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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

September has been a busy month for U3A Hawkesbury with a successful Tutors' meeting and our promotional stand at the Antique Machinery Show. Read all about it further in this Newsletter. Spring is upon us but we could do with some rain. Jeanette and I have just returned from five days in the Riverina and all along the way the canola and grain crops made a magnificent patchwork of the landscape. Rain is still very much needed everywhere. It was also pleasing to see that sheep numbers were higher than we have seen for some time.

I hope that members who have suffered from the flu that has been so bad this season are well over it and life is looking much brighter for you. We will soon be complaining about the heat!

***Geoff Hatch,  
President***

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**TUTORS'/CONVENORS' MEETING, 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Assistant Class Co-ordinator, convened a successful meeting with 19 in attendance with a few acceptances not attending. The By-Laws were outlined and different aspects emphasised. All Tutors and Convenors would by now have received a copy of the Meeting Report and hopefully returned your proposed Class Information Form for our 2018 Programme. Thank you to Robin Cavanagh and Wendy Dunstan who served the tea and coffee during the meeting. Also thank you to Nancye Courtney and Wendy Dunstan for their delicious slices. Without our Tutors and Convenors we would not have a U3A, the time you give is very much appreciated.

Raffle books for the Special Raffle were distributed as were lunch tickets for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The beautiful wall hanging/knee quilt, donated by Patchwork Friends, was displayed and each one of us would like to be the winner!

**2018 PROGRAMME** and **Renewals** will be sent out with the **November Newsletter** so if you are aware of anyone who would be happy to offer a class or activity, please have them contact the office well before then. We are happy to add classes anytime but it does make it easier if they can be added prior to November. Anyone out there who could offer Line Dancing?

**NON ATTENDANCE:** One of the biggest problems in most U3A groups is when members enrol in a class and then do not bother to turn up at all. It is always wise not to enrol in too many classes but wait until you settle into a few before deciding that you could manage one or two more. Many of our classes have names on the roll of members who have not been seen and who have not bothered to inform the tutor that they have changed their mind. When it comes time to enrol for 2018 please don't be a 'maybe' class member but be sure that you are going to attend, ill health excepted.

**GARDEN FAIRY.** We have all heard of garden gnomes but U3A Hawkesbury has a special Garden Fairy. This keen gardener brings along her garden tools and works in the garden at the Skill's Centre when time permits. Keeping such an old building looking cared for takes quite a lot of dedication. Thank you Pam Peters.

