



HOBSONS BAY/WILLIAMSTOWN INC

Newsflash - March 2025

AGM

The AGM on 11th March was very well attended, with:

- 45 members
- 21 proxy votes
- 1 visitor
- 16 apologies received

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Membership update:

As of 11th March, the organisation has:

- 385 members
- 64 convenors

New Committee

Executive Members

- President: Sandi Fallshaw - continuing responsibility for UMAS
- Vice-President: Sandy Guest - communications and grants
- Secretary: Dianne Knight - new member
- Treasurer: Bronwyn Mills

General Committee Members

- Ian Barclay - Venues
- Lars Jonasson - UMAS/Web support
- Clara Brack - Convenor & Activities Support
- Gael Meadowcroft - new member
- Maggie Sherwell - new member

First Committee meeting and plans for the year

The new committee will hold its first meeting on 8th April. During this meeting, it will review the Strategic Plan and Yearly Plan to outline priorities for the coming year, taking into account the range of interests and skills of the committee members

Some changes will be made to the current sub-committees and details, plans, timelines and responsibilities will be shared with the membership afterwards.

We're having a party



If you haven't enrolled for our **Welcome Function**, there are still a few places left - but you need to register by **26th March**.

This is a special event to meet fellow members in the relaxed surroundings of the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club. To encourage everybody to mix and mingle, new members will have a coloured sticker on their name tags - so (established

members) make sure you say hello and have a chat to all our lovely new members.

Date: Wednesday, 2nd April

Time: 4.00 - 6.00 pm

Venue: Hobsons Bay Yacht Club, 270 Nelson Place Williamstown (opposite War Memorial)

Enrol: via UMAS by 26th March.

Complimentary food will be provided and drinks at club prices.

Activities with spaces

Thank you for keeping your enrolments down to just three at the beginning of the year - this meant that we all had a chance to take part in a variety of activities.

If you missed out or are now looking for something new to do, these activities still have good availability.

- Footy Tipping & Chat
- Movie Group at the Como
- Choir
- Film Group 2
- Outdoor Sketching & Painting
- Beginners Italian
- Advanced Beginners Italian
- Let's get into Jazz
- National Theatre Live at the Sun
- Opera at the Sun
- Rose Pruning
- Super Brain Workout
- Art Time
- Drawing Basics

- Historic Walks (Fitzroy Street. St Kilda Jnct, N. Fitzroy)
- Poetry Reading
- Film Group 1

You know the drill, first log into [UMAS](#) and then go to your chosen activities and enrol.

If you are unsure about the enrolment procedure, check out the [FAQs](#). (How do enrol in additional activities ...)

A bigger picture: Russia and China's evolving relationship and the implications for Australia

You are invited to join the Current Affairs group to hear Louis Magee (retired) an experienced officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, with postings in Bangkok, Jakarta, Tokyo, Port Moresby and Beijing.

Louis will take us through a brief summary of both Russia and China and the current global political environment, with special reference to its impact on Australia.

All members are welcome to join - no need to enrol.

Venue: Digman Reserve Clubrooms, Hobson Street, Newport

Date: Thursday, 27th March

Time: 10.00 - 11.30 am

Tea & coffee provided.