members were asked: | Yes | No | Maybe |
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| Would you move to a different location? | 30 | 46 | 5 |
| Would you be interested in a change of class time? | 14 | 61 | 4 |
| Are you capable of assisting in class set up etc? | 49 | 32 | |
| Are you interested in conducting a class? | 3 | 76 | |
| Is the tutor meeting your specific requirements? | 72 | 8 | |
| Are there safety requirements for your class? | 32 | 43 | 2 |
| Are the class size numbers too big? | 13 | 59 | 4 |
| Are the class size numbers too small? | 6 | 74 | |
| Do you believe that class Activity is helping your well being? | 78 | 2 | |
| Would you introduce someone to Hume U3A? | 74 | 3 | |
| Do you know basic First Aid? | 37 | 45 | |
| Do you know CPR? | 28 | 64 | |
| Do you know how to use a Defibrillator? | 16 | 54 | |
| Would you be interested in joining the Committee? | 8 | 72 | |
| Would you assist in Hume U3A Fundraising events? | 43 | 33 | 2 |
| <i>All Member comments will be collated and passed on to Committee for review and action as appropriate</i> | | | |

Our Special Effort Fundraiser for '24:

Following the success of our special effort fundraiser in 2023, which earned us more than \$700, we are preparing for another one later this year.

U3A members donated some prizes last year, for which we thank you once again.

If any member feels they have a donation for the fundraiser please contact Marilyn Rohweder at membership@humeu3a.org.au or text on 0409 622 238.

Be with those who bring out the BEST in you not the STRESS in you

**Final sizzle for
2024...
September
29th**



Sausage Sizzle

Our next foray into the world of sausage sizzles is coming up quickly.....

Saturday June 22nd

There's nothing quite like the smell of onions cooking to draw the crowds. Hope all our volunteers are ready for another busy day.

To Register your interest in volunteering :

email Marilyn at membership@humeu3a.org.au or text on 0409 622 238.

Thankyou *Marilyn Rohweder & Choi Foong*

From Our Social Secretary: Dine Out

When: Friday June 28th
Where: Skyways Hotel
113 Matthews Ave
Airport West
Time: 6.00pm

When: Friday July 26th
Where: Highlands Hotel
301 Grand Blvd
Craigieburn
Time: 6.00pm

When: Friday August 23rd
Where: Velvet Bean (opposite Nandos inside the centre)
Shop 1002
Airport West Shopping Centre
(near the ramp to the cinemas)
Time: 6.00pm

For booking purposes you need to text or call Pat Blundell with numbers attending mob: 0400 092 027

Blue Lotus Gardens day trip

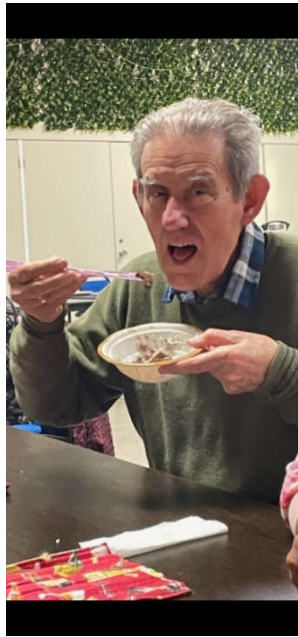


All had a great time at the Blue Lotus Gardens on the 10th April. Four cars and nine passengers arrived within 5 mins of each other. We had drizzling rain off and on but didn't stop us from enjoying the day, walking in mud etc.

The flowers were nearly finished but enough for us to appreciate. We then went to the local RSL for a nice lunch then home. Lots of laughs were had by all.

Pat Blundell





Who eats chocolate cake with chop sticks.....Peter does!! Guess it lasts longer

I NEVER CALLED YOU STUPID, BUT WHEN I ASKED YOU TO SPELL "ORANGE" AND YOU ASKED ME THE FRUIT OR COLOR IT KINDA CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD.

It's once again great to be able to include floral creations from our group. Thankyou Maria and crew.

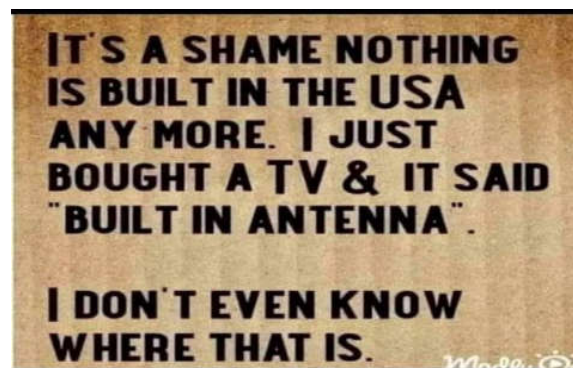




Red Day, Feel Good Day at Huff N Puff. Why? Because they could!!!

Our work out done for the morning we enjoyed a cuppa, chat and laughs.

Well deserved girls.



The **Winter solstice** occurs when either of Earth's poles reaches its maximum tilt away from the Sun. This happens twice yearly, once in each hemisphere.

The winter solstice is the day of the year that has the least daylight hours of any in the year and usually occurs in Australia on 22 June but can occur between 21 and 23 June.

This year it occurs on Friday June 21st at 6.20am

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