



ADELAIDE HILLS

U3A – ADELAIDE HILLS INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

ANNUAL REPORT

It is a great pleasure to report on another successful year of U3A in the Adelaide Hills.

Our membership has continued to be in excess of 300 and although we have all aged, we still have a median age of about 72.

Regular courses are still popular with favourites like Art Gallery Tours, Circle Dancing, Mah Jong, Creative Writing – too many to mention! - being well attended. Our "one-offs" have been diverse and well attended. Do you remember the Driving Quiz, Medication Safety, Evolution of Evolution, Fossil Beds of Kangaroo Island, The Oxygen Cascade, and Green Mountains? Two excursions were popular: Beyond the Kerb and The Clipper Ship at Port Adelaide. Many thanks to all of the regular presenters and special thanks to those who have come forward with their own talks.

We are pleased with new venues organised during the year, in particular the Mount Barker Town Hall. This gives us a locality close to the homes of about half of our membership.

Plans are well underway for an Adelaide Hills Rendezvous to be hosted by our group and held 22nd, 23rd and 24th October 2019. Invitations will be extended to all (5000!) members of the 20 U3As in South Australia. Perhaps we will even draw some attendees from interstate. We will base our activities in Hahndorf with lots of "class" presentations as well as local excursions. We will need the support of our AH volunteers so look-out for our calls for help later in the year.

We continue to be grateful for the support that we have received from Rebekha Sharkie (Independent Federal member for Mayo) and Dan Cregan and Josh Teague (members for Kavel and Heysen respectively). Their help in providing meeting rooms, photocopying and "pleading our case" is much appreciated.

We thank our outgoing committee for their excellent job of keeping U3A-AH alive and well! In particular we thank Marjolijn Haraghey, Sue Lear and Laurel Milner-Schlinke who have decided not to re-nominate this year.

Our Facebook page and Website are well visited with the latter recording almost 11,400 'hits'. Please spread the word about our activities and encourage your friends to come and join us for stimulation both mentally and physically, so important for our age group.

Mark Randell Chairperson