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MOONEE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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Course Co-ordinator's Report	Thurs	21 Nov	Monthly lunch at Anglers' Tavern (noon)
Enrolling for your 2020 Classes.	Fri	29 Nov	Last day of term 4
Office News	From Wed	4 Dec	Join or re-join U3A. Pay membership for 2020
Notice Of 2019 AGM	Thurs	5 Dec	AGM. 1.30 pm. Ascot Vale.
Nomination and Proxy Forms	Tues	17 Dec	Office closes for 2019
Minutes of 2018 AGM	Wed	18 Dec	Class enrolment for 2020 opens 1pm.
Monthly Lunches	Thurs	16 Jan	Monthly lunch at Anglers' Tavern (noon)
Social Activities and Booking Forms	Wed	22 Jan	Office Volunteers meet 10am. Emerald St
Treasurers' Report	Tues	28 Jan	Office re-opens for 2020
	Tues	4 Feb	Tutor's meeting
	Thurs	6 Feb	Next edition of Contact.
	From Mon	10 Feb	Term 1 classes begin
	Thurs	20 Feb	Committee meeting 9.30am.
	Thurs	20 Feb	Monthly lunch at Anglers' Tavern (noon)
	Wed	4 Mar	"Costume Collection" bus trip 10am.
	Wed	18 Mar	"Incinerator Gallery" tour 11am.
	Fri	27 Mar	End of term 1
	Wed	15 Apr	Billy Elliot at the Regent Theatre
	Wed	22 Apr	Tour of Federation Square. 11am.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

September Forum.

It was another thought-provoking and well attended Forum on that somewhat intimidating topic of **Advanced Care Planning**. For any medical procedure to go ahead, permission is required. But what happens in the circumstances where you don't have the capacity to give permission? Kate and Veronica from **Advancedcareplanning.com.au** explained how to be prepared for this eventuality. An Advanced Care Plan is a way of giving permission via a properly appointed person; someone with whom you've discussed what matters most to you. Circumstances change over time so the plan needs to be regularly updated and must of course be accessible in an emergency. Your Myhealth record is a good place to keep it! Many thanks to Robyn for organising this forum.

October Seniors Festival.

Our participation in this year's Moonee Valley Council's Seniors Month festivities was a Show-Day at the Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre. There was a real buzz about the place as we listened to Singing for Fun, watched Line Dancers and felt the serenity as our Tai Chi group displayed their graceful and tranquil movements. Interesting canvasses from our painting and sketching groups occupied one corner whilst Scrabble, Mahjong and Bridge players demonstrated that it could be enjoyable to join their groups. A pleasant sociable time was had by all participants. My thanks to everyone who attended. Special thanks to Edith for organising the venue and Jo for providing refreshments.

2019 AGM

On behalf of the 2019 Committee of Management I extend an invitation to all members of U3A Moonee Valley to join us at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre (AVNC) for the **Annual General Meeting**.

The A.G.M will be held on **Thursday 5th December** commencing at **1.30 p.m.** The formal Notice of the 2019 AGM plus 2018 AGM Minutes are published in this edition.

Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre is located on the corner of Union Road and Munro Street, Ascot Vale. The 57 Tram stops just outside AVNC on Union Road at stop 35. Parking in the immediate vicinity is limited to '1 hour' or 'permit parking' only. The AGM is expected to take just under 2 hours. Please observe the parking signs as council inspectors are always thorough.

A major task of the AGM is 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 2019 AGM, each for a two-year term: President, Secretary and four Ordinary Members. Please consider contributing to the management of our organisation by nominating for the committee.

The NOMINATION FORM for ELECTION OF 2019 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT can be found on page 9.

The Rules of Association allow for proxy voting if you are unable to attend the AGM. You may appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf on any matters. The APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FORM is on page 10.

Please refer to pages 9, 10 for details about how to send the completed form/s which are to be received by **Thursday 28th November 2019**.

The Rules of Association (Constitution) and U3A Moonee Valley Code of Conduct can be accessed on the home page of the U3A Moonee Valley website: www.u3amoonneevalley.com.au

At the AGM, we will acknowledge our members who generously give their time as Tutors, Assistant Tutors, Office Volunteers, Events Volunteers, Readers at Debney Meadows Primary School and on Committee. We will also thank those volunteers who are retiring.

