

Course Coordinators Report for 2022 AGM

I'll try and get through this without mentioning the C word.

At this time last year we had 89 tutors running 106 classes. Since then the following 23 tutors have retired due to ill health, or age, or simply calling it a day after many years of running classes.

Annette Watson	Barbara Lang	Beryl Caten	Beverley Borg
Carol Randell	Cathy Brown	Denise Challis	Herbie Wolring
Irene Kelso	John Rees	Keith Webster	Lloyd Popely
Luciano Vranich	Lyndon Matts	Marie Standen (29 yrs – English Literature)	
Mary Harmer	Maureen Copland	Nola May	Peter Gibson
Raoul O'Brien	Richard Abbott	Rob Byrne	Vivienne Melville

Are any of those ex-tutors present? Thank you for helping make U3A what it is. You deserve applause.

Some members stepped up as class leaders to keep their class going, and some new classes started, so we now have 69 tutors running 93 classes.

Notable changes since our last AGM included:

1. No enrolment days.
2. No automatic roll-overs from one year to the next.
3. No attending more than one class in any given topic unless there was room, i.e. only if there were no other members being denied entry because the class was full. Multiple attendances were allowed on a stand-by basis only. This was to get more members into classes, rather than some members into lots of classes. As a result, several members were finally able to get into classes that they previously couldn't get into.
4. QR codes and cleaning kits were introduced. (Some of these things took quite a lot of effort, dealing with government departments. For example, when I attempted to update my email address with Services NSW for the QR code, I was told it would be referred to their IT Dept and would take 6 weeks! I said, "how about I just start from scratch?", which I did, and had it done in a couple of hours.
5. Five classes were run on Zoom. Four still do so, albeit partially in one case.
6. The vaccine mandate was introduced, and is still active. Many members are still cautious, to the point where 5 classes delayed their start until next term. We intend to maintain the mandate for the time being.

The class timetable was revised 46 times last year. I wrote a couple of macros to partially automate the process, and I have gotten quicker at posting it onto our website. I updated and posted the timetable 24 times in January alone this year.

Things are getting back to the new normal.

David Davis. 9/4/22