

## **Watson**

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Hi to all members

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year and welcome to our 2022 year of learning, socialising and fun. Our first event for this year is our annual Meet & Greet on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the Supper Room (opposite Lerderderg Library) 10.00 – 12.00pm.

One of the very strict conditions of the hire of the premises is that we all have to QR and show proof of vaccination, don't forget to bring it with you otherwise you will not be allowed to enter. Face masks must be worn, hand sanitiser will be available and social distancing must be observed.

Our Team Leaders have agreed to have a display of what their groups do, this is a little different from last year when our Team Leaders gave a brief talk, this year it will be a little more entertaining and visual. If you can help us on the day, it will be much appreciated, you can contact Helen on below email or telephone number. Many hands make light work.

Morning tea will be served (catering by CWA Bacchus Marsh).

Some of our committee members will be handing out flyers advertising this event at the Village Shopping Centre (outside of Aldi) on this Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022. If any members would like to help out, you will be made very welcome. Please contact Sharon on below email or phone.

Please see attachments for flyer and our new timetable.

The flyer states start time as 10.30am, we will open the doors at 10.00am for anyone that would like to renew and pay for membership to save congestion as previously experienced. Our annual membership fee for 2022 is \$10.00 for members that were financial in 2021, a new Membership form will need to be provided as there are some additions. The updated membership form is also attached.

The sessions on our timetable will begin on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, the official Victorian Education Department beginning of Term 1. You may contact Team Leaders for further information and changes on timetable. We encourage all members to support their Team Leaders and our U3A by attending sessions. The venues we use are considered very safe and are vigilant on masking, sanitising, QR, proof of vaccination, social distancing and cleaning before and after use.

On a sad note, our long-time member Peter Matters passed away peacefully on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Peter and his wife Jackie were on the original committee at the beginnings of Bacchus

Marsh U3A which started up in 2008 and have remained members ever since. Peter in the early days was our Treasurer for many years and was a tutor for our conversational German Class, he was also our Chess champion and gave Chess lessons to children and adults at the Village Shopping Centre when it first opened. The centre purchased large Chess pieces and had a floor chess board made with tiles. Peter was also known to have the game of chess going at many of our events. Our U3A celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018, Peter and Jackie were made life members at this event. A lunch is being organised for any members interested to commemorate the life of Peter and to support Jackie, for further details please contact Rosa on 0405 588 048. We send our deepest condolences to Jackie and family.

That's all for now. Look forward to meeting up with you all at the Meet & Greet.

Any queries in regard to the above, please contact either:

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