

**Good afternoon,  
everyone**

**Guy (Palmer)**

# What a year it has been!

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	The ugly	The good(?)
<b>March 2020</b>	<b>Covid-19</b>	
		<b>Zoom</b>
		<b>Gibber Gabber</b>
<b>January 2021</b>	<b>Old Eltham Courthouse</b>	
		<b>Eltham Central Pavilion</b>
		<b>Eltham Guide Hall</b>

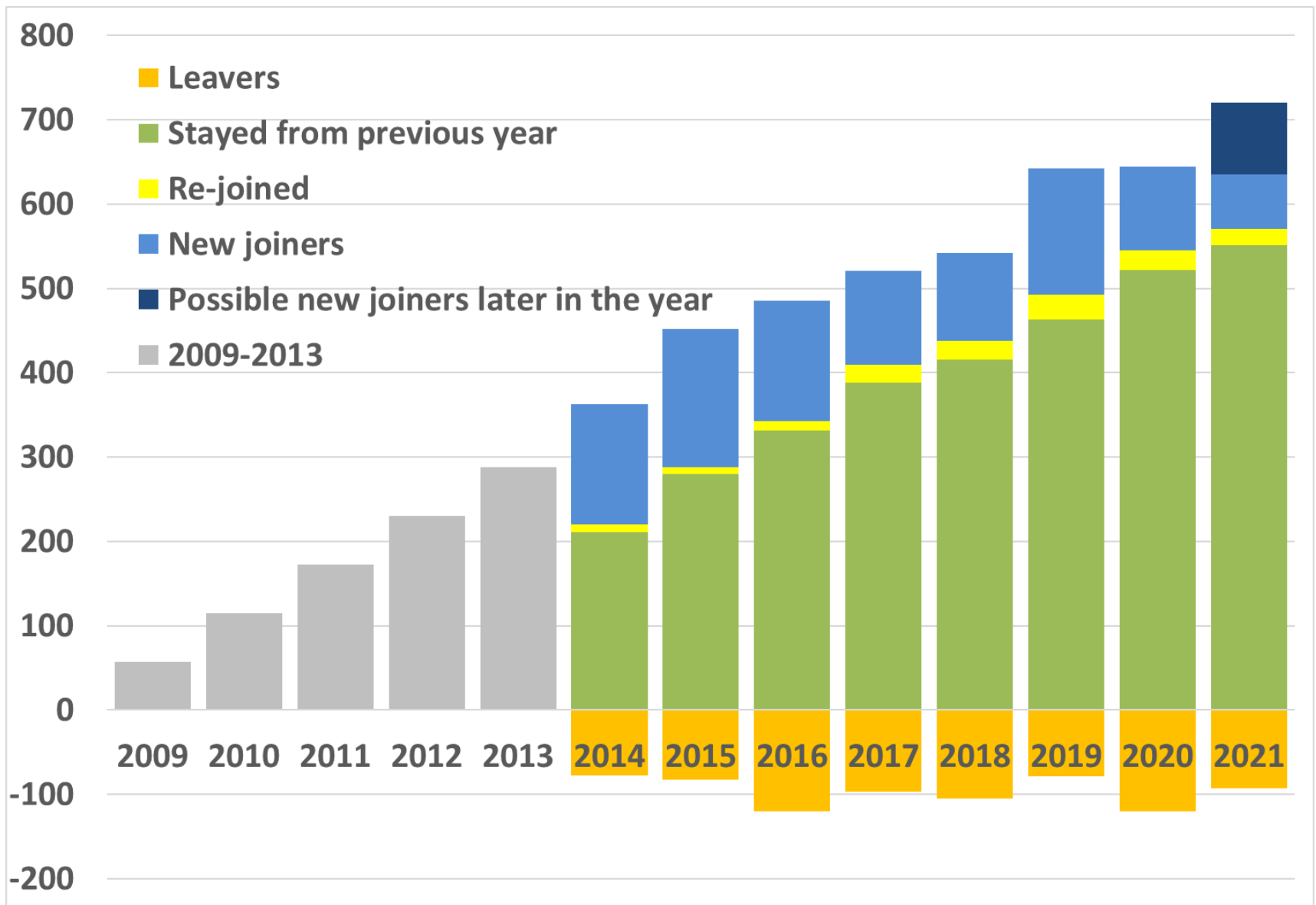
## Where we are now

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- **640 members as at end March**
- **70 classes per term, all bar 6 of which are face-to-face**
- **18 venues across Nillumbik**
- **A new office**

