



# Annual Report 2021



**Since 1985, Australia's first University of the Third Age and a member of the global U3A Network**

*U3A Melbourne City acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people of the Kulin nation as the traditional owners of the land on which we operate. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.*

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### **What are we about?**

*U3A Melbourne City provides accessible, lifelong learning and physical and social activities for the wellbeing of retired and semi-retired people in inner Melbourne.*

## President's Report

We expected 2021 would be a somewhat closer to normal than 2020 but that proved not to be the case. Term 1 was confined to Zoom offerings: we got back to some face-to-face classes in Term 2 until interrupted by a lockdown and Term 3's offering was further complicated by lockdown. By Term 4 we had concluded that nothing could be face-to-face before 1 November, at the earliest. So, what would we have done without Zoom? Of course, we are not all fans, but I can't help congratulating us all on our perseverance. The Committee of Management continues to plan for a return to as much face-to-face as possible and preferred but we acknowledge that there will always be some Zoom offerings.

We started the year with a spectacular summer school: **A Virtual Vacation**. Conceived and designed by Sharon Carter the online school included sessions offered by internal and external presenters over nine days. 240 members signed up for the school. It was so successful that we felt we have no choice but to plan for the sequel in January 2022.

Given the pandemic uncertainty one thing we were determined to do was to continue offering **webinars**. In all we offered 14 during the year across a range of cultural, social and political issues. Without doubt the most popular have been those offered by our Art Appreciation faculty.

Our **Let's Do** program was also interrupted by the pandemic. Nonetheless, all but two have been on offer for part of the year.

Like a lot of other events our plans for **winter and spring lunches** had to be deferred into 2022 – but they will happen!!

All of the above has involved exceptional **agility and creativity on the part of many volunteers** including our tutors, webinar presenters, Let's Do leaders, Course Coordination, Admin team and the IT Support team. Of all of these I have to call out two particular contributions: **Julienne Wight**, our Course Co-ordinator, who almost single-handedly helped tutors adapt to ever changing COVID-related regulations and the Admin team led by **Kai Simpson** who kept the show on the road throughout.

During the year we have seen some change in volunteer leaders. **Steve Milton** stood down as Let's Do Coordinator and has been replaced by Paul Wilkinson. **Sandy Jenkins** is finishing up as Volunteers Co-ordinator and will be replaced by Diane Dekreter and Penny Storey. **Lan Ping Yeh** is stepping down as Accommodation Coordinator and will be replaced by Jan Allen. **Tony Brotherton** steps down as IT Support Team Leader and will be replaced by Peter Lawson. **Lan Wang** is stepping down as e-Bulletin editor. **Fran Sciarretta** has stepped down from the Admin leadership team. We sincerely thank all of these volunteers for their leadership over recent years. As well, we welcome back **Julie Nankervis** who has taken on the role of Life Member Liaison.

I want to end by thanking the **Committee of Management** whose names are listed on page 7 for their hard work and support and for being such a pleasure to work with.

Russell Huntington  
President

# Treasurer's Report

## U3A Melbourne City Inc Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 September 2021

	2020/21	2019/20
<b>Income</b>	\$	\$
Membership Fees	97,495	122,830
Joining Fees	80	4,000
Patrons/Supporters	3,750	4,200
Donations	4,274	8,948
Grants	2,411	6,515
Investment income	713	1,560
Sales	120	200
Social Activities	0	1,371
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>108,842</b>	<b>149,623</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Office Rent	20,721	24,847
Classroom Hire	10,597	41,387
Operating Expenses	16,217	7,065
Member & Committee Expenses	1,660	4,293
IT & Zoom Expenses	4,321	861
Social Activities	550	971
U3A Network Subscriptions	1,754	2,488
Grant Expenses	273	7417
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>56,094</b>	<b>89,329</b>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<b>52,749</b>	<b>60,295</b>

### Notes to the Financial Statements

The 2020/21 financial year has produced an unexpected surplus of \$52,749 against a budgeted deficit of (\$5,519), despite a reduced number of member enrolments. The inability to hold face to face classes has contributed to the strong result, as under normal circumstances classroom hire represents around 63% of total operating costs, as in 2019; whereas this year they constitute 19% of the total. General operating expenses were higher than the prior year due to the closure of the office and the necessity to mail out membership cards which incurred substantial postage and printing costs. Additional internet costs and purchase of equipment to assist the online course offerings also contributed to the increase. A reduction in committee and member expenses offset some of the additional costs. We look forward to a more productive 2021/22 where classes return to normal.

