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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.

DIARY DATES 2015

- Wed Mar 25 News & Views 2.00 pm, GPlace, Function Room
Office open 1 – 2 pm
- Wed Mar 25 Meeting of prospective new tutors, 12.30, GPlace
- Wed Apr 1 New members morning tea & tour, Bingo Room, North
Ballarat 10:30 - 11:30 am.
Office open at North 10:30 am – 12 noon
- Wed Apr 15 Committee Meeting - Ballarat North 9:30 am
- Wed Apr 15 Class Notes for Bulletin due by 6 pm to Phill Grant
grantphillip@hotmail.com
- Wed Apr 29 News & Views 2.00 pm, GPlace, Function Room
Office open 1 – 2 pm
- Wed May 6 New members morning tea & tour, Bingo Room, North
Ballarat 10:30 - 11:30 am.
Office open at North 10:30 am – 12 noon
- Sat Mar 28 to Sun Apr 11 Easter School Holidays
Will your classes be running?

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Members of the U3A Ballarat Cycle Touring Group

VALE

Wendy Bolton

Always willing, cheerful and competent in all aspects of her duties as Class Representative.

VALE

Graham Douglas

Graham was a member of U3A Ballarat for most of its existence. For many years he tutored various history classes - Russian; Medieval; Ancient. He had an amazing memory and knowledge for these subjects.

Graham was on the Executive Committee for several years, including two years as President. He was a Network Victoria delegate, where he was involved with deciding the formula to distribute Government funds to the various State U3A groups.

Our sympathy to Dorothy and family

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ballarat North

On February 27 Jack and I attended a landmark Operations meeting at Ballarat North. All three groups were represented, along with the City and an architect. After a very productive discussion the group took a walking tour around the building. Peter Appleton, the City of Ballarat Manager of Community Engagement, stated during the meeting that the three groups now sharing BNSCC are considered 'best practice' by the city and with the increase in usage, improvements will occur. Car parking along Armstrong Street will be improved with resurfacing of the wide edge of the road and the BNSCC carpark. A new sign(s) will be erected on the south and north sides – perhaps 'Ballarat North Community Hub' (with the three resident groups listed below). The group identified areas for the architect that need re-thinking– the stage and storage areas in the west side of the building, the kitchen and

seating areas for morning teas (without disturbing classes), and generally opening up the place and giving it a new look on the outside. The architect will produce plans for the better use of the 'internal footprint' of the building. Heating and cooling will be addressed as a first step. I felt buoyed by the enthusiasm and positive agreement between the groups – a great start to 2015.

GPlace

The two shipping containers are on site – the nearest one to the main building housing some U3A property. A new key box will be installed at the east door of GPlace to permit entry from class reps/tutors if the building is locked. Would any members having a key please return it to Blake when the key box is installed. The GPlace AGM will be held on 15 April at which time a new schedule of rent will be voted on.

Regional Meeting at GPlace

On Monday 23 March U3A Ballarat hosted a Regional U3A Meeting at GPlace from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Chaired by Wendy Madden (Maryborough), the meeting focused on the use of digital technology in our U3A classes. Several presenters from other U3A's gave 20-minute demonstrations, while our John Olsen showed how he uses WiFi to run his Genealogy classes. We did our usual brilliant job of catering thanks to Anne, Colleen and their team.

2015 Memberships Pass 700

Nina has confirmed that U3A Ballarat has more than 700 members in 2015. Our morning tea at North was well attended (over 25 new members) – and as a bonus several attendees said they would be interested in starting new courses as tutors! I have attended several meetings with the City of Ballarat - the opening of the Education year, meetings with Rose Young about support for a digital stories Memory Atlas project – that have noted that our growth and significant numbers of members are beginning to have some positive effects.

Blake Gordon, President

MEMBERSHIP



We have cracked the 700 mark! This is wonderful for our organization and we do hope that new members are enjoying their classes. The new members' morning teas held each month have been a great success and I would urge any new member who has not yet attended a morning tea to do so. They are held at the Ballarat North Campus on the first Wednesday of the month from 10.30 – 11.30.

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

Nina Netherway, Membership Secretary

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BALLARAT U3A WEBSITE

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

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

SOUTH STREET VOLUNTEERS

The Royal South Street Eisteddfod in Ballarat, this year running its 124th Eisteddfod, provides valuable opportunities for performers in a wide range of performing arts. 'South Street', as it is often known, is Australia's foremost Eisteddfod.

