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Key Dates in this Issue

- November 25th. Zoom practice session, U3A photo quiz, all welcome. 2:30 pm.
- November 26th. Nominations for Committee positions and proxy voting forms due.
- December 3rd. AGM via zoom, 1:30 pm.
- December 16th. Membership renewal/application opens, 1:00 pm.
- December 31st. Return volunteer form before this date.
- January 18th. Course enrolment for 2021 opens. Office opens.

From Brian (President)

Spring is in the air. The birds are nesting, the leaves are green again and Golf and Petanque may burst back into life as well. So many promising changes since our August Contact as we ponder what a future “Covid normal” might look like. As important as ever though, keep the “stay safe” message uppermost in our minds – maintain good hygiene, keep your distance from others, if feeling un-well stay home.

This edition of Contact will outline two important things. Firstly, it will wrap up year 2020 with Annual General Meeting information and requirements. Secondly there’s information about how we hope to proceed in 2021. Of course, everything depends on what Moonee Valley council decides about use of its venues. What we do know is that our online use of Zoom will continue and most probably expand. We will be exploring options where we might be able to combine face to face classes with a Zoom component too (hope you are getting used to Zoom).

I have attended several on-line U3A network meetings and am encouraged by their enthusiastic determination to assist all Victorian U3A’s to get through the interruptions of Covid. The sharing of ideas and experience is very useful.

2020 AGM

On behalf of the 2020 Committee of Management I extend an invitation to all members of U3A Moonee Valley to join our **Annual General Meeting** which this year will be delivered via Zoom. The meeting will commence at **1:30 pm on Thursday December 3**. The formal Notice of the 2020 AGM plus 2019 AGM Minutes are published in this edition.

The purpose of the AGM is to report to members how our U3A functioned during 2020 and to fill positions on the Committee of Management due for election. The Committee meets monthly (except Jan, July and December) and consists of four Officers – President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary and up to

eight Ordinary Members. These members undertake various roles such as Office Manager, Course Coordinator and Membership/Database Manager. This year the committee has also been supported by co-opted members.

There are six positions due for election at the 2020 AGM, each for a two-year term: Vice President, Treasurer and four Ordinary Members. Please consider contributing to the management of our organisation by nominating for the committee.

I encourage everyone who is able to attend the AGM using Zoom to do so. Please make a note in your calendar and be amongst those we can count for our quorum. The link is in the agenda. Further notification will be provided later in November.

If you haven't used zoom before or attended a Zoom meeting don't rule yourself out. I will send out a "how to use zoom on PC, tablet or iPad" and provide a practice opportunity ahead of the AGM. You can join me in a training session that includes a Moonee Valley U3A photo quiz.

Still not sure? You can still participate by nominating for the committee and/or appointing a proxy to vote for you at the AGM. Nomination forms and proxy forms are also in this Contact.

Now for renewal of membership for 2021.

We hope that you see value in continuing as a member of MVU3A. Although face to face meeting was not possible for most of 2020, I hope you were able to stay in contact with U3A friends and tutors. Sincere thanks to all the tutors for maintaining contact with their people in a variety of ways ranging from zoom, emails, snail mail, telephone. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by us all. And importantly, we will be back!

This year, membership renewal open on **December 16th**. Please see Barrie Fenby's report for the details (p 3). As previously mentioned, class/course enrolment is deferred until mid-January when we hope to have a clearer picture of what is possible for 2021. Please see Geoff Miller's report (page 2) for the details. I would like to endorse Geoff's encouragement for new tutors with new ideas to give it a go next year.



Here's some of your committee happily at work in a Zoom meeting. It's great to be able to keep in touch and plan for 2021. We look forward to seeing you at our AGM coming to you via Zoom.



And some more of the committee.

In this difficult year, we had no access to our office or photocopier. It would have been impossible to mail out hundreds of Contact magazines. So, if you have an email address, you get the magazine online (the pictures look better?). We have only had to post 30 copies this year and we are very grateful to Danny Pearson's office for the photocopying. It is gratifying to reduce our use of paper. To encourage you help us maintain our small mailing list, we are introducing a surcharge of \$5 pa for future magazine postage.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT (Geoff Miller)

Summer School Courses

For those looking for some stimulation over the holiday period, we have the following courses available via Zoom:

- **Teacup Philosophy** with Peter Price. A series of discussions over a morning cup of tea or coffee about the meaning or meaninglessness of life in 21st century times. Sessions will be on Wednesday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00 commencing on 2 December and concluding on 3 February (but not including 30 December).
- **Computer Security** with Peter Price and Don Mooney. This course will cover scams, viruses and data security for both computers and phones. Sessions will be on Friday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00 commencing on 4 December and concluding on 5 February (obviously not including 25 December or 1 January). Although this course will be delivered primarily by Zoom, if possible, some of the later sessions will be held at the Avondale Heights Library and Learning Centre.

