

Annual Report 2016-2017

President's Report

It is with pleasure I bring to the membership the Annual Report for 2016-2017. It's been a year of consolidation, with membership stable at just over 500. Alongside established courses, a number of new courses from the previous year were enthusiastically enrolled this year.

Many of you will remember the excitement so quickly followed by disappointment at the start of our working year with fading hopes for the ETTY Street Campus project. There needed to be fast action to secure past venues and to recover from a period of some hopefulness of having a home of our own. We have Russell Annear in particular to thank for reorganising venues.

A significant move this year has been the venue for our monthly Coffee Morning meeting. The Church of Christ in Blakeley Road has proven very suitable in terms of comfort, a good kitchen, a sizeable foyer for the trading table, and a big car park. The fabulous sound engineering has made a big difference for members with hearing difficulties. We will continue to use this venue in the coming year.

Most members have adopted our database, MyU3A. Over half the members joined or rejoined online this year and enrolled in their courses online. There have been gremlins in the works during the year but these are mostly resolved.

The Events Working Group has organised many fabulous outings, taking advantage of some of the special exhibitions and events taking place in Melbourne during the year. They are listed on page 3. If you have an idea for a place you would like to visit next year do get in touch with them. During the year, two presentations were given by Alzheimer's Australia on dementia and how to be supportive and patient with people we come across with altered behaviour, more than usual memory loss or cognitive deficits.

This year many members enjoyed the two weeks of the Castlemaine State Festival both as audience and volunteers. The year began with new owners taking over the Theatre Royal. We are delighted that they have continued to support our Movies of Merit course and that their programming during the year has been in turn supported by many of our members.

At the start of the U3A year after seven members stood down from the previous committee my first meeting was with eight of us new to the committee for the year. The new committee seized the day and worked hard to grasp the responsibilities. Thanks to Sue Tomkinson, who for several months was Vice President, the renewing of membership and enrolment processes went smoothly

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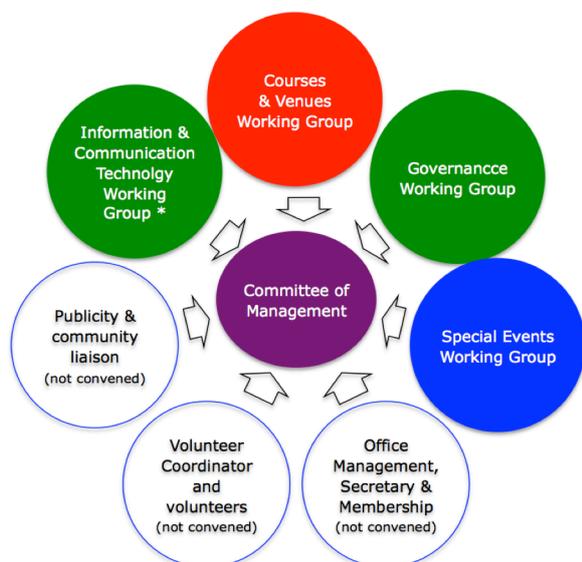
MEMBERSHIP 2016-2017

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
<60	3	10	13
61-65	17	51	68
66-70	37	120	157
71-75	44	86	130
76-80	27	50	77
81-85	6	20	26
86-90	9	11	20
91+	0	10	10
Unknown	1	1	2
Total	144	359	503

COURSES 2016-2017

Over 80 courses were run by 69 course leaders, who ran courses for nearly 3,000 hours – and gave many more volunteer hours preparing their sessions.

STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT



* Information and Communication Technology Working Group includes the MyU3A database, the website and the newsletter.

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in January. In the months to follow committee members became more familiar with the structure and management of what is now a large organisation. John Pizzey, a relative newcomer to Castlemaine, joined the Governance Working Group and later in the year, took on the role of Vice President.

We welcomed over 70 new members this year. But we mourned the passing of three former course leaders: Felicity Say, who led our important course in Aboriginal History, Tony Morton, who taught French and was regularly part of our Christmas entertainment, and Dorothy Besant, a longstanding member who used to lead Short Walks.

Teams of volunteers keep the organisation running smoothly. The office in Duke Street is now open in the mornings, Monday to Thursday. Volunteers clean the Manse room we use at the Uniting Church and maintain our equipment. New members have joined a number of our Working Groups; coffee mornings have enjoyed delicious morning teas, and the trading table and cake raffle continue to contribute to our funds.

Six years have passed since the cost of membership increased. Meanwhile the rent for venues has increased by 20% in the last two years. A motion will be put to the membership to increase the annual subscription. Your committee and I are confident that with the great courses and activities in our U3A, you will still find our subscription good value.