The Eisteddfod also provides opportunities for volunteers to be a part of the organization, as many of our U3A members already know from first-hand experience.

If you would like to be a volunteer for South Street, please contact Marilyn Furness

Telephone 5332 1054

Email marilyn@royalsouthstreet.com.au

April's Diversion

Last month's site was Vienna. The café was founded as *Café Ronacher* in 1880 by Jacob Ronacher. He sold it to the Sperl family who renamed it *Café Sperl*. You might want to go there to drink coffee or tea, served on a silver tray, as shown in the photo by Trevor and Denise Wilson



Congratulations to Marcia Beggs, Helena Martinova, Andrew Winter, Denise and Trevor Wilson and Maureen Foulkes for their research, detective work and/or personal memories leading to answers.

For this month's diversion;
Where in the world is...



Solutions to Phill Grant
grantphillip@hotmail.com

(sorry, no fabulous prizes are offered – just the glory of solving a problem)

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

TUTORS AND CLASS REPS PLEASE NOTE

Class registers are due by the end of the month. If you haven't already done so, please send your register to Nina or Mary a.s.a.p.

Tutors please send me the name of your class rep. if you have not already done so. Thank you.

MOSAICS



The second term class will start at the beginning of the second school term.

ZEN BUDDHISM PAINTING AND POETRY

Places are still available in this course



Using painting and poetry as the basic material for discussion, Professor Richard Perry will explore the rise of Zen Buddhism in China and its growth in Japan. Strange and wonderful Zen personalities, nature imagery, change in artistic style and the philosophical/experiential path of Zen will be explained. There will be ample time for question and argument.

This course will run for 4 weeks in April.
Venue: Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Club in Walker Street.

Dates: April 9, 16, 23 and 30

Time: 11 am – 12.30 pm; Thursdays

NEW SHORT COURSES

NATURE'S WAY OF SELF-HEALING

Places are still available in this course.

Learn how to reduce stress and anxiety with new self-help meditation. Meditate your-self to peace while not having to talk or think about your



problems. Over four, two hour sessions you will learn how to reduce your stress and anxiety by yourself at home. Also learn how this new meditation is having great results in removing the angst out of autism.

Leigh Skewes has offered to run this course. He is a Registered Psychiatric Nurse; he holds a Diploma in Counselling Psychology and a Diploma in Solution Oriented Hypnosis; he is trained in Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT); Be Set Free Fast (BSFF); Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR); and holds a Certificate IV in Alcohol and other Drugs.

Leigh is the CEO of the 'Centre of Subconscious Research' and has been instrumental in the development of the natural healing meditation therapy called 'Subconscious Freedom Therapy' in Australia. This self-help meditation does not require the person to think or talk about the problem and has been twenty years in the development.

The course will run on a Tuesday morning at Ballart North Senior Citizens' Club

Contact Mary Maloney if you are interested in attending.

POSSIBLE NEW CLASSES

A PERSONAL HISTORY OF JAZZ



Peter Weste, one of our members, has offered to run a course on the history of jazz. Peter says that he has been interested in Jazz for over 70 years and has a fine collection on CD. Peter has already successfully presented this course to Mornington U3A and is now offering to do the same for us. Peter has called this a Personal History because, as he says, 'it is not an academic treatise on an important part of the total music scene; it is my experience of the genre, featuring music that I have enjoyed over the years.'

The course would cover the following topics and be presented in two hour sessions. The Early Days, Swing Bands, Early Small Groups, Later Small Groups, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington, The Blues, Early Post-War Bop, The

Birth of the Cool, The Pianists, The Boy Singers, The Girl Singers.

Contact Mary Maloney if you are interested.

2000 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN ART



Another of our members, Ron Hedgcock, has offered to run a course on Christian Art. Ron ran a similar course some years ago and has now updated the course. The scope of the course is as

follows:

Symbolism in Religious Art and the meaning of Myth, the Garden of Eden Myth and its symbolism, the Roman Catacombs, the Persecutions and the Martyrs, the Sistine Chapel and Michaelangelo's great paintings, the Reformation, and the art works that developed in the Catholic and Protestant camps, The non-Canonical traditions and legends concerning the Virgin Mary.

Ron points out that the subject matter does not come with any specifically religious agenda, and is not designed as propaganda for any Church.

Contact Mary Maloney if you are interested.
Telephone 5330 1334
Email moomoo@southernphone.com.au

Mary Maloney, Class Coordinator.