Please note that although these courses will continue into 2021, you do not need to renew your membership for 2021 before enrolling. They will be on the enrolment system by the time you receive this newsletter.

If you wish to enrol:

Log onto the system via *Member Login* on our website: <http://u3amooneevalley.com.au/>

Select *Classes 2020*.

Select the class(es) required using the small radio buttons above *Request*, to the left of each course description. At the bottom of the page select *Next* and then *Next* again (if you don't do this your enrolment is lost).

If you have forgotten your password, or your ID, you can use *Forgotten Password* for it to be sent to you.

2021 Courses

As previously advised, the list of courses for 2021 will not be finalised until early January. We will email you a notice when the list is available for viewing on the database. At the same time a summary list of courses will be mailed to the small number of members without email.

We will all be hoping that some sort of normality will have returned by the second week of February, when Semester One is due to commence. It appears very likely however that some form of social distancing will still be required and in some cases, this will mean either reduced class sizes or a search for larger venues.

In a few weeks I will be contacting tutors to firm up their plans for next year. It has been a frustrating time for them, as it has been for all of us, and I'm confident that they will be keen to again offer our usual wide range of classes and activities.

We are always keen to increase our course offerings and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who is prepared to provide something new. We would particularly welcome tutors to provide beginners' courses in both **French** and **Italian**. If you are able to help, please contact me via email at info@u3amooneevalley.com.au One of the new offerings early in 2021 – we hope – will be a six-week course led by Christian Grawe entitled *Women in Strife: Three Famous 19th Century European Novels*. Christian has suggested that anyone who is interested may like to start their reading now. The three novels are: *Emma* by Jane Austen, *Madam Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert and *Effi Briest* by Theodor Fontane. The last two are available in Penguin Classics and there are many editions of *Emma*.

Geoff Miller

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT (Barrie Fenby).

Membership Renewal

We anticipate you will be able re-new your U3A Moonee Valley membership, or join as a new member from 1.00 pm on Wednesday 16 December 2020.

We will send you an email with confirmation of the date along with detailed steps as to how to join/re-join and how to pay annual fees the day before membership opens.

Please note that due to the uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 virus, it will not be possible to finalise courses before January. We will email you as soon as courses are available to be viewed on the database. **At this stage we plan to open enrolments at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 20 January 2021.**

Fees

We will not be implementing the fee rise agreed to at the 2019 annual General Meeting for 2021. Fees will remain the same; **\$45 for existing members, \$55 for new members and \$35 for associate members**. There will be \$5 fee if you request a mailed copy of the CONTACT newsletter.

There will be two ways to pay annual fees for 2021

1. Our preferred payment method for annual fees is by card accessed via our database. For 2021 fees we anticipate switching from PayPal to the e-way system. This is a simpler system and is considerably cheaper for a non-profit organisation such as ours. A step-by-step explanation for using the system will be e-mailed just prior to December 16.
2. Payment can also be made electronically or by visiting any branch of Bendigo Bank. Please include your full name on the transfer as the reference number.

Our account name is:	U3A Moonee Valley Inc
Our BSB number is:	633-000
Our account number is:	154051213

Please note that payments made in this way are not automatically paid to our account. Rather they are manually entered on the database by the treasurer when Bendigo Bank advises payment has been made. This sometimes results in a delay before the payment appears on the database.

Assistance with enrolling

Bearing in mind the age range of our members and the risks associated with large gatherings, we will not be running an enrolment centre for 2021 as we have done in previous years. To assist those members who would normally attend the enrolment centre we plan to organise a “buddy” system whereby members who are confident using the database can assist those who are not.

If you would like assistance in enrolling please let me know by email. Please make sure you include your name in the email (see sentence below). Please also indicate whether you intend to apply for a course that is likely to fill quickly as we may need to make alternative arrangements if this is the case. Courses that fill quickly vary from year to year, but in the past have included; Sketching and Painting, In the News, Fitness Flexibility and Fun, Why You Are Who You Are, Oil Painting and Water Colours and Book Clubs.

“I would like the assistance of another member to advise me as I enrol: *Your Given Name, Family Name.*”

Please email to fenby0101@gmail.com. If applying for a popular course please add:

“I expect to enrol for a class that will fill quickly”: *Name of Course/Courses*

Are you willing to help another member enrol?

