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**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE**

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hello everyone. It is amazing how fast the time goes. Is it the same for everyone or just me? Here we are with only three months of U3A left for the year and our Class Co-ordinators are now preparing for next year's programme. If you have an interest, hobby or topic you would like to share with members please contact the office. You would be a welcome addition to our list of wonderful tutors and convenors. There will be a few classes not resuming in 2018 so it would be good to have new ones on offer. According to William Cowper "Variety's the very spice of life, that gives it flavour", so please give it some thought. If you do have a topic in mind, you would be welcome to come to the Tutor's/Convenor's Meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. I hope that all our members have been free of the dreadful 'flu that has been raging this year. I wish all members well with the warmer weather soon to be upon us. Keep smiling.

***Geoff Hatch,  
President***

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**TUTORS'/CONVENORS' MEETING, 7<sup>th</sup> September:** At the time of writing this Newsletter, only ten of our Tutors & Convenors have accepted the invitation to the upcoming meeting. There is still time to send in your acceptance if you wish to attend. It is a friendly time of contributing ideas as well as being given information on responsibilities for both Tutors and class members. Morning tea is provided and served during the meeting.

**QUILT RAFFLE:** The Patchwork Friends Group has kindly donated a beautiful knee quilt as a one off raffle. Tickets are being sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Books of twenty will be distributed to Tutors and Convenors as well as interested members. All proceeds will go to U3A Hawkesbury's general fund. We thank the ladies for this generous gift. Out thank you also goes to Dianne Thompson for once again sharing her skills and printing the raffle tickets and the End-of-Year Lunch tickets.

**INFORMATION TABLE:** Our Publicity Officer, Ian Biddle, has arranged to have a U3A information table at the upcoming **Antique Machinery, Model and Hobby Show** which will be held on **Saturday and Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September**. This is an exciting weekend with steam train rides and lots of fun. If you could help Ian, please contact the office on 4578 2333,

**2018 PROGRAMME** and **Renewal Forms** 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.

**OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE:** As we near the end of our U3A year it is time to put thought into the actual work behind the scenes to keep our organisation running successfully. If you are interested in becoming a committee member or an office bearer please don't hesitate to come forward. Nomination Forms will be ready in November for our January 31<sup>st</sup> AGM. Our meetings are only bi-monthly, the third Wednesday. Our office reflects the mood of our meetings, happy and friendly. Please give some consideration to nominating for committee.

**END-OF-YEAR- LUNCHEON:** Lunch tickets for the Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, are now on sale in the office. We hope that 120 members will attend and, as raffle prizes have now been requested to be taken to the office instead of the Lunch, raffle time is promised to be shorter. Tickets are still \$25 each and attendance without a ticket is not possible as the caterer has to be informed of the number attending a week prior to the Lunch date. Our caterers, Peter & Linda serve up a beautiful meal, and meeting up with other members is a very happy time.

**UPCOMING HAWKESBURY CENTRAL LIBRARY & GALLERY EVENTS:**

**Mark Tedeschi AM QC**, Senior Crown Prosecutor for NSW, will be visiting the Hawkesbury on Tuesday 5 September 6-7.30pm to discuss his new book, Murder at Myall Creek, the most sensational trial of mass murder in Australia's legal history.

Invitation **from the GALLERY:** Please join us from 6pm on Friday 8 September for the opening of fourth annual Hawkesbury Art Fair by Mayor of Hawkesbury, Cllr Mary Lyons-Buckett. This once-a-year event is when the gallery becomes a showcase for the wealth of creativity in our beautiful region. It's also an opportunity for local artists to sell their work, and for you to buy original art from some of the region's most accomplished and collectible artists.

Drinks and refreshments will be served (bar opens 6pm). Family-friendly function; children welcome.

**Jeanette Hatch**  
**Secretary**

<b>September Office Roster</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	<b>1 Free</b>
<b>6 free</b>	<b>8 R McCully</b>
<b>13 free</b>	<b>15 L Anderson</b>
<b>20 free</b>	<b>22 M Padgen</b>
<b>27 free</b>	<b>29 R Biggs</b>

Thank you to the members who are willing to assist in the office. It is very much appreciated. It will soon be a busy time when help is invaluable so if you have a spare two hours on the free days please call.

<b>Office Bearers and Committee</b>					
President	Geoff Hatch	4578 1029	Jan Cousin	Assist. Secretary	4557 2674
Vice-President &			Penny Fraser	Assist. Class Co-Ord.	
Webmaster	Roy Courtney	4578 3058	Ian Biddle	Publicity Officer	4577 2858
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Treasurer	Robin Cavanagh	4571 3480	Rae McCully	Welfare Officer	
Class Co-ordinator	Marilyn Tyers	4578 3977	Valerie Tabet		4579 9364
Life Members:	Kath Wilkins, Ellie Engelen		& Jeanette Hatch		