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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We started the year with a return to 2015 when the lift failed to operate on two days. The lift technician reported that the limiting device, which allows the lift to move only after the door has closed, had to be reset. On the new lift, this is an electronic unit as opposed to the mechanical switch on the previous door. It may be advisable to press the door open button inside the lift or the call button outside the lift if you wish to hold the door open for others to leave or enter. We will continue to monitor the problem in the meantime.

I thank all tutors and members for maintaining our storeroom in a safe and tidy condition. The equipment we hold in that room is integral to the quality and efficiency of our classes and I ask you to maintain the standard we held throughout last year.

I was asked why the new chairs in Room 3 do not have arms. We have a number of larger classes use Room 3 and their activities are such that they require chairs without arms. In addition, City of Monash lease the room to other organisations in the evening. These groups are allocated to Room 3, and they too have activities which are better served by having chairs without arms. It is simply a case of providing for the highest number of users.

*Our AGM is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 20 at 11.am**. This means that we are seeking nominees for our Committee of Management. Nominations close by end of business on March 13 and nomination forms will be available from the office for those interested in joining the Committee. In addition to this I have been advised by our Secretary and Treasurer that they intend to vacate their positions at the 2019 AGM. As these important positions require some knowledge of the Committee's operation from the time they take the position, it is practice that intended nominees attend a number of Committee meetings beforehand. So I ask anyone interested in one of these positions to contact Brenda Hateley or me so that we can make such arrangements. Of course it would be beneficial for any such person to become a member of the Committee for the year in order to gain this experience.*

David

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF U3A WAVERLEY INC

Will be held on Tuesday 20 March at 11am in Rooms 2 and 3

This will be followed by a light luncheon.

Office Queues

Once again, I would like to thank the majority of members who displayed patience and understanding while waiting to be helped by our office staff. The first weeks of the year are always the busiest and most demanding, followed closely by the first week of subsequent terms.

But, it seems that not everyone realises our office staff are volunteers, who are prepared to give up their time throughout the year to help run our U3A. There were a few grumbles, and I was disappointed to hear one person even said, "You girls had better get your act together." I really do hope this was said 'tongue-in-cheek', for if it wasn't, well

So, any members who aren't aware that our office staff are **volunteers** (who could be off enjoying themselves down the beach instead of spending time in the office), please don't be rude to them. They do a fantastic job throughout the year, and often under heavy pressure when there's a long queue at the window.

As the poet John Lydgate said: "... you can't please all of the people all of the time". [But we do our best at U3A Waverley.]

Up to Date Email Addresses

Our Secretary Brenda Hateley would like to remind everyone to update their email address if necessary with our office.



"Male 38, still living with his parents. They asked us to keep him overnight so they could change the locks."

New Class: Exploring the World of Poetry Tuesday at 1.45pm

Do you love poetry? Perhaps there are lines from favourite poems that jump into your mind at odd times, perhaps you studied poetry at school, perhaps you have gathered your own collection of treasured poems over the years, or perhaps you feel you've missed out altogether. If you would like to begin or continue to explore the world of poetry (and a wonderful wide world it is too), then come along to our brand new U3A Waverley Poetry group on Tuesday afternoons at 1.45 pm in room 2.

You won't be asked to write poems, nor to engage in technical analysis thereof. The emphasis is on simple enjoyment, discussion, and widening our poetry horizons. The "syllabus" is thematic, encompassing the child, youth, love, family, nature, the world, the universe, contentment, old age, and death; i.e. everything! True, it may take longer than a year, but we're not in a hurry.

The poems are selected by members of the group as well as by the facilitator (Dina Burgess). Where appropriate, we also look into the background of the poets and their poems.

If you're not sure whether this would suit you, why don't you just come along and give it a try? After all, in the words of Percy Bysshe Shelly (1792 – 1822) poetry.....
"purges from our inward sight the film of familiarity which obscures from us the wonder of our being. It compels us to feel what we perceive and to imagine what we know".

A Few Reminders:

Name Tags:

We are no longer printing out new name tags each year. The new blue ones do not have a year date on them.

Kitchen:



Please **wash and dry** your mug before replacing it on the tray for the next person's use. Also, don't forget to return it to the kitchen if you take it into class.

Classrooms:

Please tidy each classroom after use. Stack chairs against the walls; collapse tables and replace them against the wall; and clean the whiteboard if used. **It is not the tutor's job to do this.**

And thank you to all who already do these things.

OPERATIONAL DATES 2018

Term		Ends	Public Holidays
1	29 Jan	29 March	Labour Day Monday 12 March
2	16 April	29 June	Anzac Day Wed 25 April Queen's B'day Mon 11 June
3	16 July	21 Sept	
4	8 October	30 Nov	Mon 5 & Tues 6 Nov. Mel Cup Eve & Cup Day

Exploring Science & Technology

Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

6 March

1. Viscosity - *David Kemp*

2. Continued

13 March

1. Radio Control of Models - *Nobby Clark*

2. Continued

20 March

1. To be advised

2. **U3A AGM MEETING**

27 March

1. Sir Humphrey Davy

- *John Casey*

2. Continued



NEW SHORT COURSE *Knitting - Beginners to Advanced Beginners*

Monday 23 April to Monday 25 June at 9.30am

For those of you who have always wanted to learn how to knit, or have some basic knitting skills, Gina Anderson will guide you through the basics. Learn to knit a scarf, throw/blanket or a garment. A discussion of your requirements will be held at the first class, so you may not need to purchase any beforehand. For those who have knitting needles or have some knitting skills, please bring along a ball of yarn to the first class. If you have any knitting pattern/s you may wish to discuss, please bring them as well.

Lexophilia - Who Dreams These Up?

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

When chemists die, they barium. **(Sent in by Alan MacLean)**

