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Vale Bill Burns

With sadness I advise the passing of our immediate past President, Bill Burns.

Bill and Jo joined our u3a in 1998. He was President from 2007 to 2009 and again for our celebratory year of 2015. In addition, Bill was Treasurer from 2012 to 2014, was our auditor before that and was one of the team that transposed our activities from St. Stephen's Hall to the Jordanville Hub.

He also followed Heather McCoy as Tutor of the Books and Writers group where he imparted his humour, love of poetry and knowledge of Shakespeare on the willing class. Wherever Bill touched our u3a he left a memorable and respected imprint. I find it ironic that as Bill was losing his battle against cancer, his efforts to have a reliable lift in our building were coming to fruition. We will respect his memory for years to come

At the beautiful service for Bill's funeral last Friday, one of Bill's daughters included this quote from Antoine Boveua in her speech which was written on a card from u3a member Wendy Verplak - **"A luminous light remains where a beautiful soul has passed"**. This really says it all.

David Kemp, President



President's Report



As we draw to the close of another year, we find that the lift is out of service. But this time it will not be repaired but replaced and we hope it provides a reliable service when commissioned for operation. Certainly the stair chair has proven a useful addition during this construction period. Council still have a number of items on their "to do list" to cope with the ever changing and increasing activities at the hub.

I thank all of our members for your support during the year and hope you have found your experiences both enjoyable and rewarding.

In the coming year we will be working toward a number of changes to the Committee. We are seeking to elect a new Secretary at next year's AGM as Brenda Hateley has indicated that she wishes to step down next year. Brenda has provided me, and before me Bill Burns, much needed support in that role and we are now seeking such a dedicated person to replace her. We will provide more information as to the role early in the New Year. Also our Treasurer, Kim Lai wishes to hold that position for only one more year so we will be searching for a replacement for Kim as the year progresses. We are also looking to establish some supporting roles, for members with specific skills to accommodate our ever changing business model.

To our tutors, office volunteers and members who provide technical expertise to maintain our operation, I thank you on behalf of the Committee. We hope you enjoy the holiday break and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Best wishes to all and your families

David Kemp

U3A Waverley Life Members

We welcome the following members to the status of **Life Members**:

Joy Sorel	Christine Draper	Noelle Ely	Irene Cody	Heather McCoy	Lilian McDonald
Bronwyn Hay	Connie Kennett	Brian Graham	Naomi Prentis	Lidia Krol	Wendy Mutton
Anna Hutchinson	Ann Jozsa	Maureen Rigby	Betty Barker	Margaret Watson	Monica Turnbull
Kirsten Pederson	Barry McLauchlan	Brigitta Jaehrling	Helen Bloye	Betsy Louey-gur	Judith Hall
Jocelyn Hull	Joy Warfe	Joyce Foley	Lou Krpan	Alva Purkiss	Denise Martin.

In addition we recognise Avis Manger and Rex Vinycomb who would have become life members, but passed away late in the year.

Courses for 2018

Now available for browsing on our website. Go to www.u3awaverley.org.au then choose "Click here for Member enrolments" followed by "View Courses". More details are being sent out by email and are available as a pamphlet at the office. At present you can only browse courses. Enrolments will open at **9.30 am on Monday 4th December**. You will be able to enrol online or come to the office for assistance, either on Monday 4th from 9.30am - 3.00pm, or Tuesday 5th from 9.30am - 1.00pm.



Once-only Name Tags

The new (blue) name tags are in the office for you to collect if you haven't already done so. You can use them straight away. They no longer have the year on them so this is the last time you will need to pick up new ones. From 2018, we will only be printing name tags for new members (or if you accidentally wash your lanyard).

Two "Please Don'ts"



- 1) The office, and the phone, will be unattended from Wednesday 7th December until Monday 29th January. Please don't leave any messages because there won't be anyone here to ring you back.
- 2) Please don't ring or email Committee members or any volunteer with a defined role while U3A is closed. Like you, we will either be enjoying the break or away on holiday. Last year, our hard-working Course Coordinator was inundated with requests that could have waited until we reopened. We will be here for you again from **Monday 29th January 2018**.

Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Tutors' Meeting Wed 24 January 2018: One for your 2018 diary.

The Committee of Management will be hosting a light lunch for our valuable Tutors at the conclusion of their January meeting. It will be at Batesford Hub, and we will let you know the start time at a later date, but will probably be around 12:00 or 12:30pm.

The lunch will be combined with an informal meeting, an opportunity to meet you all again, and a chance for you to ask any questions you may have before the start of Term One. Hope to see you all there.

Take Control of Your Energy Bills

Look out for this once-only presentation from the Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in March 2018. It is course (18HUM024) and will take place on Thursday, 22nd March at 11:45am in Room 2. Book early for this one, as we are limited to 50 seats.

We all want to pay less for our energy. This is because energy costs represent 2.3% of the average household income and up to 7% in low-income households. To help with this, the Victorian Government has developed Victorian Energy Compare, a website that allows every Victorian household and small business to compare all available offers and find a better deal. At this information session, a speaker from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning will look at some of the best ways to make informed decisions about your energy bills and find savings. The session will cover:



- * How to shop around to get the best energy offer using Victorian Energy Compare
- * How to make the most of your energy retailer
- * Understanding energy concessions
- * Being energy efficient

Subject to demand, another presentation could be arranged.

U3A Music Appreciation Class

The Music Appreciation Class was formed in 1986 when U3A met at Chadstone. It was started by Laurie Coles, that warm-hearted music lover who invited up to 16 music lovers to her home in East Malvern. We met there because Laurie had such good listening equipment. She opened her doors, chose the music and even cooked delicious goodies for morning tea. Her enthusiasm was contagious and a lovely friendly group got to know each other. Laurie's musical tastes were wide and interesting, with a couple of exceptions. Bach never featured in her programs, nor the very popular ABC presenter Margaret Throsby.

The late Bruce Peart was one of the first financial members, a charming and entertaining man who was famous for his contribution to our lavish Christmas party. Each year he produced a many tiered trifle - layer upon layer of mouth-watering bliss. After enjoying many years of Laurie's hospitality and superb sound equipment, we thought we should help with the program and several members of the group began presenting their choice of music. We eventually decided Laurie might need a break when we arrived one morning to find her still tucked up in bed. Nothing daunted, we started anyway and it wasn't long before she emerged, fully dressed and full of enthusiasm.

Eventually we suggested it was time to move the group to the U3A centre at St. Stephen's Church, Mt. Waverley. Laurie was reluctant to make the change, but accepted that it was time. The group has benefited more recently from the great work Alan McLean put into continuing the lovely friendly atmosphere which still exists, and it is only recently he has had to resign because of Clare's health. We would like to thank Alan for his years of work. Pam Murphy has kindly taken over the leadership of our Group.

Margaret Watson - Member since 1995

Tuesday Tai Chi 2 & 3

Next year, Ling has decided to split her 2-hour Tai Chi class into 2 well-defined components. Current class members are encouraged to enrol in both Tai Chi 2 and Tai Chi 3 classes if they are confident. Look for course codes **18EXE007 (Tai Chi 2) starting at 9:45am and 18EXT016 (Tai Chi 3) continuing at 10:45am.**



U3A Waverley Cycle Group

We meet every Wednesday at 9.30am in the Batesford Car park. Check out the course details and enroll. More Info in the February Newsletter.

OPERATIONAL DATES 2018

Term	Starts	Ends	Public Holidays
1	29 January	29 March	Labour Day Mon 12 March
2	16 April	29 June	Anzac Day Wed 25 April Queen's Birthday 11 June
3	16 July	21 Sept	
4	8 October	30 Nov	Mon 5 & Tues 6 Nov. Mel Cup Eve & Cup Day