

NEWSFLASH 10th July 2024

NEW ACTIVITIES

THE METRO TUNNEL

Come along to metro tunnel headquarters at 125 Swanston St and find out all about one of Victoria's biggest infrastructure projects.

Metro staff will use interactive displays, VR experiences and immersive video to describe many aspects of the Project. This is followed by a view of Victoria's biggest archaeological dig, the Town Hall Station Construction site. <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/metro-tunnel/community/hq>

We will travel by train – details emailed to attendees prior to event.

Enrol via UMAS, numbers capped at 25.

DEMYSTIFYING THE PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS

These were popular, fun and educational sessions. The convenor is willing to run them again if there is sufficient interest. Please express your interest by emailing info@u3ahbwilli.org.au

BEGINNERS CRYPTIC CROSSWORD SOLVING

Deb Mc Donald is looking for members who would be interested in joining in an (Absolute) Beginners Cryptic Crossword Solving activity. This would be run later in the year. She can be contacted on the Member Hotline – 0437622602.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Sandi Fallshaw and Sandy Guest developed a draft Strategic Plan by considering past Action Plans, from talking to members and viewing recommendations, policies and decisions. This was then discussed at the July Committee Meeting. The Committee invites members to discuss the Strategic Plan at a gathering to be held after the August Committee meeting – mid to late August. Date to be announced. Copies of the Draft Plan will be made available on the website.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Committee is committed to maintaining transparency, being one of our core values. To this end, minutes of Committee meetings will be made available on the website. Details of how to access these will be made available in the next Newsflash.

WELCOME FEEDBACK

The following email was sent to Sue Myers via the U3A website:

To the Committee, especially Sue Myers for a wonderful, informative and very enjoyable morning at the Werribee Rose Garden. Learnt so much, enjoyed the group and love of roses. Special thanks & accolades to Sue Myers for sharing her wealth of knowledge and history of the gardens - (ideal weather conditions was a bonus).

With thanks & gratitude,
Anne Young.

Congratulations Sue, and thanks, Anne, for the feedback.

SUCCESSFUL GRANT

A grant from HBCC for equipment has been received. We have had some difficulties in the past with hearing our guest speakers. A portable whiteboard, lectern and microphone/speaker will now be available for activities and especially for larger seminars and guest speakers. The whiteboard will be housed in the Digman Reserve and the lectern and microphone in the Cottage. To use this equipment, please contact Ian Barclay or Phil Quinn.

CONVENORS

Any members out there thinking about convening an activity, one-off or regular or a series? Talk to Clara via members@u3ahbwilli.org.au. Another useful way to find out about convening an activity is to talk to an existing convenor - that way you get info 'straight from the horse's mouth'. More book clubs, walks, visits to interesting places or buildings and language classes are activities that are popular options to convene.

UMAS STATISTICS

Our UMAS Coordinator, Lars Jonasson, has analysed enrolments over the last few years. They make for interesting reading.

Data from UMAS July 2024						
YEAR	Number of activities				Number of convenors/ co-convenors	Number of active members
	Weekly	Various	One-off	Total number		
2019	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	116
2020	16	10	8	34	Unknown	Unknown
2021	22	26	20	66	34	221
2022	24	37	34	91	42	290
2023	27	34	56	116	58	325
2024 (to July 2024)	27	30	22	79	61	370

Do members have any suggestions for what we do if we find that we are running out of vacancies in activities for the number of members including new members? Speak to a Committee member if you have opinions on what we can and should do in this case.

FEEDBACK TO COMMITTEE

U3A Hobsons Bay Williamstown, is the sum of its members and the Committee is a group of members elected to maintain and grow the organisation. The Committee makes decisions based on members' input. Sometimes this will mean that a decision is not supported by 100% of the members. The reasons for decisions are communicated through Newsflashes, Newsletters, Convenor meetings, the website, the AGM and chatting to members in activities.

If you disagree with a decision, the Committee request that you raise the matter with a Committee member in a respectful manner with the view to you gaining an understanding of the basis of the decision. While this may not change the decision, it will inform future related decisions and how these are made and communicated.

Phil Quinn, President, for Committee and members
U3A Hobsons Bay Williamstown

NON-U3A ACTIVITIES MEMBERS MAY BE INTERESTED IN.

Hobsons Bay Council runs a wide range of activities for all age groups. For the full range of activities on offer in Hobsons Bay, go to the website below:



Hobsons Bay

<https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au> › visit › Whats-On

These activities are NOT U3A activities and U3A gives no guarantees about their quality!