We entertained ourselves at the end of last year's meeting doing out-of-sight drawing on paper plates. This year we'll have a light-hearted quiz based on photos of our members enjoying their 2019 classes.

Hope to see you there.

Brian Smith.

COURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

The list of courses and the timetable for Semester One in 2020 is now available on our website. Detailed instructions to help you enrol for next year are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

It is very important that you read this information before you attempt to enrol.

Remember that all class lists – and waiting lists – are cleared at the end of the year. If you wish to continue in a particular class, you must re-apply. PLEASE retain your current badge as these are not re-issued when memberships are renewed.

It is once again very pleasing that almost all of our current courses will be continuing in 2020 – our tutors are a dedicated lot. There are, however, a few changes.

The following new courses will commence in February:

- *The Romanovs 1613 - 1918* (Monday mornings for 12 weeks). Liz Lynch will offer this course, which will replace *The People's Century*.
- *Circle Dancing* (Tuesday mornings with Stella Dion – in both semesters).
- *Create Collage for Insight and as an Art Form* (Friday Mornings in Term 1 with Nina Mazurek).

There will be two new short courses commencing in Term 2:

- *The Perfect Opera: Der Rosenkavalier* (Tuesday afternoon 5 weeks with Christian Grawe).
- *The Gentle Art of Japanese Stitching* (Tuesday morning 6 weeks with Jan Miller)

These two courses will both commence on 16 April; (Enrolments from 18 December.)

Further changes for 2020 include:

- *The British Industrial Revolution* will return with David Kershaw – this course was last offered in 2018.
- *Italian for Beginners* will recommence in February with a new tutor: Ursula Grawe.
- *Croquet* will return to Essendon Croquet Club.
- *Pedalling for Pleasure* will become a weekly gathering.
- *World of Arts* with Ian Williams follows on from *Joy of Literature* – New members welcome.
- *Wednesday Woodies* will become *Woodwork Projects for Individual and Community Use*.
- *Wednesday Patchwork* is the new name of *Patchwork for Beginners*.
- John McMahon has also re-renamed his language classes: *French 2* and *French 3* become *Elementary French* and *Intermediate French* and *German 1* will be *Elementary German*.

I'm sure you will all be keen to continue your involvement in our classes and activities in 2020 – either by continuing in your current groups or perhaps trying something different.

Geoff Miller

ENROLLING IN 2020 CLASSES. From Barrie Fenby

To view details of all courses for 2020 please go to the COURSES option on our website (<https://u3amooneevalley.com.au/>). Choose the list by "All Days" for the courses to be listed alphabetically.

THERE ARE THREE METHODS OF JOINING AND ENROLLING FOR 2020

METHOD 1 – ONLINE

You can re-join (or join) U3A Moonee Valley from **Wednesday 4 December 2019** and enrol in classes from **1.00 pm on Wednesday 18 December**.

Payment of fees is by credit card via PayPal (**you do not need a PayPal account**).

You may also pay by EFT or Cheque (see details in Methods 2 and 3). Please note: EFT payments need to be manually entered by the treasurer as there is no direct link between Bendigo Bank and our database. This can result in a one -two days delay.

Fees are \$45 for existing members, \$55 for new members, \$35 for Associates and \$45 for new Associates.

Please follow the steps set out in *Paying by PayPal* which **will be emailed to you closer to the day**. Upon completion of the payment you will be returned to the Moonee Valley database showing a record of your payment.

When you enrol online you will know immediately whether you have been accepted into a course or are on a waiting list, and can print off your confirmation of enrolment record.

You will not be able to enrol until fees are paid.

If you intend to apply for a popular course it is advisable to make sure you have re-joined and paid fees prior to 1.00 pm on 18 December when the enrolment process will open.

We will email you a step by step guide for joining and enrolling closer to each date.

This will include phone numbers of people willing to assist you.

To Re-join

Please go to <https://u3amooneevalley.com.au> ,and select **Member Login** (Member Login is available on the home page and on the Courses and Join pages). You will be asked for your ID and password. Follow the prompts.

