



2021-2022 AGM REPORT OF ALTONA U3A INC



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A Altona 2022 AGM - 5th August 2022

Agenda

Acknowledgement of country

Welcome and introductions

Apologies

Minutes of the 2020 / 2021 AGM

Acceptance of minutes of previous AGM

Guest speakers:

Sandra Wilson – Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre

Martina Ryan, Member Services Manager, U3A Network Victoria

President's Report – 2021 / 2022 (Peter)

Treasurer's Report – 2021 / 2022 (Graeme)

Acceptance of Financial Report 2021 / 2022

Course Coordinator's Report 2021 / 2022 (Marijke)

Discussion / Acceptance of Annual Report 2021 / 2022

Nominations for Committee of Management 2022 / 2023

Election of Committee of Management (if required)

Election of office bearers 2022 / 2023 (nominated interim chair)

Thank you for attending – meeting closed

MINUTES OF ALTONA U3A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 30th July 2021

Held online via Zoom due to Covid restrictions

Meeting commenced at 1:10

WELCOME and Introductions from Peter Bainbridge:

Acknowledgement of Country - I would like to begin our meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay respects to their Elders past and present.

President Peter Bainbridge welcomed attendees and introduced guests:
Martina Ryan, Kim Reilly, Peter Doull, Joan Thompson, Barbara Abreu

APOLOGIES:

Rini Ismail, Paula Morgan (HBCC)

PRESENT:

Peter Bainbridge, Marijke Wright, Marion Cullen, Dorothy Kendall, Carole Hurworth, Rudith Prins, Barbara Campbell, Lance McGregor, Graeme Reilly, Martina Ryan (U3A Network), Peter Doull (HBCC),
Kim Reilly (LJAC), Joan Thompson (U3A Willy), Elena Clasicas, Anne C Hubbard, Rosemary Carroll, Barbara Abreu (HBCC), Ann Nicol

MINUTES of 2019/2020 AGM

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true indication of events occurring at the meeting.

Moved by: Marijke Wright Seconded by: Anne Hubbard Carried

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020/2021

On behalf of the U3A Altona Committee of Management I am pleased to welcome you all to this year's 2020/2021 AGM.

What a COVID roller coaster ride we have all had to endure since way back in March 2020! Our programs have had a number of false starts with all of the Victorian COVID lockdowns. You will recall that many of these lockdowns were announced at very short notice, so that required us all to be very flexible and adaptable.

One way that we adapted to COVID was by embracing and using the Zoom video platform for some of our classes, our monthly committee meetings, and last year's AGM. In hindsight we should have all bought shares in Zoom!

We have also made an effort to communicate more regularly with our members. This was quite easy for those members who use email, but it was not as easy to keep in touch with the small number of members who do not use the internet.

We did notice an initial decrease in our member numbers during 2020 – particularly for those members who were not able to access our Zoom classes. Understandably there was some reluctance

for some members to return to face-to-face classes earlier this year. However, our overall membership numbers have bounced back this year, and we are pleased to welcome our new members.

In May this year we had our first mini-bus trip since 2019 – a very long “COVID” gap between bus trips. The trip was to the Werribee Mansion and Rose Garden – a great day out. Hobsons Bay City Council (HBCC) supplies the bus and driver at minimal cost to our members – that’s a great service from Council.

Our Be Connected digital skills program for seniors has been running since February. It aims to give participants the confidence and skills to go safely online. We also received a grant to buy some equipment (tablets) to use in the program. A special thanks to Kim at Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre (LJAC), Paula at HBCC, and Ash at Volunteer West for our 6 IT helpers for the program. This enables small group work and one on one assistance in how to use smartphones, tablets and laptop computers.

We would like to thank Michelle Lawrence and her team at HBCC for inviting us to be part of Council’s promotion of National Volunteer Week in May this year. It was a great opportunity to promote U3A Altona through the campaign launch, photo gallery, and even street banners. We do value our close working relationship with HBCC.

The Council support also includes access to the Beryl Hevey Centre (including office space, phone and internet and classroom space), which allows us to keep our membership fees as low as any U3A in Victoria. Some U3A’s have to spend many thousands of dollars on accommodation each year.

We are very pleased to offer a new program in Tai Chi, as we are keen to offer more activity-based programs. For example, we would like to be able to offer a regular walking group if we can find one or two people to lead a walking group. Suggestions for other activities are also most welcome.

