

From The President

Happy New Year to all our members; and in advance, Happy Chinese New Year on 1st February to all our membership who celebrate. The year of the Tiger is a dynamic Chinese Zodiac sign that signifies much positive energy, action and adventure. May 2022 bring you all good health and much joy!

Term 1 Commencement

One more week to go before we reopen for Term 1!!
How exciting!!

Our tutors and Committee support your return to in-person classes – at your considered risk and with your commitment to responsibilities and adherence to rules. With one exception – Ballroom Dancing will not be offered in Term 1, considering the inability to social distance as it is a contact activity.

Note that we are re-opening under strict adherence to restrictions and state rules, subject to any change from time to time. The committee reminds you of your obligations to adhere with the rules and to consider your personal circumstances and any health risks as to whether you feel it is in your best interest to attend classes or not.

Please do the right and responsible thing.

If you are not feeling well, do not attend classes; stay home and get well.

We want all our members (which means you, too) to stay safe, healthy and well.

Facility access

Facilities where we conduct our classes all observe the summarised current state rules below:

1. You need to have received at least 2 doses of vaccines against COVID; evidence of vaccination, if required
2. Compulsory QR Code scanning and/or signing-in attendance sheets
3. Social distancing and 2MSQ density rules apply for all activities
4. Sanitisers must be provided and used regularly
5. Masks must be worn except when involved in physical activities.

2022 Class changes effective from Term 1

Hatha YOGA (Tutor – Christine Ponnampalam)

This class will no longer be offered in person, but will be offered online and conducted using ZOOM only.

Yoga (Tutor – Annie Yang)

New Class start time Thursdays, 12:45pm until 1:45pm

Tai Chi (Tutor – Eddie Chew)

Eddie has kindly offered to run 2 Tai Chi classes on Thursdays in order to include the long list of members who are waitlisted. The two sessions will be conducted as follows:

- a) 11:30am to 12:15pm at Hall A, Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave
- b) 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Hall C, Southern Reserve, 27 Rupert Drive Mulgrave

**** Members who are waitlisted are automatically accepted into the second session to be held at Southern Reserve. In this regard we seek your consideration. We run 5 classes across the 2 centres back-to-back on Thursdays. Some members enrolled for Yoga may have missed out on a placement for Tai Chi at the Mulgrave Community Centre due to late enrolments. If you are enrolled for the first session at Mulgrave but not enrolled for Yoga, please consider swapping to the second session at Southern so other members may enjoy both classes. Note that the tutor, Eddie has the discretion to swap members around, if necessary – of course, we prefer that you swap voluntarily.*

Term 1 - Delayed Class start date

1. Monday Line Dancing Beginners (Tutor: Chan Phoumsavanth)
Start date for Term 1 is 7th February 2022
2. Cooking (Tutor: Claudia Ng)
Start date for Term 1 is 7th February, 2022
3. Mandarin Beginners - Prescribed Text: Ni Hao Series (Tutor: Claudia Ng)
Start date for Term 1 is 9th February 2022

Office Hours

Our office volunteers are available at office on:

Mondays (10:00am to 2:30pm)

Tuesdays (9:30am to 2:30pm)

Wednesdays (9:30am to 12:00pm)

Ann Findlay, President

Tutors' meeting on Tuesday, 18th January 2022



(Left to Right)

Front Row: *Judy Cox, Annie Yang, Ann Findlay, Anne Tien*

Back Row: *Chong Ooi, Timothy Tsui, Wai Mun Poon, Eddie Chew, Jenny XiaoMin Liu, Claudia Ng, Herve Rochecouste, Cassiely Chuah, Chin Lim, Seng Goh.*

Not in the photo (present but left by the time the photo was taken): *Peter Woods, Rhondda Kerle, Graeme Kinzett*



Tutors enjoyed some great guitar music by Herve Rochecouste



Introducing our newest tutor, Claudia Ng
Mandarin Beginners – Prescribed Ni Hao Text and Cooking

For our budding artists and painters, if you are interested in joining our beginners' art class, here is Timothy Tsui's account of last year's activities from "The Drawing and Watercolour for the Novice" class.