If you have lost your password or ID, you can enter the one you remember and select *Forgotten Password/id*. You will need to enter your email address when requested and then select *Send Password*. Your ID and password will be sent to the email address you enter. If you've have forgotten both your password and ID, contact the office on 9337 7779 and we will get back to you with a password.

To Join as a new member

New members please go to <https://u3amooneevalley.com.au> , and select **Join Us** on the **COURSES** page *or If You Would Like to Join Click Here* on the **JOIN** page.

METHOD 2 – AT THE ENROLMENT CENTRE

This year we will hold the enrolment centre at **Sam Merrifield Library, Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds on Wednesday 18 December**

The centre will be attended from 11 am. The database will be open for enrolments from 1.00 pm.

If you intend to use this method **please ring the office on 9337 7779 by Tuesday 17 December and ask to be put on the list of those who intend to enrol at the enrolment centre.**

At the centre volunteers will assist you to renew your membership (or join) and enrol online. Payment of fees can be by

1. A written cheque presented on the day.
2. Or pre-arranged bank transfer, (You **must** bring evidence of this transfer with you, as you cannot enrol in a course until payment has been made and is verifiable). This means if paying by bank transfer, you must do so **in advance of visiting the centre.**

We are unable to accept cash payment.

Annual membership is \$45 for ongoing members, \$55 for new members, \$35 for Associates and \$45 for new Associates.

Payments may be made electronically or by visiting any branch of Bendigo Bank.

Our account name is: U3A Moonee Valley Inc

Our BSB number is: 633-000

Our account number is: 154051213

Please include your full name on the transfer as the reference number.

Although we make every effort to enrol members in the order of arrival at the centre, if you intend to apply for a very popular course it is probably best to make alternative arrangements for online enrolment.

METHOD 3 – ENROLMENT BY MAIL

You may enrol by completing and posting the *Membership Renewal* and the *Enrolment* form included with the posted issue of *Contact*. **Please make sure you fill in all fields marked with an *** as these are required. If a field is missed (or is illegible) your application will be put aside until a volunteer can ring you to clarify the information. This may take some time.

Please note that applications by post take up a good deal of volunteer time and may not be processed until late January. You are not advised to use this method if you are applying for courses that tend to be oversubscribed as you will be disadvantaged compared with members who enrol online. Unfortunately, Australia Post is not as reliable as in the past and we have found application letters sometimes go astray. If you have not received a confirmation letter or email by the end of January please contact info@u3amooneevalley.com.au.

Applications should include a cheque or copy of electronic transfer as proof of payment. Annual membership is \$45 for ongoing members and \$55 for new members. Details for making electronic payment are given in enrolment Method 2.

Our address is PO Box 459, Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039.

To be included in the first data entry, forms must be received by **Friday 20 December.**

Late applications will be accepted, but may not be processed until late January.

TERM DATES, 2020

Term1: 10 February – 27 March

Term 2: 14 April – 19 June

Term 3: 20 July – 18 September

Term 4: 5 October – 27 November

All courses are offered in good faith at the time of publication. If a tutor or a venue becomes unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to cancel the course. Courses may also be cancelled if there are insufficient enrolments to constitute a viable group

OFFICE NEWS. From Marjorie.

The Committee of Management and I would like to thank all of the Office Volunteers for their contribution this year. Without you, there would be no public face or voice to our organization.
The Office will close on Friday the 17th December and reopen on the Tuesday 28th January 2020.

Volunteers are needed for 2020.

Staffing of the Office is an essential service that our members and prospective members both expect and appreciate. This does not happen without the willingness of members to take on this task.
Training is provided and the time put in by Office Volunteers keeps our organization functioning.

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

The "Availability for U3A Office Duty" form can be found on the Home Page of our website and is also attached to this edition of "Contact."

Rosters will be emailed/mailed by the 15th January. This will be prior to the Office Volunteers Meeting on Wednesday the 22nd January at Emerald Street, West Essendon at 10am.

