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From the President

Term 4 is well and truly over; we're now closed for the rest of the year... Here's how I felt when I woke up this morning..



As we wrap up the year, going by the end of year party and class-level celebrations, let's conclude that it has been another successful year of learning and people having fun, in line with U3A objectives... learning, not just about acquiring new skills but also about understanding relationships and learning lessons from them, how we fit, what worked, what didn't work, what we should keep or walk away from, what to put in the trash can, never to let them see the light of day again and what to frame up and look at, every now and again in admiration.

Every year, we hear how tough it has been. This year is no different; particularly in the last quarter as we hear about people struggling through escalating prices of "stuff", health and ageing issues, and Covid cases, still very much present in our lives. All in all, I still believe there are more pluses on the correct side of our balance sheets than there are minuses. So let's celebrate! There is so much to be happy about!

We don't have photos to share this time – everyone seems more involved in making good cheer than taking photos! But hopefully, you have taken photos for your own keepsakes. We will take that as everyone having too good a time and taking photos was the last thing people thought about.

In this issue, I have included some administrative details that may be of assistance for your return to Term 1 at the end of January, aimed especially at our new members, who have recently signed up, perhaps feeling a little bit lost. I have also included our full list of courses available next year, some already fully subscribed but still many others with vacancies.

Dawn Hartley, our secretary, has gracefully agreed to help with bringing the newsletters to you from February. I am sure Dawn will bring some very refreshing articles to add to your reading pleasure! Please continue to share your news or articles you want to see in the newsletters. Our main and preferred communication is using our email system to U3Awheelershill@gmail.com We will continue to monitor and respond to you via emails.

It certainly is beginning to look and smell a lot like.. Christmas! Have a very safe and joyful break! We are looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Ann Findlay, President



Getting ready for next year, here are some administrative details:

Membership Renewals & Enrolments

You must be a current member to be able to enrol in classes. We are now accepting membership renewals and new memberships and will continue to do so for the whole year.

I would like to remind members that we do not refund membership fees. We will do our best to assist you with the courses you would like to join but we do not guarantee successful placements into classes.

Some of you have asked why you are still on the wait-list even though you enrolled immediately when the system opened for enrolment. Some of our classes are purposely set up for tutors to accept your enrolment in order to ensure you are correctly suitable for the class level. An example would be if you are enrolling for an intermediate or experienced level dance class simply because the time suits you better. For those who have not been exposed to that style of dancing before, the higher levels may not be suitable for you. If you are still waitlisted, do bear with us; when the tutor completes their review of the enrolments, rest assured, you will not lose your placement if you meet the criterion.

For some classes, you may be waitlisted simply because, the class is full. We are doing our best to accommodate your needs but we do have limits to observe. Also, the load on the tutor must be considered if the class becomes too large to manage. This is when the first-in, first-served rule applies, and in some cases, you simply may not get a placement in that class.

For a range of reasons including facilities, insurance indemnities and membership requirements, it is very important you only attend classes you have successfully enrolled into. You may be asked to leave the class if you are not correctly enrolled.

Lanyards and membership name tags

You have to carry your name tags with you at all times when you attend class – even if is in your bag and not on your person.

At the start of the year, your tutors may check your enrolments against the attendance sheets and check that your membership is current (the current year is printed on your name tag).

Please familiarise with the process so that the tutors can spend more time with class work rather than administrative tasks, especially the very large classes.

- Lanyards are issued at no cost to new members only. We collect \$5 for replacements if you have misplaced yours.
- The plastic name holders are not replaced unless there is a need. Come and see the office volunteers if you need a replacement.
- Your name tags will be distributed via your tutors in Week 1 of Term 1 if you are enrolled in a class. If you are not in any class, then please collect from the office the next time you are around, or call us and we can mail it to your address.
- Name tags will be distributed to tutors in day order, starting Monday. Say you are enrolled for a Monday class, another one on Wednesday and one on Thursday, your name tag should be collected from your Monday tutor. If you are absent on the first Monday class, your tag should still be with that tutor the following Monday.
- After the first 2 weeks, the tutors will return your uncollected name tags and you will need to collect them from the office.

Hopefully, this provides some clarity around the process.



Whose cruel ideal was it to have the "s's" in wasps?

U3A WHEELERS HILL - COURSES & FACILITIES
Commencing January 2023

	Day	Start Time	Finish Time	Activity	Tutor
1	Monday	10:00am	11:30am	Line Dancing Beginners	Chan Phoumsavanh
2	Monday	10:00am	11:30am	Line Dancing Experienced A	Cassiely Chuah
3	Monday	10:00am	11:30am	Taboo Topics	Judith King
4	Monday	10:00am	1:00pm	Patchwork (Weeks 1 & 3)	Rhondda Kerle
5	Monday	10:30am	1:00pm	Book Club (2nd Monday of the month)	Jan Matthews
6	Monday	11:15am	2:00pm	Ballroom dancing	Peter Woods
7	Monday	12:00pm	1:00pm	Cooking	Claudia Ng
8	Monday	12:30pm	2:00pm	Practical Photography	Seng Goh
9	Monday	1:30pm	3:30pm	Intermediate Classical Guitar	Chin Lim
10	Tuesday	9:30am	10:30am	Tai Chi - 24 Form	Seng Goh
11	Tuesday	9:30am	11:45am	Watercolour Painting for Beginners	Timothy Tsui
12	Tuesday	12:15pm	2:15pm	Art Drawing & Watercolour for the Novice	Timothy Tsui
13	Wednesday	10:00am	11:30am	Keyboard	Michelle Chou
14	Wednesday	10:00am	11:30am	Line Dancing Experienced B	Lan Tiet
15	Wednesday	10:00am	11:30am	Conversational Mandarin for Beginners	Anne Tien
16	Wednesday	12:30pm	2:30pm	Chinese Mahjong	Ann Findlay
17	Wednesday	1:30pm	2:30pm	Mandarin Beginners 2 (Text 2)	Claudia Ng
18	Wednesday	2:00pm	4:00pm	Beginners' Guitar	Chong Gee Ooi
19	Thursday	9:15am	11:15am	Art - Self Motivated Art Group	Timothy Tsui
20	Thursday	11:30am	12:30pm	Tai Chi Class	Eddie Chew
21	Thursday	12:45pm	1:45pm	Yoga Class	Annie Yang
22	Thursday	1:00pm	2:00pm	Yoga Class	Christine Ponnampalam
23	Thursday	2.15pm	4:45pm	Karaoke	Ann Findlay
24	Friday	10:00am	11:15	Dancing Fitness	XiaoMin Liu (Jenny)
25	Friday	9:14am	10:45am	Walk & Talk	Judy Cox
26	Saturday	10:00am	11:30am	Line Dancing - Improver Level	Chan Phoumsavanh



The Management Committee would like to welcome
all our new and renewing members
to another year of fun and activities

We extend our sincere thanks to all our
Honorary Members, Tutors, Committee Members and
volunteers for their efforts and contributions
throughout the year

And

Wish everyone a very safe and happy festive season!

