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News from the Office – July 2021

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

I hope you are all well and have booked in for your 'jab', if you haven't already had it.

Although we have been fortunate in the Hawkesbury during this pandemic, everyday changes are being made.

Recently, a message was sent to class Tutors who meet in the Skill's building with a reminder to disinfect after each session. Social distancing is also still a regulation which needs to be observed. The safety of all our members is paramount and if we all observe the rules we can continue enjoying our activities.

All being well, our End of Year Lunch will be held on Wednesday, 1st December, in the Hawkesbury Masonic Centre, South Windsor. Fortunately, our caterers are still in business and have been booked. **Raffle prizes are not accepted on the day except fresh fruit/vegetables, cakes or plants.**

Remember to keep smiling!

Geoff Hatch JP

President

CLASS NEWS

CARD MAKING: Suzanne Hinzmann is re-commencing her Card Making Classes from July 12th, with a limit of four (4) at each session. Under the new normal, four is the limit for the room in which this popular class is held. Please contact the office if you wish to enrol. Thank you, Suzanne.

RECORDER CLASS: If one can take one's mind away from the school room, the recorder is a beautiful sounding instrument. **Bruce Howland** is offering a class in which he will guide students in the ability to play simple melodies with a very pleasing sound. This class will be held at 10.30 on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month in the Skill's building. Students are required to bring their own recorder, but music sheets will be provided by Bruce. If you would like to have some fun with music please contact the office to enrol.

RICHMOND TAFE: Richmond TAFE is offering to hold a U3A class for 16 members on a Tuesday between 9.00am to 12 midday, over a period of 18 weeks at the Skill's Centre, beginning on the 13th July.

Following is the content being offered:

- Get to know your Smart Phone.
- Make the most of your personal computer.
- Apply ergonomics to using your computer.
- Develop keyboarding skills.
- Create Microsoft Word documents.
- Create Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.
- Create Microsoft PowerPoint presentations.

Co-ordinator/Teacher – Technology and Business Services is Alex Bartlett and her message is that the class will break for school holidays on 17 September, resuming on 6 October through to the 16 November.

(TAFE continued) The course is free of charge and is a great opportunity consolidate computer skills.

Members are required to bring their own laptops, however, a limited number of laptops will be provided by TAFE for those members who do not have one.

Click on the link for more information.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD BEGINNERS: Beryl Pugh, who is another member who has led an interesting life, has decided that it is time to relinquish her role as tutor for this group. Judy Jordan has stepped up and will be in contact with class members as well as the Class Coordinator with more information. Beryl, we thank you for the time you have given to U3A and we wish you good health and happy days ahead.

U3A Hawkesbury has many members who have lived interesting lives before retiring. One member assisted in setting up the Nursing Faculty at UWS and is a descendant of George Evans who surveyed the crossing of the Blue Mountains following Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth's exploration. Several of George's artwork hangs in her home as he was also a talented artist.

MEMBER PROFILE: A few years ago, we included a profiles of members. One profile was of Miriam Knee who had captained the Australian Women's Cricket Team. This month, we are profiling Miriam's friend and U3A member, Muriel Picton. *(Far right in photo)*



years. Recognising her skill in her first season, she was selected to play for NSW in 1952. As Captain of her club they took out the premiership many times. She was coach and mentor to many up and coming players. Pixie was instrumental in YWCA's purchase of the first bowling machine in the country. In 1958 Pixie was selected to play in an Australian X1 to play against England and by 1961 was appointed captain of the team that toured New Zealand. Pixie's final appearance was as captain of Australia when England toured here in 1968/69, after which, she became heavily involved with the administration of her club and the NSW Women's Cricket Association, which later merged and is now Cricket NSW. In her retirement, Pixie has revealed other talents with her intricate work as a member of the Hawkesbury Woodcraft Club. Joining U3A Hawkesbury in 2005, Pixie continues to enjoy attending her chosen classes, one of which is as a regular attendee of 'An Hour with Graham'. Congratulations, Pixie!

Muriel, affectionately known as Pixie, was a talented sport's woman who last year celebrated her 90th birthday with many friends, especially from the cricket world. Pixie "was a fantastic contributor to Women's Cricket in her many administration roles. On her birthday it's great to recognise her achievements and her contribution to our game and wish her the very best of days." (Alyssa Healy 2020). Pixie played all her grade cricket with the YWCA team which she captained for many

Office Roster for July.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
		2 nd Free
5 th Donna MacKenzie	7 th Dimity Lee	9 th Anna Crowley
12 th Donna MacKenzie	14 th Dimity lee	16 th Mangal Prabhu
19 th Donna MacKenzie	21 st Dimity Lee	23 rd Rae McCully
26 th Donna MacKenzie	28 th Free	30 th Mangal Prabhu

Jeanette Hatch, Secretary