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We acknowledge that the Darug people are the original custodians of the land on which we meet.

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## News from the Office – February 2024

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year to you all.

Here we are again at the beginning of another year. Let's hope we all remain well and covid free. An exciting year is ahead of us with new classes and old in full swing, your tutors and convenors ready to begin.

I want to thank those on your committee who never stop work. Over the holiday period Ken and Jeanette were busy answering emails, Lorraine continued to pay accounts and Penny compiled the February Calendar for inclusion in this newsletter.

Don't forget the AGM on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. The meeting agenda is included with this newsletter for you to print off.

Keep smiling and enjoy your U3A activities or just plain friendships that we make.

Cheers for now

**Geoff Hatch JP (President)**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

I, for one, am eagerly looking forward to getting back into the swing of things after too many hot days of sitting in an airconditioned room for too many hours. Each day we did plan some physical activities to keep our bodies from seizing up but on the whole a lot of TV was watched and many books were read due to the hot weather.

I hope, like me, you are all ready for another great year of U3A activities, whether they be continuing or whether they be new ones. We certainly have an interesting class offering coming up this year.

Having been a U3A Hawkesbury member since the late 90s, I have enjoyed meeting many members, all of whom were friendly and who had enjoyed or are still enjoying their participation in their chosen activities. Three such members were Eugenia Kowalski, Janice Hackney and Terry Bancroft, all of whom passed away in 2023.

Eugenia was a long-time member, joining in 1995, travelling from Seven Hills for many years until just recently moving to Richmond. Eugenia was a very keen member of the Patchwork group. A delightful lady.

Janice joined in 2009 and was also a keen member of the Patchwork group. Janice lived at Windsor Downs and came to the office to chat and rejoin ever year. Another delightful lady.

Terry Bancroft, husband of Pat, joined in 2002 and was a regular at our yearly luncheons. His passing was rather unexpected. A very friendly and helpful gentleman.

Our condolences go to the families of Eugenia, Janice and Terry.

**Jeanette Hatch (Secretary)**

## Office Roster:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> January - Ken Fraser & Chris Ryan	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Annette Haynes & Tiiu Haly	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan – Ken Fraser & Jeanette Hatch
22 <sup>nd</sup> January - Jeanette Hatch & Meg Shepherd	24 <sup>th</sup> January – Ken Fraser & Penny Fraser	26 <sup>th</sup> January – <b>AUSTRALIA DAY – OFFICE CLOSED</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> January – Ken Fraser & Chris Ryan	31 <sup>st</sup> January – Annette Haynes & Ken Fraser	2 <sup>nd</sup> February –Jeanette Hatch& Jan Cousin
5 <sup>th</sup> February – Ken Fraser and Jill Duffield	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Annette Haynes & Anne Lindsay	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Jeanette Hatch & Penny Fraser
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Chris Ryan & Meg Shepherd	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Annette Haynes & Tiiu Haley	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Jeanette Hatch & Rae McCully
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Ken Fraser & Annette Haynes	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb – Jeanette Hatch & Mangal Prabhu	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb – Penny Fraser & Marilyn Tyers
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Chris Ryan & Jill Duffield	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Jeanette Hatch & Jan Cousin	1 <sup>st</sup> March – Ken Fraser & Marie Spicer

*If these times don't suit or if you would like to help out in the office, please call 4578 2333 during office hours, or send us an email.*

## From the Office:

Now is a good time to renew your membership for 2024, or to invite others to come along and enjoy the benefits of membership of U3A Hawkesbury. Our office is open again from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January, and will open throughout the year on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9am to 12 noon, except public holidays. Remember that if you are wishing to pay fees in the office, we can only accept cash or cheques.

In the office, we can assist you with enrolments into classes of your choice. You can call in or phone and we can make the adjustments. If you are wishing to withdraw from a class, it is important that you let us know in the office. It is a courtesy to our volunteer tutors, and some classes have keen members on waiting lists ready to join a class if a vacancy arises. If a class you wish to join is full, enrol anyway and your name will be placed on the waiting list.

You can check and make changes to your membership details and enrolments on our online system, **MyU3A**. Click the blue **Member Login** button from the homepage of our website and use your member number and password to open up your record. If you have forgotten your password, you can enter your email address and the system will send it to you. Why not give it a try?

The website is: <https://u3ahawkesbury.org.au/>

If it is convenient, you can join or renew your membership at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. Bring along cash or a cheque for your fees and we will be able to finalise it on the spot. For members who have already joined or renewed for 2024: If you have not received your Name Badge, call in to the office and collect it. It is coloured pink for 2024, and it is your confirmation that your membership is current for this year.

Have an enjoyable year in your U3A activities.

**Ken Fraser, Office Coordinator**