If are willing to advise another member on how to enrol please let me know by email. Please indicate that you are willing to assist another member and make sure you include your name in the email (see sentence below). It is envisaged that after “buddies” have enrolled themselves, they would then be available to advise another member over the phone as they enrolled.

I am willing to act as a “buddy” for another member as they enrol: *Given Name: Family Name*. Please email to fenby0101@gmail.com.

Joining by Mail

If you do not have an email address, or wish to re-join via mail. Please ring Barrie on 0448 565 723.

Having Difficulty Joining?

If you experience difficulty joining you may ring one of the following: Kathy on 93709883 or 0435 104 941, Jan on 9374 4481 or 0400 338 319, Pauline on 9337 4549, Jenny on 0417 580 656 or Barrie on 9370 4140 or 0448 565 723

OFFICE NEWS NOVEMBER 2020 (Marjorie Ridley, Office Coordinator)

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The Committee of Management and I would like to thank all Office Volunteers for their patience during this very hard and confusing year.

The Office will reopen on the 18th January 2021.

Volunteers are required for 2021.

Staffing of the Office is an essential service that our members and prospective members both accept and appreciate. This does not happen without the willingness of members to take on this task. Office Volunteers keep our organisation moving along.

Please consider a few hours every so often to keep this service alive for our members.

All Volunteers must complete the availability form which can be found attached to this addition of Contact or on the website.

Due to the earlier opening of the Office please forward your completed form by the 31st December via email to officecomv@gmail.com or mail to P.O.Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039.

U3A Monthly Lunch

Due to the current restrictions and uncertainty with regard to restaurant dining we have decided to delay booking for our monthly lunch.




BUT *****Watch this space*****

LOL. (hopefully)

Christmas Cracker Jokes. *The answers in the right hand column have got muddled AGAIN!!*

Why did no-one bid for Rudolf and Blitzen on eBay?	Stick with me we'll go places.
What do sheep say to Santa at Christmas?	Looks like rain-dear
How do we know what Santa has for dinner?	A mince spy
What do angry mice send each other in December?	beyon-sleigh
If there were eleven elves and another one came along what would he be?	Because he had the drumsticks
Why do Christmas elves wear seat belts?	You get "tinsil-itis
What happens if you eat too many Christmas decorations?	Because they were two deer.
Why did the elves ask the turkey to join the band?	He posts it on insantagram
Who is Santa's favourite singer?	The twelf
Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?	For Elf and Safety
What did Santa say to Mrs Claus when he looked out the window?	Cross mouse cards
What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?	Seasons bleatings

Guess or Google. (if you still have time.)

<p>This is Lizard Island National Park. Captain cook anchored here in August 1770. <i>The long biological structure that the Island is part of is called..... ?</i> <i>The state it belongs to is....?</i> <i>The sea surrounding it is called.....?</i> <i>The name of Cook's ship was.....?</i> <i>He went to Cooktown because....?</i> <i>He anchored at Lizard and climbed a hill there in order to....?</i> <i>Mary Watson and Lizard island.....??</i></p>	 <p>3464 × 2309</p>
<p>It's Wineglass Bay and the Hazards. Freycinet National Park. <i>The park is on the east coast of.....?</i> <i>The sea off the coast is called.....?</i> <i>The Hazards are joined to the park by a tombolo. A tombolo is.....?</i> <i>Louis De Freycinet was.....?</i> <i>He made the first complete map of.....?</i> <i>The resort town north of Freycinet is B.....?</i></p>	
<p>Cradle Mountain National Park. <i>This park is in the state of.....?</i> <i>The name of the lake shown is.....?</i> <i>The waterfront shed was built by Gustav Weindorfer. He used it as a.....?</i> <i>The chalet he built for visitors was called.....?</i> <i>If you leave your shoes outside overnight here, they might get eaten by.....?</i> <i>The famous hiking track beginning at Cradle Mountain is called.....?</i></p>	

It's Norman Bay at the Prom.

The full name of this Victorian national park is?

The surrounding ocean is called.....?

The river that flows into this bay is called.....?

The aerial photo was taken from the top of Mount O.....?

The headlands and islands are made of a rock called.....?

The highway to the Prom is called.....?



An aerial shot of Wilpena Pound.

The National park is called....?

It belongs to the state of.....?

The man the park was named after was.....?

Another national park (island) off the coast of this state is.....?

The highway from this state to Western Australia is called the....?

This highway crosses a large desert plain called the?