Please forward completed form by the 8th January to officecomv@gmail.com or by post to :
Office Coordinator,
Moonee Valley U3A,
PO Box 459.
Moonee Ponds. Vic, 3039.

Marjorie Ridley, Office Coordinator.

MONTHLY LUNCHES AT ANGLERS TAVERN

All U3A Moonee Valley members are invited to attend the monthly lunches which are held on the **third Thursday** of each month except December.

Venue: The Bistro Anglers Tavern 2 Raleigh Road Maribyrnong
Time: From 12.00 noon onwards

There is plenty of parking around the hotel and the 57 and 82 Maribyrnong trams stop at the door.

You choose and pay for your own food and drink. As well as a wide range of dishes offered on the main Bistro menu, Seniors meals of generous proportions are available. Current prices for the Seniors meals are 3 courses \$21.90, 2 courses \$18.90 and 1 course \$15.90.

Non-members are welcome. Please let us know how many will be attending so we can book sufficient tables!

2019 Lunch dates are: 21 November

2020 Lunch Dates are:

16 January	16 July
20 February	20 August
19 March	17 September
16 April	15 October
21 May	19 November
18 June	

If you plan to attend any lunch, please contact Marjorie Ridley on 0410 435 929 or email officecomv@gmail.com by the preceding Friday.

AVAILABILITY FOR U3A OFFICE DUTY IN 2020

U3A Moonee Valley Office will operate at Emerald Street Community Centre in 2020

from 10.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday each week from 28th January.

(excluding School and Public holidays)

I will/will not be available for office duty in 2020. (name) (delete what does not apply)

If available for office duty in 2020 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

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

Thank you.

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday 5th December from 1.30pm at Ascot Vale Neighbourhood Centre, corner of Munro St
and Union Rd, Ascot Vale 3032 (Melway 28 G10)**

Registration from 12.45 pm

Music by our Recorder group from 1 to 1.30pm.

The business of the Annual General Meeting will be to:

1. To Confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 4th December 2018.
2. To Consider the President's Annual Report and the Treasurer's Report for the preceding financial year 1 December 2018 to 30 November 2019.
3. To Vote on a motion to increase membership fees:

MOTION

That 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 fee:	\$55
New member after the 30th June 2021:	\$45
Associate Membership fee:	\$45

4. To Elect Officers and Members to the 2020 Committee of Management:
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. 4 x Committee members
5. To Acknowledge and thank the Tutors, Office and Event volunteers, Debney Meadows PS Readers as well as those Tutors and Committee members who are retiring.
6. To Draw the Lucky Door Prize.

Light refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting.

U3A MOONEE VALLEY INC AGM THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2019

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THE 2020 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 28th November 2019 via:

EMAIL: mvu3a1@gmail.com **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 2020 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 5TH DECEMBER 2019 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 28th November 2019 via:

EMAIL: mvu3a1@gmail.com **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



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APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

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

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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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2018

ASCOT VALE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE.

President and Chairperson, Brian Smith thanked Colleen and the recorder group, and introduced members of the committee.

PRESENT: Brian Smith, Jo Bradshaw, Jenny Dwyer, Heather Feldman, Barrie Fenby, Mandy Heane, Fran Horton, Helen Mather, Geoff Miller, Marjorie Ridley, Lorraine Rodger, Jan Smith, Robyn Temby,(Committee) and 87 financial members.

APOLOGIES: Jim Cusack, Narelle Sharpe, Andrea Surace,(Councillors): Marie Daffey, Robert D'Silva, Edith James (Committee Members): Annette Burston, Merryl Carey, Margaret Dowsett, Carolyn Larson, Alan Lewis, Claire McCagnan, Ian Sachi, Sue Skrelinski (Tutors): Tess Murton (Office Volunteer), and others as per membership list.

MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

A motion to accept these minutes was moved by Diedre Lampard and seconded by Maureen Nakonesky. Carried. No business arising.

ANNUAL REPORTS:

President: Brian Smith:

2018 has been a year of 'business as usual' in contrast to 2017, which was a busy year celebrating our 20th anniversary. The core business of Moonee Valley U3A, managed by the Committee, the marrying together of three things;

- members' interests
- the passion and enthusiasm of tutors
- venues where these can be brought together.

