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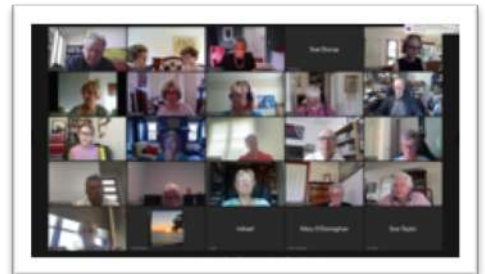
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A warm welcome ...

... to all our new members who are continuing to join us. We are now up to about 230 members at last count and this in large part is due to **you** recommending us to friends and associates. Keep up the good work. Also please welcome the new members of the Committee when next you see them.

The Committee will be planning the tasks we need to do for the remainder of the year and it looks like another busy year. One of the tasks is to review our fee structure because those who attended the AGM will have noted that we anticipate increased costs for running the Cottage.



Our AGM was held via Zoom this year



Aisha Nicolay, AGM guest speaker

As well, we will need to make a contribution to new venues for our growing number of activities. John Morris, the new Treasurer, will convene a working party later in the year to plan for the anticipated rise in costs.

As the Club grows there are already new members offering to assist in the organisation of the Club.

This might be in small ways, for instance helping with organising social events, letter box drops, maintaining the Cottage or being on a working party. It is great to know that, when asked, members step up because we all know that more hands make light work.

Thank you for offering and if you are happy to help please email and let us know. It is great to have a pool of members to share the load and if asked you can always say no!

Enjoy your activities and have fun.

Joan Thompson
President, U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown

Meet your committee:

Joan Thompson: President



I trained as a primary teacher and special education teacher/trainer. In my 30's I completed a Grad Dip in Industrial Relations having always been interested in the Union movement and the improvement of

equality of opportunity for women in the teaching service. I left teaching to work as the Women's Officer for the Victorian Teachers Union and then the Health Services Union. In my 40's and 50's I went to work for an Industry fund as a training officer and went on to do a Grad Dip in Marketing and became the Marketing Manager then a member of the executive team specialising in Corporate Relationships.

I am Convenor of Current Affairs and belong to the tipping competition. I will try to do some one off activities as well.

I play competition bridge with 2 regular partners and mostly it is a passion until we have a poor performance then it is a hobby of great frustration.

Tony McCosker: Vice President

I was a CEO of non-profit organisations for over 25 years, dealing with housing, homelessness and education issues.



I am the convenor of the U3A HBW Friday Cryptic Crossword group and a member of Current Affairs and French Conversation.

In my free time, I enjoy reading and gardening and have recently joined the local Croquet Club. I am also a member of a clay target shooting club.

John Morris: Treasurer



I spent my pre-retirement life in the packaging industry: mainly glass production and packaging. Initially with ACI Packaging but ended up in global packing conglomerate

of Owens Illinois who made one in two glass bottles in the world. Mostly I was in production/technical roles and finally looked after risk and energy for our Asian and Global Groups. Retired in 2010.

My involvement with U3A is mainly associated with Current Affairs but more lately football tipping as well but after the first round I achieved only 5/9 correct and stand 350,00th in the ESPN tipping competition so I might have to review this.

My interests lie with Refugee Support through Westgate Baptist Church and more lately the community meals they provide. I play Bridge on a regular basis (not well) and exercise a fair bit (more latterly with the dog since COVID has put paid to gym attendance). Having a large family (four kids and ten grandkids) there is a fair involvement with the extended family.

Fiona Williams, Secretary

I was a project manager in health research, mainly international clinical trials



management in Asia and Australasia. I studied nursing initially and then public health and supported and trained clinical researchers at Murdoch Children's Research Institute for several years until retirement last September. I also did Cert IV in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and taught part time until the pandemic.

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I am involved with U3A HBW by convening a new film group (the second) which meets monthly at the Kino (in the CBD) - our first film outing was the last week in March. I also participate in Birdwatching, Book Club 2, Art Happenings and Camera.

My passions/hobbies include Piano (learning and playing), French language, birdwatching, photography, reading, films, swimming (and have inherited from my husband - Peter Harris - enjoyment of sailing but certainly no aptitude!).

Ann Banham: Communications

Before retirement, I was Publications Manager for an international student recruitment company. I composed and edited newsletters, wrote copy for publications, marketing material, websites etc ... so I feel I have never left work as this is very much what I do for U3A HBW. Except of course this is much more fun!