## U3A Melbourne City Inc Balance Sheet

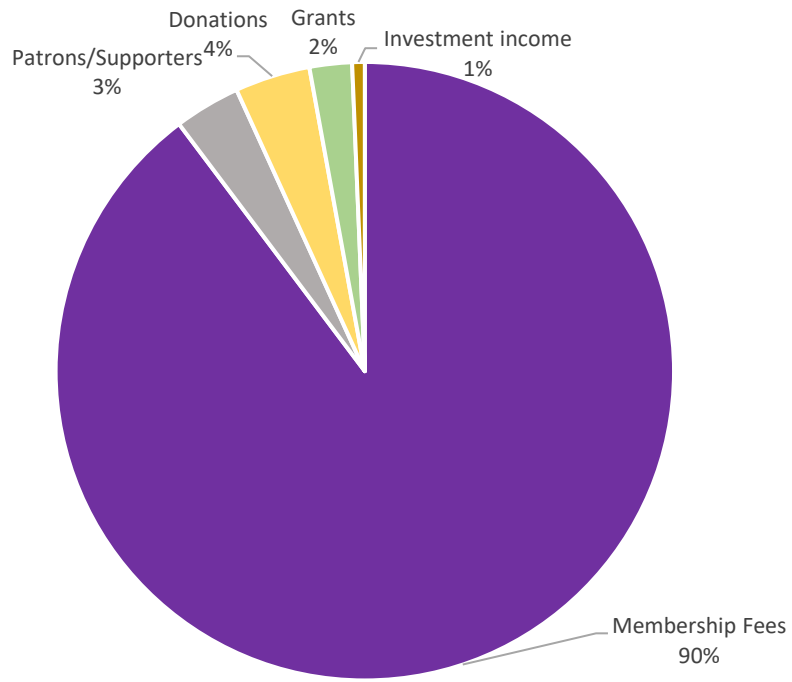
as at 30 September 2021

	2020/21	2019/20
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Bank	187,009	133,145
Investments	100,590	100,000
Receivables	<u>2,681</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>290,280</u></b>	<b><u>233,145</u></b>
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<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Payables & Accruals	558	0
Funding in Advance	<u>3,828</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>4,386</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>4,386</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b><u>285,894</u></b>	<b><u>233,145</u></b>
<b>Members Equity</b>		
Surplus for the Year	52,749	60,295
Members Equity	<u>233,145</u>	<u>172,850</u>
<b>Total Members Equity</b>	<b><u>285,894</u></b>	<b><u>233,145</u></b>