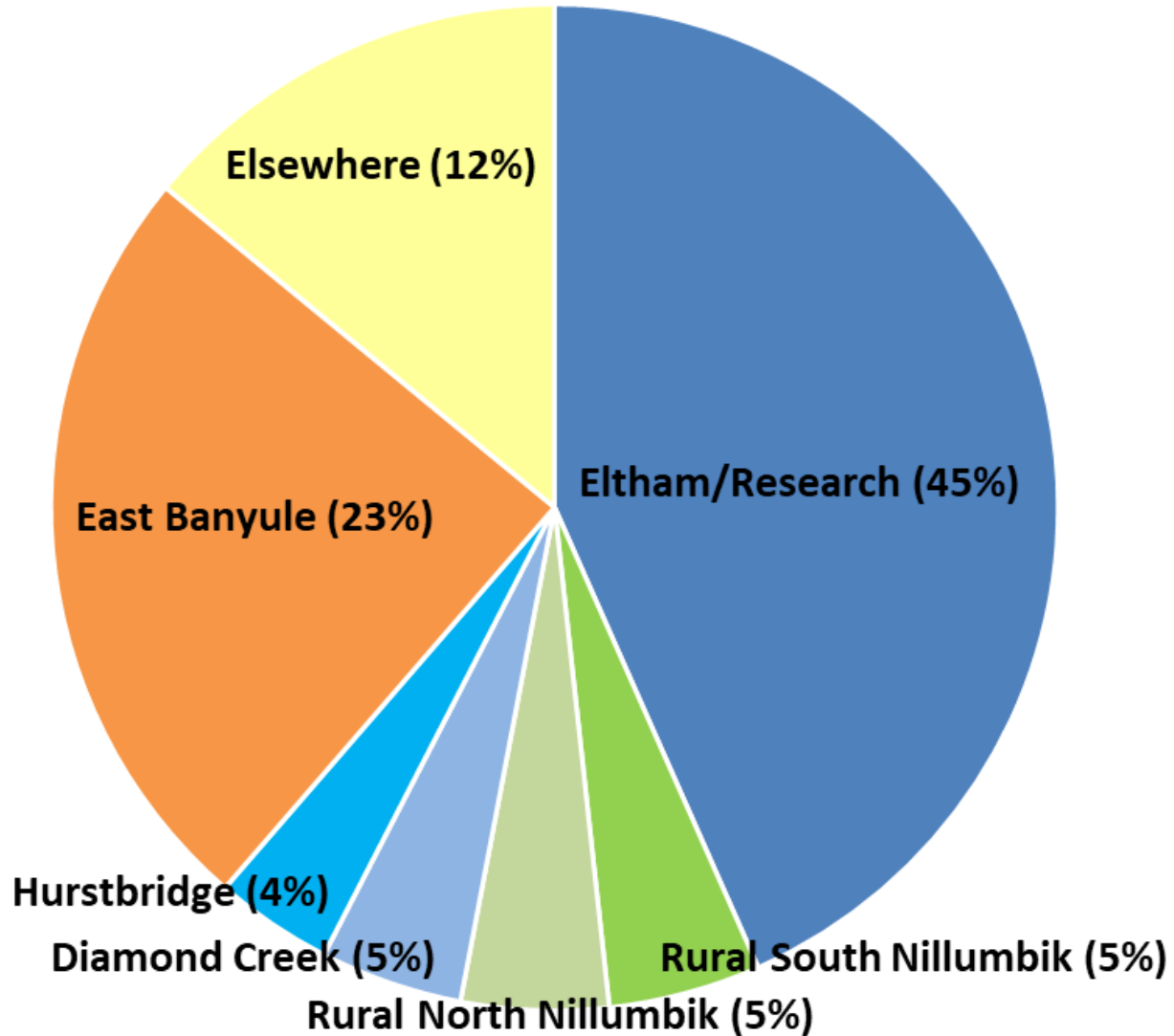
**We are successfully bouncing back from Covid**

# Membership over time



# Membership by geography

USA membership by geography



# **Some other things we have done**

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- **Projectors & networks in our major venues**
- **Once off talks (fortnightly)**
- **Eltham Little Theatre**
- **Mini expo in Diamond Creek**
- **Information stall at festivals, etc**
- **Some fundraising (e.g. for defibrillators)**
- **Our Xmas party**
- **The website (now 500 pages)**
- **Gibber Gabber (40 in 2020; 25 in 2021)**

**I want to talk a bit about some of the issues facing us going forward but first I want to thank some people.**

**More precisely, 180 people!**

# Special thanks to

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- **The tutors**
- **The class reps**
- **The office**
- **The reception**
- **The committee**
- **The kitchen volunteers**
- **Rob (audit), Sue (welfare), Tony (IT)**
- **Karen (office), Maree (office)**
- **Dianne (courses), Judy (creative)**
- **Laraine (our new life member!)**



## **Some of the issues facing us**

- 1. Making a success of the Pavilion**
- 2. Venues, class sizes and rollovers**
- 3. Tutors and tutor support**
- 4. Geographic mix and reach**
- 5. Volunteers**
- 6. Relationships with Council**

# **1. Making a success of the Pavilion**

- **As our new Office location**
- **As a class venue**
- **As our home:**
  - **Coffee area (and kitchen)**
  - **Ambience**
  - **Relationships with the sporting clubs**

