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**Need a replacement Badge?
NOW IS THE TIME TO RING
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BADGES – NOW IS THE TIME!

New members will automatically receive a badge. If you accidentally put yours through the washing machine, or the dog has eaten it, or if it's just plain lost and you need another one now is the time. Please leave a message at the office.

Barrie Fenby.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Our annual nine-week summer holiday away from U3A is over. The flurry of the enrolment period is over and thanks go to Barrie Fenby and Helen Mather for their calm and patient problem solving.

How lucky we are to have the wonderfully varied program made possible by our volunteer tutors. It was clear from the tutors meeting last week that they enjoy making their ongoing weekly contributions to the happiness of the members of MVU3A.

At the 2022 AGM we voted for fees to remain unchanged in 2024 and thanked Nino Tosone for his work as golf tutor and Tess Theodosiou for her work as art tutor. We are glad that they are both still involved in U3A classes.

The election of office bearers at the AGM saw Brian Smith take on the role of Vice President and Ann Watson accepted the role of Treasurer. Michael Walsh was thanked for his excellent

four years' service as Treasurer. Happily, both Michael and Bruce will continue on as committee members.

We decided to entertain our AGM attendees and showed photos of our members enjoying their classes in 2022. Several keen observers won prizes for the True or False quiz based on the photos. Please send photos of class activities so we can have a 2023 photo quiz and give out some more prizes at the 2023 AGM. Grateful thanks to all members who attended and assisted with the afternoon.

Let us continue to look after each other and stay home if we have cold symptoms. Covid seems to have gone underground, but we know that it is still lurking.

Three cheers for the volunteers and members of MV U3A 2023

Jan Smith
President

REPORT OF THE 2022 AGM

Fees for 2024.

Our treasurer (Michael Walsh) provided the background to this motion. Our financial position is sound with a healthy contingency to cover any unexpected expenditures. Consequently, our financial objective is to breakeven for the year with membership fee income balancing budgeted expenditure. The fees for 2024 will be maintained at the same level as in 2023.

Motion: fees for 2024 remain unchanged from 2023. Passed unanimously.

2023 Committee of Management:

The positions of Vice President and Treasurer, and five ordinary members were declared vacant. Seven nominations were received, and the following members were elected unopposed to the 2022 committee: Brian Smith Vice President; Ann Watson Treasurer. Also elected to the committee were Geoff Miller, Barry Fenby, Michael Walsh, Bruce Findlay and Helen Mather. The members of the 2023 Committee are:

Jan Smith (President)
Brian Smith (Vice President)
Ann Watson (Treasurer)
Jo Bradshaw (Secretary)
Geoff Miller (Course/Tutor Coordinator)
Barrie Fenby (Membership Database Manager)
Edith James (Venue Coordinator)
Marjorie Ridley (Office Manager)
Natalie Vernuccio (Hospitality co-ordinator)
Helen Mather (Social Events)
Michael Walsh (Assistant to Treasurer)
Bruce Findlay (Assistant to Vice President)

Moonee Valley U3A is indeed fortunate to have such inspiring and hard -working people on its committee.

Acknowledgement of Tutors:

Geoff Miller thanked our wonderful tutors.

Office Volunteers:

Marjorie Ridley thanked the office volunteers for their assistance throughout 2022. There was a trying period when we lost access to our phone service but we have now moved to a new improved mobile phone.

(Editor)



Your committee for 2023 (most of it).

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Once again, our range of classes and activities have proved very popular. Late last week twenty-six of them were fully subscribed and eighteen of these had waitlists. However, there are still vacancies in a number of our courses and it is not too late to enrol. Please check our website for details.

Most of you will have commenced your classes for 2023 this week. While caution and consideration for others is obviously still required, it is a relief to commence this year without the restrictions of recent times. Hopefully this will remain the case.

New Course

Since enrolments opened in January, a new course, to start in Term 2, has been added to our list. Jane Austen – Her Life, her Works, her Time will commence on the 9th of May and run for six weeks. Classes will be at Avondale Heights Library and Learning Centre on Tuesday afternoons. Jane Austen (1775-1817) and her relatively small body of work still enjoy enormous popularity: she is probably the most-read English classical novelist. Many of you will be familiar with her work through the numerous films and television series based on her books.

The course tutor, Christian Grawe, is eminently qualified for the role. He and his wife Ursula – who will also attend the course - have translated Jane Austen's complete works into German. In addition, Christian published, in German, both a literary guide to her novels and her biography. In the bicentenary of her Jane Austen's death, in 2017, Christian and Ursula conducted a tour of German bookshops, where they read from and discussed her novels.

Geoff Miller

MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

Enrolments for 2023

Overall enrolments went smoothly when they opened on January 18. Whilst some classes filled quite quickly, there are still 25 classes that can be joined with no waitlist.

Unfortunately, some confirmation of enrolment emails gave a wrong start date on enrolment day. The fault was eventually traced back to a coding error in April which has now been rectified.