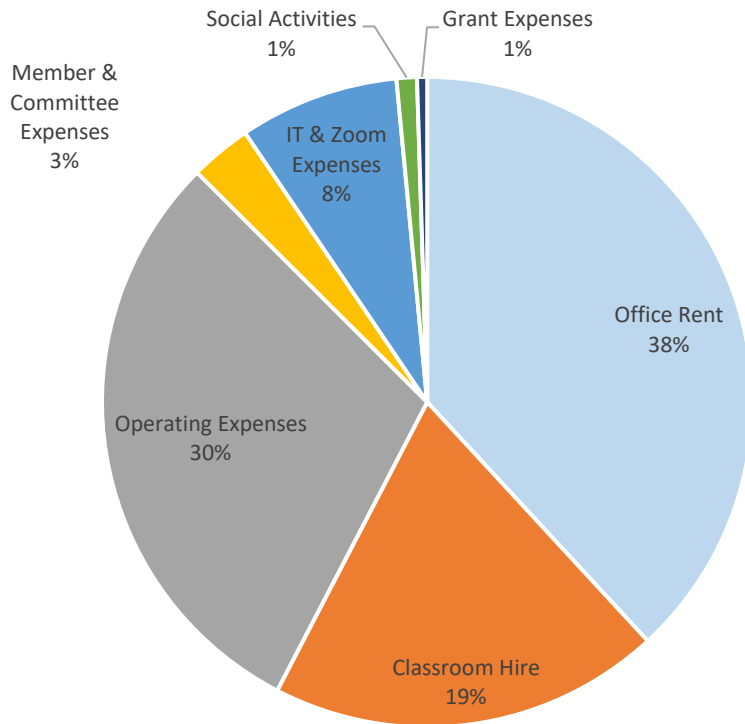
### Certification

The Treasurer, Pauline Lomas, and President, Russell Huntington, being members of the Committee of Management U3A Melbourne City Inc., certify that the Financial Statements give a True and Fair view of the financial performance and position of U3A Melbourne City Inc. during and at the end of the financial year of the Incorporated Association for the year ending 30 September 2021

### Revenue 2020/21



### Expenditure 2020/21



## Volunteer Leaders

Over the past year many members have put up their hand to volunteer in leadership roles.

### ***Committee of Management***

Russell Huntington	President
Ann Johns	Vice-President
Jane Tulloch	Secretary
Pauline Lomas	Treasurer
Julienne Wight	Committee Member
Kai Simpson	Committee Member
Merilyn Harris	Committee Member
Paul Wilkinson	Committee Member
Peter Chung	Committee Member
Peter Lawson	Committee Member replacing Heather Lacey who resigned during the year

### ***Other Leaders and Key Contributors***

Julienne Wight	Course Coordinator
Steve Milton replaced by Paul Wilkinson	Let's Do Coordinator
Lan Ping Yeh	Accommodation Co-ordinator
Sandy Jenkins	Volunteer Co-ordinator
Kai Simpson	Administration Co-ordinator
Lan Wang	E-Bulletin Editor
Tony Brotherton	IT Support Group Co-ordinator
Maria Quayle	Facebook Editor
Erzsebet Nemeth	Website Manager
Julie Nankervis	Life Member Liaison Co-ordinator
Keith Bettles	Represents U3AMC on Ross House CoM

## **Courses Coordination**

The Course Coordination team engage and liaise with new and existing Tutors to plan, develop and schedule a diverse program of yearly, semester and short courses.

This year has again been dominated by meeting the challenges presented by COVID-19. By the end of 2020 it was clear that we could only offer online courses in Term 1 2021, however we were able to put together a program of over 50 long and short online courses for members. In term 2 our return to face-to-face classes was short-lived and we again had to revert to the online environment. We are enormously thankful to all of our tutors for their patience and perseverance in such a disruptive year. So many of our tutors met the online challenge heroically – and while we know not all enjoy using Zoom, it enabled our U3A to still provide an interesting and diverse program of courses to members. For those whose courses weren't suitable for the online environment, we look forward to welcoming you back to face-to-face classes in 2022, all going well! We will continue to offer some online courses together with face-to-face courses in 2022 for those who enjoy this method of teaching and learning.

We welcomed four new members to the course coordination team in 2021: Nene McWhirter (tutor recruitment and development), Neil Rickards as Quality Analyst and Shirley Arbuthnott and Karen Sharp (room bookings).

U3A Melbourne City acknowledges the support provided in 2021 by our venues who responded so flexibly in a challenging operating environment.

Julienne Wight  
Course Coordinator



## Let's Do Program

Our Let's Do program remains the vehicle through which we accommodate much of the social and physical interests of our members. Dodging lockdowns 12 Let's Dos were on offer including:

<b>Let's Do</b>	<b>Leaders</b>
Cycling	Tuesday – Russell Huntington, Paul Wilkinson Thursday – Anne Irwin and Lan Wang
Long Walks	Graham Ellis
Lunch	Jacci Moss and Kit Wong
Movies	Tuesday – Jan Norman, Sharon Carter Friday – Katherine Wilson
Museums, Galleries, Cultural Events	Sharon Carter, Margaret Wyatt
Music	Peter Caldwell
National Theatre Live	John Adams
Opera on Screen	John Adams
Walks	Tuesday – Margaret Wyatt
Weekends	Jean Fahey, Gill Carr

Let's Do Theatre was suspended in 2021 given the closure of theatres during the pandemic.

