

U3A HEALESVILLE NEWSLETTER

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What's inside?

A message from our president



John's message includes some important dates to place in your diaries

Snippets from some of our Group Leaders



A simple? Cryptic crossword puzzle for you to try



The committee sends it's best wishes to all and looks forward to a happy healthy and active 2021



From the President

At last it is time to say, 'Welcome back'. We have recently been informed, by Yarra Ranges Shire Council, that all venues may now be used and so we are in a position to open up the Court House for the running of courses and other activities. In the new 'Covid-normal' environment there are protocols and obligations we must all meet regarding hygiene and numbers per venue and your committee is working through all of this so that we are ready to commence courses on **8 February**. It will involve new routines as we enter and depart facilities. For example, course members will be required to complete a contact tracing register prior to each course starting, surfaces will have to be cleaned after each course is completed, and so on.

Prior to the commencement of the year's courses, the Course Coordinator (George Doig) and Safety Officer (Ian Evenden) will be briefing Course Leaders on these new routines but the responsibility is not all theirs. These are responsibilities we must all take in order to ensure the safety of each and every member. We must not become complacent. We will be purchasing a supply of sanitisers, wipes and disinfectants for the Court House, as well as making some available for other venues including member's homes where courses take place.

Please diarise the following **Important Dates**:

Registration Days: Tuesday 19- Friday 22 January (inclusive)

Courses resume: Monday 8 February

A more detailed letter will be sent to each member early in January regarding available courses, registration times, procedures and protocols to follow.

We invite you all to a “**Friday at Five Get Together**” on the **8th and 22nd January at 5pm**, to be held in the garden at the Court House. It will be a BYO everything function (chairs, drinks, food etc). The Court House will not be opened, so it will be weather dependent on those dates. We have purchased a gazebo for some shade and shelter with thoughts for more of these activities in the future. We hope we see many of you there and please bring a musical instrument if you play.

I am looking forward to the year and am delighted that we can now get on with the business of enjoying each other's company in a stimulating environment.

John Pascoe (President)

SNIPPETS

Theatrical Performance

Rest and relax, finding new projects to exercise our minds. Fun times. After contacting many U3A friends about masks I started making and distributing free cloth masks to many members. This has been my big project, as well as writing several new musical productions for 2021 and 2022.

Costume making was a fun activity in April and May with sewing days each week. Two girls were rostered to bring tasty lunches showing off their cooking skills. Lots of laughter with trying on of costumes while enjoying a glass of wine and guessing who will wear what costume. Will they still fit when we begin rehearsals?

Others have had a walk with Colleen who has a lifetime of knowledge with passing many homes and recalling a history of people in Healesville.

Some members of our dance class have met in passing on their walks and have performed an impromptu dance in the street for fun.

A DVD of the 2019 U3A concert was shown. Those who participated had a great laugh.

The highlights were Barb Woods chasing Dorothy Carter to put her in place during the finale marching segment of the State Fair musical, Wendy Veitch dropping the bench top but carrying on regardless with a broken bowl and Ken Bagley asking John Pascoe after repairing the fence "do I get my pocket money now dad?".

Many laughs were heard when a 'phone rang in the audience. It stopped the show with Joan Barlow and Bill Woods playing it up by saying "there's always one in the audience". They're both big hams!

Helen Eddy always added her comedic actions on stage scenes. We will miss Helen and Barry when they shift to Rosebud West and wish them well.

Coming up soon: planning a U3A members singalong outside with a group singing songs that have featured in our musicals plus some of our new show songs. For others a fun dance to music day while adhering to current covid rules.

Lois Thwaites- Leader U3A Performance Group.

U3A Book Group

During lockdown we've been meeting via WhatsApp, mostly by posting comments about the books, but sometimes some of us chat using the video function. There is an advantage of this on-line

meeting- we can look beautifully presented on screen, but what is not seen ... slippers and trackie dacks! (see photo)



Cryptic Crosswords

Since establishing our group in January 2019 we have significantly changed the way that we operate.

In the first 12 months we saw ourselves as cryptic crossword

enthusiast's intent on quickly completing crosswords as a group.

We met in the Courthouse for one hour once a fortnight.

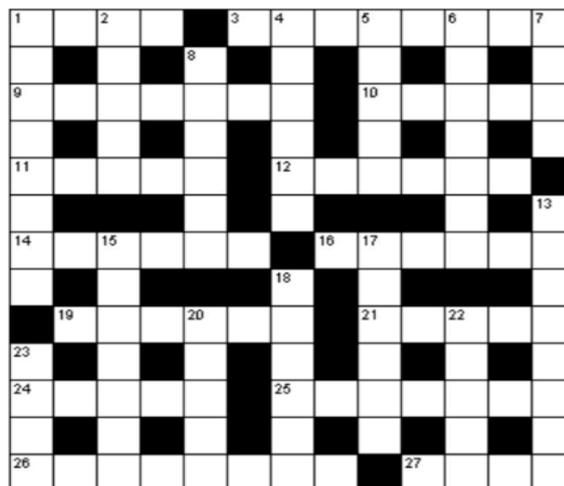
Very soon after the Covid-19 restrictions were imposed we started to meet using Zoom. We have been meeting every Monday (so far, we haven't missed a session) and a new way of operating has evolved. Now we have a more teaching-based approach that will be more helpful for the novice and less-experienced members to understand and learn the techniques of solving.

Our Zoom sessions now run for up to 2 hours and most of our members stay for the whole session. Attendance is near the current maximum of 10 crossword enthusiasts most weeks. I think we can, without doubt, claim that our new unique way of operating has been a big success.

Members like the fact that they can participate from home or anywhere.

Cheers

David Payne



Across

- 1 Grouse meat (4)
- 3 A disc jockey with a little money nearby? (8)
- 9 Disappointed town led astray (3,4)
- 10 A profit? Another time! (5)
- 11 Long story about English leader (5)
- 12 I clear off for a cake (6)
- 14 Everyone that is joining duke is in league (6)
- 16 Dicky O'Neill's forename (6)
- 19 It's futile going back in time, so it often appears (6)
- 21 Constant amount for aviator (5)
- 24 The piece of paper containing these letters (5)
- 25 Relevant language on the fourth of June (7)
- 26 Put in new resident (8)
- 27 Egyptian goddess is appearing twice (4)

Down

- 1 A goat is able to provide a campfire container (8)
- 2 Actor playing a small part in the next race? (5)
- 4 Academic opener for an ass (6)
- 5 Benefit that makes a small number suffer (5)
- 6 One tail wagging with great joy (7)
- 7 Head back with a fish (4)
- 8 Loaf in living-room (6)
- 13 Conspirators - about 50 snooker players (8)
- 15 Mail from settler (7)
- 17 I'm getting wine to bring in (6)
- 18 B-bird dog (6)
- 20 Animal that's not terribly content (5)
- 22 Plenty of cargoes (5)
- 23 Sparkling wine found in tasting (4)

Simple Cryptic Solution:

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