

President's Report

AGM, Monday 16 March, 2020

Your U3A has flourished over the past 12 months. At the end of 2019 there were more than 580 financial members and there is the possibility that number will be exceeded this year. The purpose of your U3A is to provide Classes and Activities which are stimulating for the mind and body of the participants. The First Term this year has over 50 Courses and Activities resulting in a good choice for Members, but the popularity of some courses might be a disappointment to some who are unable to join a Group because the Tutor/Group Leader has to limit the number of participants.

Your Committee consisted of only eight (8) persons at the start of the 2019 administrative year and as a consequence several members took on a dual role. Julia Shortus acted as Membership Officer and Secretary. Val Sparrow had the additional responsibilities of Website Manager, Newsletter Editor and Vice-President. Our Treasurer Brian Mussared is the link to U3A Network which sent a constant stream of information to update all the U3A organisations in NSW. Although it was necessary to inform every one of the current regulations and any changes it meant additional work for Brian. The Course/Group Coordinator was Judith Vernon who resigned for family and personal reasons towards the end of the year. Judith was an enthusiastic Group Coordinator who immersed herself in the role and was a loss to the Committee but when family needs you, the call must be answered. Carol Chandler replaced Judith for a short period but unexpectedly resigned before the Xmas Party. Our Vice-President, Val Sparrow, took over as Group Coordinator in addition to her other duties and is now in the process of showing new Committee Member Bruce Jacques, what the position entails. Guest Speakers for the First Friday Forum have been the responsibility of Lorraine Bagge who has introduced some interesting Speakers on a variety of topics. Lorraine has decided not to continue on the Committee after the AGM but will present her Colour, Style & Image class in the future. New Committee Members since the last AGM are Karen Fallins, who has ably assisted Julia since joining the Committee and, will take on the role of Secretary and Tony Bryan who is our photographer and Newsletter Editor. A very important Committee Member is Dianne Johnson who does the Catering for the FFF, Information Day and liaises with Cudgen Leagues Bistro for the Xmas Party. Dianne has a wonderful group of assistants who ensure that everything runs smoothly on the day. David Robinson advises on Technology and your Committee is considering moving towards implementing a new system designed specifically for U3A individual organisations. Members will be advised by email if and when the Committee decides to proceed but at this point it is under trial and being assessed if suitable for U3A Tweed Coast.

The Tutors and Group Leaders devote their time and energy to creating the Courses and Programmes for the enjoyment of Members in an atmosphere of social and friendly engagement. They are largely responsible for the very existence of your U3A.