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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to a new year of u3a and I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break. This year you may experience some changes. Because our membership has grown, some classes have moved from the Jordanville Campus. This has allowed us to make further use of the facilities. Some classes, which were limited to two classes per month, are now able to meet weekly. We hope this change will benefit the members of those classes. This may alter the changeover routine, but I feel you will quickly adjust to the change.

I ask you to ensure that you know the location of the emergency exits and emergency assembly area and remember that the lift is not to be used during an emergency evacuation. Also remember to ensure your attendance is recorded on the Class Attendance Sheet. This is used by the class tutor or designated person to ensure that all of those present have safely evacuated the building to the emergency assembly area. It is also used by the Membership Secretary to monitor class attendance, and where appropriate, activate the standby list should some members not be taking advantage of their enrolment in that class. If your name is not on an attendance sheet please do not write it on the sheet and then enter the class. If this happens please report the issue to the office and you will receive instruction on what you are to do. This requirement is in the interest of all members.

We are also considering changes relating to notifications for future AGM and will advise you of these changes soon.

We think the hard work done by our Course Co-ordinator has delivered a programme that you will find both enjoyable and rewarding. We look forward to seeing you early in the first term.

*David*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

The Annual General Meeting for U3A Waverley is your chance to learn how the organisation is progressing and to have your say in how it is run.

The AGM for 2019 will be held on **Tuesday 19 March 2019** commencing at 11 am. A light lunch will follow the meeting. All Committee positions will become vacant at this time. Nomination forms for all positions will be available in the Office. Items for discussion in **General Business** and any apologies for the meeting should be sent to the Secretary at [u3awaverley@gmail.com](mailto:u3awaverley@gmail.com) or advised to the office. An Agenda will be emailed or posted to all members in February.

**Brenda Hateley, Secretary.**

## Apologies

Just a reminder, do not apologise by email. Our office staff don't receive emails, therefore apologies won't be recorded. Either ring the office, advise your tutor, stop by the office window, or enter them yourself in the class roll, if you know in advance when you'll be away.

## A very large thank you

To the members of the 2018 Everyday Engineering and Science and Technology classes. Between the two classes we were able to raise \$650 as a gift to Medecins Sans Frontiers (Doctors without Borders) in lieu of a gift to the tutor.

## Thank you

To the 2018 members of the English Conversation Class for their \$500 donation to Edgar's Mission, a farm animal sanctuary near Lancefield. You can visit their web site for heart-warming videos of the humanitarian work they do.

## OPERATIONAL DATES 2019

Term		Ends	Public Holidays
1	29 Jan	5 April	Labour Day Mon 11 March
2	23 April	28 June	Anzac Day Thurs 25 April Queen's B'day Mon 10 June
3	15 July	20 Sept	
4	7 October	29 Nov	Mon 4 & Tues 5 Nov. Mel Cup Eve & Cup Day

## From the Course Coordinator -Ray Newton

**Welcome back everyone**, and a special welcome to our new members. I hope that you find this year both stimulating and rewarding whatever activities or courses you have enrolled in. I know that your tutors are rearing to go again and are looking forward to catching up with existing students and meeting new ones for the first time. I thank them sincerely for their enthusiasm and dedication.

**The most significant change** this year is that we have been able to refine our timetable to allow several beginners courses to run on a weekly basis that previously were limited to fortnightly. Students were finding that it was simply too long between classes to retain knowledge from the previous session, so now, thanks to the flexibility offered by several tutors and the relocation of Ballroom Dancing to the Notting Hill Community Hall, this problem has been overcome. My thanks to all involved.

**Once again, many of our courses** have proven to be so popular that they have filled up very quickly with many members on waiting lists. Please remember to notify us if you find that you can no longer attend a course that you have enrolled in as it may provide an opportunity for someone on the waiting list to participate. Similarly, please be reminded that should you be absent from your course for 3 consecutive weeks without advice, you may be removed from the course, once again to allow someone on the waiting list to participate. As a matter of courtesy however, we will endeavour to contact you before hand to ensure that you do not wish to return. So, please telephone the office (9832 5855) if you cannot attend, and the office staff will update the attendance roll accordingly.

As mentioned, **Ballroom Dancing** has now relocated to the Notting Hill Community Hall as our ability to accommodate the growing number of attendees was becoming challenging. The classes will now run on Tuesdays this year rather than Mondays and current enrolment numbers have been very encouraging.



The Ballroom Dancing Christmas breakfast last year, where several ladies who often dance as men decided that for the last dance, they should at least look the part!!!

There are also a couple of new courses this year. For the musically minded, Knobby Clarke has offered a **Beginners Class for Recorder** (19MUS024 and 19MUS026) which could be a great introduction to joining our very popular recorder ensemble, and follows on from a well patronised **"How to Read Music"** class that he ran last year. This class (19MUS028) is also promising to be very popular again this year. Nia Avelkiou continues to give more and more. Not only has her **Greek Beginners** class been extended from fortnightly to weekly, but she is now offering **Egyptian Arabic** (19LAN006) on Mondays. Gina Anderson is running another once-only **10 Week Knitting Course** this year (19CRA006) which has been oversubscribed, but current time-tabling arrangements can allow more students if necessary.

## Important: to all members.

Luba is insisting that if any member visits the building out of U3A hours, they must ensure that they let her, or whoever is in charge of Reception that day, know when they **arrive and leave**. In the event of an emergency she needs to know who is in the building at all times. It forms part of the building's security procedure, and as Manager, she is responsible. Thank you.

## Exploring Science & Technology

Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

### 29 January 2019

1. The Future of Fuels & Lubricants - David Kemp
2. Continued

### 5 February

1. 2018 Science Potpourri - Robert Taylor
2. Seeing Distance and Depth - DVD

### 12 February

1. The Story of Science - What is out there? - DVD
2. Poles Apart - Alan Wiseman

### 19 February

1. To be Advised
2. To be Advised

### 26 February

1. Mysteries of the Solar System - Rahif Kattan
2. Possibly continued.



Bob Smith 87 years of age was stopped by the police around 2 am and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Bob replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Bob replied, "That would be my wife."



Arguing with a woman is like reading the Software License Agreement. In the end you just ignore everything and tick "I agree."

**Our Japanese for Travellers course** (19LAN022) will not commence until February 20th this year and that is simply because our tutor Yoko Kho has been on extended vacation. Similarly, the commencement date of **our Spanish classes**, both beginners and intermediates (19LAN030 and 19LAN032) is currently uncertain as our tutor Beatriz Varanelli has been recovering from a health-related issue. Naturally, we all wish her a very speedy recovery and hope she can join us again very soon. If any members of the current Spanish classes feel that they can coordinate an informal conversational or basic informational session that will at least provide some initial flavour to the course, please let me know. At least, we will be able to make use of the currently time-tabled sessions for Spanish-related activities.

**So once again, welcome** to another year at Waverley U3A and I sincerely hope that you get as much pleasure out of your activities as possible and that you make some new friendships along the way.