

U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown Newsflash 11 September, 2024

Hello Members,

WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP

We recently asked for your input for new activities for this and next year. Many thanks to those 20 people who replied, suggesting 43 activities.

And even greater thanks to those who were happy to Convene one of these new activities themselves. They were: Roger Hampson – Comparative Religions; Ann Goodwin – Woodwind Ensemble; Bronwen Barton and Clara Brack - Choir; Louise Johnson – Australian Housing and History; Sujatha Pannell – Play reading; Kathie Simons- HBCC Arts Events. Several others are in the pipeline.

These people, and others like them, are so important. We cannot run an activity without a Convenor.

I am attaching our **Members' Wishlist**. **Please have a look. Could you be the Convenor, or Co Convenor of one of these?** Or, do you know anyone who could? They may not even need to be a current member. As I said, **we cannot run an activity without a Convenor**.

Meanwhile we have been looking at our **current list of activities**. Many of them are so popular that they are full or have waiting lists. This tells us that we need additional activities of the same type. You have told us they are important to you.

So, I am also attaching the list of **Needs**. Once again please consider if you and maybe a friend, could take on a repeat or duplicate of one of these.

Some people have already put up their hand for repeat/duplicate activities. These include: Zoe Felton - Beginners' Mahjong; Glenda Cipolato - An Italian course; John

Adams – More Museum visits; John Webb – Periodic Table;
Merrin McTaggart – Pickleball

These members can do it, and so can you! Please consider being a Convenor or finding someone you know who might be interested. You don't have to be an 'expert'. Activities can run for just a single session, or a few weeks or longer. Up to you! **At U3A we say "The Convenor is King/Queen"**

Convening is fun. Convenors report on the pleasure and satisfaction of sharing their interests and passions. And if you have a Co Convenor (a friend, or someone who shares your interest) you can halve the tasks and double the enjoyment. And our wonderful Convenor Support Group will provide ongoing support and encouragement for all convenors individually and in a Convenor Workshop in November.

If you are interested in helping us achieve our members' goals or would like further information, please contact: info@u3ahbwilli.org.au

Regards

Activities Sub Committee and Convenor Support Committee
(Yvonne, Phil, Pam, Clara, Ruth and Jan)