



HEALESVILLE
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

President's Report 20 April 2021

1. Meeting with Yarra Ranges Shire Community Development Officer

I met with the Yarra Ranges Shire Community Development Officer, Jess Adams, on 6 April. We discussed a number of ideas including using the new seating area outside the library for a music performance. This would be done in conjunction with the Shire who would help promote the event. She can also put us in touch with Karen Meuleman who works for the Shire coordinating festivals and events and who lives in Healesville. Karen could help us promote, put together and ensure all compliance issues are covered should we decide to use Queens Park for a theatre performance in the event that the Memo is unavailable.

Discussions have been had with The Shire's Property Manager, Michelle Dankes, about the state of the public toilets on the Court House property. Photographs were sent. I can now report that a Shire representative was at the Court House on Friday 16 April to write a report to Shire and that the female and male toilets have now been decommissioned. The central unisex public toilet in the middle continues to operate on a timer and is maintained by the Shire. I have emailed Michelle outlining what our volunteer working bee has achieved in tidying up the property and making it more presentable for members with a view to letting her see that we are looking after the Court House and that we value what is a significant heritage building in Victoria.

2. Working Bee

Thanks are due to those volunteers who attended a very productive working bee on Saturday 10 April. Eleven volunteers raked, mowed, weeded, trimmed and pruned the grounds. The members toilet has been refurbished, extra lighting has been installed, fence palings have been replaced and the gutters have been cleaned.

3. Grants

Network Victoria and the Federal Government are offering grants to purchase laptops which I will apply for. I am keen to pursue and promote the idea of the Network zoom courses that are being developed. These laptops will enable members who do not have laptops to pursue those courses which are available to members of all U3As.

4. New Courses

Strings and Things have now joined the U3A and have held their first sessions in the Senior Citizens Hall. These seem to have been successful. Also, I was approached through Gianna Esposito by Sue Dennehy who expressed interest in running a course using Mandelas. There is the matter of process (timetabling, venue, general interests,

etc) which I said in an email to her and it would most likely start at the commencement of Semester 2.

5. Report to Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission

We are required to complete this annually. This was due in January but in the handover of the new committee. I have been in touch with them to inform them that it will be completed and submitted by the end of the week ending 23 April.

6. Radio Interview

George Doig and I completed an interview with Alan Collier on Yarra Valley FM , which seemed to be work well. Sadly, the promotion was not what it should have been so our members may have missed it.

John Pascoe
(President)