

# CHATSHEET

MARCH 2022

## President's Report

*Mary Howlett*



This is my last message as President.

It is time for a change, and every organisation has to move forward. I am very pleased that we have received a very good nomination for the position for the coming year.

I am very grateful to the Committee who have done all the hard work to keep our U3A active. It is so good that we will be able to resume sessions in person for most courses. We can enjoy each other's company and support the presenters with an active audience.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the lunch and AGM on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure that you book in via the website or by ringing Steph on 0419 509 607.

## Courses Report

*Stephanie Wellard*

**Wonderful news, our Courses will be returning to our Club Rooms in the RSL Hall, Drouin on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> of March.**



- Mystery History commences on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, at 10am.
- Australian History- Lite on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2pm.
- Weather Events and Stories on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am.
- Scrabble on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.
- What's the Matter will return on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

Our Covid Plan is in place, and will continue to be monitored and modified according to the changes in the Victorian Government Covid Guidelines. A reminder that members who are attending face to face classes in our Club Rooms, will need to show proof of their Double Vaccination certificate. As of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, masks are no longer required in most indoor settings and we no longer have restrictions on the number of people attending the class. Please remember, if you are feeling unwell and experiencing Flu like symptoms, do not attend the class. Contact your

Doctor and notify the Tutor if you receive a Covid positive result. Covid Monitors will be in place for each session. Our wonderful I/T team is working on enabling live streaming of our Courses in the Club room, for those unable to attend in person. Please advise your Course Tutor if you are unable to attend Courses that you have enrolled in, and which have returned to the RSL club rooms.

Art History, Beautiful Gardens of the World and Cryptic Crosswords for Beginners will remain on Zoom, for those members who are unable to join us in the Club Rooms. Film Club and Book Club will resume their monthly lunch meetings at La Passion in Warragul. All of our Courses remain open for enrolment, so please come and join us and celebrate our return to our Club Rooms. Enrolment in Courses is essential. For assistance with enrolment, please email the Course Tutor, or email [courses@u3abawbaw.org.au](mailto:courses@u3abawbaw.org.au) or phone Steph Wellard on 0419 509 607.

### **Would you like to sing in harmony?**

*Jenny Hall*

Are you interested in joining a small singing group to sing in parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass? Now that the worst of Covid is hopefully behind us, and we can start to mix without wearing masks, I'm interested to know how many U3A members would be interested in singing in four part harmony in a small group. If you are able to sing in tune, and possibly have some choral experience, or better still, can read music, and would like to join such a group, please call me, Jenny, on **0458 186 121**.

If enough members are interested, the group will meet in my home in Drouin, (as we need the piano for rehearsal), starting in Term 2. Our rehearsals will be on Tuesday afternoons probably from 1.30 – 3.15pm (that includes afternoon tea.) Please give me a call if you think this could be for you. *Jenny*

### **....And have you got Favourite Things?**

*Sally Alsop*

A recent member and dear friend, Sally Alsop, sent us the latest musical offering that was sung by the famous actress and vocalist, Julie Andrews, to commemorate her 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was at the Radio City Music Hall in Manhattan for a benefit for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and she sang her version of *My Favourite Things* from that great musical *The Sound of Music*.

The words are as follows. You know the music, so you can sing along:—

*Botox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Cadillacs and cataracts, hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*When the pipes leak, when the bones creak, when the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favourite things, and then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Back pain, confused brains and no need for sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favourite things.*

*When the joints ache, when the hips break, when the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had, and then I don't feel so bad.*

Ms Andrews received a standing ovation that lasted over four minutes with repeated encores.

*And Finally from the Editor's Quill*

*Robert Dunlop*

Well folks, as you know, we locals are lucky to also have some top notch entertainment venues here and one of them is the Wesley of Warragul, which is just up from 'Woolies.' On 27<sup>th</sup> March, we were treated to a program launch for the 2022 season, which included drinks and nibbles and a recital by a young cellist, Luke Severn, who played *Bach's Cello Suite No. 1 in G major*. Amongst the audience were club members Mary, Vera, Ruth, Ted and yours truly. There was a moving moment when the driving force behind the heritage and use of this wonderful building, Helene Armour, handed over the reins to her successor, Rob Robson.

If any club members might like to join the Wesley of Warragul Heritage Preservation Association (the fee is a modest \$5.00,) or get information about their programs, you can check their website on [www.wesleyofwarragul.org.au](http://www.wesleyofwarragul.org.au) or email them at [wesleymanager@wesleymanager.org.au](mailto:wesleymanager@wesleymanager.org.au)

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