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Welcome to the New Year with Bacchus Marsh U3A! Another year, still living with COVID, and wishing it would all go away. Get vaxxed and boosted; please! And mask up.

About this Issue:

- New Editor! - John Spain is now editing the Bacchus Marsh U3A newsletter starting from this Issue. Very big shoes to fill after the fantastic job done by Judy Archer for such a long time but , I'll give it a go.
- As Judy often said, it's very hard to publish a good newsletter without Members regularly contributing stories and photos of activities. Without Member contributions a newsletter just gets to be a publication of the Editor's own interests, and U3A Bacchus Marsh has such a diversity of Members and interests to share interesting information around.
- Send your contributions to my Email address: js@fppl.net
- The plan (at this stage) is to get an issue out every two months.
- Please tell me if there are particular topics or matters you would like covered. The newsletter does not replace Watson that will continue to appear every month or as needed with the latest advice.
- All newsletters are put on our website so look there if you're missing a back copy. www.u3abacchus.org.au



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2021, that was the year that was ... and goodbye to all that.

Bacchus Marsh U3A finished the 2021 year with lunch on 10th December at the Bacchus Marsh Golf Club in Darley. The occasion was well attended, with three large tables and a great lunch enjoyed by all. Really good service, with meals arriving promptly after orders.



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2022 ... It'll be a great Year!

Great News that we should be having some face-to-face sessions this year! Remember you must be fully-vaccinated and have a mask to attend any of our events and sessions.

A new year gives an opportunity for new courses and sessions for our U3A. Have **YOU** thought about leading a session? Phone President Helen Brown or Secretary Sharon Moore if you want to plan a new activity for the 2nd half of 2022.

Helen: 0400 143 392 Sharon: 0407 480 207

In 2019, when you left the house you needed: Keys, Mobile Phone, Wallet or Purse.

In 2022, when you leave the house you need: Keys, Mobile Phone, Wallet or Purse, Mask, RAT tests, Hand Sanitiser, Proof of Vaccination, Written Will, Wasp Repellent, Garlic, Salt, Silver, Stress Ball, Holy Water ...

Just kidding!



President's Message

Happy New Year to everyone, wishing you all a healthy and safe year ahead and a big welcome to our U3A 2022 year of learning, socialising, fun, laughing and friendship.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the new editor of our bi-monthly Newsletter, John Spain. John has kindly taken on this roll to keep us informed on what is happening within our U3A. I am sure he will gladly accept any input from our members, whether it is a story, a problem, something that happened that may be of interest and of course, any photos.

John can be contacted by email on: js@fppl.net

On this note, I would like to thank Judy Archer, our retiring editor for the work she did in producing our Newsletter for the past 4 years. Well done Judy, your efforts were very much appreciated.

The last 2 years were not so great for us with Covid lockdowns, even though we were able to get in a few sessions here and there, including our Meet & Greet, AGM's and Christmas lunch gatherings, in between lockdowns. Hopefully this year will be smooth sailing and that our sessions will be well attended and our special events a great success.

We will start this off with our annual **Meet & Greet** on Thursday 27th January 2022, at the Supper Room (opposite Lerderberg Library) starting at 10.00am, our Team Leaders will be putting up displays from their sessions and of course morning tea will be served. We are looking forward to a better than ever member attendance as well as other interested people in our community.

Just a reminder that annual membership fees are now due and can be paid at the Meet & Greet. **For last year's financial members, the membership fee will again be \$10.00.**

A new membership form will need to be completed. Further details and modified membership form will be forwarded to all members shortly.

Cheers

Helen Brown

President, Bacchus Marsh U3A Inc.

2022 Housekeeping

COVID-19 Safety In accordance with the Bacchus Marsh U3A COVID-19 Safety Plan: To attend any Bacchus Marsh U3A face-to-face event or session you must be able to show proof that you are double-Vaccinated, and you must wear a properly fitted face mask. Observe social distancing as required by the venue.

Keep up to date by browsing our website www.u3abacchus.org.au

Check the Bacchus Marsh U3A programme 2022. You can get a printed version of the programme from the Visitor Information Centre at the Lerderderg Library in Main Street Bacchus Marsh. Also available at the Darley Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre in Jonathon Drive, Darley. And you can download a copy from our website.

Are your Membership Details up-to-date? If you have changed your Postal address, Email address, or Phone number, please get in touch with our Secretary , Sharon on 0407 480 207, so we can keep in touch with you.

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Take a break with a classic old puzzle to enjoy.

Ten weary footsore travellers,
All in a woeful plight,
Sought shelter at a wayside Inn
One dark and stormy night.

“Nine rooms, no more” the Landlord said,
“Have I to offer you.

To each of eight a single bed,
But the ninth must serve for two.”

A din arose. The troubled host
Could only scratch his head.
For of those tired men no two
Would occupy one bed.

The puzzled host was soon at ease —
He was a clever man —
And so to please his guests devised
This most ingenious plan.

In room marked A two men were placed,
The third was lodged in B,
The fourth to C was then assigned,
The fifth retired to D.



In E the sixth he tucked away,
In F the seventh man.
In G and H the eight and ninth,
And then to A he ran.

Wherein the host, as I have said,
Had laid two travellers by;
Then taking one - the tenth and last,
He lodged him safe in I.

Nine single rooms - a room for each;
Were made to serve for ten.
And this is it that puzzles me,
and many wiser men.

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SHORT QUIZ:

1. Who was the first singer to have his voice beamed to Earth from space? Hint: It wasn't Elvis.
2. In 1958 Shirley Bassey had a hit song " ____ me Honey, Honey ____ me. What's the missing word?"
3. Zagreb is the capital city of which European country?
4. Which word starting with 'C' means "an inharmonious jumble of sounds" ?
5. "I beg your pardon" is the first line of which old song?

Quiz Credits: <https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/Services-Information/Games/Trivia>

QUIZ Answers

- 5. Rose Garden
- 4. Cacophony
- 3. Croatia
- 2. Kiss
- 1. Slim Dusty

Recycling

Recycling our household waste is one small way we can contribute to our planet’s welfare. Sometimes the oddest things may have a 2nd life before they are consigned to the ever-growing volume of landfill. For example: Plastic bottle tops and, surprisingly the little tags on teabags. If you’re a teabag user and yes, I confess I am, then pluck off the little tags and drop them in a handy jar. When you have a jar full (it won’t take long if you’re a tea drinker,



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and I’ll arrange to pick `em up. I’m also going to see if our good friends at Darley Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre are willing to act as a drop off point for Darley residents. I’ll let you know how that goes, but in the meantime, get in touch with me if you’ve got a bunch plastic bottle tops or/and teabag labels. Thanks.

And that’s all Folks! Enjoy your day, stay well and take care.



With sadness we note the passing of Peter Matters, community stalwart and Life Member of Bacchus Marsh U3A Inc. Peter was one of the founders of our club and a tireless advocate for community improvements. Farewell Peter.