

News from your committee – October and November 2023.

Dear members.

1. Lots of fun was had at the Bush Dance on Sunday October 15. This event was part of the Seniors Festival and was supported by the Shire of Yarra Ranges. The Soopa Doopa Bush Band provided the music with the dances led by an expert caller.
2. Our AGM was held on November 8 with about 15 people attending. Thank you to all who attended, we easily met our quorum requirements. Attendees heard Corey MacFadyen talk about the Gardens for Wildlife program. He also pointed out some practical things people could do to make their gardens more wildlife friendly. Corey then answered questions from the floor. The president's report was delivered by our President, Lyn Osborne whose report summarised the highlights of the year. Lyn thanked all the tutors and committee for their assistance throughout the year. Janice Reynolds delivered the treasurers report in which she outlined our financial position. Janice stressed the importance of the \$2 co-payment for classes and suggested that members could pay by the term (\$20) if they preferred. Next year we will be moving to an online enrolment and payment system (UMAS) in line with other U3A's. Some members will be able to manage the online enrolment themselves but we will run enrolment sessions in January to provide assistance. Following the reports, the election of committee was held. The office bearers remain the same for 2024 but we have had 3 new nominations for the committee. We welcome Barbara Allan who will be our UMAS co-ordinator. We also welcome Sharyn Turney and Doug Brooks to the committee.
3. Our Christmas Party will be on the evening of Friday December 8. The U3A band will provide the entertainment. We will celebrate Christmas with a spit roast meal. Please keep this date free. We will be sending out full details very soon.

Any queries? Contact us on the phone number or email below.

Regards
Gaye de Lisle
Secretary