We are part of a U3A network of 104 U3A’s across Victoria, with around 34,600 members state-wide. Interestingly, the majority of members are female – 64% females, 34% males across the state. At Altona we have just over 100 members, with an even higher proportion of female members. There are some very large U3A’s across the state, but the most common size is, like us, between 100 and 200 members. We enjoy a close working relationship with U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown. U3A Network has an office in the city, and there are a number of committees working on a range of exciting projects. One project aims to offer courses online, which can be accessed by smaller U3A’s such as ours. This is a work in progress, but over time we will be able to access a greater range of courses using Zoom.

A sincere thanks to our hard-working committee over 2020/2021. Dorothy has been Vice President and Office Manager; Rudith was Secretary; Marion was Treasurer and Newsletter editor; Marijke, Rudith and Wendy were Course Coordinators; Carole was grants Officer; Barbara with bus trips. Other roles that we carry out include website maintenance, Safety Officer, Zoom Coordinator and Network representative.

Of course, our classes and other activities would simply not happen without our tutors / class convenors. So, a special shout out to Ann, Graham, Rudith, Ted, Jerome, Juan, Wendy, Barbara and Carole.

We are very keen to hear from anyone with a passion / special interest area who would like to share their knowledge with other members. This can be as a one off session, a short course (e.g. 5 weeks) or longer.

The feedback from our members and other U3A’s is that members have really missed the face to face contact during the lockdowns – emphasising the importance of social connection during these challenging COVID times.

We are always indebted to Jill Hennessy MP and Mancini Real Estate for their generous assistance in printing and distributing our quarterly newsletters. We have moved to emailing out the newsletter to those members who are online, but we do still firstly mail out hard copies to those who do not use email.

We look forward to gradually expanding our range of courses and activities, and always welcome suggestions from our members. We hope that the next 12 months will be much less disruptive due to COVID, and we look forward to your ongoing support for U3A Altona.

Peter Bainbridge
President, U3A Altona

TREASURER'S REPORT 2020/2021

As we continued to ride the Covid 19 wave here at Altona Beach, the committee moved to reduce our 2020-2021 membership fee to \$20. This, along with many members not attending during this time, impacted our Membership income for the year.

Membership has now reverted to \$25 per annum and with many members now choosing the convenience of paying their fees via online banking, things are already looking brighter for the coming year. Thank you to all those members who have supported us over the last 18 months.

Our investment account balance stays steady with a small increase due to interest earned.

Our regional account still has a balance of \$2,938.85 as no physical regional meetings were held. This is a holding account only, administered by U3A Altona, and is used for the reimbursement of any expenses incurred for western regional meetings and / or training. The funds for this account are from an annual grant made available from U3A Network.

We received a grant of \$2,500 from Good Things Foundation Australia which enabled us to purchase 6 Samsung tablets which we are using at present to deliver the Be Connected program. These will be a great asset to U3A Altona, and we are planning to make further use of these after the Be Connected Program finishes.

We were also able to renew our Zoom licence for another year with U3A Network reimbursing the cost. This enables classes or meetings to be delivered via Zoom if future lockdowns occur. This has proved useful for committee meetings and some classes. Even last year's AGM had to be held via Zoom. With people becoming more familiar with Zoom it will prove a handy tool going forward.

Special thanks again go out to our Grants Officer Carole Hurworth. Carole has been our Grants Officer for many years and does a terrific job.

Thank you to Graeme Reilly, who continues to audit our annual financial accounts.

Marion Cullen
Treasurer

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT for the period 01 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.

Moved by : Barbara Campbell

Seconded by : Ann Nicol

Carried

**Altona U3A Financial Report for
Period 1st June 2020 to 31st May2021**

Bendigo Bank Network Account 1st June 2020		\$ 2,938.85
Bendigo Bank Investment Account 1st June 2020		\$ 7,901.47
Bendigo Bank balance 1st June 2020		\$ 5,529.77
Petty Cash on Hand 1st June 2020		\$ 45.85
	Total	\$ 16,415.94

Income for Year

Membership	\$ 1,430.00	
U3A Distributions	\$ 231.00	
Trips/Excursions	\$ -	
Donations	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	
Interest	\$ 69.15	
Grants	\$ 2,500.00	
Classroom Supplies	\$ -	
Catering	\$ -	\$ 4,230.15
	Total	\$ 20,646.09