**Lady Musgrave Island National Park.
You can go by ferry from the town of 1770 (if Vics ever get to go back)**

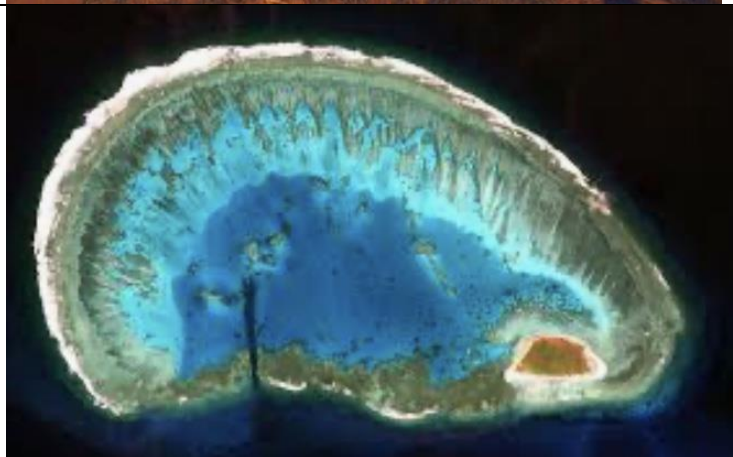
The island is in the state of.....

The island is at the southern end of

The town of 1770 got its name because...?

The island is an atoll. It was built by....?

The humpback whales you can see there in August are going south to.....?



It's the Grand Prismatic Spring in Wyoming USA.

The spring is in this national park

The water temperature is

The depth of the water is

There is a magma chamber down below this park. Magma is

The park is an old caldera. A caldera is

The first national park in the world was called

The national park that is home to Yogi bear is



This fumarole in Wyoming erupts ~20 times per day.

The popular name of this feature is

The white stuff erupting is

ROYGBIV is a mnemonic for learning the colours of the rainbow.

A mnemonic is

The colours of the rainbow are

To get a rainbow the sun light has to be reflected and refracted by

You are most likely/most unlikely to find a pot of gold at



Another Famous National park(USA)

The name of this National park is

The state where you would find this park is

The river at the bottom of the canyon is called the

The river rises in and gets snow melt from the mountains called the

The geological process of water wearing down rocks is called



A glacial U shape valley in Yosemite National Park.

This park is in the state of?

Half Dome is a famous.....?

The cause of U shape valley erosion is....?

Yosemite is part of a mountain range called. The?

The national parks in this state have huge famous trees called?

The capital city of this state is.....?



Here is Mt St. Helens after it erupted. It is part of a chain of volcanoes called the Cascades.

The volcano is in the state of?

The volcano erupted on this date.....?

The number of Americans killed by this eruption was.....

Towns over 100 kilometers away had this fall on them.....

Lahars caused destruction as far as 80 kilometers away. A lahar is.....?

Two other volcanoes in the Cascade chain are named.....?



It's the end of a National Park road. A lava flow from the recent eruption of Mt. Kilauea.

Mt. Kilauea is in the state of.....?

Mt Kilauea is on this Island.....?

Another active volcano is this park is...?

Lava is.....?

Names of other islands in this chain ...?

A famous Englishman murdered here in 1779 was.....



Guess or Google. (You Tube useful as well)

Here is some Rogers and Hammerstein style nostalgia from the 1950's.

(Apologies if you were not a Rogers and Hammerstein fan)

*****Most of the answers require you to complete the line of the song.*****



Oklahoma (movie released 1955)

Oklahoma became a US.state in.....?

Territory folks should.....?

Chicks and ducks and geese better...?

I'm just a girl who can't.....?

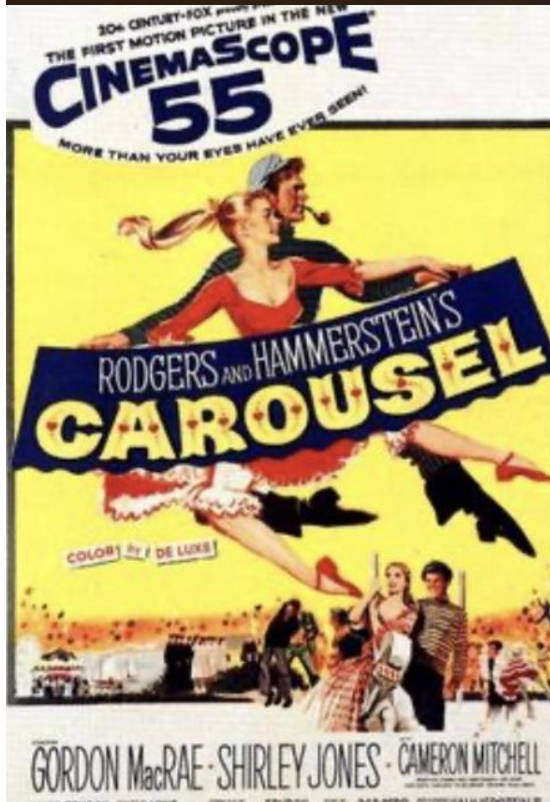
With me it's all or.....

