

WATSON

13th March 2020

Greetings to all members,

This is an impromptu Watson following our Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at Darley Neighbourhood House. Although we did not have a big quantity of members attend our AGM, we did have quality. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members that attended and the course co-ordinators that presented great reports on behalf of their group's activities from the past year, we also thank the team co-ordinators that were not able to attend the AGM for their written submissions. Also thank you to those that contributed towards making our morning tea a big success, as it usually is.

We are happy to announce the results from the AGM, we now have a slight change in executive committee and committee members

President: Helen Brown

Vice President: Rosa McCarroll

Secretary: Sharon Moore

Treasurer: Yvonne Foster

Committee members: Allan Morffew, Anelli Rickards, Brenda Robinson, Grayse Wilson, Jan Jackson, John Spain and Juanita Bridgeman.

Ideally, it would have been great to have recruited another committee member but unfortunately this did not happen at the AGM. It's not too late, if any member out there feels that they would like to contribute their time and join our committee, we will make you very welcome. New members and new ideas are always a good thing for any committee.

We are all volunteers, our committee and course co-ordinators volunteer their valuable time into make U3A Bacchus Marsh the great organisation that it is today.

Memberships: The annual membership fee of \$30 is now due. For Insurance purposes a Membership Form needs to be filled in and signed by both new and returning members. A completed form then needs to be forwarded to the treasurer. Payment details are on the membership form. Any members that have not renewed their membership by 1st April 2020 will be removed from the membership register, this means that they will no longer be able to attend sessions as they will not be covered by insurance and will no longer receive Watson's or Newsletters.

If you have not renewed your membership, please do so by 1st April 2020.

Gardening Group: This year the group is planning to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Next meeting will be on 19th March. There is a **change in the starting time**, now **12.00pm**. See details on Website or contact Mazi 0409 245 881.

March 19th 2020 (Thursday 12.00) - Sustainability Awareness
Mazi will talk about sustainability at The Green School in Indonesia. This will involve a cook-up with participants bringing ingredients for quiches, pizzas, stir fry and desert. Address: 36 Cosgrove Drive, Maddingley.

The Coffee club is increasing its frequency. It is a wonderful way of achieving one of our aims as in providing socialisation. Sharon is now coordinating a Coffee club gathering twice a month, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10.30 am at various venues. Details are on the Website or contact Sharon on 0407 480 207.

Science & Maths: Pamela "The Doc" is back and has resumed both of her Science classes this term. There are some vacancies for the Thursday session. Please contact Pamela 0400 387 841 if you would like to join this group.

Slow Walking Group: Louise organises this group, emphasis is on gentle and slow. This group meets for approx. 1 hr at 8.00 am Monday mornings at Peppertree Park near the swimming pool in Grant Street. Louise extends a welcome to any U3A members who may wish to join her. For further enquiries please contact Louise on 5300 4980 / 0415 105 655.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Darley Neighbourhood House (DNH). 35 Jonathan Drive, Darley has a Morning tea coming up which you may be interested in. March 25th, Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30am FREE Morning tea or Coffee. RSVP required. Contact Renae or Therese 5367 4390.

Death, a Love Project: at Lenderderg Library on Thursday 26th March 2020 10.30am -12.00. Author Annie Bolitho will talk on advanced care directives.

Ovarian Cancer Research Fundraiser: Sunday 22nd March 2020, 1-3pm at Public Hall, Main Street Bacchus Marsh. Devonshire afternoon tea, Guest speaker, Raffles, entertainment etc. Tickets \$10.00 each. Please ring Brenda to book on 0438 279 893, numbers needed for catering purposes.

Any queries regarding any of the above, please contact either Helen on 0400 143 392 or Sharon on 0407 480 207 or look on our website www.u3abacchus.org.au