Expenses for Year

Promotions	\$ -	
Office Equipment	\$ -	
Website/Internet/Zoom	\$ 502.23	
Classroom Supplies	\$ 120.00	
Book Club	\$ -	
Rent	\$ 550.00	
Dept. Justice	\$ 59.20	
U3A Distribution	\$ 206.00	
Trips/Excursions	\$ 32.00	
Postage	\$ 79.20	
Stationery	\$ 91.65	
Donations	\$ -	
Grants	\$ 2,938.00	
Gifts	\$ 197.97	
Catering	\$ 100.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	
Membership	\$ 40.00	\$ 4,916.25
	Total	\$ 15,729.84

Bendigo Region Account as at	31-May-2021	\$ 2,938.85
Bendigo Bank Investment Account as at	31-May-2021	\$ 7,970.62
Bendigo Bank Account Balance as at	31-May-2021	\$ 4,790.07
Petty Cash on Hand as at	31-May-2021	\$ 30.30

COURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT 2020/2021

Restrictions and lockdowns due to Covid19 have severely impacted the rollout of planned Courses and activities in the past year of 2020-2021.

Despite the severe lockdown period we experienced in 2020, we were able to continue our Current Affairs and Book Club courses via Zoom.

Although restrictions on numbers/space continue in 2021, we have been able to resume most Courses and Activities face-to-face.

Thank you to all the tutors who have persevered and been flexible during these difficult circumstances and have enabled Altona U3A to continue to offer a wide range of courses.

Thank you, also to Hobson Bay Council, for their support, and for once again in providing us with access to a Mini Bus and driver for our mini excursions.

Williamstown U3a have also provided us with the opportunity to join several on-line courses.

Courses and Activities in 2020-2021

Current Affairs – Ann Nicol

Ann led this very popular class in which a wide range of global, national and local issues were discussed. This course continued during lockdown via Zoom which kept participants connected.

Book Club – Ann Nicol

The Book Club met monthly and continued successfully via Zoom in the 2020 lockdown period. Some lively discussions resulted in this most enjoyable course.

All Things French – Jerome Champetier de Ribes

In this class conversations are mainly conducted in French and so is suitable for people wanting to practice their French conversation skills.

Spanish for Beginners - Juan Pablo Navarrete

An introduction to the Spanish language. Grammar as well as some Chilean and Latin-American culture is part of this course. To fit in with his work schedule, this has been an evening class.

Creative Writing - Julie Williams

The Creative Writing course with Julie included Memoir writing.

Be Connected - Peter Bainbridge

A computer program in which small groups work through a range of online activities to gain confidence and competence in using their electronic devices.

Ukeleles - Graham Waghorn

In this fun class participants learn to play the Ukelele in a small group.

History / Tang Dynasty - Ted Morton

A fascinating insight into this period of Chinese history including power struggles and culture.

Knitting for Charity - Rudith Prins

This group meets twice a month now that restrictions have eased. A great response was received for the 2020 lockdown target to knit '100 Items for Charity' in a month – we far exceeded the target.

Cryptic Crossword - Barbara Campbell

A course to stretch our brain power and lateral thinking.

I Hate to Cook - Wendy Durbridge

A short course for people who don't want to cook how little you need to prepare a tasty meal.

To the Movies - Rudith Prins

A monthly opportunity to enjoy a movie with a group at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville, followed by a discussion and lunch at a local café.

Mini Bus Trips - Dorothy Kendall

The Mini Bus Trips have now resumed, although the number of seats is still restricted due to Covid regulations. One trip was able to be conducted in 2021 – State Rose Garden in Werribee with a visit to the Werribee Mansion.

Trivia - Dorothy Kendall and Carole Hurworth

A popular and fun activity held once a term in which small groups compete against each other to display their general knowledge.

Crazy Hat Day in the Park

A fun get-together at the start of 2021 after the lockdowns in 2020 included a Hat Trivia and prizes.

Marijke Wright - Course Coordinator 2020

Rudith Prins, Wendy Durbridge – Course Coordinators 2021

Marijke wished to record a thank you to Rudith and Wendy for taking over her role.

ACCEPTANCE of ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

Moved by : Carole Hurworth Seconded by : Marion Cullen Carried

NOMINATIONS for 2021/2022 COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT

Peter Bainbridge vacated the chair and positions were thrown open.

