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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

monthly on the **3rd Wednesday**
at 9.30am from February to
November.

NEWS and VIEWS monthly on
the **4th Wednesday** commencing
at 2.00 pm.

Check Bulletin for venue.

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DIARY DATES 2015

Wed Jan 28	Class Sign-Up Day, 10 am - 1 pm, Function Room, GPlace. Membership Room 1
Mon Feb 2	Classes start at all U3A venues
Wed Feb 4	New members morning tea & tour, Bingo Room, North Ballarat 10:30 - 11:30 am. Office open at North 10:30 am – 12 noon
Wed Feb 18	Committee Meeting - Ballarat North 9:30 am
Wed Feb 18	Class Notes for Bulletin due by 6 pm to Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com
Wed Feb 25	News & Views, 2 pm Function Room GPlace. Office open 1-2 pm

Quick Reference - what's in this Bulletin?

- * This will be the **Last Bulletin** for members not renewing their membership for 2015.
- * Membership re-enrolments, (important) page 3
- * U3A Ballarat Committee – roles, pages 5 and 6
- * News and Views, page 12
- * U3A Ballarat Timetable, pages 13 - 15

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Phill Grant (grantphillip@hotmail.com)

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VALE

Don Larsen - Disney,
lover of fine films and helpful volunteer.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tutors and Reps Briefing/Luncheon

Terrific cooperation from the committee made this function on Friday 28 November an outstanding success. The briefing by Mary and Blake tried to outline procedures, forms and what was new for 2015. The meal that followed was a feast for over 75 tutors, reps and those who had helped over 2014.

Christmas Luncheon

This annual event on Wednesday 3 December attracted over seventy people and again proved to be well received by the members of U3A Ballarat. With apologies from the city officials and pollies, the event was highlighted by the choristers' rendition of G&S Pirates and matching story line from Cath and Ken. I was impressed by the great atmosphere and companionship that marks our U3A Ballarat group. Colleen Noonan has already booked us in again for 2 December 2015 at the Sebas Bowling Club!

Start of the 2015 year – thanks to the U3A team!

The first working bee of 2015 on Thursday 22 January at GPlace was an outstanding success. The two classrooms are now dust free, clean and tidy for the start of classes. The tearoom and the north garden also got special attention from the U3A team. The community garden has yielded a good crop of vegetables and herbs, thanks to the consortium members who have watered and weeded over the summer break.

Sign-Up Day

On **Wednesday 28 January from 10.00 to 12.00 noon** we will have our annual sign-up day in the Function Room at GPlace. This is your chance to speak to the tutors or class reps for each class, find out about classes that interest you, and sign up for classes. Some classes are already full, but you can put your name on a waiting list. You can pay membership fees with cash or cheque in Room 1 from 10.00 to 12.00 noon. If you have already given your name and new membership number to the Class Rep, you do not need to come. Morning tea will be available.

Briefing for New Tutors and Class Reps

If you missed the briefing at the end of last year or are a new tutor/class rep for 2015, you are invited to a briefing on

Wednesday 25 February, starting at 12.00 noon, in Room 1 at GPlace.

We will explain your role, how class records are kept, what equipment is available and how it works – plus answer any questions you have.

U3A Office and New Member Morning Teas

The U3A office will be open at Ballarat North on first Wednesday of each month from 10.30 to 12.00 noon. The office will also open at GPlace for an hour before *News and Views* each month. The popular *new members morning teas* will also be held at Ballarat North on the first Wednesday from 10.30 to 11.30 am. The first one this year is on Wednesday 4 February – all new members are invited to attend and find out what U3A offers.

North Ballarat Campus

Ian Cunningham (Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Club President) thanked U3A for a very successful first year of our tenancy of the BNSCC in 2014. Blake Gordon attended a meeting with the City of Ballarat and BNSCC members at the Ballarat North site, designed to inform and request ideas for the development of the whole block bounded between Doveton and Armstrong Streets. Suggestions were made by the group for a low fence around the open area to the west of BNSCC, a men's shed to the flat area just north of the BNSCC, and a covered BBQ adjacent to the water-play park. A new drop-in kinder is being established ready for the 2015 school year. The old kinder will be demolished by the city due to age/asbestos problems. The Operations committee continues to deal effectively with the day-to-day operation of the cooperative agreement between U3A, BNSCC and the City of Ballarat.

