TVN Chairmans Report

I was elected Chair of TVN on the 2nd of May. Since then, I have joined a Network link meeting in June, using Zoom, there were two presentations, one on using AI and the other on using Facebook to attract new members.

I also joined a meeting of the Southeast Region Networks, via Zoom. This was led by our Regional Trustee, Sally Ingledew. Sally wants to emphasis the self-help self-learn ethos of u3a’s and encourage members to volunteer, her original thoughts were to make use of the Networks, it was suggested myself and a couple of other members would visit each u3a in our network and explain Sally’s ideas to them. I did point out that every Network was different and as there are 50 u3a’s in our Network this would be an impossible task, I was also worried that Networks were being brought in as another level of governance. Sally is setting up a regional communication team, so I await to hear what ideas they come up with.

I did receive a query from one of our u3a’s regarding paying for TAM. I did not want to wait until the next Rep’s meeting to discuss this issue, so I sent out the query to our contacts using Beacon. It was gratifying to see the several detailed answers I received and was able to pass them onto that u3a. Thank you to everyone that responded.

David Morton

Chair TVN