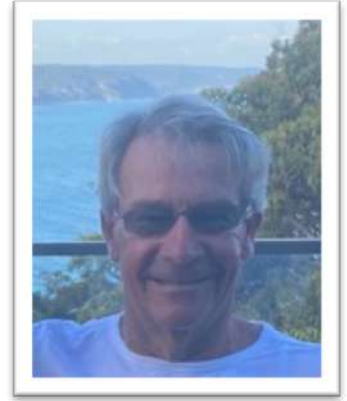
I am currently the Convenor of the Local Walking Group and co-convenor of the Fun dining group with Phil Quinn. I also like to organise one-off outings, like the Mary Quant Exhibition and the Archie 100. I am planning an outing to the Elvis Exhibition in Bendigo in May. I participate in Book Group 2, Explore Writing, Trivia, Bike Group, Film Group 2 and Cryptic Crossword.

Since moving to Melbourne I have taken to bike riding along the wonderful bike paths we have around the city, and most of my holidays now involve biking along rail trails.

Ian Barclay

During my working career I predominately held managerial roles, regional, state, and national positions in a variety of industries (hospitality, healthcare, utilities and automotive). I retired in 2020, with the thought of traveling domestically and internationally. COVID put a stop to that, then I found U3A.

My passion is drawing, and painting and I was given the opportunity to share and convene this with liked-minded people in the local community. Once again COVID threw up many challenges to get people together, but what I liked was that there seemed to be endless support when I was attempting the impossible. For this reason, I would like to now be part of that support to help others who want to pursue their passions through U3A and I think with my background I can greatly help in many ways.



I have been a member at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria for over 35 years. I am currently sitting on their General Committee (Board). I have been and still are an active lifesaver at WSLSC for the past 24 years. Invariably this interest has also involved other members of the family.

Sandy Guest



I had two professions - taught secondary school English and Communications (Technical Schools) and TAFE here and in Canada. I mostly worked with students with special needs

including working in the prison system. Second career was with the Department of Primary Industries as a Human Resource Manager and Quality System's Project Manager.

I am a Co- convenor for one of the film groups and a participant in the Current Affairs class and Book Group.

Under normal circumstances I am a keen overseas traveller with a special interest in Canada where I grew up and still have family and many friends to visit. I am a supporter of the Altona Hockey Club and involved as a volunteer with an organisation working with young African - Australians. To stay fit I am a regular walker and regular attender at gym fitness classes.

Sue Dawkins



I spent my career working in the University sector, first at Murdoch University in Perth and then the University of Melbourne.

I worked in senior planning roles as Director of

Institutional Planning and later as Planning Director in the Melbourne Medical School and the MDHS Faculty.

My transition to retirement involved moving to Williamstown and working part-time at La Trobe University. I joined the U3A HBW Committee in 2020 when the pandemic hit, and suddenly found myself in the role of club Secretary. The new committee had a busy time transitioning the club to Zoom classes and online membership services.

I stepped down from the secretary role this year to spend more time on my hobbies and travel. I love posting my photos on our U3A Facebook page. I also love walking, cycling, birdwatching and travel.

Carol Neumann



My pre-retirement career was predominantly in government and community based organisations, working on projects and corporate management type roles. Immediately prior to retirement I

worked on the establishment and initial operations of AHPRA (Australian Health Practitioner Organisation).

I am co-convenor of the French Conversation Group, a participant in the bird-watching group and an occasional participant in the long walks.

Living in France for a period in my mid-twenties has left me with a continuing passion for the French language and culture – hence my involvement in the French conversation class. I am a keen walker, love cooking, gardening, good literature and love living in the Hobsons Bay area.

Dennis Reserve Redevelopment

As many of you know Dennis Reserve on the corner of Melbourne Road and Ferguson Street is in the process of being redeveloped and the remaining upgrade is a new Community Hub to replace the Senior Citizens building which will be demolished in the coming months.



Your U3A representatives have been working closely with Hobsons Bay Council to relocate activities currently held at the Senior Citizens building to other venues in the municipality.

Spanish Conversation, Current Affairs Spanish Beginners and Poetry Appreciation are all moving to the new Sports building at Digman Reserve in Hobsons Street, Newport effective from the beginning of Term Two

Book Group Two, Drawing Basics and Art Time will be relocated in the coming months to the Sports Club Rooms next the Cottage in Bayview Street.

Council have a challenging job to find venues for five separate tenants and a multitude of different activities and we are very lucky that they have dealt with us first and, with a bit of flexibility from the groups, I think we have achieved a good outcome.

Your Representatives:

Joan Thompson (President) and Ian Barclay (Committee member)

Margareta Olsson Memorial Walk



Margareta Olsson joined our Local Walking group last year. She was an enthusiastic and friendly member and good company. Unfortunately, Margareta lost her battle with serious illness and died in July 2021.

Margareta was also an accomplished writer. During the lock-down in 2020 she had researched and written a lovely piece about the industrial past of Melbourne's "other river" the Maribyrnong: *Seven Wonders of Maribyrnong: Travels in my backyard*

On Wednesday 23 March, a group commemorated Margareta's memory by retracing her steps along part of the route that she had written about so eloquently. Some of her article is reproduced below with photos taken on the day.