Have you Paid Your Subs? You will need a receipt number when you sign up for classes.

Blake Gordon, President

MEMBERSHIP



We have over 500 members who have renewed their membership! We also have 26 new members and anticipate there will be more on Sign Up day! That is a terrific start to the year and I thank all those who have renewed already.

If you post your membership it helps if you put 'Membership' on the envelope. Three committee members have mail box keys and it's a pain standing in the wind, sun, rain sorting out whether the mail is really for you or not!

A red stamp on your Bulletin means you have not renewed your membership for 2015 and unless your membership is paid by March 1st, this will be the last Bulletin you will receive.

If you have decided not to renew, we would appreciate knowing the reason - too busy, no suitable classes, classes full etc. This will help us improve our services to members.

If you have any membership queries or changes to the information you have given, please feel free to contact us.

Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin
'phone
Emails:

PLEASE wear your nametags to class - and make sure you have completed the medical information on the reverse.

Nina Netherway
Membership Secretary

Interested in being a part of a
CYCLE TOURING GROUP?
(for those who think it's not worth putting on cycle shoes and clothes unless the distance is at least fifty kilometres)

Please contact Phill Grant,
grantphillip@hotmail.com

December's Diversion

Santa's wardrobe for Christmas consists of:
2 pairs of boots (one red, the other black)
3 pairs of pants (red, red with white fur, blue jeans)
4 jackets (red, red with white fur, red with red fur, red with hood)
2 hats (red, red with white fur lining)

The number of different ways Santa could have been dressed is:

$$2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 2 = 48$$

Santa worked it out (which is just as well, eh) – for each pair of boots there was a choice of 3 pants, so that's 6 boots-pants combinations, then for each of those combinations there were 4 choices of jackets – that is 24 combinations of boots-pants-jackets. Finally, for each of those combinations there were 2 choices of hats; that is 48 combinations of boots-pants-jackets-hats.

February's Diversion

Where in the world is...



...and what was the predicted daytime temperature there on 1 February?

Solutions to Phill Grant
grantphillip@hotmail.com
(sorry, no fabulous prizes are offered – just the glory of solving a problem)

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

TIMETABLE A copy of the timetable for 2015 is attached to this bulletin. There are a couple of classes still to be scheduled.

MOSAICS Over a dozen people have expressed an interest in doing this class and there is not enough room for so many in the Men's Shed. Robyn, the tutor, has kindly agreed to take two classes – one in Term 1 and one in Term 2 with the first class starting on Friday 20 February. Those who have expressed an interest in the class will be contacted soon.



INTRODUCTION TO BLOGGING



will run on Friday mornings from 10.45 – 12.00 in the Bingo Room at Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Club in Walker Street, commencing 6 February.

THE WHEEL TURNS FULL CIRCLE



will run weekly on Fridays from 10.00 – 12 at G Place in Room 2 commencing Friday, 6 February.

NEW CLASS

WEAVE YOUR OWN STARS



1 million stars to end violence is a love and peace filled project that brings people together around the world to say NO to all violence. Ballarat has been chosen as one of a hundred places around the world to

contribute our own million stars. Join the class and participate in this wonderful 'Project' and help make the world a safer place, because you can.

A small fee for materials will be required

Contact the tutor Lidia Aitken (53413399) to register.

Venue M.A.D.E. (Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka)
3rd week of the month Thursday 10 till 12.



THE HOUSE DESIGN COURSE WILL NOT BE GOING AHEAD

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE???



We are always on the lookout for new classes and, where classes are full, to offer a second class – or more if the need arises.

As you all know our tutors are volunteers and we are so lucky to have the ones

we already have, but we are always trying to source more.

If you are in a class that is full, you might be in a position to start up another class, or you may know someone who would be willing to do so.

If you would like to volunteer or you know someone who might, please contact me by 'phone or email. My details are below.

Mary Maloney – Class Coordinator:

email moomoo@southernphone.com.au or 'phone 5330 1334

ATTENDANCE SHEETS for classes will be available in Rooms 1 and 2 at GPlace and in the office at Ballarat North.