We currently have 460 financial members of whom 86 are new members

Badges

It is expensive to make badges in small lots so we make them in batches whenever we can. If you need a replacement badge please call the office now. Badges were posted to all new members last Thursday.

Waitlists

Where there is a waitlist for a course the number of members is shown on the Course Description available on our website. Please go to <https://u3amooneevalley.com.au/> then select Courses at the top of the page. The number on the list is given at the far right of the course description.

Tutors move members into their classes in the order they enrolled. If you wish to know the position you hold on a list please leave a message on info@u3amooneevalley.com.au Make sure you include your family name and the course you are waitlisted for.

Barrie Fenby

VALE Zofia Joshi 27.2.1943 - 30.11.2022

Our U3A friend Zofia, passed away in Essendon in late November 2022 after a valiant battle with Parkinson's Disease.

She was a very involved and valued member of U3A Moonee Valley and attended a variety of classes including Scrabble and Jazz Appreciation. Zofia volunteered to be our Office Manager and also gave a presentation at one of our AGM's encouraging seniors to return to study.

Zofia and her parents emigrated here after World War 2 and became long-term residents of Moonee Ponds.

She was open to new cultures, art and music throughout her life. Zofia was always interested in people and possessed a strong sense of justice. She enjoyed a loyal base of long-time friends whilst always gathering in many new friends.

Zofia loved a celebration and she loved feeding people. She mastered Polish and Indian cuisines. Very generously on several occasions she invited the U3A committee to her home and kitchen. Her pierogis were judged legendary and divine!

Zofia simply loved life and is survived by her daughter, Suman, her son in law, Jamie and her grandson, Leo.

Zofia; your shining light of friendship will always make us glow and smile.

Tess Murton.

(You are most welcome to leave a donation, in memory of Zofia, to Fight Parkinson's.)



SOCIAL EVENTS - 2023

As we look forward to the year ahead, please note all the great social opportunities and events on offer in U3A throughout the year. The very popular Trivia and Forums as well as the monthly lunches at the RSL will be scheduled again this year. One extra excursion per term is also planned. The first of these will be the ever-popular Tram Boat. Term two will be a guided visit to the state library and lunch at the cafeteria at the library. Terms 3 and 4 are yet to be determined, but plenty of notice will be given through Contact in the coming months.

TRAM BOAT

The Tram Boat has been booked for Wednesday, 22nd March. Morning tea will be provided as we sail into the beautiful Williamstown harbour. A short stopover for a walk around the pretty township and then back on board for a fish and chip lunch and the return trip home. The bar will be open to purchase drinks for those interested. The boat will leave at 10.30am from the pontoon on the Maribyrnong River. Car parking is available in the Anglers Hotel car park where we can meet at 10.15am. The cost for the day is \$55.00.

This is a great outing and a great way to celebrate the beginning of the U3A community getting together in a social setting. Numbers are limited so an early response would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to register your interest, please email or telephone me to secure your place. Please include your name, telephone number, membership number and the number of places you require. Please note that members will have first opportunity to register.

Method of payment for the full amount will be -

- Payment via internet or at a bank for deposit to our account. In each case a name is required for reference
- Bank Deposit / reference number and or name

Please note the closing date will be 15th March.

I look forward to seeing you on this great day out.

Helen Mather

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OFFICE NEWS.

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The Committee of Management and I would like to thank new and returning Members for Volunteering for Office Duty in 2023.

We are proud of the professional manner and dedication of our Office Volunteers and their efficiency in handling all the enquiries.

The Office is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.30am to 12.00 noon (excluding Public Holidays and School Holidays) until the end of Semester 1.

When calling the Office, when it is unattended, please ensure you clearly leave your name and phone number and someone will return your call at the first opportunity.

Marjorie Ridley
Office Coordinator.

**Forum – April 18th, Windy Hill
Voice to Parliament Referendum**

Do you feel you know enough about the Voice to Parliament Referendum?
Would you like the chance to explore its implications and ask questions?
If you're seeking more information or understanding this is the forum for you.
It will be presented by Dr Heather Wearne who is a volunteer educator with the "From the Heart Group." Heather is a retired academic who worked in tertiary education and she has much experience with indigenous issues

She will provide background information about the "Statement From the Heart" and the Voice. She'll talk about Constitutional recognition and the reasons why it matters so much to many First Nations Peoples. She'll also discuss what is at stake with the Referendum.

This forum will be held on Tuesday 18th April at Windy Hill Venue at the corner of Napier and Brewster Street Essendon. There is a free car park opposite in Napier Street and the venue is accessible by the No. 59 tram or Glenbervie or Essendon train stations.

The presentation and discussion will commence at 11.00 in the Premiers Room. There will be tea or coffee available from 10.30. Partners and/or friends of U3A members are also welcome to attend. We encourage those attending to stay for lunch at the Venue's bistro, where reasonably priced meals, including those on a seniors' menu, are available.

