

Course Coordinators Report for 2023 AGM

During 2022, I sent and/or received just under 3000 emails, and updated the Course Timetable on our website 63 times.

The year started off with the usual turmoil with some classes being cancelled and new classes starting. 15 classes were cancelled, and another 6 would have been cancelled but were saved by students stepping up into the class leader roles.

On the plus side we gained some new classes, and a couple of the cancelled classes returned during the year.

- Birds from Dinosaurs to High Complexity
- Basic Electronics
- Photography
- Be Connected
- Cooking (returned)
- Music Theory and Composition
- Just Write (returned)
- Meditation Made Simple
- Song Writing and Composition
- The Age of Revolutions

Our building refurbishment caused a few headaches in scheduling. We had previously decided that finding alternative rooms was all too hard, given the uncertainty of both the starting date and the duration of the project, and that we would simply close down during the refurb. But in May I presented a rough budget to the committee, and we decided to hire temporary rooms to keep most of classes running. Rooms were tentatively booked in various places, until on 20th July we were given a start date of 1st August. That meant closing on Friday 30th, giving us 10 days' notice.

We had 10 classes booked in next door at the CWA.

On Monday 25th, with only 5 days before closure, the CWA put their fees up from \$50 a day to \$75 an hour! i.e. \$200 a day instead of \$50! With the aid of a very cooperative PCC and BMCC I was able cancel 9 of the CWA bookings and place those classes elsewhere. That week was somewhat frantic.

Wet weather, asbestos, and issues with the hall door extended the refurb, which eventually took 13 weeks instead of the planned 8 weeks.

Then when we got back in, the security system had been changed, and the door fob system had been re-coded, but they hadn't supplied us with new door fobs so our door fobs didn't work,.

We spent the rest of the year sharing one key, until we ordered our own door fobs at the end of December.

At the end of the year we lost 3 Tai Chi classes (when Christie Wood moved to SA), we also lost Peter Granton's Harmonica class, Brenda Maccioni's Art class, Circle Dancing, English Literature, Musical Memories, and Walking for Pleasure, but life goes on. We currently have 85 classes running.

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