ONLINE COURSES

Each year we subscribe to U3A online courses. To access these courses you need to have our user name and password, which can be obtained by contacting the class coordinator. The courses are free to our members. To start 2015 we are offering two courses:

Australian History 1: Prior to Federation and

China in Transition: From Mao to Now.

We will add more courses during the year.

Advance Notice – CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 11 April
Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Hall

U3A COMMITTEE 2015

POSITIONS and RESPONSIBILITIES

The people listed have the positions and responsibilities shown. Some adjustment of responsibilities may occur during the year in response to changing needs. The list of responsibilities is not meant to be an exhaustive list.

In general and when there is a need, members should contact the committee member who has the relevant responsibility.

President: Blake Gordon

Organiser of meetings, member of all sub-committees, manages the Sectrol contact.

Vice-President: Jack Engwerda

Fills in for President, when required, for meetings.

Treasurer: Helen Slater

Keeps the MYOB books, monitors income, expenditure and term deposits, and with John Olsen, compiles and monitors U3A Network Victoria Grant submission.

Secretary: Ros McArthur

Implements decisions of the Committee. Sends out and receives Correspondence.

Immediate Past-President:

Anne Ottrey

Handles room bookings for U3A, including access & keys.

Minutes Secretary: Cath Taylor

Takes Minutes at meetings, distributes the Minutes to Committee members. Is responsible to the Secretary for maintaining records of past U3A Committee Minutes.

Class & Timetable Co-ordinator:

Mary Maloney

Organises the class booklet, briefing of tutors and class reps, timetabling of classes, new class proposals and compiles attendance records at the end of each year.

Membership:

Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin

Maintains the membership data base, emails the Bulletin to members but is no

longer responsible for editing or compiling the Bulletin.

Bulletin: Phill Grant

Edits and compiles the monthly bulletin, helps with the monthly posting of hard copies.

Furniture and Equipment:

Christopher Hindhaugh

Maintains stock-lists, manages the marking of equipment and the purchase and maintenance of equipment. Works with the Treasurer to ensure that all records of equipment and furniture are kept up to date for insurance purposes.

Social Activities and

News and Views Co-ordinator:

Colleen Noonan

Organises U3A lunches and other activities, including U3A bus trips and excursions.

Arranges speakers, music and afternoon tea for News and Views events on the 4th Wednesday of each month from February to November. Committee members assist with the setting up.

Publicity and Community Relations:

Jack Engwerda

Promotes and advertises U3A (Ballarat) across a range of formats. Builds relationships with key individuals and groups in the community to advance the best interest of U3A and its membership; for example, the City Council, Senior Citizens, etc. Committee contact for website developer, Graham Hawley.

Grants and Sponsorship: John Olsen

Complements the resources of U3A (Ballarat) by writing grant submissions and seeks sponsorship for specific activities. The U3A Network Victoria Grant submission process to rest with the Treasurer Helen Slater, assisted by John.

U3A Office: Denise Grant

Maintains the U3A office at Ballarat North and at News and Views at GPlace; welcomes new members and handles queries and payments from all members

COMMITTEE SUB-COMMITTEES

Accommodation (3 members): Makes recommendations regarding the ongoing need for premises: Anne Ottrey, John Olsen and Blake Gordon. Meets as required.

Finance (5 members): Makes recommendations on financial reporting, budgeting and MYOB: Blake Gordon, Helen Slater, John Olsen, Anne Ottrey, Nina Netherway, Zelda Martin. Meets as required.

Webpage (5 members): Nina Netherway, Blake Gordon, Barry Robbins, Phill Grant, Anne Ottrey.

REPRESENTATIVES OF U3A (BALLARAT) ON EXTERNAL BODIES

GPLACE Management Committee (2 representatives; the President + 1 other): Anne Ottrey and Blake Gordon.

U3A (Victoria) - Network

Representative:

Graham Hawley

Regional Representatives of U3A (Ballarat);

Network Representative + President + any other members.

City of Ballarat Positive Ageing Sub-committee:

Anne Ottrey and Blake Gordon

Operations (Two U3A members): Blake Gordon, Jack Engwerda + Ian Cunningham and Pauline McCausland (Ballarat North)

BALLARAT U3A WEBSITE

Now would be a good time to view the Ballarat U3A website. Why? Because it may soon change.

