

In this newsletter you can find information about the latest happenings in the club.

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Keeping On & Looking Ahead!

As we start tentatively to prepare for coming out of lockdown, our volunteers have prepared some wonderful offerings for Term 4 2020 – new courses, terrific speakers, new collaborations & some fun times ahead. More details in this edition.

During term 3 our new activities included 2 quizzes, 2 Science for the Curious short courses, and 3 Social Seniors collaborations with Sunbury Community Health & U3A Network Victoria.

At our successful AGM, attended by over 30 people, our new Management Committee for 2020-21 was confirmed. An important decision was reached not to charge fees for 2020 Active Members for the upcoming 2021 year, due to the impacts of the covid-19 pandemic this year. The standard fees will be charged for new members.

Since the start of July we have had 10 new members join the club, and at the end of September we have 202 members, of whom 37 are volunteers or group leaders.

More than a third of our members so far have participated in a Zoom-based activity and are gaining more confidence and pleasure in the online medium! Don't forget we can help you learn to join a Zoom meeting!

Hume Council has advised that the Senior Citizens Centre is unlikely to reopen until December, and we have yet to hear the future of the Sunbury Football Social Club that has given us so much generous support in the past. So, for Term 4, we will continue with online activities only, until the future situation is clearer.

I hope to meet you again soon on Zoom!

Jill Dyson, President.



Our recent Zoom Quiz

What's Happening Online?

Our Courses Team has developed a number of new courses for Term 4, all to be delivered on Zoom. Contact Kaye & the team (Kaye, Gab and Jo) via email at courses@u3asunbury.org.au

If you have a passion for a particular area, even if you are a keen amateur, we would love to hear from you as a potential Leader.

New short courses / online activities listed in UMAS for Term 4 include:

- Introduction to the Science of Climate Change
- More Astronomy
- Sunbury Heritage Discussion Group
- U3A / Sunbury Library Bookends Book Group
- Digital Skills Drop-In
- Social Seniors 3rd Course

And continuing on Zoom we have

- French Combined Group
- What Makes a Good Film
- Beginners Mah-Jong Social Gathering (aka knitters and craftspeople!)
- Guest Speakers (see over)
- Current Affairs
- Ethics

And last but not least:

- Happy Hour on Fridays

UMAS for Members login:

<https://u3asunbury.org.au/members/>

Guest Speakers & Events

The Events / Speakers Team (Marlene, Lesley, Beris) have organised some terrific speakers for the remainder of the year:

- Wildlife at the Organ Pipes – Robert Irvine
- Current & Future Plans for Sunbury – Caroline Rollis
- The Shrine & Importance of Remembrance Day – Catherine Brown
- Organ Donations – Belinda Willoughby
- Funeral Celebrant & the Funeral Industry – Karen Horbach

Enrol for the Speakers sessions in UMAS for Members: <https://u3asunbury.org.au/members/>

If you have some suggestions for our Speakers and Events team to follow up, contact them at events@u3asunbury.org.au

Wouldn't it be lovely to have an end-of-year get together? At this stage we are still unable to plan any face-to-face outings or events, but we will endeavour to arrange some end of year celebration before we close up for the year. Let's hope that we can get back together before long!

Committee & Volunteers

Our AGM in August confirmed the following Committee members for 2020-21:

President – Jill Dyson
Secretary – Leigh Martin
Treasurer – Bernadette Young
Assets & Equipment – Beris Cook

The Committee has since seconded Ron Choo as an Ordinary Member of the Committee.

Due to personal reasons, Carole Gray has resigned from the Committee, and Kris Berkes has offered to look after Memberships until a replacement can be found.

The role of Vice President is currently vacant.

The following will continue in their volunteer roles:

Ann Potter - Webmaster
Kaye Coates - Courses Coordinator
Marlene Cann – Events Coordinator
Gab Connelly – UMAS Coordinator

Our Committee and Volunteers are crucial to the sustainability of our club. If you'd like to offer to volunteer, be it as a Group Leader, a Committee Member or a valued helper in other ways, we'd love to hear from you!

Collaborations in Progress

The **Building Community Engagement Project** continues together with other U3As in the Northern Metropolitan region.

This project aims to build the sustainability of our club though broadening our connections with our key stakeholders and with other like-minded community organisations in the local area.

In particular our collaboration with Sunbury Community Health as recipients of a Hume Council COVID-19 Partnership Grant has enabled us to run two **Social Seniors** programs to date, aimed at helping isolated Seniors in Sunbury to become more connected.

A third course will commence on October 6, and as part of this collaboration we have been able to provide 3 loan tablets & modems to participants who had no means of digital connectivity of their own.

We have also conducted a **Volunteers for Social Seniors** course for volunteers from Sunbury U3A, Sunbury Community Health, the Sunbury Neighbourhood House and the Sunbury Police Community Register who are now available to mentor other new learners undertaking the Social Seniors course.

Digital Skills Drop-In sessions have also been scheduled fortnightly this term to help any of our U3A members and participants in the Social Seniors courses work through problems they may be having on their digital devices.

Another collaboration undertaken as part of our Building Community Engagement is the **U3A / Sunbury Library Bookends Book Group** opportunity – as the Library is no longer charging a fee for its book groups we have been able to make this activity available to our members free of charge. We may indeed create another book group in 2021 if there is sufficient interest.

Currently all these activities are being conducted online via Zoom.

And to cheer us up ...

Never underestimate the elderly!

Your smile for today!!

The old lady handed her bank card to a bank teller and said, "I would like to withdraw £500."

The female teller told her, "For withdrawals less than £5,000, please use the ATM."

The old lady then asked, "Why?"

The teller irritably told her, "These are rules.

Please leave if there is no other matter. There is a queue behind you."

She then returned the card to the old lady.

The old lady remained silent... but then she

returned the card to the teller and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have."

The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned

down and said to the old lady, "My apologies

Granny, you have £3.5 million in your account

and our bank does not have so much cash

currently. Could you make an appointment and

come again tomorrow?"

The old lady then asked, "How much am I able to withdraw now?"

The teller told her, "Any amount up to £300,000"

The old lady then told the teller that she wanted to

withdraw £300,000 from her account.

The teller did so quickly and handed it to the old lady respectfully.

The old lady kept £500 in her bag and asked the teller to deposit the balance of £299,500 back into her account.

Don't be difficult with old people... we can outwit the young and dumb.

A man was telling his neighbour, 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art.. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbour.

'What kind is it?'

'Twelve thirty..'

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, 'Windy, isn't it?'

Second one says, 'No, it's Thursday!'

Third one says, 'So am I. Let's go get a beer..'

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm.

A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc:

'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that.. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

One more. . . !

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool.

After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, 'Crushed nuts?'

'No,' he replied, 'Arthritis'

Thanks Bob.

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