



WESTERN SUBURBS Newsletter

December 2020

Well, what a year! I think we will all be glad to see the back of 2020. After lockdown it was wonderful to see so many members coming to our fortnightly meetings - and being rewarded with excellent speakers on a range of topics. Now we look forward to 2021 with more great talks, excursions and outings to interesting places we might never visit on our own, and a chance to 'make new friends and keep the old' over a cup of afternoon tea.

At our AGM on 7 December we elected the following people who, with help from all members, will ensure 2021 is another great year for Western Suburbs U3A!

Chairperson	Faye Jones
Council Delegate	Faye Jones
Vice Chairperson	Judith Amey
Secretary	Alison Forbes
Treasurer	Laurie Taylor
Program convenors:	
1.00pm - U3A speakers	Gabor Bedo; Vlasta Thomas
2.30 pm - outside speakers	Claudia Woodroffe
Committee members:	Ian Deany, Jean Indermaur

Some of the committee have specific responsibilities

Jean Indermaur is our Representative on Council's Publicity Committee

Ian Deany organises our excursions

Faye Jones lets members on their own know about MOTO events

Sue Barnes suggests movies we might like to see

Vlasta Thomas makes sure we have tea/coffee and something nice to eat for afternoon tea

Judith Amey shuffles the cards for Canasta and puts together this monthly newsletter.

Our first meeting for 2021 will be on **Monday 8 February**. 12.45 for a 1.00pm start finishing by 3.30pm at the River (or Community) Room of the Grove Library. Programme details for February will be in the next newsletter.

AFTERNOON TEA



We all enjoy the cuppa and the chance to chat midway between our usual two talks every second Monday.

Although it may seem so, afternoon tea does not appear

magically. It needs people to help put it out, pour the jugs of hot water, and clear up. After several years of two faithful helpers, they are now unable to continue and Vlasta is *desperate* for people to agree to be on a roster to help her. Give Vlasta a Christmas present - contact her and offer to be a 'tea lady' - or gentleman!

Vlasta can be contacted on 61806103 or 0408920867, vlastathomas@yahoo.com.au

Canasta will start again on **Friday 12 February**, 1.00-3.00pm in the Seniors Hub at the Cambridge Community Centre, Alexander Road, Wembley.

Would-be players, rusty players, never played players, and those who enjoy the game are welcome. It is very social, and non-competitive.

This year we will meet every second and fourth Friday so occasionally we will have a three week gap.



MOTO

No details are available yet but there will be one or two MOTO events in January. If you would like to be included in the emailing list for MOTO contact Faye on 0449667558, faye.a.jones@hotmail.com

Did you hear that production was down at Santa's workshop? Many of his workers have had to Elf isolate!

Why didn't Mary and Joseph make it to Bethlehem? All Virgin flights were cancelled.

Why are Santa's reindeer allowed to travel on Christmas Eve? They have herd immunity.

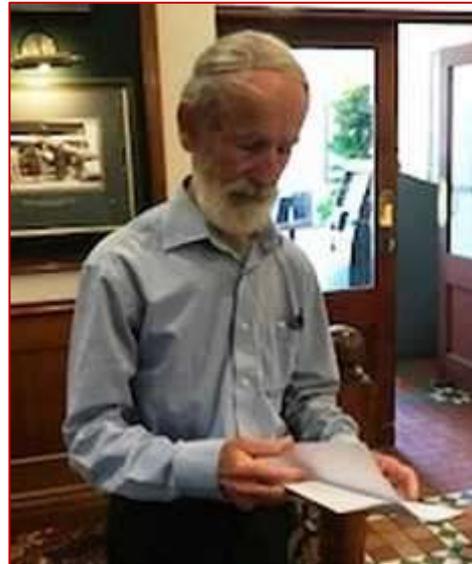
Why couldn't Mary and Joseph join their work conference call? Because there was no Zoom at the inn.

Which Christmas film was 30 years ahead of its time? Home Alone.

Photos from our Christmas lunch



Joan Stone and Carolyn Milton Smith



Gabor Bedo checking names



Vlasta Thomas



Robert Towner and Ian Deany



Madeleine Jones and Sue Wilding



Wendy Nelson and Rosemary Beckwith

Claudia Woodroffe



Sue Barnes and Faye Jones