Annual report to U3A WH Committee

Drawing and Water Colour for The Novice 2021

This is a repeated course in its second year. The enrolment was open to all members on first come first serve basis until the maximum capacity was reached. Maximum number of participants was set to 10. The vacancies were quickly filled before the start of first term.

Total attendance rate in the entire course was 88.3%

Term 1

Nearly all lessons were conducted in the classroom except the third lesson which was cancelled due to a snap lockdown for covid pandemic. In this term students were taught on the different materials used in drawing, the basic theory of shape, proportion, perspective, light and shadow effect. They practised on drawing different subjects using 2B pencil, to create 3-dimensional effect with these elements. For each element the tutor did a quick and simple drawing to illustrate how it would be done with a pencil. Then every student did a drawing on the same subject. They showed great interest and full attention in the topics and produced good drawings.

Term 2

The first 6 lessons from the start of this term were conducted in classroom. Another Covid safe lockdown was implemented from 1/6/2021 to until further notice. Therefore, we had to use WhatsApp and YouTube in next 2 classes until the students were ready for online Zoom tutorial. In both cases tutor did a painting in advance similar to the class demonstration. For WhatsApp tutorial, sequential photos of the progress in painting were taken. Together with the original reference photo, they were uploaded to WhatsApp for the students to view and follow at home. Their homework was uploaded back for tutor to comment and correct. For YouTube tutorial, a video of the drawing procedure was pre-recorded and uploaded to YouTube. Together with the reference photo and the finished drawing of the subject, the links to YouTube were sent to the students on the day of the class so that they would watch the video and practise at home. Their homework was uploaded to WhatsApp for tutor to comment and correct. The response was very favourable although not everyone has uploaded one's homework every time.

The class on 15/6/2021 was conducted on Zoom. Similar to YouTube tutorial pre-recorded video was uploaded to YouTube but sent to the students after the class. Instead, on the day before class, the reference photo was sent in WhatsApp so that they would have the photo in hand at the Zoom demonstration. In the class, about 1 hour was devoted to demonstration, so that students had time to practice the techniques. Regularly they showed their progress on screen for comment and correction. They would finish the work or redo another one after the Zoom meeting with reference to the demo in YouTube. Their finished work was uploaded on WhatsApp for members' viewing and tutor's comment and correction.

The last lesson was back to classroom tutorial. Instead of demonstration, theory on charcoal drawing was taught with basic demonstration to prepare for progression to charcoal drawing in term 3.

Term 3

Classroom tutorial was only allowed for the first lesson before another Covid lockdown commenced again from 20/7/2021 for the remaining period in term 3. All lessons were conducted on Zoom. Started with drawing in charcoal, we moved on to pen & ink drawing. Totally 6 charcoal and 4 ink drawings were done in 10 classes. To prepare for water colour painting in term 4, an additional lesson on Zoom was held on 28/9/2021. Basic knowledge in water colour painting and materials was explained with simple demonstration.

Term 4

This term started with online tutorial on Zoom for 4 lessons before back to classroom from 9/11/2021. In the first 2 lessons "line & wash" painting was practised as an easy introduction to watercolour and a continuation of pen & ink drawing. For the remaining 6 lessons, only watercolour was practised on different subjects. Because of the limitation with the available materials, such as size of brushes, type of water colour paint, etc, only A5 size painting was done.

It was very difficult to conduct an online demonstration of water colour painting because students were unable to see the exact details in preparing the paints and the application of paint on the paper, and the final effect in the painting.

The last 4 lessons were back to classroom tutorial. To end the term and the entire course, the last lesson was devoted to making card from their artwork and learned how to frame the artwork.

Report by Timothy Tsui (Tutor)

15/1/2022

During the break, for the first time, we also offered a Term 5 – Karaoke Summer Open sessions running over 3 consecutive Saturdays. The sessions were over-subscribed and well attended.



We hope you are enjoying our photos and news from activities across the groups.

Don't forget to send in your photos; we can't share your news unless you do!

We are looking forward to welcoming you back in Term 1, 2022!

355 Mulgrave Community Centre, Wellington Road, Mulgrave VIC 3150
PO Box 3392 Wheelers Hill VIC 3150

Telephone: **0404 583 839**

website: www.u3awheelershill.com

email: u3awheelershill@gmail.com