I got to Kansas city on a Friday, by Saturday I.....?

The daisies in the dell will give out a different smell because.....?

The corn is as high as an.....?

He looks like he's asleep, it's a shame that he won't keep but.....?



Carousel. (Movie released 1956)

The setting where Billy Bigelow worked was.....?

Another name for a carousel is a...?

June is.....?

If I loved you, words wouldn't?

When you walk through a storm...?

The English football club using a song from Carousel as the club anthem is.....?



South Pacific (film released in 1958)

The film was based on "Tales of the South Pacific" written by.....?
Lieutenant Cable was flown in to be a coast watcher. The job of coast watchers was to.....?
Nellie Forbush was on the island because she was a navy.....?
The nationality of the planter on the island was.....?
I'm stuck like a dope with a.....?
They say the human race is.....?
I'm gonna wash that.....?
The mysterious island in South Pacific is called.....?
The Tongkinese lady who sang about this island was named.....?
One hundred and one pounds of fun that's my little.....?
Fools give you reasons.....?
You may see a stranger across.....?



The King and I (film released 1956)

The king was played by.....?
Anna (governess) was played by.....?
The name of country it was set in....?
Whenever I feel afraid I.....?
I know how it feels to have.....?
When I am with you getting to know what to.....?
Haven't you noticed suddenly I'm..?



Rogers and Hammerstein "it 'aint." Presidential debate 2015

It looks like they are singing a duet. Any suggestions what song they might be singing???

A Very Special Shout Out and a Sincere Thank you to these Remarkable Tutors: From Tess Murton.

1. Carolynn Larson; Tutor for the Ancient Greece class.

Carolynn has served us all well “over and above the call of duty.” Each week, she wrote an article for her class participants. We received over 30 interesting articles. They ranged from Helen of Troy, shipwrecks, children, magic and how the Greek language has influenced our modern English vocabulary. Carolynn, your star will continue to shine over the Aegean Sea.

2. Johan Vardis; tutor of Tai Chi

John has maintained his regular classes via zoom, even throughout the holidays. His dedication is well proven and we appreciate the movement and benefits which this form entails.

3. Val Hobbins; tutor of Creative Writing

Val continued to collate the class “scratchings” into a very readable monthly class newsletter.

PS Jenny Connor is very grateful to Alan Lewis for keeping his Italian class happily busy. (editor)

Thanks to Val Hobbins for asking her creative writing class to send some writing to Contact.

“The Joys of lock-down” From Patricia Walden

Perhaps the most rewarding outcome this year is “time.” Time to snack and spread the waist. Time for cups of tea flowing from my ears and elsewhere. Time for keeping in touch and not caring about phone bills. Time for nanna naps and also to dream (some of which have been weird.)

Time to tend to my garden and appreciate the colour of flowers and beauty of trees.

Even though I fell over from bending too long, all was not lost.

I was rescued by a gallant young builder who saw my predicament and rushed to my rescue.

This is an example of how aware we have all become of each other.

Welcoming words from him. “Are you all right?” echo in my ears.

There has been time to watch a back- log of videos sent by friends. Some were about children and some about animals. The sagas from animal shelters showed the absolute need for someone to care. Animals don’t see colour or creed, they just love to be loved.

I can recall my mother in law who only spoke Chinese, “Too old to learn English,” she would say.

Instead, she taught her pinky/grey galah to talk and for years they enjoyed a wonderful friendship.

Our dog was taught to obey commands, “en Francais,” given by my French son in law.

Recently a friend left her budgerigar with her parents -in -law to travel overseas. Upon her return, the bird spoke to her in its best English just like her in laws.

The best time has been shared with my family. It hasn’t been in person, but has been more frequent than in the past. Old age has its rewards and compensations. I have admired how the children have been resilient. They have been quite entrepreneurial too: cooking and selling cakes and biscuits. They have sewn masks and bolstered family members by supporting each other. They are amazing. My great granddaughter has kept me amused through her creative activities, painting, cooking, dancing and laughter. The future looks brighter and in safe hands. Long may it continue.

