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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that we are now entering the final term for 2019. Where has the year gone? Early in September U3A Waverley enrolments passed the 800 mark – we must be doing something right!

Members who use rooms 2 and 3 will notice a significant improvement in the light output of the projectors as Monash Council has replaced the old ones with new, high efficiency, machines. Several changes to the systems which operate them have also occurred so please be patient as we learn how to operate the new systems and "bed down" the new equipment.

U3A Network, after nearly two years of deliberations, has amended its rules so that it is now able to approach charitable trusts and similar organizations for funding for projects and development. This will reduce its dependency on Government funding which has become increasingly restrictive and less certain over the last few years. Other amendments to its rules set out more clearly the relationship between the U3A Network and the individual U3As – of which there are now 107 in Victoria -catering for over thirty thousand members.

A gentle reminder to those using the Batesford Road car park to please travel clockwise around the car park to help minimise the chance of accidents. We are still pushing Monash Council to make this mandatory by painting lines on the pavement, especially now that we have so many parents with young children using the car park who are unaware of the "clockwise convention."

Re-enrolment for 2020 will take place on Tuesday December 3 and Wednesday December 4. Some exciting new courses are already being planned. Keep watching for further details.

Robert

Monash Community Grants Ceremony 2019-2020

Each year, Monash Council allocates about \$2.5 million in cash and/or in-kind to local community groups and organizations. This year, 206 organizations met their funding criteria. Applying for this grant is part of the Secretary's job, so our thanks to Brenda Hateley for the work she does each year in preparing and submitting our grant applications.

Two Committee members – Rahif Kattan and Christine Archer – attended the ceremony on Sept 13th, which was held to present Certificates of Appreciation to the successful recipients. Our certificate is on show in the office. The wide range of organizations and support groups that exist and are funded in the Monash area is impressive, and for anyone interested, the Monash website publishes a full list each year. An afternoon tea was provided at the conclusion of the ceremony, where the choices of finger food almost rivalled the number of grant recipients.

Vale Pat Melville

Pat Melville passed away on the 22nd of September. Pat, whose membership number was 193, was a long serving member of U3A Waverley, a committee member, a tutor of Legal Trivia and Trials and the Law classes, and advisor on constitutional and legal matters to U3A Waverley for many years. His quiet, yet meaningful presence will be sadly missed. Our condolences to Pat and the family.

Robert Taylor
President



OPERATIONAL DATES 2019

Term		Ends	Public Holidays
4	7 October	29 Nov	Mon 4 & Tues 5 Nov. Mel Cup Eve & Cup Day

Has Music Theory always been a foreign language to you?

If like me, you have always wanted to learn “how to read the dots” properly, but never took up the challenge seriously at school and now find that it’s too hard, we may now have a solution. We have an opportunity to embrace music theory in a series of formal classroom sessions presented by a qualified music teacher next year. The tutor is able to teach music theory to Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB) standard from Grade 1 to Grade 4 and, pending sufficient interest, can commence Grade 1 next year on a weekly basis over one semester.

The course would require the purchase of a course book for each participant (about \$18) and follows a structured approach. This is a wonderful opportunity for people who would really love to be able to read music but haven’t had the opportunity to attend formal training classes before and will start at the very beginning. In order to gauge interest for this course (or series of courses), either send an email to me using

“Music Theory” as the title to

course.coordinator@u3awaverley.org.au

or give me a call on 0419 889 259 to express your interest.

Ray Newton, Course Coordinator.



Kitchen Talk

There has been a noticeable improvement lately in how we are cleaning up kitchen spills - most days. So thank you for that. The only whinge now is about members who rinse, but do not WIPE, their mugs before putting them back on the tray. The trays aren't absorbent or self-draining so the water has to go somewhere. EEW! Yes, I know that sometimes the tea towels are too wet, but let the office staff know and they will put out dry ones. Also, a gold star to the member who took home a few tea towels to wash a couple of weeks ago. I didn't catch your name, but you know who I'm thanking.



Digitization of Records Project

The Committee made a decision earlier this year to digitize U3A’s old records kept in books and folders. With the help of a number of members volunteering, the Digitization of Records Project kicked off in June to convert the records into digital form that can be stored electronically in more durable media. After some training and practice, the team members were able to work quite efficiently in scanning thousands of pages of records and reviewing the quality with the help of the computer. By the end of September, the team has completed scanning all the minutes of meetings since 1985 and a couple of years of Financial Records. More than 500 electronic files were created and archived.

The next step involves auditing the electronic records against the paper records as final step of quality assurance. There are more years of financial records and also other administration records yet to be defined for digitization in the next phase of the project.

The Committee is highly appreciative of the time, effort and skills donated by the following volunteers: Andrew Croft, Angela Roberts, David Valentine, Pek Lee, Rosemary Johnston and Fock Lee. The project is also helped enormously by our Treasurer Maree who spent a significant amount of time in sorting out the financial records for scanning.

Downsizing? Superannuation Rules? Estate Planning?

On **Monday, 28th October at 2pm in Room 3**, U3A member Winnie Mak with the help of a representative from the Shadforth Financial Group will be hosting a discussion looking at:

- Downsizing your home and Superannuation. A discussion of the strategy to utilise the downsizer Superannuation contribution rules.
- Aged Care: a discussion of the types of aged care and fees.
- The importance of having a Will. A discussion of the elements of a Will, case studies about intestacy, informal Wills and inheritance disputes.

This could be a very good opportunity to also have many of your own questions about these topics answered by a current financial services professional. No need to book for this presentation.

Ray Newton, Course Coordinator