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Support for Online Tutors

Adelaide U3A is leading the way in use of Statewide online courses, both in number of tutors and number attending.

Some of the main lessons we have learnt are that online courses:

- can provide good quality interaction - two of the most successful are language courses with lively interaction
- can be tedious if there is largely one way communication (like any course)
- there is insecurity about using a computer for many members
- members who have travel or other mobility problems find it rewarding
- prospective tutors are discouraged because they have never presented online.



We plan to offer practical help regarding the last point: tutor readiness and confidence. We are setting up sessions for members who are toying with the idea of delivering a course online to give them a chance to test the waters by attending sessions aimed at teaching skills in presenting online, with tips and from successful tutors. Sessions will have hands-on practice with Meet and Zoom. If you are interested in learning more, contact John Travers at jtravers@gmail.com

An interesting prospect is to try out the OWL device that supports combining face to face and online classes.

Reporting damage to Audio Visual equipment

Recently the big screen in Room 4 upstairs at the Box Factory suffered major damage. It is quite badly ripped at the top so that it will not rewind properly. The screen will need to be replaced.

Despite an investigation, no cause has come to light, nor even do we know when the damage occurred as the damage was never reported.

All members are requested to help in the following ways:

1. Please always leave all equipment as it was - or should have been - as you found it. This means taking care with handling, and plugging back any cords and cables that may have been removed, in readiness for the next user.
2. If there has been an equipment malfunction, report it at the Office downstairs immediately.
3. If you find equipment in other than an optimal condition, report it immediately at the Office.

Unless reporting is done immediately we cannot ascertain when any damage may have occurred, and possibly by whom. The same reasons apply to any equipment not restored to its default pristine condition.

For so many of our courses nowadays, the AV equipment is invaluable. It needs to be cared for. As always, if anyone has a need for training, we have personnel to assist, as well as specially written operating manuals. You only need to ask at the Office for your request to be met.