<http://www.u3aballarat.org.au>

Now is also a good time to offer our Webmaster, Graham Hawley, a huge vote of thanks for his twelve years in that role.

Graham has developed the website over the years into a vital means of communication and a valuable source of information for members and prospective members. He has ensured that the site contains 'up-to-the-minute' information in a way that only electronic media can.

Graham will be moving on to other activities. A working group has been formed to further develop the website.

So, thank you, Graham, and best wishes during the changeover and for your new activities! (Of course, readers might like to go to the website, click on 'CONTACT', then click on Graham's email address to send a message.)

PNEUMONIA and FLU VACCINATIONS

Dr. David Birch, who has a country practice in Smythes Creek, has offered to provide vaccinations for both 'PNEUMOVAK', preventing pneumonia for a five year period, and the FLU. He has suggested that the PNEUMOVAK be administered mid-March 2015, and the FLU vaccination in mid-April 2015.

The FLU vaccinations are free to all U3A members and their partners, on presentation of their Medicare card. The PNEUMOVAK vaccination is free to U3A members who are over 65 years of age, on presentation of their Medicare card. Dr. Birch will administer the vaccinations at GPlace at a date and time to be confirmed.

If you are interested, please contact Jack Engwerda

(Editor's Note: The Committee believes that the above information is correct. Details are expected to be confirmed in the March Bulletin.)

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday February 18
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
grantphillip@hotmail.com

BALLARAT HISTORY

The Ballarat History group will meet for the first time on Wednesday 11 February 2015 at the same time as before 10.30 am, in the same place, Room 2 at G Place. The speaker will be Joy Menhennet and her topic will be 'The Cornish in Ballarat'. She is well informed and a good speaker so please come along.

The second class for February, on the 25th, will be a cemetery tour; details nearer the date. For March we hope to return to the Public Records Office and later take a trip along Webster Street.

Please be sure to bring your receipt number to class. Margaret Eedle is the Class Rep., and email

BOOK FOLDING

The short course on Book Folding meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, starting on Tuesday 3 February 2015. Meeting place is Room 1 at GPlace, from 10:45 – 12:15. For the first session, please bring along an old paperback and an old hard-back book, both preferably between 200- 300 pages. Also bring a pencil, ruler and glue stick or craft glue, and your U3A receipt number.

Class tutor; Anne Ottrey,

BOOK GROUPS

First Thursday Book Group

I think we are all looking forward to the start of another year of good books/reading. Perhaps we also may be able to find a permanent home for our group, more later. February 5 will be our first meeting for 2015.

Val Newman. Class Rep.

Book Group 2

Room 1, GPlace, 1st Thursday of the month.

We concluded our year in a celebratory style with a luncheon at Rhonda Gray's home. Such fun, thank you Rhonda.

A discussion of the book *Cold Comfort Farm* followed. Each other's opinion is valued, as well as their friendship. We look forward to reviewing *Lovesong* by Alex Miller at our February meeting .

Vivienne Martinich, Class Rep,

BUSHWALKERS

This year has started well despite hot weather with the two walks to date well attended. The first as usual was around Lake Wendouree and then back for coffee at Pipers. The second was at Buninyong and was led by Joy Whitten along some shady trails!

Upcoming Walks

January 29: Brian Hay will lead a walk at Creswick. If the day is a total fire ban it will be a town walk otherwise the walk will be La Gerche. Either way it will be approx 5 km, B.L, Code A-B, Car Pool \$5.

February 12: Mt Pleasant local walk led by Anne Ottrey.
Walk starts at GPlace and wanders through interesting pockets of Mt Pleasant, down to the Yarrowee River, returning up the hill to GPlace. Bring hat, water and morning tea. 7½ km, B.

February 26: This walk led by Heather Bice will start from Linton, Code B Hilly. Bring Lunch. 9 -10 km. Car Pool \$5

KEY. A – easy, B – undulating, C – hilly, longer, D – strenuous. BL – bring lunch.

