



**KYNETON**  
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

What a year it has been for U3a Kyneton, a new permanent home, record membership, and Covid-19.

I would like to thank the committee for their hard work and dedication, the tutors for delivering courses which were both educational and fun and to our members who have supported what had been offered.

The financial health of U3a Kyneton remains strong even though we endured continual interruptions due to snap lock downs throughout the year. Our treasurer, Andrew McDowell has continued to provide up to date financial information. Thankyou Andrew on a job well done.

Red Brick Hall became our permanent home last year and almost 80% of our classes and activities were undertaken there. We have the use of the hall Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday. Already we have seen most of that time utilized.

Our Membership continues to grow steadily and we have a total number to date of 257. Of those, 84 were brand new members. There was a total of 51 short and long term courses offered for the year. Our Friday afternoon presenters continued to provide a great source of wide and varied offerings.

To our tutors, I can't thankyou enough for what you do for us. The time and effort required to run a course whether it be a single offering, a short course or a full year course takes a lot of time and without you we do not have a U3A. To Alan Moor who delivers our Friday speakers great job again. We always have room for more tutors and I am sure that there are members who would love to step up and give it a go. You can always talk to me or the rest of the committee to see what is involved, we would love hear from you.

To the committee: Alan Moor (Vice President), Roni Taubman (Secretary), Andrew McDowall (Treasurer), John Taubman (Course Co-coordinator), Paul Reid (General Committee), Heather Potter (General Committee) Jan McColl (General Committee). Congratulations to you all for the work you have done. We now have Facebook, improved technology, updated website, more courses, increased membership, a place to call home and our profile continues to grow throughout the Macedon Ranges. There are still positions available on the committee for those who want to give a little time, you would be most welcome.

Thanks to all the organizations and venues who have assisted us in allowing activities to be undertaken, your support is appreciated.

The committee has reviewed the cost of membership for 2021-22 and the cost will be \$40 for new and renewing membership, as well as associate members. This is the first increase in membership since 2008. This membership will also cover any donations (gold coin for Fridays no longer required).

In summary our year has been educational, entertaining and fun for our members, Covid-19 continued to be an ever present threat. We all got to understand what ZOOM means. A record number of courses on offer. A full year of Red Brick Hall as home. Record membership from across the region and growing.

Thanks for your support and I look forward to another great year in 2022.

Regards

Peter Johnson  
President