Ann Nicol read nominations for committee 2021/2022.

9 Nominations were received and accepted :

Dorothy Kendall, Marijke Wright, Marion Cullen, Peter Bainbridge, Rudith Prins, Barbara Campbell, Carole Hurworth, Lance McGregor, Graeme Reilly

ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS 2021/2022

PRESIDENT :

Peter Bainbridge nominated by Rudith Prins. Seconded by Marion Cullen

No further nominations. None against. Universal Consent. **Elected** to position of President

VICE PRESIDENT

Marijke Wright nominated by Peter Bainbridge. Seconded by Anne Hubbard

No further nominations. None against. Universal Consent. **Elected** to position of Vice-President

SECRETARY

Rudith Prins nominated by Carole Hurworth. Seconded by Ann Nicol

No further nominations. None against. Universal Consent. **Elected** to position of Secretary

TREASURER

Marion Cullen nominated by Peter Bainbridge. Seconded by Marijke Wright

No further nominations. None against. Universal Consent. **Elected** to position of Treasurer

GUEST SPEAKER – MARTINA RYAN (U3A Network)

Martina acknowledged the roller-coaster we experienced last year and the difficulty of U3A's meeting face-to-face but 'hats off' to Altona U3A meeting the challenge of staying connected

She assured that Network is trying to support as best they can.

Martina spoke about the what the Network has been working on. Martina spoke about developing partnerships with other organizations such as Louis Joel Centre, Library, other U3A's which gives the opportunity to open more classes and maybe look at other venues, and that Altona is very well placed there.

In terms of the work the Network is doing at the moment, Martina said it is roughly divided into 4 areas

-Network Administration – website development – making it easier for people eg Find a U3A link to lookup where a course of interest is held. In early stages of development but offers a great opportunity for U3A's to add their contacts and blurbs to display what they are offering.

- conducting information sessions on Network

-in Course administration setting up 'course boxes' with all the material for a topic which can then be run by a member of the U3a. Working on 3 boxes with course guides at present with plan to extend this. The 3 boxes at present are : First Nations, Friendships Later in Life, Scribblers.

Also, re putting Courses online - Some U3A's have opened up courses to other U3A's to join online as associate members.

Marketing working really hard on Facebook on advertising on Facebook – with Mornington Peninsula ran a pilot program to heavily advertise an online free course on Buddhism to see what interest would be – it reached 800,000 people across Victoria. It brought 1600 new people to the website and it filled 2 Courses with total of just under 100. Most were not existing members. So next step is to contact people to canvas if interested in joining local U3A.

Martina spoke about Leadership of Governance workshops. These will be recorded edited and posted online. Another workshop will be held in October. Intention to hold one twice a year.

Martina how impressed she was with the enthusiasm and the enormous amount of work by the U3A's across the state. Martina thanked Peter for his leadership.

Kim Reilly (LJAC)

Kim commented what a challenge it has also been to reach people and respond to our community's needs with Covid. The Weekly Newsletter has been keeping people in touch.

Meeting closed at 2:15

ALTONA U3A INC.

Committee of Management 2021/2022

Executive Committee

President	Peter Bainbridge
Vice President	Marijke Wright
Secretary	Rudith Prins
Treasurer	Graeme Reilly

Committee Members

Dorothy Kendall, Carole Hurworth, Barbara Campbell,
Lance McGregor, Ann Nicol

Office Manager – Cathy Hardiman, Newsletter Editor - Marion Cullen

Thank you to our supporting friends and partners



President's Report 2021/2022

On behalf of the U3A Altona Committee of Management I am pleased to welcome you all to this year's 2021 / 2022 Annual General Meeting.

The last 12 months have once again been deeply affected by COVID restrictions, including lockdowns. The longest lockdown was in place from early August until late October last year. Out of concern for the ongoing safety of our members, we decided not to resume classes for the remainder of 2021.

Fortunately, from the start of this year, we were able to offer and run face to face classes and activities once again. The term 1 and 2 programs were put together by our Program Coordination team of Marijke, Rudith, Ann and Wendy. Our members were generally very pleased to be able to get back together in person once again, after such a disruptive year in 2021.

In addition to our quarterly newsletter, we have continued to keep members informed with regular members' email updates. We do still post out 10 hard copy newsletters each term to those members who are unable to receive emails. Thanks to Marion, our very capable newsletter editor.