NOTE. Meeting place is GPlace at 9.20 am to leave at 9.30 am



Dot, John and Shirley after Lake Wendouree



Some of the other walkers enjoying coffee at Pipers

Laraine Gunning (Class Rep.) and Lynne Fenton

CANASTA

Good news for the canasta players; we now have two sessions a month! So from February we will be meeting at the same place and the same time, but on the first and third Friday afternoons of each month. So our first class will be on 6 February at 2 pm at GPlace, Room 2.

I look forward to seeing you all there. As we have 14 people on the list I think that is a good number to start with. However I would be pleased to start a waiting list. Please would you bring your receipts to the class?

A big 'thank you' to Helen for hosting an afternoon of canasta at her house in January.

Val Newman, Class Rep.
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THE CELTIC MUSIC BAND

Our 2014 year finished with several gigs & a fun-time breakup lunch. We played at a Uniting Church Dinner, a Rotary Book Fair, the Laurels Christmas Lunch, and finally Christmas Music outside Myers. With excellent leadership, enthusiastic, dedicated & talented Band Members, it was a superb year of music making.

The New Year begins with Folders being organised according to the new Songlist, playing lots of tunes at Monday Jam Sessions, preparing for two gigs in February, while contemplating how to complete our CD. Welcome to 2015!



Corrie Olsen; Tutor
Ros Cole; Class Rep.

CLASSIC CINEMA

February 10: Robert Flaherty's renowned documentary presents life among the fisher-folk of the remote Aran Islands. *Man of Aran* (1934, 71 mins) will be a suitable start to a year of Water Films.

Please be seated ready for a **1.30** start.

This class is full, so those interested should please watch the bulletin in case vacancies are announced over the next few months. It is important that all current members supply their receipt numbers ASAP. Please 'phone those through and if necessary leave a message if you are unable to attend the February session.

Marion Dick; Class Rep.,

COMMUNITY GARDENING

Our first meeting is Thursday 5 February in the GPlace Community Garden, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

Please bring along your U3A receipt number, and also your hat, water & gloves. Tasks for this meeting include planning our plantings for the year, harvesting summer crops, watering and weeding beds around GPlace as needed. Crops ready for harvest include zucchini, kale, cucumbers, rhubarb and some of the leafy greens.

Anne Ottrey, mobile:

COMPUTER CLASS

The short course of 4 weeks for beginners starts on Monday 2 February. Further classes will depend on requests such as for classes in skills in using 'WORD', Excel, Power Point, Publisher, etc.

For inquiries please contact the tutor, Fran. The Class Rep for 2015 is Kerry.

Fran Hanrahan, Tutor,

DIGITAL CAMERAS Know your Digital Camera

The first class, beginning on Wednesday February 4, for four weeks, will deal with Digital Single Lens Reflex Cameras and Mirror-less Interchangeable Lens Cameras.

The second class, beginning on Wednesday March 4, for 4 weeks, will look at compact point-and-shoot cameras.

Classes (max. 5 members) are held at the tutor's home from 10 am - 12 noon. Participants should bring their cameras with the batteries fully charged, the manual, notebook and pen.

Extra classes may be scheduled at a later date depending on demand.

Carol Hall, Tutor, (ring if urgent)

THE DINING OUT GROUP

The first gathering of the Dining Out Group for 2015 has been arranged for Sunday 15 February at 12.30 at the Lake View Hotel. We shall be in the Champagne Bar – entry off Mill Street. We do hope as many of you as possible will come along so that we can discuss a range of venues for the year.

Parking is available in Mill Street as well as Wendouree Parade. If you are intending to be with us, please ring Ann Reynolds, Class Rep. by the preceding Thursday. A message can be left on the 'phone, or email;

Ann Reynolds, Class Rep.

ESSAYS AND IDEAS

The Essays and Ideas Group meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 10.45 am - 12.15 pm.

Venue: GPlace, Room 2

Essays for February 2015

On **Monday 9 February**, from *The Best Australian Essays 2013 - The Beatles of Comedy* by David Free, page 173; and from *The Norton Book of Personal Essays Reflections on Journalism* by H.L. Mencken, page 72.

On **Monday 23 February**, from *The Best Australian Essays 2013 - Vale Christopher Pearson* by Anna Goldsworthy, page 184; and from *The Norton Book of Personal Essays - Leslie Stephen* by Virginia Woolf, page 77.

