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*Hawkesbury Incorporated*

## News from the Office – November 2020

***Social distancing is still important to observe.***

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

With such a slow start to our year it is hard to realize that November is already here.

Work has been going on in the background to prepare for 2021 but due to Covid 19 some classes will not resume. The programme has been prepared in the usual way and if changes have to be brought in due to restrictions then you will be notified in the New Year. Forms are included with this Newsletter.

Every year a number of renewals arrive without a membership form. These are asked to be completed for a reason; if you have any changes such as email address, phone number or address, this allows the office to update your information. Please read the instructions below carefully. We are all volunteers.

We may still have an AGM in January 2021. If the committee decides in favour, you will receive plenty of notice. Any member wishing to nominate for a position, nomination forms are available from the office. Interested members are encouraged to participate in the running of our U3A for the future.

In the meantime, keep well and healthy. Smile more as it makes it easier on yourself and makes friends easier to keep.

***Geoff Hatch JP***  
***President***

### **2021 PROGRAMME**

- 1: U3A Membership Form which must be completed;**
- 2: Class descriptions; information only.**
- 3: Enrolment Form which must be completed.  
Please keep a copy of your chosen classes.**

**Membership renewals and Class Enrolments will be accepted from 9.00am Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Procedure:

\*Payment will be accepted & receipted by the treasurer at the table outside the office.

\*Social distancing will be observed and chairs provided while you wait to be called into the office for membership processing.

\*If payment has been by bank transfer, please take your place next in line on the chairs provided.

### **CLASS NEWS**

**Law for Seniors:** My apology for giving the incorrect starting date for this class. I hope everyone caught up on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Watercolour Art:** Until the situation changes to allow Julia Thorpe to return for this popular class, Donna MacKenzie will convene a small group of fellow artists on the same day and time as previously held. Many of us need incentive with our hobbies and meeting with others is a great way to achieve this.

### **U3A WRITING COMPETITION**

**Information packs** with further information and how to get started are available by contacting the office and are also available through our U3A Webpage link. There is still time to enter into our Writing Competition. A few members of the committee are prepared to write of their Covid 19 experiences. Though it has been stressful, it is such an historic time that even simple recording is worthwhile for posterity. All entries for 2020 will be compiled into book form.

### **2020 U3A HAWKESBURY MEMBERS' SURVEY**

Thank you to all of the U3A Hawkesbury members who responded to our survey distributed during September. We received responses from about 50% of our membership, a very impressive result for a survey of this nature. There were many interesting results: 46% of those who responded are in the 71-80 age bracket, and 32% have been a member for more than 10 years. More than 80% of respondents indicated that their membership was of benefit or great benefit (with a score of 4 or 5 out of 5). The next Newsletter will detail more results from the survey.

Many people provided answers to the question about ideas for new courses or activities and it would be great to be able to offer these options to our members. The catch? We need a Tutor or Coordinator to get any of these rolling. So would you or someone you know, be interested in taking this on for: Walking for pleasure; Aboriginal history and/or language; Calligraphy; Drawing; (or another Art class); Recorder; Bridge; Chess; or anything else for that matter. If so, please contact the Office.

**Jeanette Hatch**  
**Secretary**

### *Time for a laugh?*

*My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.*

*This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog—we laughed a lot.*

## Photography for Fun Class Update October 2020

We, once again, met over Zoom to catch up with one another and participate in some new learning. It is wonderful to see the friendly faces and be able to communicate easily, from the comfort of our own homes.

After having a chance to share news, our new learning involved discussion around some special times of the day which give very pleasing light effects for our images. Some of you may have heard of "golden hour" or "blue hour". We also delved into the camera's functions a little further so that we could become more efficient using specific focussing modes and other fundamental settings.

What an outing we had at Jeni and Les Chalmers' property at Grose Vale! We were expecting some casual exploration of gentle nature trails and the sights along the way. We had that and more! Jeni treated us to a hiking experience of a lifetime, after which we had the opportunity to learn about gin distilling and taste the produce of Karu Distillery. Some of us even made purchases to take home! Thank you very much, Jeni and Karu!

In November we'll be meeting at Macquarie Park, Windsor to walk and explore the area, concentrating on the architecture of the historic buildings. As this is the last outing of the year, we will then have lunch together at the Macquarie Park Boathouse Cafe to celebrate a successful year of photography fun.



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