We face the following key challenges:

- **Accommodation:** While we gratefully acknowledge the use of nine Council venues for the cost of \$3.10 per hour, with fifty classes a week over two semesters, the total cost is about \$10,000 per annum. This is about 40% of our income, and we may need to consider a fee increase next year.
- **Tutor Renewal:** Tutors are the heart of our organisation. 2018 was a sad year with the deaths occurring of two loved and long-serving tutors, Kerry Costa and Dot Dickson. Margaret and Maurice Majurey, and Anne Thannhauser have announced their retirement, and this feels like the end of an era. We are fortunate in having members to step forward and take classes, so we can continue with our diverse programmes. Brian encouraged members with skills and interests to offer classes.
- **U3A's Community Profile:** Current membership is 552, but U3A has a relatively low community profile. We have produced and started distributing a new brochure, and will participate in the Moonee Valley Festival in February 2019. We are revamping our website for functionality and to help promote our activities. We have a Facebook page, and social media may be the most efficient way of advancing our profile in the future.

Brian thanked the Committee of Management for their enthusiasm, ideas and dedication.

Treasurer's Report: presented by President Brian Smith: Our excellent Treasurer, Maurice Corkill was forced to retire due to ill-health. Fran Horton and Brian Smith have produced a Cash Statement showing income and expenditure, according to Sections 94(2)(b). 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b) of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss will be available as soon as possible. It is not compulsory for us to have an auditor, and we currently do not have one.

Marjorie Ridley moved and Eve Parker seconded the motion that the President's Report and the Cash Statement be accepted. Carried.

2019 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The following members were elected to the 2019 Committee of Management:

Mandy Heane-Vice President, **Michael Walsh**-Treasurer, **Joanne Bradshaw**-Member, **Barrie Fenby**-Member, and **Geoff Miller**-Member. The Social Activities Coordinator position remains vacant.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OFFICE VOLUNTEERS AND DEBNEY MEADOWS READERS:

Marjorie Ridley, Office Manager, thanked all for their hard work and dedication. Office hours may be reduced in 2019, possibly to Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TUTORS:

Geoff Miller, Course/Tutor Coordinator thanked the tutors who provide a huge range of activities, and he acknowledged members who take over classes when tutors are unavailable.

RETIRING TUTORS:

- Pat Walden gave heartfelt thanks to **Anne Thannhauser**, who has retired due to ill-health, as Meditation Tutor. She described Anne as a teacher, guru, inspiration and friend, who used herself as an instrument to help others find peace.
- Brian Smith spoke about the extraordinary contribution **Maurice and Marjorie Majurey** have made to our U3A. **Marjory's** roles include Office Manager, Class Coordinator, Website and Data Base Manager. She led our 10 year celebrations, and, with Maurice, provided entertainment and enlightenment at our Trivia Days. She introduced monthly pub lunches and genealogy classes. **Maurice** served time as Treasurer and Membership Secretary as well as equipment manager and our U3A Network representative. He ran the much-loved Armchair Travel Class. Flicks in the Afternoon and a Beer and Wine Appreciation Class. They will be sorely missed.

RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Geoff Miller spoke about our retiring Treasurer, **Maurice Corkill**. Maurice was thorough and obliging. He produced very detailed financial reports, and kept members well-informed. He was also very good at writing grant-applications and negotiating with banks.
- Lorraine Rodger thanked **Heather Feldman**, who is stepping back from her position as Social Activities Coordinator. Heather has worked very hard to organise many wonderful outings. She will remain on the Committee as a co-opted member.

THANKS TO EVENTS TEAM:

Mandy Heane thanked **Robert D'Silva** and **Anne Fkih** for efficiently setting up for events, and providing delicious and healthy food .

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

The meeting closed at 2.20 and everyone was invited to enjoy afternoon tea.

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Thursday December 5th 2019.

FINANCIAL REPORT (Michael Walsh)

The balance as at the end of October 2019 was \$27,123.52. Note however, there are a few committed items of expenditure (such as social events and grant projects) that will be paid in the coming months. A full list of committed expenses will be included in the Income and Expenditure Statement as at 30 November 2019 which will be presented at the AGM.

