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Dear fellow U3A Members,

U3A Kerang and District Inc. with a membership of 74 is in full swing enjoying the activities organised by the committee for 2024.

At the committee meeting yesterday program reports showed that all activities are being enjoyed, but there is definitely room for more participants at all activities. So have a good look at the program and maybe try something new.

Probus gained a Gannawarra Shire Grant for the new Defibrillator at KSC, so now it is essential that we know how to use it. So, on February 27 at 10am at KSC tuition is being offered. Come along; maybe you will save a life!

Then on March 18 we have the much -anticipated U3A Community Concert, a must for your calendar. The Acting for Fun Group have put so much effort into this and always come up with great entertainment. The Writing Group Anthologies will be on sale there too.

COMMITTEE CHANGES.

At our meeting yesterday the **resignation** of **Betty Grills** from the committee was regretfully accepted. Betty has made a wonderful contribution to our club, particularly as Out and About Co-ordinator. We thank Betty for her dedication to U3A and send best wishes to her. Lorraine O' Donoghue has kindly offered to take on the Out and About role.

Also, I am sad to say that I, **Julie Hall**, have tendered my **resignation** as Secretary and soon from the U3A club as I am relocating to Kyneton to live closer to my family. This necessitates some role changes. I am sorry to disrupt the club which has been so wonderful to me since I came to town in 2012.

The committee has decided to **split the Secretary role into smaller parts** as follows. Minute Secretary...now Edith Wishart. Bank payment endorsements.....now Bobbie Hardy. Newsletters.....now Odette Clavant.

However, we are looking to fill the position of **Correspondence Secretary**. This will mostly involve checking emails and forwarding to the committee or replying as required. This person will be given a dedicated U3A computer and printer for this use and printer costs are reimbursed. Thanks to a Gannawarra Shire Grant we will soon have very up to date equipment. IT Support is readily locally available from Neighbourhood House.

So, as the club cannot function without this role being filled, it is vital that someone who has these skills steps forward now and at least fills the position until our AGM in September, to enable the club to continue to function.

If you willing to give it a go, please contact President Heather Mortlock on 0409 439001. I am also available on 0428 572318 if you need more information.

Other committee members are Rex Bradley Vice President, Keith den Houting Treasurer, Edith Wishart Minute Secretary, Lorraine O'Donoghue, Odette Clavant, Bobbie Hardy, Edith Lane.

In addition, if you would like to be a **general committee member**, there are now **3 vacancies** as well as the Secretary vacancy.

If we all do a little bit for our club, we can all reap a lot of rewards.

Best wishes,

Julie Hall (Secretary)

On behalf of

Your U3A Committee.