



**HEALESVILLE**  
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

## **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

**First, welcome to all new members.** You may be involved in one of the four new courses for this year, music with Michael Hill, gymnastics, tap dancing or yoga. Regardless of your involvement – welcome!

### **Report from the President**

As 2022 draws to a close I thank all members for their support and involvement in U3AHealesville during the year and hope that you have had a rewarding year. There is a real energy and enthusiasm about our community which is good to see. As I write our current membership has grown to 262 - this is a wonderful tribute to the leadership of our Course Leaders who offer a wide range of activities and lead with energy.

Our musicians have been out and about. The U3AHealesville Community Choir had a wonderful time performing at *Aurum Aged Care* last Wednesday 19 October. Under the direction of Bill Woods and with Neil Charnock on the keyboard they sang with energy and precision entertaining the residents for thirty minutes. Sadly, the forecast inclement weather led to the cancellation of our Senior's Month Popup performance outside the library. Making the best of the circumstances the dinner at the Terminus, planned for performers after Popup that same night, was turned into a cabaret style evening where the groups performed for each other. The Choir, Theatre Singers and Banjo and Friends performed throughout the evening between courses and provided some wonderful entertainment. The feedback was extremely positive.

Our new committee met for the first time on Wednesday 19 October when we welcomed three new committee members: Jane Judd, Lucia Messina and Ethne Pfeiffer. One of the important decisions confirmed from previous meetings was a Strategic Planning meeting to be held on Saturday 28 January 2023. This will provide the opportunity for the Committee to plan for the future including our goals, how to attract and maintain members, range of courses, involvement in the community and how we want to project ourselves into the Healesville community. The input of members is important and should be directed to our secretary, Bec Doig. The decision was also taken to support the need for an Urgent Care Centre by sending a letter of support to the relevant authorities. I am delighted that the feedback of members supports this decision.

Finally: if Course Leaders wish to contribute to this Newsletter, perhaps about something interesting happening in their course, they can do so by contacting either Carol Taylor or Wendy Veitch.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Cup Day 1 November:** there will be no scheduled U3A classes on Cup Day.

**Health and Wellbeing Expo - Sunday 13 November:** The *Healesville Health and Wellbeing Expo* will be held at the Memo from 10 am to 12.30 pm. The theme of the Expo is Health and Longevity, and will include Dr Damian Kristof, the facilitator, interviewing a panel including three U3A members –former **President Dr Ian Tinney** and Course Leaders **Joan Barlow** and **Bryn Jones**. Healesville will have a stand at the event along with a number of local health and wellbeing providers. All are encouraged to come along to what will be a very informative event.

**The spectacular U3A Performance** will be held at the Memo on **Sunday 27 November** and **Sunday December 4**. Tickets, from the Memo, will be \$10 and the performance starts at 2 pm on both performance days. Something not to be missed.

**Registration Day December 8:** this year's class registration is at the Courthouse on December 8, from 10 am to 2 pm. Registration can also be done online, with online registration also opening on December 8, the same day as in-person registration. All are welcome to come along and book into your chosen classes.

With changes in Covid, proof of vaccination will not be necessary in order to enrol in U3A courses. This is in line with other U3A organisations.

**December 9** is the last day of term four and wraps up the 2022 year.

**December 9** is also the date of the Xmas Friday at 5 – our final event of the year. It will be held in the grounds of the Courthouse, all are welcome, and it's BYO everything. It will also be a time to thank our many course leaders for their involvement and support during the year.

### **Vale Bob Willis**

The celebration of Bob Willis' life was held at the Chirnside Park Country Club on Monday 24 October. It was attended by many people from U3A Healesville, as well as many others who Bob had connected with over the years. In keeping with Bob's frequent choice of clothing, there was a very colourful array of Hawaiian type shirts. There was plenty of Bob-type music and a wonderful retrospective of photos of Bob and Bob's family's life. We are all grateful for Bob's involvement in Healesville U3A and for the time and effort he put into in his U3A involvement.

### **Supporting Healesville businesses**

The Rotary Club has put out a Healesville Business Guide. It lists many businesses in Healesville from the many hospitality venues, to specialised shops and clothing. The Healesville Business Guide is available generally around town.

### **Last of all**

Stay safe for the rest of the year. We'll look forward to meeting up again in early 2023.