U3A Moonee Valley Inc
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the month ended 31 October 2019

	Month	YTD
Balance as at 30 September 2019	31,992.48	
INCOME		
Class fees	0.00	1,320.00
Social events	1,372.00	8,785.00
Trivia day	0.00	350.00
Member subscriptions - associates	0.00	1,355.00
Member subscriptions - new	0.00	8,360.00
Member subscriptions - renewals	0.00	19,460.00
Grants	0.00	5,500.00
Interest	5.14	37.14
Total income	1,377.14	45,167.14
EXPENSES		
Fees and charges	0.00	851.59
AGM	0.00	13.45
Catering	47.34	217.83
Computer expenses	0.00	82.37
Gifts	0.00	167.91
Administration expenses	476.98	1,158.10
Photocopier lease	229.90	2,528.90
Photocopying and stationery	175.12	1,439.76
Trivia Day	0.00	725.78
Grants Projects	168.60	778.17
Postage	15.00	840.85
Social events	1,666.00	9,613.95
Tutor aids	310.74	4,278.77
Venue hire	1,942.32	10,189.03
Volunteers	1,155.00	1,155.00
U3A Network	0.00	1,080.00
MyU3A website fees	0.00	111.00
Internet	59.00	492.20
Refund - subscriptions	0.00	340.00
Total Expenditure	6,246.00	36,064.66
Surplus/ (deficit) for the month	(4,868.86)	9,102.48
Balance as at 31 October 2019	27,123.62	



Senior's Week serenity
with John and the Tai Chi
Class



Bridge players happy
with the deal at Senior's
Week.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES from Heather Feldman

The following activities and theatre bookings have been organised to provide interesting places to visit and opportunities to meet other members and to see popular shows at a reduced.

When participating in a **U3A social activity**, members are welcome to bring non-members with them. Prices for theatre performances are quoted for seniors and will generally cover children as well but there may be an extra cost for other adults.

1. Wednesday 4th March, 2020 Bus trip to COSTUME COLLECTION' –Bulleen, leaving at 10.00am

The Melbourne Costume Collection is a privately owned collection of unique Australian costumes, jewellery and accessories dating back to 1788. This is an opportunity to look at and learn the history of the fascinating collection made by the owners, Bryan and Loel Thomson. Loel is a private collector who has dedicated her time and resources to this impressive display of two hundred years of Australian fashion.

U3A has organised a Moonee Valley 12-seater bus for this special event. You will need to book early to secure your place. The bus will return to Windy Hill Social Club/Bistro at approximately 1pm where participants may enjoy lunch.

Cost of the tour and bus trip is \$12.00. (Loel Thompson will donate \$5.00, which is the cost per person of the tour, to a local nursing home in the Bulleen area).

The tour has an upper limit of 12 participants.

Bus - The bus will leave from Windy Hill Social Club, Corner of Napier &, Brewster St, Essendon VIC 3040

To participate, complete the booking slip and either email it to info@u3amooneevalley.com.au attention Helen Mather, or post it to U3A Moonee Valley PO Box 459 Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applications close on Friday 21st February 2020. Please nominate the method of payment and if paying by bank transfer please put your name as "the reference" so we are able to identify the money as coming from you.

2. Wednesday, 18th March 2020, Tour of Incinerator Gallery at 11.00 am

The Incinerator Gallery houses the City of Moonee Valley's Art Collection. It exhibits work from established and emerging artists, as well as providing a community access space.

Built in 1929, this striking building was once the Essendon incinerator. It opened in July 1930 and operated until 1942. The designer was none other than Walter Burley Griffin (for the engineering company RIECO.) Thirteen municipal incinerators were built across Australia from 1930 to 1938. Today, only six remain, and the Essendon Incinerator is the only one in Victoria.

In 2004, the City of Moonee Valley had the inspiration to restore the unused building and created the Incinerator Arts Complex with both a theatre and gallery spaces. It is now simply an art gallery dedicated to visual art. It is ideally located just metres from the banks of the Maribyrnong River and close to Aberfeldie and Maribyrnong Parks.