Win Jodell, President 2016-2017

Other Events and Social Activities

Excursions

- October Melbourne Botanical Gardens
November Johnston Collection
April Car trail
May National Gallery of Victoria (Van Gogh)
June Limelight Museum at the Salvation Army
Heritage Centre
July State Library exhibition of old and rare books
August Heide Museum of Modern Art
September Queen Vic Market tasting tour
October Elmore Field Day (agricultural show)
October Melbourne Botanical Gardens (volcanic garden)
November Australian National Academy of Music concert



Car trail winners



Trading table

Guest speakers at coffee mornings

- November Dot Henshall (Castlemaine U3A history)
January Martin Paten (Castlemaine State Festival)
March Lisa Simpson (Anglicare – finance issues)
April Rob Murdoch (making a picture frame)
May Remi Rauline (The Paddock housing project)
June Gill Miller (head gardener at local botanical park)
July Darren Fuzzard (Mount Alexander Shire CEO)
August Judy Coram (Médecins Sans Frontières)
Sept Michael McMahon (Castlemaine Housing Service)
November Helen Bodycomb (mosaics, history and her work)

Summer Program

The January Holiday Program in 2017 included 17 different activities attracting the participation of over 135 members.

Other events

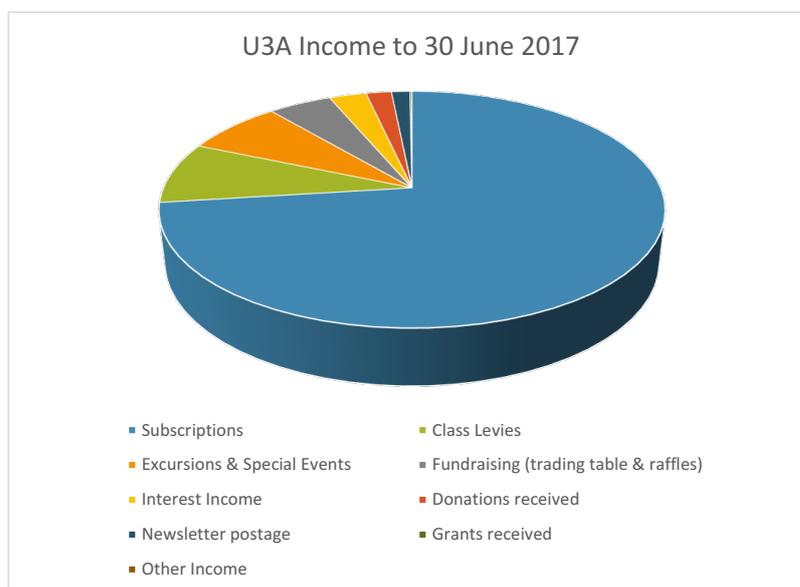
Dementia information Sessions, for course leaders (May) and members (September).



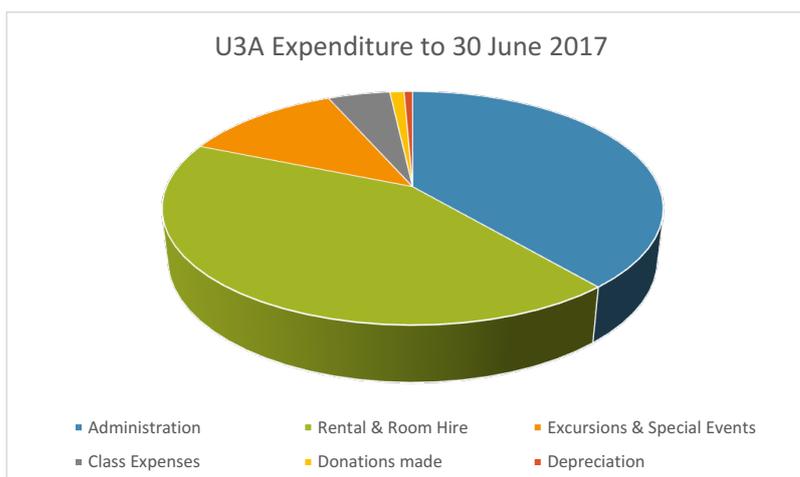
Some Committee members

Summary of Income and Expenditure and Net Assets Year ended 30 June 2017

	2016-17
Income	\$
Subscriptions	23,300
Class Levies	2,681
Excursions & Special Events	2,367
Fundraising (trading table & raffles)	1,540
Interest Income	905
Donations received	618
Newsletter postage	450
Grants received	45
Other Income	7
Total Income	31,913



	2016-17
Expenditure	\$
Administration	11,348
Rental & Room Hire	12,404
Excursions & Special Events	3,572
Class Expenses	1,398
Donations made	320
Depreciation	194
Total Expenditure	29,236



	2016-17
Surplus	\$
Surplus - Financial Year	2,677

	2016-17
Net Assets	\$
Bank - cash on hand	7,084
Investments - Term Deposits	39,217
Office/class Equipment	5,090
Other Current Assets	18
GST Recoverable	463
Net Assets	51,872

