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Hawkesbury Incorporated

News from the Office – November 2019

Hello everyone. How are you enjoying our beautiful spring weather? Unfortunately with the hotter fine weather come the fires. I feel for our farmers in their plight without sufficient water but times must change.

I can relate to this as my family are graziers from western NSW and I know the difficulties they face.

There are a few points that need to be noted. Attached to this newsletter you will find the necessary forms required to enrol for the coming year and to renew your membership. The membership form has been streamlined and now we offer the opportunity for you to pay your fees by bank transfer which will make life easier for some. We still offer the old fashioned method and accept cash or cheque.

The end of year luncheon will be held at the usual venue on Monday 2nd December. Tickets are available from the office by mail or in person.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that common courtesy is very important to our organization. There are far too many classes where members are not showing up or letting the tutor know you will be absent. I know of one incident when a tutor sat all morning and not one of the class members turned up. This is very rude and unfair. There are some classes with a waiting list and if you don't intend to come along then you are denying others of a place. Please be considerate and think of your tutors and fellow members.

Above all I will jump the gun and wish you all the compliments of the season and ask that you bring your smiling faces to the December Luncheon. Just to start things off; A group of people were having a discussion about the afterlife and method of departure from this one. A clergy man in the group asked a man about his choice between cremation and old fashioned burial. The man replied I haven't given it much thought why don't you surprise me. Keep up your good work.

Geoff Hatch, President

2020 PROGRAMME

Our 2020 programme is complete and we are very fortunate to have had the offer of four new classes.

Barbara Stacey will hold a **Laughing Yoga** class on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday;

Michael Campbell is offering a **Meditation/Relaxation** class on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday;

Ellen Jordan will present **Women's Work in 19th Century Great Britain and Australia** on the 2nd and 4th Thursday.

Evy Fleming who will once again be teaching German is introducing a class in **Japanese**.

More good news; Roger Packham will convene the Philosophy Class, Louise McKean will convene Looking at Literature 2 and Julie Wilson will convene Photography Fun.

As we are soon to begin our 26th year we have 49 Tutors/Convenors offering 56 different classes and the time volunteered by these wonderful people makes U3A Hawkesbury such a successful organisation. *Thank a Tutor today! Thank a Tutor every time you attend a class!*

MEMBERSHIP FORM AND CLASS ENROLMENT FORM

Members are reminded that there will be no name placed on a roll without a Class Enrolment Form completed and received by the Class Co-ordinator. A Membership Form is to be completed as well as a Class Enrolment Form and returned to the office with the required fee. Please keep a copy of the Class Enrolment Form with your choices marked **and** keep it handy as it also lists the class venues for your information. You are encouraged not to enrol in too many classes as this sometimes leads to non attendance which is very inconvenient for Tutors. If desired, enrolments in extra classes can be made during the year just by contacting the office.

Existing members renew membership on receipt of the Forms but there are a small number of new members who are already financial for 2020 and are only required to complete the Class Enrolment Form.

WSU COMPUTER CLASS

Sessions for this class have been booked for the following dates: **Thursday 5th, 12th & 19th December 12 - 4pm**. The class is given by WSU IT lecturers who kindly give their vacation time and expertise willingly. More enrolments would be very welcome. Contact the office if you would like to attend. There is a parking fee on campus but if you can walk you can always park on Londonderry Road and walk to the building. It is the only class that is held in December as it is governed by the availability of the computer labs on the WSU campus.

END OF YEAR LUNCHEON

The Luncheon will be held on Monday, 2nd December, 11.30 for 12.30 at the Hawkesbury Masonic Centre, 731 George Street, South Windsor, in between Parklea Sand & Gravel and the Seven Eleven Service Station.

Thank you to the members who have donated raffle prizes. Please bring small change for the purchase of raffle tickets; we will not have change for \$50 notes.

For newer members, the raffles are held as a money raiser to cover the cost of the Tutors' and Convenors' meal.

Only fresh food or plants can be taken to the hall on the day. All other prizes are to be taken to the office.

Tickets are now on sale in the office; \$25 per person. Bookings for a table of ten are happily taken but can only be done on payment of tickets. All Tutors/Convenors are invited free of charge.

Come along and enjoy a baked dinner and dessert. (*Last month's newsletter suggested we would be eating sand. Desert indeed!*) Any dietary requirements MUST be given when purchasing tickets as this cannot be arranged on the day. It is a fun time and a good chance to meet other members.

Jeanette Hatch (Secretary)

HAWKESBURY GEM AND LAPIDARY CLUB

Richmond School of Arts (March St side)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.

Learn to polish gemstones and make your own jewellery. Learn to facet Gemstones, Wire Wrapping, Silver classes, Gem Trees, Gemstone & Crystal Beading.

Workshop Open; Tuesday 12- 3pm, Wednesday 6pm–10pm, 1st & 3rd Saturday 10am-1pm
Fee \$7 per day.

Gemstone materials available or B.Y.O.

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