## **2. Venues, class sizes & rollovers**

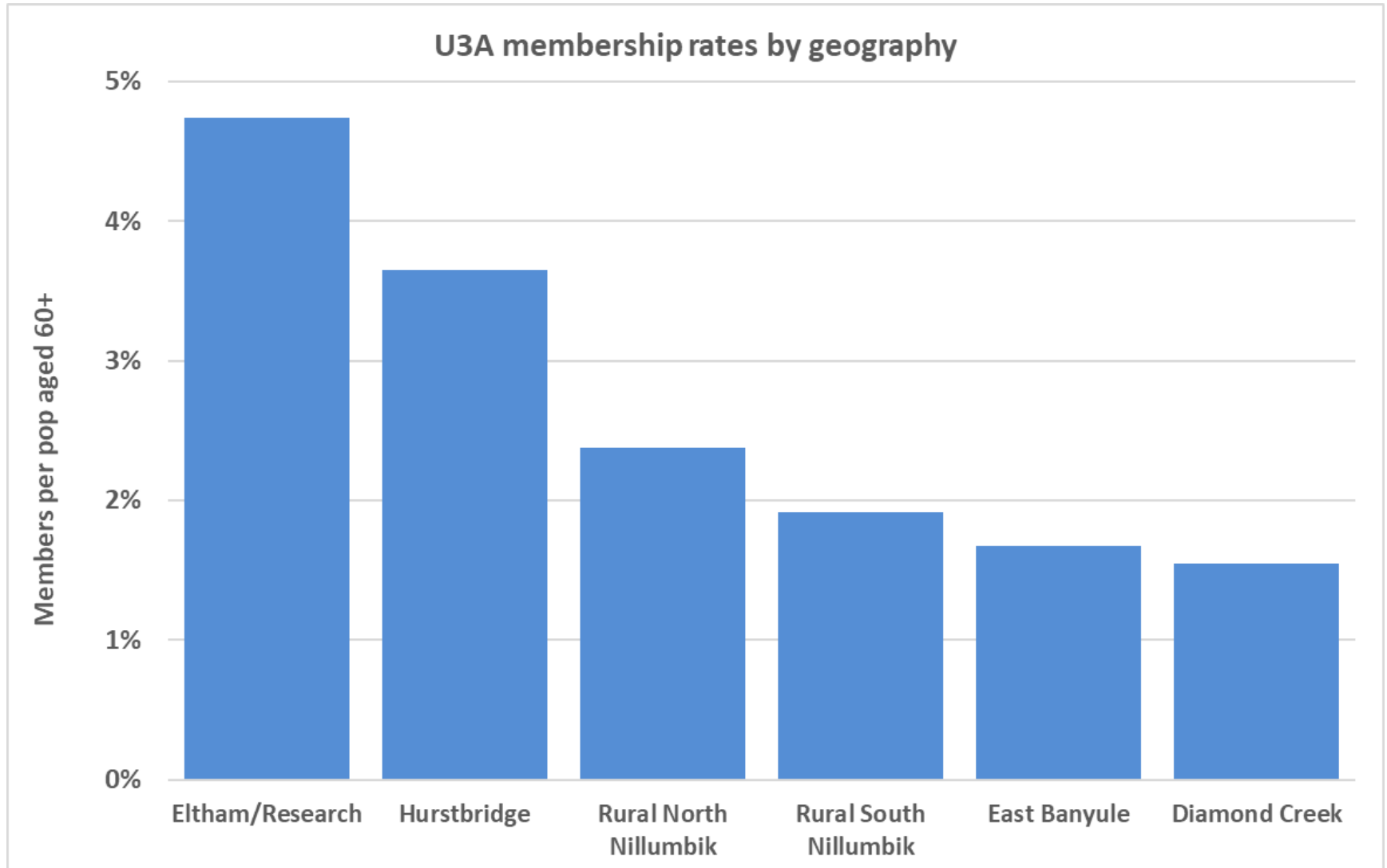
- **Improving our core venues**
- **Which classes in which venues**
- **Many of our classes are full**
- **Rollovers**
- **Class size limits**
- **Current class members vs new joiners**

## **3. Tutors and tutor support**

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- **Voluntary organisations can be vibrant or they can become stale**
- **New tutors and new courses are part of achieving vibrancy**
- **Finding and supporting new tutors itself requires volunteering effort**

# 4. Geographic mix and reach



## 5. Volunteers

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- **As listed earlier, we have lots of volunteers and that's great**
- **What we lack is enough people to take on areas of responsibility**
- **For example, if we had more people coming forward to organise events then we could have more events**

## **6. Relationships with Council**

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- **Most of our classes are in Council-owned venues**
- **We have few formal agreements and little control**
- **We no longer have a contact person who is batting for us**
- **Should the key objective simply be to lessen risk?**