Margret Currie

FILM MUSICALS

The first term for 2015 will be films based on Shakespeare's plays. The first will be held on Friday 13 February at 1 pm, with *The Boys from Syracuse*, other films for the term are *Kiss Me Kate*, *Prospero's Books* and *Loves Labour's Lost*.

Anyone who would like to join the class please contact the Class Rep.

Bob Whitten, Class Rep.

JOURNEY WITH MY MUSIC

This class begins on Monday 9 February at 2.15 pm, and GPlace Room 2 will be open at 2 pm. I am pleased to report that there is a full class of twenty ready to travel to far away places with music and stories about the songs and the places. Your class representative is Ian Martin, 53429515, and I am looking forward to meeting you all, some for the first time and a few from my earlier classes. Make sure you have your membership receipt for Ian's records and you don't need notebooks as there will be a handout at the end of each session.

Ralph Hislop, Tutor,
and email ralph90next@gmail.com

LANGUAGES

FRENCH



Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

GERMAN

Fortgeschrittene - Advanced

Wir beginnen um 10.45, am 2. Februar, in GPlace Zimmer 1. Zum Thema 'das Auto'; Sarah M würde gerne ihr Auto verkaufen; Marke; Nissan Micra 1,2 L, Benzin, 2011 Farbe; gold (innen schwarz) Benzin-Verbrauch; sehr, sehr niedrig Schaltung; automatisch 'Ein tolles, sauberes Auto' null vier zwölf zweiundachtzig fünfundvierzig dreiundneunzig

Beginners – Anfänger

12.30, 2. Februar, Room 2, das Thema – 'Wer bist du?' (Who are you?)

Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

LITERATURE

Our class will begin 2015 on Thursday 5 February at 10.45 with a discussion of books members have read during the summer break. We will then discuss the book of the month *The Europeans* by Henry James.

Our tutor will be Helen Nethercote.

Members are reminded to bring their U3A membership renewal receipts.

Robyn McKnight, Class Representative

OPERA ON VIDEO

February 13 and 27,
at 2.00 pm

Tchaikovsky's *The Queen of Spades*
Metropolitan Opera Company

Graham Worrell

PHILOSOPHY

The U3A philosophers will return to GPlace on Wednesday February 4 at 2 pm.

Please bring your receipt numbers to this first class,

John Poliness, Class Rep.

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

The start of the jewellery making classes this year has been postponed until 24 February as Steve is off to India. Can't wait to hear of his travels when he gets back.

Wendy Chandler, Class Rep.

SIT AND STITCH

Our class settled into the Ballarat North Campus and had an enjoyable and creative year with several highlights. Several of our members attended a class which was held at the Ballarat Library during Seniors Week, others went to M.A.D.E. and helped recreate a

new Eureka Flag for the 160th Anniversary of the Rebellion, and watched the Flag raised on *Sit and Stitch continued*

Eureka Day. Marie demonstrated hat and flower making and dressmaking from the 50's. Many thanks to Judith and Elizabeth, we have 3 quilts completed to donate to Gandarra Cancer Clinic. We finished the year with a High Tea Christmas Lunch.

The classes are on 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9.30 - 3.30 at Ballarat North Campus. New members welcome. Bring along your sewing and machine, embroidery, knitting or crochet. Stay all day and bring your lunch or whatever time you are able. Looking forward to catching up with class members and welcoming new friends.

Margaret Copping, Class Rep.

STROLLERS AND COFFEE

Back to the business of strolling and coffee (we don't mention the cake!). Hope everyone had a good healthy Xmas!

List of walks for the start of the year, all walks start at 10 am:

4 February; Meet at 'Pipers' on Wendouree Parade.

25 February; Meet at the Special School Bakery Café, off Norman Street, up from Davis bus lines between Creswick Road & Doveton Street.

4 March; Meet at Kirk's Reservoir off Daylesford Road.



The strollers anticipating a big Xmas lunch.

Chris Cullen, Class Rep.

WAR OF THE ROSES AND THE TUDORS

February 12 and 26
at 10.45 am in Room 2

Come and share in the lives of Edward II, Isabella and Edward III, the 'Warrior King'. The times when the seeds were sown for the eventual and inevitable 'War of the Roses'.