## Working Groups and Sub-committees

A number of working groups and sub-committees made important contributions during the year including:

<b>Working Groups</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Members</b>
Planning for Return - (also known as Dealing with Lockdowns!)	To ensure our resumption of face-to-face classes complies with government regulation	Ann Johns Julienne Wight Peter Chung Engchong Chua Russell Huntington Kai Simpson
Summer School	To design and implement the summer school	Sharon Carter Merlyn Harris Russell Huntington
Online class/webinars	To ensure members are supported in their use of Zoom to access classes and webinars	Julienne Wight Mike Dorahy Peter Lawson Peter Connell Joan Kraut Dawn Gibson
<b>Sub-committees</b>		
Executive	To deal with urgent and routine matters on behalf of the Committee of Management	Russell Huntington Ann Johns Jane Tulloch Pauline Lomas
Admin Leadership	To design and manage all enrolment and other administration processes and related member interactions	Kai Simpson Dawn Gibson Paul O'Brien Jenny Earle John Ogilvie
Technology	To advise the Committee of Management on the effective and efficient use of information technology and to support members in IT applications	Russell Huntington Peter Lawson Kai Simpson Tony Brotherton Lan Ping Yeh
Marketing	To design and deliver campaigns to attract and retain members	Merlyn Harris Sharon Carter Russell Huntington

## Webinars

The following webinars were offered during the year. Typically, webinars are recorded and posted on our website for access at any time.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
February	History in a Frame	National Portrait Gallery
	Aquatic Exercise for Fitness, Balance, Strength	Dr Sophie Heywood, Melbourne Sports Medicine Centre
	Understanding the final weeks of the Trump Presidency	Heather Lacey
March	Tale of Two Women Artists – Elizabeth Thompson & Clarise Beckett	Susie May
	Economic Recovery After Covid	Innes Willox, Australian Industry Group
April	The Bush Balladeer	Don McQueen
May	All You Should Know About Aged Care	Sandra Hills, Benetas
	Elder Abuse	Andrew Meiliunas, Maurice Blackburn
June	Archie 100	Susie May
July	Thrive in Retirement	Patricia Howard
	Art in the Plague Years	Sharon Carter
August	How to build a more compassionate world for refugees	Kon Karapanagiotidis, Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
	Justin Art House Museum – Naoshima Art Island	Charles and Leah Justin
October	Art in a Frame	National Portrait Gallery
	Save Our ABC	Lorraine Harrison

## Core Volunteers

Core volunteers regularly commit and contribute their time and effort to critical roles within our organisation. These volunteers ensure we remain compliant and functional. Examples are tutors, coordinators, Let's Do team leaders, office administrators, Committee of Management members and a range of other roles.