Thank you once again to our hard-working committee for their commitment over the last 12 months. Late last year we welcomed Graeme as our new treasurer. Graeme took over from Marion, who had done a sterling job for a number of years. Our outgoing committee: Marijke (Vice President), Rudith (Secretary), Graeme (Treasurer), Carole (Grants Officer), Dorothy (Office Manager and mini-bus trips), Lance (U-MAS) Coordinator and Barbara (bus trips). We also welcomed back Ann as a committee member in December last year.

We will farewell both Carole and Barbara from our committee. Carole and Barbara have given outstanding service for many years. Significantly, Carole was a foundation member when U3A Altona was formed in 2006.

Cathy Hardiman is our new Office Manager, succeeding Dorothy's outstanding contribution in this role over many years. We are very pleased that Dorothy has renominated for the new committee. Angela Bishop and Alice Gemmell have also joined our office volunteer team, and we sadly farewell Wendy Durbridge. Wendy has always presented a very positive and friendly face in our office – thank you Wendy for your many years of volunteering service.

We really appreciate the ongoing and generous support from Hobsons Bay City Council, through Peter Doull and Barbara Abreu. Peter and Barbara's active support and advice during these often-challenging COVID times has enabled us to act in the best interests of our members' safety and wellbeing.

We are always indebted to Jill Hennessy MP, and Leon Mancini from Mancini Real Estate, for their generous assistance in printing and distributing our newsletters. We do still distribute hard copies to local libraries. We also hire rooms from the Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre, and always appreciate the friendly and efficient service from their administration staff - Lyn and Danielle

President's Report 2021/2022

The public profile of the U3A network continues to grow, and we are often being contacted by organisations, offering to deliver talks and short courses that are relevant to seniors. Some examples include Life Saving Victoria, Friends of the ABC and Latrobe Community Health.

The future for U3A Altona looks very bright, despite the challenges thrown up by COVID over the last few years. Our membership numbers are on the rise again, with a number of new members joining this year. We enjoy an excellent relationship with neighbouring U3A Hobsons Bay/ Williamstown, and U3A Network offers outstanding statewide leadership. Martina Ryan from Network somehow manages her time to give terrific support to the 104 Victorian U3A's, and we thank Martina for being present today.

I will now invite Graeme to present the Treasurer's report.

Peter Bainbridge

President, U3A Altona (2021 - 2022)

Altona U3A Treasurer's Report

I took on the role of Treasurer for Altona U3A earlier this year and wish to acknowledge the excellent work, with these accounts, by my predecessor Marion Cullen. This made the transition a very seamless process.

This year the accounts reflect 13 months of financial activities as we discovered that our Model Rules noted our financial year ended on the 30 June. All that this means is that we have included an additional month of activities.

The end result shows a deficit of \$620.95, but as we include a bank account that we hold on behalf of U3A Network from which \$2,400 was distributed to the other six clubs in our network, we in fact recorded a surplus of \$1,779.05 for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Our Term Deposit of 7,994.51 continues to roll over and is again due for reinvestment in August of this year. Given interest rates are moving upwards we may look to seek a better term for this amount.

The Altona U3A accounts and Bank Statements have been reviewed by James Hevey, who is a treasurer of several local not for profit organisations within Altona, who has provided the following report.

23 July 2022

Graeme

Attached is an updated list of data regarding the U3A payments based on the documents and bank statements reviewed by me and discussed with yourself.

The total received by cash and EFT transfer means is shown at the end of the last page.

It is my opinion that the handling of finances by the group has been carried out in an appropriate manner.

Jim Hevey
jimhevey@optusnet.com.au

Altona U3A Inc.