If you would like to attend, please send an email to info@u3amooneevalley.com.au by Monday 10th April at the latest. Please also advise if you, and/or any others coming with you, plan to stay for lunch.

U3A Monthly Lunches 2023, East Keilor RSL

Please come and join us for a Social Lunch. Members and friends attending are enjoying the social contact.

All U3A members and friends are invited to attend our monthly lunches which are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

You choose and pay for your own food and drink. As well as a wide range of dishes offered on the main Bistro menu, a Seniors menu of generous portions is available.

Current process for Seniors meals are 3 courses \$20.00, 2 courses \$18.00 and 1 course for \$16.00

Lunch Dates for 2023

16th February 16th March 20th April 18th May 15th June

Please come and join us and enjoy each other's company.

I need to advise the venue of the numbers attending. Please contact me on 0410 435 929 or email officecomv@gmail.com by the Monday prior to the lunch date.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Marjorie Ridley



For all the Mahjong enthusiasts:

Fay Percy with her winning hand, -- “Unique Wonder”

(for the uninitiated – it’s a collection of one of each wind, one of each dragon, one 1 and one 9, any paired. I hope that clears it up for you!)

From the Editor - Help Wanted.

In future Contacts I’d very much like to include more articles from you about your class activities and what you enjoy doing. More photos of members enjoying their classes would also be much appreciated (close ups better than wide view shots). I’ll do my best to include as much as possible in future Contacts.

Send your inputs to me at uthreea6@gmail.com.

Editor – Brian Smith



U3A MV Facebook Page.

Looked at our Facebook page recently? You can access it via the Facebook logo at the top right of our website’s home screen. Michelle Cairns routinely updates it with both U3A MV and interesting community news. Check it out. Here’s Michelle.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Financial statements for the year ending 30th November 2022 are presented to members. These have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with relevant accounting standards. The accounts were audited on 25/1/2023 by Bruce Warlow (Registered Company Auditor 8975) and in the Auditor’s opinion our accounts met the requirements of:

- (a) the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:
 (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30th November 2022 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies; and
 (ii) Complying with Accounting Standards in Australia to the extent described in the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012;

Michael Walsh

U3A Moonee Valley Inc
Income Statement
 For the year ended 30 November 2022

	Note	2022	2021
INCOME			
Revenue	7	25,254.07	30,511.16
EXPENSES			
Compensation		0.00	560.00
Social events		3,847.97	168.00
Tutors expenses	8	4,548.47	1,130.76
Grant projects		1,007.96	7,054.16
Venues		7,827.86	0.00
Administration expenses	9	9,610.01	7,551.35
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	10	2,084.22	328.98
Total expenditure		28,926.49	16,793.25
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year		(3,672.42)	13,717.91

Balance Sheet
 As at 30 November 2022

	Note	2022	2021
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	34,910.17	39,696.29
Total current assets		34,910.17	39,696.29
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	4	9,277.91	6,066.73

Total assets		44,188.08	45,763.02
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	2,097.48	0.00
Total liabilities		2,097.48	0.00
Net assets		42,090.60	45,763.02
Retained surplus	6	42,090.60	45,763.02
Net worth		42,090.60	45,763.02
Note 3: Cash and cash equivalents			
Bendigo Bank Operating account		2,040.42	700.49
Bendigo Bank Interest Bearing account		32,156.41	38,795.80
Bendigo Bank Debit Card account		713.34	200.00
		34,910.17	39,696.29
Note 4: Plant and equipment			
Computers at cost		5,295.40	7,664.96
Office equipment at cost		6,237.00	6,237.00
Less accumulated depreciation		(2,254.49)	(7,835.23)
		9,277.91	6,066.73
Note 5: Trade and other payables			
Trade creditors		811.14	0.00
Accrued expenses		711.80	0.00
Income received in advance		574.54	0.00
		2,097.48	0.00
Note 6: Retained surplus			
Balance as at 1 December 2021		45,763.02	32,045.11
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(3,672.42)	13,717.91
		42,090.60	45,763.02
Note 7: Revenue			
Class fees		1,388.00	810.00
Grants		5,325.46	7,350.00
Interest		110.61	23.16
Membership fees		15,380.00	21,706.00
Social events		3,050.00	622.00

25,254.07	30,511.16
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Note 8: Tutors expenses

Aids	2,392.49	709.14
Gifts	2,155.98	421.62
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	4,548.47	1,130.76

Note 9: Administration expenses

Catering	353.87	71.48
Communications	365.60	436.67
Fees and charges	285.82	333.99
Office expenses	3,522.12	3,190.02
Photocopier rental	2,151.60	1,972.30
Postage	308.00	395.12
Stationery and photocopying	779.80	269.77
U3A network	876.00	882.00
U3A conference	967.20	0.00
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	9,610.01	7,551.35

Note 10: Depreciation and amortisation expenses

Office equipment	952.60	170.27
Computers	1,131.62	158.71
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	2,084.22	328.98

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