The tour will start at 11-00 am and will run for approximately one hour.

Location - 180 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds 3039.

Cost – There is no charge for this tour.

To participate, complete the booking slip and either email it to info@u3amooneevalley.com.au attention Mandy Heane, or post it to U3A Moonee Valley PO Box 459 Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applications close on Friday 6th March 2020.

3. Wednesday, 22nd April 2020, Tour of Federation Square at 11.00 am

Federation Square is one of our Melbourne icons. We have the opportunity to learn about its history, unique architecture and marvellous engineering. The tour will start at 11.00 am and will run for approximately

one hour.

Location - Participants are to meet at the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags in the Swanston Street Forecourt in Federation Square.

Cost – There is no charge for this tour.

After the tour participants are free to have lunch by the river or wander into the city for an afternoon of retail therapy.

To participate, complete the booking slip and either email it to info@u3amooneevalley.com.au attention Helen Mather, or post it to U3A Moonee Valley PO Box 459 Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applications close on Friday 10th April 2020.

4. Wednesday 15th April 2020 at 1.00 pm

Theatre tickets to Billy Elliot the Musical at the Regent Theatre.

“Billy Elliot: The Musical” is a musical based on the 2000 film of the same name. Elton John, composed the music and lyrics are by Lee Hall, who wrote the film's screenplay. The plot revolves around Billy, a motherless boy who begins taking ballet lessons. The story of his personal struggle and fulfilment are balanced against a counter-story of family and community strife caused by the 1984–85 UK miners' strike in County Durham, in North East England.

The musical premiered at the Victoria Palace Theatre in London's West End in 2005 and was nominated for nine Laurence Olivier Awards. It won four, including Best New Musical. The production ran through April 2016. This success led to productions in Australia, Broadway, and numerous other countries.

Tickets: We have 30 tickets, 20 in the stalls, rows G, H, J, K & L, seats ranging from 43 to 49 and 10 in the Dress Circle row J, seats 18 to 28. We require a minimum of 16 participants.

Cost – \$80.00

To participate, complete the booking slip and return this together with either the payment of \$80.00 per ticket or how you have paid and a stamped, self-addressed envelope and post it to U3A Moonee Valley PO Box 459 Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039 by Friday 7th February 2020. you. If paying by bank transfer please put your name as the reference number so we are able to identify the money as coming from you.

5. HIGH TEA AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE in May 2020 – (Expressions of interest requested)

Are you interested in treating yourself to a very special High Tea in a very special setting?

While we hope to include this activity in 2020, we have as yet been unable to finalise a date as the Parliament sitting days have not been set for 2020. This venue is only open to the public on the days when Parliament is not sitting.

If you are interested in this activity, please complete the expression of interest form and register your interest and if possible, include an email address and Helen Mather will keep you informed of all relevant information ASAP. If sufficient interest is shown, the opportunity for High Tea at Parliament House will be advertised in the February 2020 edition of Contact.

Please note in relation to all social activities:

- Booking forms are on pages 18 and 19.
- Payment can be made by cheque, money order, online via the internet or directly to our Bendigo Bank account, the details of which are:

Account name: U3A Moonee Valley Inc.

BSB: 633-000

Account number: 1540 51213

When paying via internet or at a bank for deposit to our account, please provide your name as a reference to link your payment with your reply slip. Banks will often ask for a reference number, please put your name as the reference number.

- Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with all theatre bookings for the return of your tickets. Applications will be accepted in order of receipt. If oversubscribed a repayment will be provided to you.
- Do not worry if you do not hear from us immediately after sending in your booking. When notifying people, we wait until we have the minimum required for the activity. This will not occur until after we have paid for and received the tickets, (generally 3 to 4 week after the closing date for that theatre booking.)
- **No refunds will be provided**, except when the activity has been cancelled or oversubscribed, as U3A will generally have forwarded your payment to the organisation we are visiting or the theatre to purchase the tickets. If you are unable to attend please arrange for someone else to use your ticket or take your place on the activity.