What is that odd-looking bridge?

Angliss Livestock Bridge



This bridge was constructed in 1941 as part of the stock route that funnelled cattle and sheep from the Newmarket Saleyards, across the river, to the William Angliss Meatworks in Footscray.

The Saleyards closed in 1985 and with that the Meatworks. These days the

narrow bridge – five sheep wide – is used by walkers and joggers. Strange to think that not long ago, in urban Melbourne, the sight of stockmen, and the clatter of cloven feet and smell of nervous animals on their way to the abattoirs, made many locals angry.

Why so many volcanic rocks all over the place?

Quarry Park

A sign reading Quarry Park alerts me to the fact I am standing on a former quarry site that ceased operation in 1988. This is but one of many filled-in quarries in Maribyrnong. Its main feature is the Mountain Bike Trails and Skills Park, opened in 2019.



What hides behind the bluestone wall?

Jack's Gunpowder Magazine

The three-metre high wall encloses a square of earth mound blast walls that completely conceal the twin vaulted

bluestone gun powder magazines within. The complex was built to provide safe storage for bonded gunpowder and explosives imported into Victoria.



Wally Jack, for whom the Magazine is named, was foreman and grounds keeper from World War I to 1943.

Who decorates a garden with cement pipes?

Hume Pipe Works and The History of the Land Garden (Pipemakers Park)

The History of the Land Garden is without doubt the most tenacious I have ever seen – no sprinkler-systems here.

This garden was created by the Living Museum of the West from 1993 to 1995.



I find myself on the Maribyrnong River floodplain, staring open-mouthed at four tall and smoother-than-marble cement pipes. They are holding up a square structure overgrown with wisteria.

Like all Melburnians, I am happy to see travel restrictions lifted. But if not for that irksome 5 km limit we all had to endure I would never have discovered Maribyrnong's industrial past.

Margareta Olsson 1951-2021

Ann Banham - Convenor, Local Walking Group

Getting out in the fresh air

Two new activities were conducted recently which focussed on travel and being outdoors – Bush and Beach Day Walks and Weekend Camping.



The camping was held over the weekend of 18th to 20th February at Langhi Girhan, north west of Beaufort and southeast of Ararat. Nine members attended and camped in an assortment of accommodation including a Vintage VW Kombi van, tents and camper trailers. The group enjoyed walks to an Indigenous Art site, a track almost to the top of Mt Langhi Girhan and the Reservoir.

After the mountain walk, we all dipped into the reservoir to cool off. The weekend was a great success and plans are underfoot for another trip with Ulupna on the Murray near Strathmerton as the likely location.



The first Bush & Beach Day Walk was held on Thursday 24th February. The walk started at Point Addis (mid-way between Anglesea and Torquay) and finished at Torquay. Car-pooling and car shuffles meant that a linear path could



be taken and minimised car numbers. 11 members participated in the walk, travelling about 12 kilometres in total. The slightly cooler weather was suited to the walk.

Thanks to Keith and Terri Seddon for their work in organising the two activities and guiding us along the way.

Phil Quinn (keen camper and walker!)