“A pet thinks about lock-down” By Tess Murton.

Hi, I’m Cody and I have lived with my chosen human family for a very long time. I’m a handsome black-and-tan “Cavalier King Charles Spaniel” with royal heritage. I’m cuddlesome and distinguished-looking with my white whiskers and beard.

Two years ago, my special family came home with an ugly baby “Pugaliar” called Ginger. (no royal heritage, of course!) Ginger was just a pest with no respect for her elders. She interrupted my naps by jumping on me and taking my toys. Sometimes she needed to be growled at!

I've heard about this coronavirus "thingy" going around. It sounds serious and my humans are staying home a lot. I love all the extra attention. (if I feel like it.)

Here's the "Real Thing" though": Last week, "mum," the boys, Ginger and I visited "nana" and enjoyed playing around the trees on a long walk. This bit was fun. But during my much-needed recovery nap afterwards the "switch-a-roo" was planned.

I woke up on "nana's" rug, with my beautiful memories of snuggling with her (in happier times of course, before that annoying Ginger arrived!)

However, this time, Confusion! Where was everybody? Why so eerily quiet? Where was Ginger? Then I recalled overhearing my "mum" musing what great company I would be to help "nana" get through "iso".

"Whoa.! What! ...? " they had loaned me out ... to "nana" ... And without consulting me!

"Really! (#OMG@OMG!)"

Plus, what if Ginger became the family favorite?

"Breathe Cody doggie. Breathe, breathe, breathe! Think. Just think! Ah, yes; a plan, a strategy"

I looked up at "nana" with my gorgeous liquid brown eyes making them even more fluid as I fixed my innocent "befuddled" gaze upon her.

"Wha....what's happening? Did they forget me"?

(Believe-me, I had considered rage, affronted barking plus baring my fangs. However, I decided that a sad, bewildered dog would cause guilt and pull more at "nana's" heart-strings)!

She made soothing noises and offered me treats. Of course, I munched them up to make her happy.

Afterwards, I just flopped onto her rug with my nose pointing towards the front door. I could wait this one out. They were in the wrong after-all.

I observed "nana." putting on her gardening gloves. She invited me to join her in the sunshine planting lettuces and flowers. "No thank you" I sighed, "I'm more comfortable just lying here in the dark watching the front door"! (I would have preferred being outside but, I had a point to make)!

Later, "nana" came in to watch 'Judge Judy' and gently patted the couch beside her inviting a snuggle. "I don't think so", I exhaled groaning heavily whilst flopping my chin down onto my paws for striking effect, nose still firmly pointing towards the front door. "Hint, Hint, Hint".

A new thought insinuates, "Geez, I never thought that I'd miss that little upstart. But I must concede Ginger challenges me to be my best. Maybe I even love that mutt"

Meanwhile, success... At Last ... The drama has worked.

I look-up, and gaze. "Nana" is speaking into her phone "Cody is not happy; he's missing you all".

Impressively I moan, shuffle to the front door collapsing with my nose pointing homewards.

A bit later...."Hooray!" is that "mum's car I hear. "Yes, yes," I can smell her. I jump up excitedly and bark my head off whilst running around in circles. She is here, she's putting on my harness. I stride out of "nana's" house and into "mum's" car without even a backward glance.

Later, I heard that Ginger missed me too. She had spent that afternoon with ears pinned flat to her head, looking forlorn. Not even a walk with our brothers could make her bouncy-happy again!

"Mum" sent a photo of "Gingy" and I (entwined, reunited, happy on the couch) to "nana."

I'll probably get sick of Ginger from time to time but, right now it's working. Two happy doggies, Not sure how I'll treat "nana" when I see her again though!

But, I have been wondering why it is has been such a long time since her last visit.

2020 Annual General Meeting Thursday 3rd December from 1.30pm

Meeting to be conducted online via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84383198838?pwd=UmlhOHRQNlF0aFlxOW5mMkxZbGw5Zz09>

Agenda

The business of the Annual General Meeting will be to:

1. Confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 5th December 2019.
2. Consider the President's Annual Report and the Treasurer's Report for the preceding financial year 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020.
3. Elect Officers and Members to the 201 Committee of Management:
 - a. Vice President
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. 4 x Committee members (two-year term)
4. Confirm membership fees for the year ending November 2022 remain unchanged as follows:

New membership fee:	\$55
Renewal of membership fee:	\$45
New member after the 30th June 2021:	\$35
Associate Membership fee:	\$35
5. Acknowledge and thank the Tutors, Office and Event volunteers, as well as those Tutors and Committee members who are retiring.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2019
ASCOT VALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE.