Another wonderful and entertaining day on the Tramboat voyage to Williamstown. Here is Heather (our social organiser) displaying her steering skills.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BOOKING FORMS

1. **Bus trip to Costume Collection –Bulleen on Wednesday 4th March, 2020 = leaving at 10.00am**

(Closing date Friday 21st February 2020.)

Name/s _____

Address _____

_____ Contact Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Number participating on the Bus trip ____ @ \$12.00 per person = \$ _____

I will () or I will not () be staying on for lunch at Windy Hill. (Please indicate whether you will be staying on for lunch).

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

- () Cheque/money order.
- () Bank deposit – reference number/name _____
- () Payment via internet or at a bank for deposit to our account. In each case we need a name as reference.

If using the post to send in your booking, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Signed _____

2. **Tour of the Incinerator Gallery on Wednesday 18th March 2020, at 11.00 am**

(Closing date Friday 6th March 2020)

Name/s _____

Address _____

_____ Contact Phone Number _____

Number attending _____

Email address _____

If using the post to send in your booking, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for confirmation

Signed _____

3. **Tour of Federation Square on Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 11.00 am.**

(Closing date Friday 10th April 2020)

Name/s _____

Address _____

_____ Contact Phone Number _____

Number attending _____

Email address _____

If using the post to send in your booking, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for confirmation

Signed _____

4. Theatre tickets to Billy Elliot the Musical at the Regent Theatre
on Wednesday 15th April 2020 at 1.00 pm (Closing date Friday 7th February 2020)

Name/s _____

Address _____

_____ Contact Phone Number _____

Number of tickets required _____ @ \$80.00 per person = \$ _____

Preferred location of tickets: Dress Circle () or Stalls () Either () Please tick one to indicate preference

Method of payment for the above amount (please tick)

() Cheque/money order.

() Bank deposit – reference number/name _____

() Payment via internet or at a bank for deposit to our account. In each case we need a name as reference.

Please find enclosed a cheque/money order or reference name from bank deposit or internet banking and a stamped, self-addressed envelope for the return of your tickets.

Signed _____

5. Expressions of interest requested in relation to High Tea at Parliament House in May 2020

I am interested in going to High Tea at Parliament House provided the date fits in with my other commitments on that day.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Contact Phone Number _____

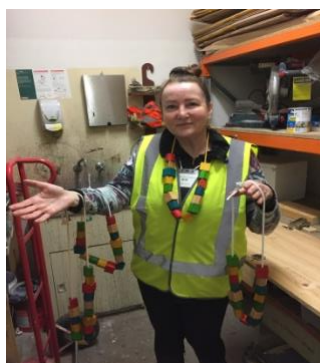
Email address _____

If you are interested in this activity, please complete this expression of interest form to register your interest and email it to info@u3amooneevallet.com.au attention Helen Mather, or post it to U3A Moonee Valley PO Box 459 Moonee Ponds, Vic 3039. If sufficient interest is shown, the opportunity for High Tea at Parliament House will be advertised in the February 2020 edition of Contact.

Wednesday Woodies Update

Our fourteen “Wednesday Woodies” have been very productive at the Aberfeldie Shed this term.

We were pleased to get a Moonee Valley Council Community Grant of \$4000. We used the funds to purchase materials so that we could get involved in some interesting community projects. The group decided to support some local pre-schools. Our smooth wooden pull-along grasshoppers were made with great care and donated to Community Playgroups. We were also able to construct colourful threading beads for toy libraries in Avondale Heights and Essendon.



Next year, the Woodies are keen to support other community groups including Senior Citizens Centres and Nursing Homes. Any of our U3AMV members with links to any such local organisations are encouraged to refer them to Woodies Group leaders Robert D'Silva (0412-075-489) or Harry Dobson (0413-079-394).



From your Committee.

We need a quorum for the AGM on Thursday 5th December. Please put the date in your diary.

New members for the committee would be Most Welcome. The membership renewal form provides an opportunity to volunteer.

The membership renewal form also provides the option to receive Contact online. Please consider this and help us reduce the amount of paper used by MVU3A.

U3A Moonee Valley acknowledges invaluable support received from Moonee Valley City Council, Department for Victorian Communities, ACFE, Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Mr Danny Pearson MP and Mr Ben Carroll MP.