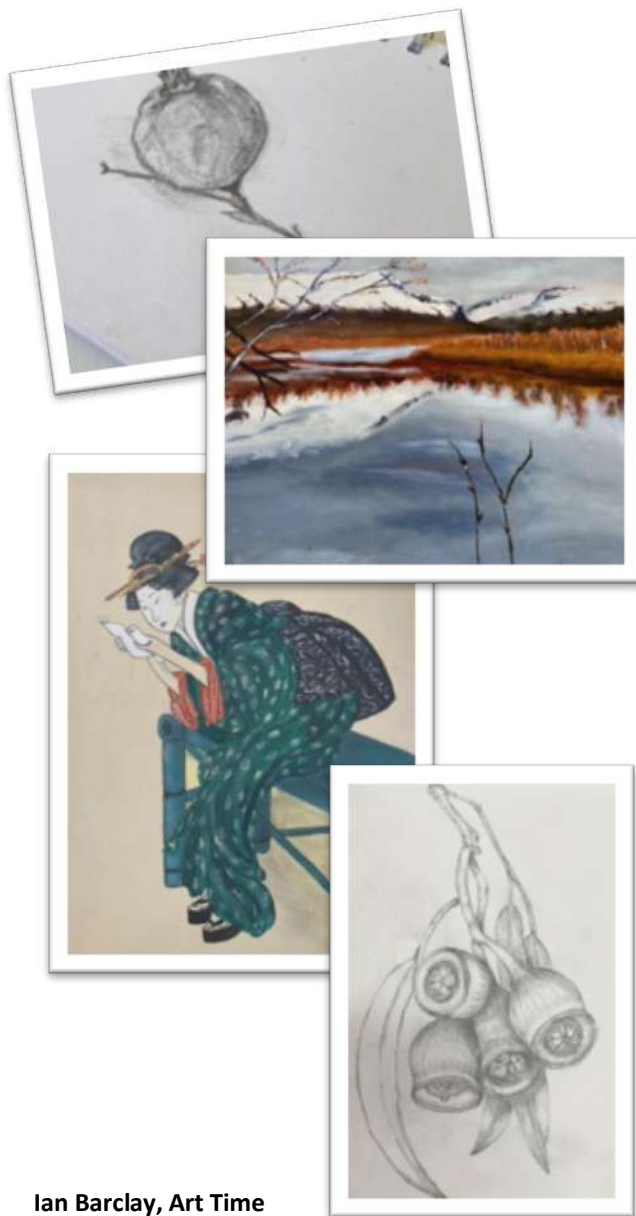
Art is flourishing

This is my second year as a convenor for Art Time with U3A and what a difference comparing both years.

Last year we really struggled to get anyone to our classes, this year we are nearing capacity. Why the difference? Obviously COVID had a huge impact and people's reluctance to be indoors with others, wearing of masks and just general uncertainty. This year, with a high rate of vaccination, people missing social and creativity needs, people are looking for opportunity.

We have seen some fantastic work from both our drawers and painters, to the extent we are planning to have an Art & Photography Exhibition later on this year.

I would also like to put out a huge thanks to Paula O'Shea who has been a fantastic support over both years and an inspiration to many of the participants.



**Ian Barclay, Art Time
Convenor**

First Aid and CPR training

Would you know what to do if someone in your activity had an accident, collapsed or stopped breathing? We have organised a First Aid and CPR training session and are encouraging all activities to send at least one person.



CPR training last year - was informative and fun

Wednesday 23 May, morning

Venue: Senior Citizens Centre Limit: 20

Enrol through [UMAS](#)

Workshop: Playing with words

willy lit fest



U3A Hobsons

Bay/Williamstown has

been asked to participate in this year's Willi Lit Festival, 18-19 June

The Cryptic Crossword group will hold a workshop revealing how to unravel cryptic clues – from beginners to masters.



Friday cryptic crossword group tackle DA's dastardly clues

A copy of Phil Quinn's guide *Solving Cryptic Crosswords* is available on the U3A website:

<https://u3ahwilli.org.au/resources/>

Defibrillator now at the Cottage

Thanks to a grant from the Bendigo Altona Community Bank, we have a new defibrillator installed in the Cottage.



Melissa Longo with Sue Dawkins

Melissa Longo Marketing and Events Coordinator, Bendigo Community Bank, Pamela Sutton-Legaud, Strand Ward Councillor, Hobsons Bay City Council and Barbara Abrue, Community Support, Community Life, Hobsons Bay City Council were guests at the April committee meeting at the cottage, to officially thank them for their help and input in the donation of this important piece of equipment.

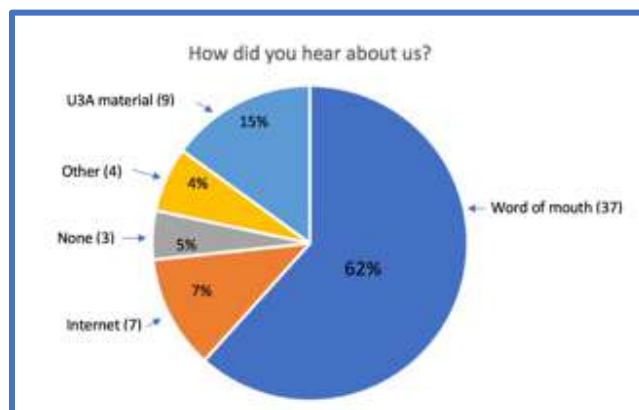
Have a look at it the next time you are in the Cottage. Without defibrillation and CPR, fewer than 5% survive heart attacks.

The machine gives clear spoken instructions – all you have to do is follow them - and it won't shock someone unless they need it. If you come across someone who is unconscious, unresponsive, and not breathing normally, they're in cardiac arrest.

Marketing Update

Well it's official. Our members are our greatest advocates.

Last year we amended our enrolment form to add a drop-down box "How did you hear about us?". Enrolment from October 2021 until end of March 2022 show 62% of new members had heard about U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown through "word of mouth".



So please carry on telling your friends and family about us – you are our best marketing tool.

Art & Photography Exhibition

We have some wonderful photographers in U3A HBW – the results are outstanding, whether they are from a sophisticated camera or from a smart phone.

As you have read earlier in this newsletter, Ian is planning to hold an art exhibition later this year featuring some artwork produced by our members in his class.

It would be a good opportunity to showcase some of our photography at the same time. So look out for more details about a monthly photography competition culminating in an exhibition in weeks to come.

Below are some fine examples which have been posted to our Facebook page in recent times.