Hilary Adair, John Adams, Jan Allen, Judi Appleby, Shirley Arbuthnott, Guido Ballard, Sharyn Barkl, Elaine Batchelder, Jo Bennett, Ron Bennett, John Besley, Keith Bettles, Robin Blair, Tony Brotherton, Betty Caldwell, Peter Caldwell, Gillian Carr, Sharon Carter, Engchong Chua, Peter Chung, Deborah Claydon, Carmen Cohen, Pat Collins, Peter Connell, Wendy Cook, Blair Cramer, Chris Dargan, Diane de Kretser, Frances Devlin-Glass, Angela Di Pasquale, Michael Dorahy, Karen Dupleix, Jenny Earle, Graham Ellis, Christine A Evans, Jean Fahey, Maureen Fastenau, Jenny Favalaro, Rhonda Favalaro, Michael Finn, Jack Foks, Jennie Franklin, Maureen Garner, Peter Gason, Tony Georgeson, Dawn Gibson, Elliot Gingold, Fiona Graham-Murray, Marilyn Harris, Glen Harvey, Wolf Heidecker, Christina Hill, John Hill, Margaret Hoobin, Russell Huntington, Anne Irwin, Mike Jackson, Anna Jardon, Beverly Jenkin, Sandy Jenkins, Simon Jenkinson, Kris Jennings, (Margaret) Ann Johns, Anthony Jones, Brenda Joyce, Don Just, Hana Kadera, Lynette Kalms, Charles Klassen, Marion Kostanski, Joan Kraut, Bob Krstic, Heather Lacey, Peter Lawson, Wendy Lea, Margaret Leversha, Jan Livingstone, Pauline Lomas, Ian Mackay, Nene Macwhirter, Gloria Madrigales, Greg Mann, Ian Marchment, Dorothy Maricic, Marianne Markovic, Ray Matters, Lyn Mayer, Susie May, Maureen McBride, Helen McCulloch, David McGregor, Michael McKay, Jonathan Melland, Carole Miles, David Miller, Julie Mills, Steve Milton, Angela Moodie, Jacci Moss, Liz Mullin, Julie Nankervis, Erzsebet Nemeth, Peter Newbury, David Nicholds, Jan Norman, Gwen Nyman, Paul O'Brien, John Ogilvie, Tony Page, Colin Paterson, Andrew Payne, Helen Pettet, Toni Purdy, Maria Quayle, Margaret Rees, Darrell Reid, Neil Rickards, Terry Rickard, Julie Ryan, Lynn Samara-Banna, Fran Sciarretta, Margot Sharman, Karen Sharp, Kai Simpson, Carl Smith, Margaret Smith, Kiera Stevens, Penny Storey, Janet Strachan, Carmel Taylor, Carol Thompson, Thea Traianou, Jane Tulloch, John Waldie, Hui-Chang Wang, Marcus Wearne, Victoria Whiteside, Julienne Wight, Paul Wilkinson, Katherine Wilson, Tatiana Winkels, Carol Wright, Margaret Wyatt, Lan Ping Yeh, Juliette Zeelander.

## Life Membership

In September 2021 the Committee of Management has awarded life membership to the following in consideration of their exceptional contribution to our U3A.

Pat Collins, Margaret Smith, Max Worland

These join the existing life members:

John Besley, Marguerite Grynberg, Will Semler, Margaret Ledley, Ann Hewett, George Boag, Blair Cramer, Judy Eldred, Christina Hill, Juliette Zeelander, Dorothy Davis, Alma Kristensen, Betty Caldwell, Hilary Adair, Helena Ling, Peter Salmon, Jill Thompson, John Waldie, Rom Jagielski, Julie Nankervis, Rhonda Favaloro, Fran Sciarretta, Jack Foks, Tony Miles, Margaret Rees

In addition, **Recognition of Service Awards** have been made to Tony Page and Terry Rickard.

## The Patrons' Program

Sincere thanks and appreciation are expressed to all our patrons and supporters, who continue to make a generous and very valuable contribution to the ongoing sustainability and success of U3A Melbourne City. In addition to these members, U3A Melbourne City thanks all the many members who have made specific donations to our organisation.

*(If your name has been omitted, we apologise. Please know that your contribution is very much valued and appreciated. These lists are accurate at the date of printing. To all those who have contributed after this date, thank you for your generosity.)*

### Patrons

Angela Kee, Erika Mohoric, Margaret Smith, Bronwyn Richardson, Georgina Fitzpatrick, Max Smith, Chitra Ramanadhan, Hui-Chang Wang, Marilyn Harris, Chuen Lim, Jan Adie, Don Just, Michael Lisle-Williams, Colleen Wood, Kiera Stevens, Sheena Broughton, Dianne Berlin, Margaret Bowman, Wendy Cook.

### Supporters

Angelo Iannazzo, Anne Chomiak, Anne O'Donovan, Anne Vaughan, Barbara Bell, Bridget McCoppin, Carolyn Cohn, Catherine Guli, David Brook, Denise Symonds.