President and Chairperson, Brian Smith thanked Meryll and the recorder group, and introduced members of the committee. He welcomed guest, Frank Dinato. representing Danny Pearson, State Member for Essendon.

PRESENT: Brian Smith, Jo Bradshaw, Robert D'Silva, Jenny Dwyer, Fran Horton, Helen Mather, Geoff Miller, Marjorie Ridley, Lorraine Rodger, Jan Smith, Robyn Temby, Michael Walsh and 64 financial members.

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Gauci-Maurici, Narelle Sharpe (Moonee Valley Councillors), Heather Feldman, Barrie Fenby, Amanda Heane (Committee Members), Annette Burston, Claire McCagnan, John and Sue Curwood, Marie Daffey, Con and Helen Flaim, Mary Jinkins, David Kershaw, Maureen Nakonesky, Di Phillips, Rosemary Sinclair, John Vardis, Faye Walker, George Widdison, Ian Williams, Mary Wyatt.

MINUTES OF THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

A motion to accept the minutes as amended was moved by Jan Smith. Carried. No business arising.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

President: Brian Smith. 2019 has been another successful year. A number of long-serving tutors have retired, but with new tutors stepping forward we can continue to offer a diverse programme.

- **Project Funding:** We received \$4,000 from the Moonee Valley Biannual Grants Programme to support the 'Wednesday Woodies' work, building and repairing items for community groups. Thanks to Harry Dobson for his efforts.
Bendigo Bank granted us \$1,500 towards the 'Great Courses' videos, which provide lectures on numerous topics that can provide the basis for a class. They simplify the work of tutors, and members are encouraged to consult the Great Courses website.
- **Accommodation:** We gratefully acknowledge the support we receive from Council, who provide us with accommodation at low cost. Nevertheless, accommodation is our greatest cost, and, after assessing our financial situation, we will be asking for a fee increase of \$10 per annum for the year ending November 2020.
- **Community Profile:** Our current membership is 570, growing slowly. However, with the demise of local newspapers and the diversification of venues of the Moonee Valley Festival, we have to rely on our website, word-of-mouth and distribution of brochures for our advertising. We are working on re-developing our website, and we will need to devise a strategy for the use of social media. We also need to consider the question of how big we want to be. Feedback on these issues would be welcomed.
- **Thanks to** the committee for their wisdom, integrity, enthusiasm and ideas, and dedication to their fellow U3A members.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Walsh: Income and Expenditure Report presented.

Although our bank balance appears substantial, it has been trending down over the last few years, while expenses, including accommodation, administration and tutors' resources have been increasing. The actual balance at 30th November was \$15,628.29, and it would be unwise to let it fall below \$10,000 if we are to have a buffer for contingencies.

Any money we receive from grants is tied to specific projects, so the only money we have to spend on our core objectives comes from members' fees. Most of the money comes in during one month, and has to cover expenses occurring over the whole year. An increase in fees is much-needed.

Diedre Lampard moved and Maurice Majurey seconded the motion that the President's and Treasurer's reports be accepted. Carried.

Motion to increase membership fees. Michael Walsh moved and Nola Spicer seconded the motion that the U3A Moonee Valley Committee of Management be authorised to increase membership fees by \$10 per annum for the year ending November 2021 as follows:

New membership fee, \$65

Renewal of membership, \$55

New member after 30th June 2021, \$45.

Associate membership, \$45.

Carried.

There was some discussion of the motion, and it was suggested that the committee consider some fund-raising activities.

ELECTION OF 2020 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The positions of President, Secretary and five ordinary members were declared vacant. Seven nominations were received and the following members were elected unopposed to the 2020 Committee of Management: Brian Smith, **President**; Jenny Dwyer, **Secretary**; Bruce Findlay, Maureen Gleeson, Edith James, Marjorie Ridley, Lorraine Rodger, **Members**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OFFICE VOLUNTEERS AND DEBNEY MEADOWS READERS:

Marjorie Ridley, Office Manager thanked the office volunteers for their work as first contact with U3A for many. She also thanked the Debney Meadows Readers, Margaret Broughton and Mara da Tio. More readers are needed.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Cassie Morris, Moonee Valley Healthy Ageing Officer: Cassie spoke about Moonee Valley's commitment to creating an age-friendly city.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TUTORS:

Geoff Miller, Course/Tutor Coordinator thanked the tutors, who are the foundation pillar of our U3A, providing a great range of courses and making MVU3A one of the best.

