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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the time of writing this report the number of new cases of Covid-19 infection in Victoria is falling – but still high. The government is still hopeful of reducing the current restrictions at the end of the defined level 4 restriction period in mid-September. The situation for U3A Waverley, however, is not looking quite as positive. In the last newsletter I indicated that the committee had resolved not to return to the hub before the commencement of term 4, October 4. On August 2, level 4 restrictions were put in place for 6 weeks. Recent events have called into question whether even the October date is now feasible – remembering that we have set a 100 person meeting criteria as our “return-to-hub” standard. The management committee will be discussing this matter at its September meeting and deciding whether it will be possible to return to the hub in 2020 at all.

Despite the lockdown and the effect that it has on all of us, it is encouraging to see the initiatives that U3A Waverley members are taking to keep in touch and to maintain, as best as possible, U3A activities. Elsewhere in this bulletin you will read a very encouraging report on what has been happening on Zoom. In late August the Zoom timetable was filled up with two new classes joining the system. Many of the zoom classes are not at the day or time they would prefer – a direct result of only having “one classroom” available instead of four. We have therefore purchased a second Zoom licence so that the timetable can be freed up a little (we now have two “classrooms”) and other classes that are using the free Zoom system can take advantage of Zoom Pro if they want to and remove the 40 minute time limit. Thank you to all who have contributed to the success of this transition.

Until we meet again take care and stay safe.

Robert

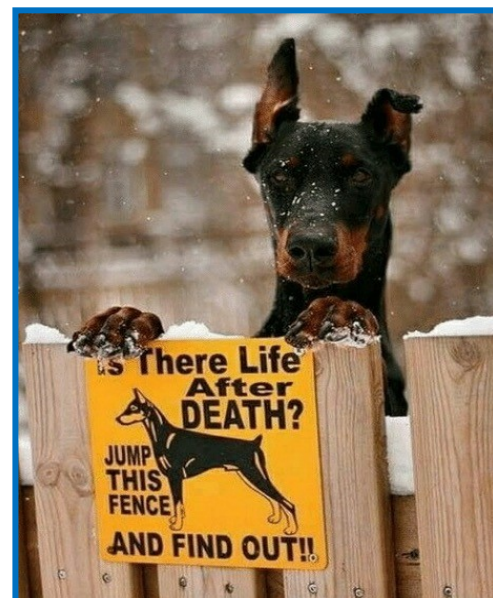
Zoom Pro Online Classes

U3A Waverley, through it's hardworking Tutors, is now using Zoom Pro to provide 12 subjects (16 classes) online for our members. Zoom Pro (which has a cost) allows for a lot more participants and sessions of two hours or more, when compared to the free Zoom Basic. The Zoom Pro licence was paid for by U3A Network Victoria and, as of now, all slots on that account are filled with the very recent additions of Current Affairs and Creative Writing. **STOP PRESS.** We can now announce that, thanks to the generosity of Monash Council, we have purchased a second Zoom Pro licence. This will allow for better spread of the classes and any new additions. Also Maree Brown has come on board to assist Dennis Atkin in administering the two licenses.



At the writing of this article the subjects being offered with Zoom Pro*, in alpha order, are Brain Myths (Aging Brain), Choir, Creative Writing, Cryptic Crosswords, Current Affairs, French (2 classes), Guitar (3 classes), Music Theory, Poetry, Science and Technology, Tai Chi (2 classes) and Write Your Own Story.

* some classes are still operating using the free Zoom Basic which has a 40 minutes time limit.”



L2P Learner Mentor Program

The Department of Transport runs a program called L2P, which could be the perfect fit for you. L2P matches young learner drivers with a supervising driver mentor. Creating a relationship, where a more experienced person helps a less experienced person achieve their goals. The purpose of the program is to enable a learner driver to meet the compulsory 120 hours of driving practice needed, prior to gaining their probationary licence.

Are you a fully licensed driver and want to assist young disadvantaged learner drivers with no access to a supervising driver or vehicle, gain driving experience? For a young person, having a driver's license creates employment, training and social opportunities. In addition, your help will reduce the likelihood of crash involvement for young drivers. Full training is provided to mentors, as is a car for the learner to practise with.

The L2P program can be a fantastic way for you to connect with and assist those in your local community. Once the Covid-19 restrictions have been reduced, the L2P Program will be recruiting new volunteers to continue this vital service. If this opportunity appeals to you and you are able to commit an hour or two each week please contact:

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Things I'm super Good At

1. Forgetting someone's name 30 seconds after they tell me.
2. Running. Late that is.
3. Making plans...then regretting making plans.
4. Thinking of a great comeback - an hour later.
5. Digging through the trash for the food box I just tossed, because I already forgot the directions
6. Adding items to online carts. Then deleting.
7. Googling my ailments. Then panicking.
8. Leaving laundry to wrinkle in the dryer.
9. Forgetting why I walked into the room.
10. Calculating how much sleep I'll get if I can just "fall asleep right now".

Growing old is just one body part after other saying, haha you think that's bad, watch this.

My mind is like an internet browser, 19 tabs are open, three of them are frozen and I have no idea where the music is coming from.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

You don't need a parachute to go skydiving. You need a parachute to go skydiving twice.

I threw a boomerang a few years ago. I now live in constant fear.

You're not completely useless. You can always serve as a bad example.

What did the pirate say on his 80th birthday? "Aye Matey".