Financial Report for Period 1st June 2021 to 30th June 2022

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Bendigo Bank Investment Account 1st June 2021		\$	7,970.62
Bendigo Bank balance as at 1st June 2021		\$	4,790.07
Petty Cash on Hand 1st June 2021		\$	30.30
	Total	\$	15,729.84

Income for Year

Membership	\$	2,195.00		
U3A Distributions	\$	400.00		
Miscellaneous	\$	5.88		
Interest	\$	23.89		
Grants	\$	500.00		
		Total	\$	3,124.77

Expenses for Year

Website/Internet/Zoom	\$	230.89		
Book Club	\$	295.00		
U3A Distribution	\$	2,800.00		
Trips/Excursions	\$	35.00		
Postage	\$	19.80		
Stationery	\$	79.23		
Gifts	\$	135.00		
Catering	\$	100.80		
Membership Refund	\$	50.00		
		Total	\$	3,745.72

		Deficit		(\$620.95)
Bendigo Region Account as at	30-June-2022	\$		138.85
Bendigo Bank Investment Account as at	30-June-2022	\$		7,994.51
Bendigo Bank Account Balance as at	30-June-2022	\$		6,910.43
Petty Cash on Hand as at	30-June-2022	\$		65.10
	Total	\$		15,108.89

Course Coordinator's Report Altona U3A AGM 5 August 2022

Marijke Wright

Reflecting on 2021, Term 3 was to continue with our core courses of Current Affairs, Book Club, Ukuleles, Be Connected, History, Spanish for Beginners, All Things French, Floral Arts as well as a new Tai Chi class run by Jess Kost and a Knitting for Charity Group run by Rudith Prins. The term was barely underway before we had our 5th lockdown in Victoria from 16 – 27 July. We were then back for a week or so before lockdown 6 was upon us on 6 August which lasted until October 21. Our bus trips to Melbourne Museum and Cranbourne Botanic Gardens were cancelled as was Trivia but Current Affairs, Book Club, French, Spanish and Tai Chi continued online and the knitters provided items from home.

In Term 4, a four-week online course Researching Your Family Tree was offered by Graeme Reilly and attracted some enthusiastic participants. We also managed to provide an online Trivia session in October. By agreement of the Committee of Management the online courses continued till the end of the year. On December 1st members were invited to a Picnic in the Park which was our first get together for quite some time and on 8 December all our U3A conveners were invited to a morning tea to thank them for their very valued contributions over the year.

Term 1 2022 started a lot more hopefully and members were happy to be able to meet again face to face within the constraints of capped room numbers and checking Covid vaccination status. Spanish continued on zoom as it was an evening class and a new Chess for Every Level class was convened by Karl Loibl. Be Connected continued for the final term, as a similar course may be provided in future by HBCC. The bus trip to Cranbourne Botanic Gardens was fully booked as was the trip to Woodlands Homestead and Living Legends Farm. Two presentations were offered – History of Martial Arts by Jim Hevey and Navigating the Aged Care System by Latrobe Community Health Service which were well attended as was Trivia. A cautious feeling of normality was welcomed by our members.

In Term 2 2022, a new 5 week course Renewables Revisited was convened by Peter Bainbridge which was popular and well attended. Spanish was moved to a morning session with a new convener Jorge Gatica and Floral Arts was conducted out of a private residence. A Knitting Circle and a Card game group attracted no enrolments, nor did a Heritage walk. However, A History of Spotswood and Friends of the ABC presentations were well attended and the bus trips to The Great Ocean Road and Wyndham Harbour were popular as ever.

Altona U3A is indebted to all the conveners and presenters who have provided their time and knowledge and we thank them wholeheartedly for their contributions. They are:

Course Coordinator's Report Altona U3A AGM 5 August 2022

Ann Nicol – Current Affairs and Book Club

Jerome Champetier de Ribes – All Things French

Ted Morton – History

Carole Hurworth – Floral Arts, Trivia

Graeme Waghorn – Ukuleles

Juan Pablo Navarrete – Spanish for Beginners

Jorge Gatica – Spanish for Beginners

Peter Bainbridge – Be Connected with volunteers Graeme, Marion, Wei, Rini, Paula, Keth, Clete, Jenny and Xavier. Also, Renewables Revisited

Jess Kost – Tai Chi

Graeme Reilly – Researching your Family Tree

Rudith Prins – Knitting for Charity

Jim Hevey – History of Martial Arts, History of Spotswood

Dorothy Kendall – Bus Trips, Trivia

Barbara Campbell – Bus Trips

Latrobe Community Health – Navigating the Aged Care System

Friends of the ABC – Saving the ABC

Finally, I am particularly indebted to the Courses Committee comprising Rudith Prins, Ann Nicol and Wendy Durbridge and particularly thank them for stepping in during last year when I was unavailable for several months. Thanks to Rudith for writing last year's AGM report and thanks to Ann Nicol who will lead the committee going forward.