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November 2020

From the President

This month has seen some movement towards a brighter and more hopeful future. According to DHHS, it appears that Covid has slowed and perhaps even lost its grip in response to the tough restrictions that most of us have willingly followed.

As this is my last year as President, I see a huge responsibility for those of you who remain on the committee and are mandated to make decisions regarding the safety of our members' return to face to face classes. A strategic plan will need to be developed to ensure that our organisation follows the guiding principles and legislation that is required to mitigate all risk.

Lynette Edwards acting CEO of the Wangaratta Turf Club is aware that we are willing to work together in the development of our risk management plans. As tenants of the Wangaratta Turf Club we have agreed to collaborate with its Board of Management, which in turn is obliged to follow the rules of Racing Victoria.

From the Treasurer

Very little to report for this month, except that Lorraine and I closed the CBA account and transferred the funds (\$1,009) to Bendigo Bank Our surplus for the year is now \$267.24. A little loss for the year would be perfectly acceptable given the horror year we've all had. All square for the year would be great.

From the Course and Zoom Coordinator:

- The Timtable and Course Descriptions have been approved by the Committee and will be circulated by email and snail mail shortly.
- Latin participants now include several people from Indigo U3A (Beechworth), Preston, and Daylesford.
- Peter will check out Wangaratta Club about a room for Cryptic Crosswords to meet face to face.
- There are 9 courses and activities on offer for 2021 at this point. We have room for more so if you have a passion you would like to share with fellow U3A members, please contact Erica Pike, Course Coordinator, at u3awangaratta@gmail.com. Help with Zoom is available.
- On the state level, Network Victoria is developing a Course Category list from which members can select a course run online by other U3As as well as a Tutor Bank of tutors who are willing to facilitate courses for other U3As.

From the Committee

- Wangaratta members and existing participants from other U3As and organisations have first choice of courses. Decision to include any other new participants to be made at the first committee meeting for next year.
- The Executive will meet on 14 January to plan the AGM and discuss Succession Planning.
- The Terms and Conditions of Membership and the Privacy Policy were ratified subject to the addition of some administrative details.
- The 2021 Timetable, the Course Descriptions, and the re-vamped Enrolment form were approved for circulation.
- Three prospective Committee members attended the meeting as general members.

A special event:

The next session of How does it work? will feature Dr Ian Wilson who used to run the Emergency Department for North East Health, still works occasionally at the hospital, and lectures medical students at Melbourne University. He will bring us up to date on

The Covid Vaccine

Wednesday 25 November at 1.15 pm

All members are welcome so just click on the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84405749534?pwd=cEJEM2l5ZTI1bXRvMnJmcGpyMWUwQT09>

Meeting ID: 844 0574 9534

Password: 494575

Succession Planning:

At this point, we are looking for a President, two Vice-Presidents, and three committee members for 2021. We have expressions of interest from three members who attended the last Committee meeting, and a fourth member is yet to make a decision. Please think about giving back to the organisation which provides you with so much pleasure. You will be so welcome.

Community News:

Wangaratta Council have launched a new project Shape Wangaratta in which the people of Wangaratta are being asked to have a say in the future of the rural city. If you would like to take part in this project please visit <https://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/shapewangaratta> to register an expression of interest by Friday 4 December. Individuals are encouraged to participate in this initiative. However, if you wish to represent U3A, please seek endorsement from the Committee of Management to be a U3A delegate. Endorsement will include reporting back to the Committee on the points relevant to U3A members.

Next week you will receive the 2021 Timetable and Course Descriptions, Enrolment Form, Terms and Conditions of Membership, latest Privacy Policy, and Nomination Form with an explanatory email.

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