

## Tamar Valley U3A Annual report September 2025

Welcome to the report of the previous 12 months for TV U3A. As Acting President and elected Vice president, I present my views on the group, but first I must thank the committee (Frances, Jillian, Maggie and Viv, Bob, John, Martin and Rai) for their support during the past year – you have been a great team.

### Membership and Publicity

In September 2024 we had 152 members, now we number 175 which includes our thirteen wonderful tutors. Our wider mailing list, and this includes our bi-monthly newsletter (thanks Maggie), goes to about 300 people. We also have an active Facebook page, courtesy of Mary Mace. Our thanks to Maggie Fletcher also for her poster design and her liaison with Tamar FM radio and to Allison Bailey who manages our website.

In June we took the opportunity to join many other groups in the neighbourhood for a Seniors Expo in Beaconsfield. Many interested people were there and took away information and course lists. A similar opportunity could occur for the Health and Wellbeing Day at Windsor in Riverside on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Our Ukelele group No Frets performed well at the George Town Folk Festival and at other venues too.

West Tamar Rotary Club had a guest speaker from Tamar Valley U3A in August 2025, and this was well received.

### The Office

Last year we made the decision to move to a computer programme designed for groups like ours, called Member Wizard. This has enabled us to keep electronic records safely, and has been a boon to office volunteers, although at first there was a lot of culling of old records to take place. We also moved to a mobile phone (0411 150 378) rather than a landline, which means it can be carried and answered elsewhere, removing the need for a regular presence at the office in the On Line Centre in Beaconsfield. Personal visits can still be arranged and remote access for queries is possible by asking our Wizards Viv Tyson and Martin Price.

### Finances

We have a healthy bank balance and are able to keep membership fees low. At each venue there is a U3A Silver Pig, and participants continue to support nearly a dozen venues through their donations into each Pig. Some social events such as the 2024 Christmas lunch at Grindelwald are also at cost.

### Courses

Currently 17 courses are on offer, but there have been others scheduled but cancelled due to lack of support. To find a new tutor is difficult, and then to have to cancel them is a real pity. We are very grateful to our existing volunteer tutors, some of whom have been with us for several years.

Our courses are currently on both sides of the River, from Low Head to Legana.

### The Future

- New tutors are always being sought and made welcome. It was good to see new classes supported.
- It will be beneficial if there is (partial) turnover of the committee, so new ideas can be heard and long standing members can have a break.
- We should continue to publicise events from like minded educational groups.
- We are monitoring the combined Tasmanian U3As network, and benefit from NSW U3A insurances.

- We should take the opportunity to promote U3A at the Health and Wellbeing Day at Windsor in Riverside on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- I hope there is support for our spring luncheon at Sidmouth, in three weeks time, bringing friends to show what we enjoy.

I wish the new committee well, and move that this report be received and adopted.

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Vice President