

# Watson

17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Hi to all members

Further to the last Watson on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 and our write up on our Meet & Greet, our invited guest Michaela Settle MP our state member of parliament was very impressed with the energy our organisation emitted and picked up on the room hire fee issue for which she has very kindly donated \$500.00 for us to use for this purpose. After much deliberation and spreadsheet work and so that everyone that pays room hire fees at Lerderderg Library and Darley Neighbourhood House benefits equally, the best outcome was that for 4 weeks from 19/01/2024 the room hire fees will be subsidised by this donation. Attendees at Darley Neighbourhood House and Lerderderg Library will be subsidised for room hire from 19/02/2024 - to 14/03/2024 ( 4 sessions for each activity). We are very grateful to Renae & Therese at DNH for their assistance in overseeing this matter, we have given them a blank spreadsheet and they will keep tabs on the number of attendees and the cost. Activities at Lerderderg library are on a different schedule and team leaders will be given their subsidised amount to reduce fees for 4 sessions. Many thanks to Michaela Settle MP for this very generous donation.

Term 1 has started off very well, the activities that have commenced are well attended and everyone seems to have settled in for this term including our new members.

Our annual membership fees are now due, if you have already renewed your membership, please disregard this notice. Our membership fees have not increased in the past 10 years, and are still \$30.00 per annum, for this small annual fee, you can join as many groups as you would like within our timetable, please be aware that some activities have a room hire fee that you will be expected to contribute to. Membership renewal form is in the attachment. Membership renewals need to be finalised by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, following this our team leaders give our treasurer a list of attendees and that is compared to our membership register. Please save us the embarrassment of chasing you and if you do not wish to renew your membership, it will be most appreciated if you let us know by replying to this email.

**AGM:** Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Darley Neighbourhood House from **1.00 -3.00pm**. Our committee invite all members to attend, we have vacancies that will need to be filled, including President, Secretary, a Course Co-ordinator and some new Committee members.

A committee is the backbone of any organisation, if you are able to help us please nominate for committee or any of the other vacant positions. We have come such a long way after Covid, it would be very sad to see us fold due to member non – interest.

Note from President: Unfortunately, due to ongoing health issues, I will not be nominating for President position again at this coming AGM. My service record with Bacchus Marsh

U3A is 4 years as secretary and 5 years as President. Our U3A is in great shape at present, we have a great on- going membership plus many new members, some very good activities on our timetable plus two new ones this year. I am sure there are a few members that can fulfill the role as president perfectly and perhaps bring some new ideas with them. I am more than happy to discuss this position or answer any queries anyone may have. I will stay on as a committee member and will assist wherever I can.

2 new activities that you may be interested in participating in:

**Healthy Approaches to ageing** : 2nd Monday of the month, 10.30am to 12.00pm

At Darley Neighbourhood House, cost \$4.00.

If you would like to attend this activity, please contact Louise on 0415 105 655

Also

**Science**: – The Doc (Pamela) weekly on Monday 1.00 – 3.00pm

At Darley Neighbourhood House, cost \$4.00

If you would like to attend this activity, you can contact Pamela on 0400 387 841.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Garden Group:**

Next outing will be a train & tram trip to Melbourne for the annual Flower & Garden Show at the Exhibition Buildings on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024. For further details please contact Mazi on 0409 245 881.

### **Movie & Lunch:**

All available seats are booked out for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. Next Watson will have information for March session.

**AGM**: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Darley Neighbourhood House 1.00 – 3.00pm.

That's all for now.

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

Helen Brown 0400 143 392 or Email: [president@u3abacchus.org.au](mailto:president@u3abacchus.org.au)

or [Info@u3abacchus.org.au](mailto:Info@u3abacchus.org.au)