RETIRING TUTORS:

- Jenny Dwyer spoke about **Vera Andrades**, much-loved Italian and Line Dancing tutor, who died in November. Vera will be remembered for her great talents, her commitment to her classes, her generosity and her sense of fun.
- Pauline Lane thanked **Alex Vandrerkooy**, one of our longest-serving tutors. Alex started Scrabble and Cryptic Crosswords. He has been a great mentor - generous, challenging and fun.
- Geoff Miller spoke about **Ian Grahame**, who died in April. Ian was running 3 Philosophy classes, and continued to teach, despite suffering serious health problems, until a month before his death.

Geoff Miller also acknowledged the following tutors:

- **Jess Hilton** ran the Excel Just the Basics class.
- **Pauline Rogan**, who has moved away, and ran the German for Travel class in the first semester.
- **Brian Smith**, Finger-picking Guitar tutor during 2019.

THANKS TO THE EVENTS TEAM: Jo Bradshaw, Events Coordinator, thanked Anne Fkih for consistently providing great food during the year.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Brian reminded members intending to attend the enrolment session on 18th December to leave their names at the office.

- Rosemary Coutts, Secretary Essendon Historical Society informed us that the Court House Museum has now re-opened.

Meeting closed at 2.45 pm. Next meeting, Thursday 3rd December 2020.

U3A MOONEE VALLEY INC AGM THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2020

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE 2021 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

How to nominate yourself for election to the Committee of Management

1. Complete and sign the nomination form below.
2. Have it signed by a member who agrees to nominate you.
3. Have it signed by a member who seconds the nomination.

How to nominate another member for election to the Committee of Management

1. Complete and sign the nomination form below.
2. Have it signed also by a member who seconds the nomination.
3. Have it signed by the person you are nominating.

Please return the Nomination Form to be received by Thursday 26th November 2020 via:

EMAIL info@u3amooneevalley.com.au Print the form/s, fill in, scan or take a photo and send, OR

MAIL: print/cut out the form/s, fill in and post to:

The Secretary, U3A Moonee Valley Inc, PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds Vic 3039

OFFICE
Date Received



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NOMINATION FORM for ELECTION OF 2021 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

I, (Name) a full member of U3A Moonee Valley Inc

nominate (Name) **for the position of** *(Please circle ONE of the following*)*

PRESIDENT SECRETARY MEMBER

.....*(Signature of PROPOSER and date)*

I, (Name)..... a full member of U3A Moonee Valley Inc,
second the nomination

.....*(Signature of SECONDER and date)*

I, (Name)..... a full member of U3A Moonee Valley Inc,
accept the nomination

.....*(Signature of MEMBER NOMINATED and date)*

** A member may be nominated for only one position. A separate form is required for each nominee. Photocopied or identically worded handwritten/typed copies are also accepted.*

**U3A MOONEE VALLEY INC THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2020 ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING**

PROXY VOTE APPOINTMENT

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to appoint a proxy to vote on any matters on your behalf, please complete the following form to be received by Thursday 26th November 2020 via:

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APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I,, being a full member of U3A Moonee
Valley Inc

hereby appoint either President, Brian Smith

☐

Tick if applicable

or, being a full member of U3A

Moonee Valley Inc, as my proxy, to vote on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday
28th November 2018

Signed: Dated:

OFFICE
Date Received

AVAILABILITY FOR U3A OFFICE DUTY IN 2021

U3A Moonee Valley Office will operate at Emerald Street Community Centre in 2021

from 10.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday each week from 27th January.

(excluding School and Public holidays)

I will/will not be available for office duty in 2021. (name) (delete what does not apply)

If available for office duty in 2021 please complete the following:

Name:

Address:

.....**Post code:**

Contact Tel. number:

Email:

Availability (please tick the box after the appropriate choice)

- **Day/s of the week:-**

Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday..... ☐

Thursday ☐ Friday ☐

- **Frequency:** Weekly..... ☐ Fortnightly..... ☐ Monthly..... ☐

For emergency purposes or to enable OV's to find a replacement if they are unable to attend on their assigned day, we need to place your name and phone number on file in the Office Manual and distribute it to other OV's. Please complete the following section if you agree to this:

I (full name) agree for my name and phone number to be distributed to other Office Volunteers as part of the Office Volunteers Roster for 2020.

(Signature): (Date):.....

Please return this form NO LATER THAN THE 8TH JANUARY

Email to officecomv@gmail.com Thank you.

Or by mail to Office Co-Ordinator,
U3A Moonee Valley P O Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Victoria 3039

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