Jill Hunter

THE WHEEL TURNS FULL CIRCLE

The course *The Wheel turns Full Circle* will be held at GPlace, Room 2, each week on Friday, from 10 am – 12 noon. For further information please ring;

Sue Taylor.

YOGA

The first advanced yoga class for 2015 will be on Friday January 30 at 9.30 am. Lori has enough names to start the beginners' class and that will start on Monday 2 February at 9.30 am (Buninyong Uniting Church hall). Anyone who would like to attend the beginners' class please contact Lori on

Joy Whitten, Tutor.

TIME OUT

A man was travelling through Queensland and stopped at the little outback town of Mercee for refreshment. The café owner suggested he try the locally grown tea – Koala Tea. The traveller agreed, but when the drink came he saw tea-leaves and tiny dry twigs floating in the drink. When questioned, the owner was apologetic, saying, 'I'm so sorry, I should have told you that the Koala Tea of Mercee is not strained.'

Many thanks to Cec. Plumb for this contribution.

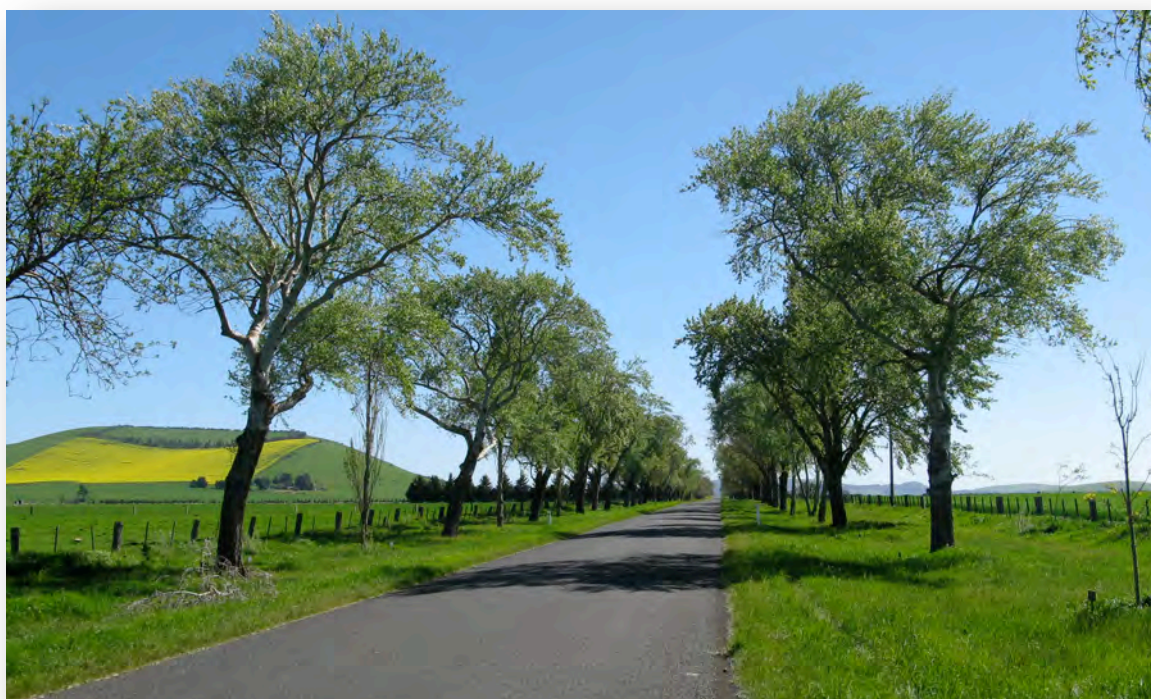
U3A NEWS & VIEWS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2.00 PM
GPLACE, English Street, Golden Point

BALLARAT AND THE GREAT WAR Gary Snowdon

Gary has led a number of trips to the battlefields of the First World War. His research into the war has focused on the role of volunteers from Ballarat and district.

This talk will feature stories represented by the trees of the
Avenue of Honour



Music by the Celtic Players
AFTERNOON TEA - EVERYONE IS WELCOME
The U3A Office will be open from 1 - 2 pm