

NEWSLETTER  
U3A Stawell  
Djap Wurrung Country  
Autumn – Winter Term 2022

## President's Report

We started 2022 in our new meeting place the supper room at the Stawell Entertainment Centre, what a pleasure to be on our own again although the echo in the room took us a little while to get used to, but we soon found if we tweaked the bi fold doors the echo was much less. Another shock was the lack of WiFi in that part of the Shire Hall a visit from the resident tech showed us which program to download to give us access to the internet sites we needed mainly for our movie days. On the upside the space is well heated and cooled and we appreciate the full kitchen facilities. Rob ( hall manager) is obliging and puts out the tables and chairs for us, when there is a day Rob is not working, we can get the tables from the alcove beside the bar in the foyer where the tables are stored and where is also stored an electronic white board which we can use should we have the need.

We have welcomed 3 new members during last term.

You will notice there is a new look Program and Membership Application form I hope this new style works well for members. Please fill in the new medical form all previous medical forms will be destroyed, the medical information form is voluntary. You will also notice we have added a special interest outing and lunch on the last Friday before the school holiday break coinciding with our last day of the term. This is to allow more flexibility with the guest speaker spot in our Tuesday Program. It has become difficult to fill our guest speaker spot since the pandemic.

The change to our program format looks good.

The Card Group is just one year old and is a success story with all enjoying the session.

The Music Craft and Singing is a miracle the students are progressing tuneful notes have been heard.

The Course Coordinator Committee is active throughout the year and welcome any course, program, social suggestions, guest speaker or any new ideas you may have.



Blue Moon Alpaca Farm

Chinese Memorial Avoca

We enjoyed the special interest outing to Avoca followed by lunch at the Moonambel Hotel. Earlier in first term we rounded off the plant science study done in 2021 with a trip to Blue Moon Alpaca Farm between Stawell and Pomonal. The weather was glorious, and the alpacas were friendly, Stephen and Glenda are great hosts. Stephen as well as an alpaca wool grower also grows organic vegetables, his cucumbers are the best! Stephen weaves alpaca wool into beautiful garments and he was happy to give us a demonstration. After all this we retired to the New Hong Kong for a beautiful lunch.

#### Publicity Officer Report

The Stawell News Times continues to support us as does The Weekly Advertiser. We have joined The Stawell Community Page. We have our Facebook Page, and The Northern Grampians Events Page, all are social media sites. We have our website. I post regularly on social media and our biographical film has been linked via the website to YouTube.

Gabrielle

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