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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

You may have noticed in the local paper that City of Monash will conduct an information session in the Multi Purpose Room (Room 4) of the Jordanville Hub between 11am and 1.30pm on October 25. The subject will be "Talk and Plan, Your Life Your Choices" and its intent is to help people who have not planned wills, powers of attorney and other end of life choices. Entry will be by a gold coin donation and a light lunch will be provided. If you are interested in obtaining information on this subject, the session may be of value to you.

Normally we would have an Art Workshop in Room 4 at this time but we agreed to allow Council to use the room for this function as it may be of interest to our members and other interested parties. The Victorian Office of the Public Advocate has published a booklet "Your Voice – Trust your choice". It contains tips for seniors making powers of attorney and is a companion of their earlier publication "Take Control". This should prove a useful document for anyone planning to update a will or power of attorney.

U3A Network Victoria has commenced a project aimed at obtaining further funding from ACFE (Adult Community & Further Education Board). The State is not satisfied that the distribution of their current funding is providing "value" to the Government. ACFE wants to see Policy Development, U3A building capacity in Network and members and general promotion of the U3A movement through the development and delivery of programmes. At the moment we are trying to establish what measurable key result areas can be established that comply with the expectations of ACFE. Our participation will be mostly by providing supporting documentation and comments to the project team. I will keep you informed of developments.

Seniors Week commences in Federation Square on Sunday October 8. Several U3A members will be participating. For those of you who have time I encourage you to visit the activities and join the fun.

Classes recommence on Monday October 9; you should have recovered from the grand finals by then.

Enjoy the remainder of the holidays.

David

The Benefits of Email

The really good news first: approximately 90% of our members have email addresses, which means a great deal of time and money is saved throughout the year.

Whenever a class is cancelled we no longer have to phone everyone – just members without email addresses.

We don't have to use 700+ envelopes and paper, and buy boxes of \$1 stamps to mail out notices & class programmes (think of the time we no longer need to spend stuffing all those envelopes – Yes!).

Finally, there's the huge reduction in paper & printing costs for the monthly newsletter.

The less-than-good news: our U-mas stats tell us that only between 60-70% actually read each email we send, and occasionally some bounce back because those members have forgotten to update changes. So if you change your email address, or have recently acquired one, please let the office know, or visit our website and change your details yourself. (And naturally, it's always your choice whether or not to open U3A emails.) Thank You.



TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

If you think being an office volunteer is too difficult, or you lack confidence, why not try it out this term alongside one of our regulars. Some of our regulars had never worked in an office before volunteering. You won't be expected to do anything - just see what goes on. You can "buddy-up" as often as you need before deciding whether to become a regular volunteer next year.

We'd also be delighted to welcome more men as office volunteers – we have three at the moment. So it's Equal Opportunity time for you guys.

The only requirement is to be computer literate – and many of us are these days. If you'd like to give it a go, then choose a morning or afternoon that suits you, or even try out both. Leave your name & phone number with one of our office staff, and we'll contact you to arrange your first "try before you buy" session.



Q: Do people sleep more soundly as they get older?

A: Yes, but it's usually in the afternoon.

NEW COURSE FOR 2018

1st, 3rd and 5th Friday each month: 10.00 – 11.30 am

Everyday Engineering: Understanding The Marvels Of Daily Life.

Look around you. Great masterpieces of engineering are everywhere. As soon as you get out of bed in the morning, you are putting centuries of scientific and mechanical ingenuity to use. So familiar are these structures, inventions, and services that they are all but invisible. Yet they are just as remarkable as great works such as the Parthenon, the Eiffel Tower, and the Panama Canal.

Using a DVD lecture series as a base, participants will study and discuss these phenomena and many others!

Topics covered will include:

- Your house as an engineered system
- The world of telecommunications
- Transport in a modern world
- Power and going green
- Your car
- * Waste disposal.

No Science or Engineering background is assumed.

In a world where phone cameras are everywhere and so easy to use, just a reminder of U3A Waverley policy on using photos for U3A purposes

“ U3A Waverley will not use a member's image taken by photograph, video or any other method without the express consent of the member or each member of U3A group in the case of a group image. At the time of obtaining consent U3A Waverley will advise the intended use of the image and that image will not be used for any other purpose unless further consent specifically relating to the extended purpose is obtained. “

Dennis Atkin (Vice President)

IN MEMORY OF REX VINYCOMB

It is with sadness we report the recent death of one of our long-term U3A members, Rex Vinycomb.

Graduating as a mechanical engineer in the UK, Rex worked for a number of years with Sir Frank Whittle on the development of the jet engine. After 16 years in various jobs, Rex and his family moved to Australia, where he was appointed as a senior engineer at the Woomera rocket range and its research facilities in Salisbury, South Australia. Some years later, the family moved to Melbourne, where Rex worked for the Rola/Plessey Electronics company as its Technical Manager. Later on, he became a senior lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at RMIT.

After retiring in 1992, Rex volunteered much time and energy into several areas, particularly as a demonstrator at Melbourne's 'Scienceworks' museum and as a presenter on 'Golden Days' community radio. He also enthusiastically embraced U3A and was a valuable lecturer and contributor to our 'Science & Technology' class from the early 1990s until quite recently. Over these many years, this class enjoyed Rex's regular presentations on topics ranging from jet planes, steam, gas turbine and jet engines to electric cars, strain gauges and energy alternatives. He often said that he just loved giving presentations on 'things that interest me', one such offering being entitled, 'Rex's Quirky Bits'!

It has been said that 'The meaning of one's life is the legacy we leave behind us'. So, when you next see a jet aircraft in the sky, spare a thought for our long-term U3A colleague and friend, Rex Vinycomb, who helped to make it all happen. Vale Rex.

(A tribute prepared by Bruce Brown and Brian Graham)

OPERATIONAL DATES 2017

Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
4	Mon 9 Oct	Fri 1 Dec	Mel Cup 6 & 7 Nov.