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News from the Office – May 2021

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

Hello everyone. I hope you have recovered after the recent floods. I presume all is OK as we don't have any reports of damage recorded in the office. What a strange planet we live on. Within 12 months we have had bush fires, floods, Covid 19 problems and floods again.

Now some good news. At the recent Committee Meeting, the topic came up regarding our usual Luncheon that we have each year. Reports say that you have missed the Luncheon so if things keep rolling along regarding health restriction and we are in control of the Covid 19 problems, we are holding a Luncheon on Wednesday 1st December at the usual venue. The cost will probably be the usual \$25 depending on catering costs and Tutors/Convenors attend free of charge. Good quality raffle prizes may be dropped into the office during office hours and we look forward to our usual fun day. Tickets will go on sale in September.

It was also decided that the kitchen will open with tea, coffee, sugar and milk once again available at the Skill's building from May the 3rd for those classes who enjoy a refreshment break.

Jeanette has asked for some leave from office duty for a couple of weeks as she is booked into Hawkesbury Hospital for full surgery on a hernia that has been bothering her for some time. As in previous years, Jan Cousin will look after the office along with office helpers while Jeanette is away. Good luck, Jeanette, we hope all goes well for you.

That's about it for the moment. Keep smiling and spread your good U3A cheer around for those who are not part of our organization. Keep talking to each other and if you don't have anyone to talk to, talk to me.

Geoff Hatch JP
President

VALE ANDRE CAUDREC

One of life's gentlemen Andre came to Australia from France in 1970. He joined U3A in 2015 with his wife, Naomi Silverton. Andre passed away on the 28th February after a 13 year battle with ill health. Andre's chemotherapy did not stop him from enjoying life. He and Naomi joined the U3A Bowling Group which was the beginning of Andre's love of the game. They joined Richmond Bowling Club for more regular bowling, enjoying their time there until this was interrupted by Covid19. His fellow U3A members, especially those in the U3A Bowling Group were saddened by the news of this popular member. Our condolences are sent to Naomi and our best wishes for this difficult time.

VALE BARBARA GILBERT

The news of the sudden and unexpected passing of Barbara on March 18th was received with much sadness. She showed no sign of illness being a very active lady with a beautiful nature. Barbara joined U3A in 2004 and enjoyed her classes for many years. After a few years break, she re-joined this year, with a friend, to attend Meditation and Shibashi. Our condolences were passed on to her family.

CLASS NEWS

GERMAN, JAPANESE and BASIC BIBLE

Due to a change in circumstances, these classes will not recommence until 2022 for which Evy Fleming apologises. We send our condolences to Evy and her family for the sad loss of her mother.

UWS COMPUTER CLASS

Alex Wylie Atmore has been in contact with the good news that Western Sydney University is allowing our Computer Classes to restart. In Ken Fraser's absence, Dianne Thompson will be the convenor and many who attend these sessions will be pleased to meet up with her once again. Dianne will be in touch with members who are enrolled and will welcome more enrolments. The dates, yet to be confirmed but pencilled in, are **Thursday 1st, 8th and 15th July 2021, 12.30 – 3.30pm.**

CAMERA AND POST PHOTO TECHNIQUES

Due to a close family commitment, Ron Milosh is unable to continue this class until further notice. Our best wishes to Ron at this difficult time.

WRITING COMPETITION

Another reminder that the 2021 Writing Competition will close at the end of October. The competition is open to all members and the three categories are Fiction, Non-Fiction and Poetry. Entry forms are available from the office.

Office Roster for May.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
3 rd Donna McKenzie	5 th Annette Haynes	7 th Mangal Prabhu
10 th Donna McKenzie	12 th Annette Haynes	14 th Jackie Varley
17 th Donna McKenzie	19 th Dimity Lee	21 st Mangal Prabhu
24 th Donna McKenzie	26 th Annette Haynes	28 th Mangal Prabhu
31 st Donna McKenzie		

My apologies for not including a 2020 Writing Competition entry in this Newsletter. All entries have been passed onto Dianne Thompson in preparation for a booklet which will also include the articles written on Covid 19 experiences. I hope to be better organised for the June Newsletter. There is no definite date for the booklet to be 'launched' but it will certainly be completed before our U3A year comes to an end. Thank you, Dianne.

Jeanette Hatch
Secretary

Certificate 1 in Information, Digital Media and Technology **Certificate 1 in Business.**

For anyone interested in learning more about smartphones, tablets and computing, Richmond TAFE is offering these courses, subsidized by the NSW Government. More detailed information is available on our **U3A Hawkesbury website** or you could contact the office for a brochure. The courses begin in May and are held in Hawkesbury Central Library.

Living Stories Western Sydney Writing Prize 2021

Hawkesbury Library Service is participating in this and requested the information be placed in our Newsletter. This is open to adults and children (10 year and above) who live in Western Sydney. Entries close at midnight on Sunday 2nd May. More information can be obtained from Joanne Russo, Library Coordinator, Hawkesbury City Council.
joanne.russo@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

The University of Tasmania is offering the following:

Free online dementia education for everyone.

This Course will be held over 4 weeks beginning on 11th May, 2 hours per week, day or night, on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

For more details, please contact the U3A Office on 4578 2333 or request information by email.

A concert poster for the Sydney Balalaika Orchestra. The top half features a group photo of the orchestra members in traditional red and white costumes, playing balalaikas, set against a background of a brick building with arches. Below the photo, the text 'sydney balalaika orchestra' is written in a stylized yellow font. The date '30 MAY 2:00 PM' is prominently displayed in white. The venue 'Panthers North Richmond' and address '33 Beaumont Avenue, North Richmond, NSW 2754' are listed. Ticket information includes 'Tickets: \$30' and an 'Early Bird Special: \$25 if confirmed and paid by 30th April'. Booking details mention 'www.trybooking.com' and contact information for Brian Fallon. Social media links for the website, Facebook, and Instagram are provided at the bottom, along with the orchestra's logo, a red square with a white balalaika.

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