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Hawkesbury Incorporated

News from the Office – March 2020

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CLASS CHANGES

DUPLICATED CLASSES: U3A Hawkesbury has a number of classes that are duplicated due to the high number of members wishing to enrol. The duplication allows more members to participate in the chosen activity. Members may enrol and attend only one of these classes. These classes are denoted by a # (hashtag) on your forms.

JUST WRITING, WRITE YOUR LIFE AND DRAWING: Due to painful back surgery, Laurie Forth has cancelled these classes for March. Laurie apologises for any inconvenience to her students and looks forward to seeing you all in April. *Best wishes Laurie!*

LAUGHTER YOGA Tutor, Barbara Stacey, has had a few inquiries regarding the word 'yoga'. It is a laughing class, not a yoga class and as many of us are unable to lie down on a floor or easily arise again, which may have been a deterrent to members joining, Barbara decided to remove the word yoga from the class name. It is now called **Laughter** Group and will go for one hour instead of an hour and a half. As many were affected by flood waters, Barbara's first session was very low on attendance. Please remember to notify Barbara if you are unable to attend as with any Tutor/Convenor.

SHIBASHI has had a change of venue due to double bookings at the Neighbourhood Centre. This group will now meet in the auditorium of St Andrew's Uniting Church, entry to which is through the car park adjacent to the church.

TABLE TOP GAMES has had a change of time, now meeting an hour earlier, 1.00pm – 3.00pm. This is a sensible change when one considers that some of our times have carried over from when we met at the Senior's Centre and had to fit in with their Meals Programme.

HISTORY OF THE THEATRE classes have been cancelled.

AN HOUR WITH GRAHAM was an interesting and challenging first session with the topic "Climate change, a fiction". A few more class members would be welcome.

TUESDAY TABLE TENNIS: The Convenor of the Tuesday Table Tennis group, Allan King, would welcome new players, whether new to the game or a seasoned player. This group meets from 2-4 every Tuesday at the Richmond Club.

WRITING COMPETITION FOR 2020 is open to all U3A Hawkesbury Members with the exception of the Writing Class Tutors and the committee encourages you to enter our competition. If you enjoy writing up your holiday experiences, poetry, family history or the odd fictional story give it some serious thought. There are small monetary prizes for winners in each category i.e. **Fiction, Non Fiction and Poetry**. Members may enter one item in each category.

Entry Forms and Conditions of Entry are included with this mail out.

There are still two copies of our 2018 competition publication available for \$5 each.

APPRECIATION:

The following letter was received from a long time member:

I am writing to say how sorry I am not being able to renew my membership this year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers, both committee and class leaders for the wonderful job they do in keeping Hawkesbury U3A a great organisation for the district seniors.

I left work when I was 70 and have had the privilege and pleasure to have been a member of 20 different classes over the last 23 years and have enjoyed every minute of them.

I have been so lucky in meeting so many wonderful people and making dear friends. I will always have fond memories of our morning and afternoon teas and outings.

With thanks from a very appreciative member.

May Keegan

(This letter was typed by Karen, May's daughter, under strict instructions while she dictated.)

Thank you May.

PARKING: A message to all members attending classes at Hawkesbury Skills: **Please do not park in the two Reserved Parking places. One is for the River of Life Church and one is for U3A Office workers only.** U3A office administration and Class Enrolment is required to be done outside office hours so please consider the work that goes on behind the scenes to keep our organisation going and leave the reserved places free. Both Reserved Places are part of the rental agreement for the Church and U3A.

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Many of us are on **facebook** to connect with family, especially family members who do not live close by. If you are on **facebook**, **please consider 'liking' and, in particular, 'sharing'** the U3A Hawkesbury **facebook** page. It is a very useful tool for publicizing our great organisation.

WEBPAGE

Our webpage is also worth a visit; www.hawkesbury.u3anet.org.au, you may see yourself busily enjoying one of your classes. Our webpage is very informative and is another form of publicizing U3A

BUSHFIRE APPEAL Donations may be made at the office for a bushfire appeal, money received to be sent to **WWF's Australian Wildlife and Nature Recovery Fund**. This came out of a request at our AGM that U3A Hawkesbury consider donating to a suitable organisation. As our funds belong to members and would require agreement from all, it was decided that we seek donations for this worthy cause.

BOOK BORROWING: The office is happy to keep the bookshelves filled with suitable books for members and friends to borrow. All donations of books are appreciated but we do ask that you do not place your old books on the shelf as it creates more work for the office helpers. Donated books are vetted for condition and publishing date; for example, books published in 2000 are now 20 years old. If you have unwanted newer books in good condition, please bring them to the office. Thank you.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: Meg Shepherd has printer cartridges that she is no longer able to use. They are for a Canon Pixma MX 926 and could well be compatible with other printers.

If you want more information or could use these please contact Meg on 0490 974 524.

Jeanette Hatch,
Secretary

As our president often says "Keep smiling!"