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News from the Office – November 2021

President's Message

Here we are heading towards the end of 2021 and so pleased to be there. I feel sorry for anyone who experienced family or personal illness and I hope you are now all well and in control.

We have been through unprecedented times and events and we all hope and pray for a better 2022. The 2022 programme has been compiled by our hard working, highly organised Class Co-Ordinator, Penny Fraser and all the required forms are with this newsletter. I welcome you all back both old and new members.

Membership renewals and new member applications will soon be accepted for next year. Our AGM will be held on Thursday, the 27th January 2022 at the Hawkesbury Masonic Centre and we would like to invite interested financial members to come on board as Committee Members. You must have a reasonable amount of time and be prepared as a Committee Member to perform tasks that will be allocated for various duties. Some of your current Committee need a rest and duties will be spread over the entire Committee next year which will be different from the past. Nomination forms are available from the office which is now open.

Remember your COVID drill, don't take any risks. We love and need you all. And remember if you don't have anyone to talk things over with, ring me.

Cheers

Geoff Hatch (Pres.) JP

What's Happening Now?

The U3A Office has re-opened, and is staffed Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. This is the ideal time to have your questions answered.

Some of our groups have commenced limited activities for the end of the year, allowable under the NSW COVID Roadmap guidelines. It has been terrific to see the smiling eyes of members in these activities, and we can only assume that their mouths are smiling too, behind those masks! Remember that only members who can show evidence that they are double vaccinated are able to participate in U3A activities. And this is a reminder that if you have health issues that might increase your COVID risks, make sure that you discuss your situation with your doctor before you undertake any activities.

Once again, if Tutors/Convenors are arranging face-to-face class activities before the end of 2021 it is important that you **advise the U3A office of the details of your activity**. This should be done by email to u3ahwkby@norwestit.com.au or by phoning the Class Coordinator, Penny Fraser, on 0411 300 867.

On your mark ... get set ... Membership & Enrolments for 2022 ready to go!

It is that exciting time of year again. From Monday 1 November we are accepting your membership renewals for 2022 and inviting you to select the classes in which you wish to participate. Attached to this Newsletter are:

- the **Membership Form for New and Renewing Members**. Please note that this form must be completed and the Membership Fees for 2022 paid before your Membership for 2022 is confirmed
- the **Class Descriptions for 2022**. Look over this list to see what is on offer for next year. There are a number of new and different activities to tempt you and your friends.

- The **Enrolment Form for 2022**. Complete this and submit it with your Membership Renewal. Make sure that you keep a copy of your completed Enrolment Form, so that you remember what you have enrolled in, and where and when it is on.

There are options for completing your membership renewal:

- You can come to the office **from Monday 1 November** to pay your fees and submit your forms. We will not be able to process your forms at the office prior to this date.
- You can also submit your forms by email and pay your fees by bank transfer. If you choose this method, your forms will not be processed until Monday 1 November, at the same time as the forms delivered to the office. Bank account details for U3A are on the Membership Form.
- You can mail your forms to the office and pay by cheque or bank transfer.

We are keen to make sure that the office procedures are COVID-safe for you and for our volunteers. We hope that you will bear with us we try to make the process as smooth as possible, including:

- Have your forms filled out before you arrive, if possible
- Wear a face mask
- Show evidence of your double-vaccination status to the Committee member
- Pay your fees on the verandah outside the office
- Be prepared that you might have a little wait for your form to be processed, as only 3 people are allowed in the office at a time
- Maintain Social distancing and use sanitising liquids as appropriate

We are looking forward to a great year in 2022, as we get used to working, learning and playing together in the new COVID world.

Ken Fraser, on behalf of the Committee

News from our Classes:

All Things Textile

After twelve very productive and happy years, 'All Things Textile' will finish up at the end of this year. Rennie Van Der Pohl, our tutor for all those years, has devoted a huge amount of her time, energy, effort expertise and enthusiasm to this group. Her home has become ours as we have arrived on her doorstep each lesson to be welcomed in, to not only share her knowledge and help, but to drink her wonderful coffee, eat her delicious morning tea and go home with cuttings from her garden. If we happened to be missing any textile items needed for our current project, they would miraculously appear from her seemingly bottomless stash. We have even spent weekends away in her holiday house at the beach where we were treated like her family.

All present and past members would like to thank both Rennie and Hank for their hospitality over all these years and we wish them every happiness and joy in their life ahead.

Aussie Bird Count Week

All across Australia, "citizen scientists" have been recording sightings of our wonderful birdlife from 18 – 24 October, and our U3A Birders have joined in with gusto. Over a 20-minute session, counters record the number of birds of each species seen in a particular area. These records are submitted to Birdlife Australia via a mobile phone app. In addition to submitting counts from their own locations, the U3A birders have been to different locations in the area each week day during the period and worked together to count the birds. At the time of writing (Thursday 21/10), the group had counted hundreds of birds of over 80 different species, some of which were real highlights. In addition to the "usual suspects", we saw Rufous Whistlers in full song, Dusky Woodswallows and Restless Flycatchers feeding their young in nests, Golden-headed Cisticolas, also in full song, a White-cheeked Honeyeater and a glimpse of a Mistletoebird. On Thursday the U3A Birders were joined by the Photography for Fun group members. In glorious weather, the birders ID'd the birds, and the photographer "shot" them. What a treat.

PUZZLE CORNER ANSWERS – OCTOBER 2021

A: Quiz for music lovers from the 1960s:

| Title of the single record | Year | Recording Artist or Group |
|--------------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| 1. Wild Thing | 1966 | The Troggs |
| 2. Working for the Man | 1962 | Roy Orbison |
| 3. It's My Party | 1963 | Lesley Gore |
| 4. It's Now or Never | 1960 | Elvis Presley |
| 5. I Should Have Known Better | 1964 | The Beatles |
| 6. The Real Thing | 1969 | Russell Morris |
| 7. Runaway | 1961 | Del Shannon |
| 8. I'll Never Find Another You | 1965 | The Seekers |
| 9. Sadie the Cleaning Lady | 1968 | Johnny Farnham |
| 10. The Last Waltz | 1967 | Engelbert Humperdinck |

B: Word Puzzle

Amazingly, Jean Pitkin managed to find 115 different words from the letter of VACCINATIONS - what a star!

C: Something for travellers: The travel destinations were:

1. Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road, Vic; 2. Devil's Marbles, NT; 3. Monkey Mia, WA; 4. Wave Rock, Hyden, WA; 5. The Olgas (Kata Tjuta), NT; 6. Cradle Mountain, Tas; 7. The Big Golden Guitar, Tamworth, NSW; 8. Kuranda Scenic Railway, Qld; 9. Coober Pedy, SA

D: Anagrams: Jean Pitkin spotted two typos in these, for which I apologise. Here are the rest

| Anagram | How many words can you find using all of the letters? |
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| midrear | admirer, married |
| reddas | sadder, dreads, adders |
| vicetear | creative, reactive |
| radgeen | angered, enraged, grenade |
| steear | Easter, eaters, resear |
| slapyer | replays, players, parsley |
| estalp | plates, petals, pleats, pastel, staple |

E: Maths Puzzles: Can you fill in the numbers 1 to 8 in each of the squares below so that each side adds up to the middle number? There might be more than one answer to each of these.

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| 5 | 12 | 7 |
| 6 | 4 | 2 |

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| 7 | 3 | 4 |
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| 2 | 15 | 4 |
| 7 | 5 | 3 |