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 11 April
Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Hall

Bring a boot load of stuff to sell, but be early to claim a table.

OR

Come and buy – there are bound to be treasures for sale. (or just come and eat)

The EXCHANGE TABLE at GPlace

Fruit, vegetables, etc; located in the U3A kitchen – take what you can use and/or leave your excess on the table for others.

ODDS and SODS from the COMMITTEE and others

* Did you know that there are Ballarat U3A bookmarks available that have lots of contact information printed on them, and they work well as bookmarks?

* Nina Netherway, the Membership Secretary, would love to hear from tutors or class representatives, especially if they send current class lists.

* Did you know, that the laptop mouse belongs in the laptop bag?

* Did you know that all participants, class reps, tutors and committee members are voluntary?

Win a brand new iPad from *Tech Savvy Seniors!*

If you are in Victoria and have a Seniors Card, there is an iPad up for grabs through the *Tech Savvy Seniors iPad Competition*. Simply visit seniorsonline.vic.gov.au to go in the running to win your own iPad!

Victorian Tech Savvy Seniors is a Seniors Card Age Friendly Partners program with Telstra. It is designed to give Victorian seniors, particularly those in regional and rural Victoria, the opportunity to develop the skills to use technology for socialising, accessing important services or conducting personal business.

As part of the program, public libraries in regional and rural Victoria are currently delivering technology training to Victorian seniors. Additionally, you can access a series of online educational training resources and videos on Seniors Online at no cost and borrow training DVDs from libraries across Victoria.

Full details of the program are available at seniorsonline.vic.gov.au, the Victorian Government website for older Victorians, or at www.telstra.com.au/telstra-seniors.

Entries close 31 May 2015.

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday April 15
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
grantphillip@hotmail.com

ART GROUP

The Art Group meets each Thursday, from 10 am to 12 noon, at the Alexandra Croquet Club.

Barbara Preston, Class Tutor

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

We have researched the aborigines (the first inhabitants of Terra Australis), the first Europeans to either sight or land on Terra Australis, and some of the people of the First Fleet. We are now looking at the Governors and important personalities of the time.

The next session, March 27, will include John and Elizabeth Macarthur (and their sheep), Governor Bligh and the rum trade, and Governor Macquarie the 'Founder of Australia' and Mrs Macquarie. We are weaving a very interesting story and class contributions to the story through 'Five Minuters' are very well received. Afternoon tea is a highlight!

There will be a break over the school holidays and we resume again on April 23.

Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin

BALLARAT HISTORY

There will not be a class on Wednesday 8 April; it is school holiday week so we will take a break. For the class on Wednesday 22 April please meet at St. Patrick's at 10.15 am, when we shall be given a guided tour of the stained glass windows of the Cathedral; afterwards we shall cross the road by 11 o'clock to be guided round the windows of St. Andrews Kirk.

Any problems please ring me on 5339 4465 or email margaret@eedle.com

Margaret Eedle, Class Rep.

BOOK FOLDING

In our classes this month we folded a Christmas tree from an old magazine and cut a 3D apple or pear from an old paperback. For our last class on Tuesday 31 March, everyone will choose their own project. Some will try folding a word into a book, while other class members will use old sheet music to fold flowers or other shapes. We will celebrate the completion of our course with a lunch at the Red Lion afterwards.



*Anne Ottrey, Class Tutor; 5336 2482,
mobile 0422 963 985*

BOOK GROUPS

First Thursday Book Group

We are all saddened by the death of Wendy Bolton, who was the original class representative. Her calm personality and wise comments will be greatly missed.

This year our group has read *The Lady and the Unicorn* by Tracy Chevalier and *Death in the Mountains* by Lisa Clifford. Both are fabulous books and quite different. Now we are reading Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*, and looking forward to watching an early video of it.

Val Newman. Class Rep. 53388389.

Book Group 2

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

Vivienne Martinich, Class Rep,

BUSHWALKERS

April Walks

9 April: Ballarat East, led by Rod Bolton, 6km, B.L. Code A

23 April: Blackwood, Start at Garden of St, Erth loop walk, led by Brian Hay, 6-7 kms, Code B, B.L, Car Pool \$8.



Lunch break on the Linton walk



Photo stop during our walk at St. Kilda

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

*Laraine Gunning, Class Rep. and
Lynne Fenton*

CANASTA

First and third Friday afternoons of each month at GPlace Room 2.

We usually have two tables playing this exciting (?) game, however if you would like to give it a try, please phone me, as we always have room for more players. The first Friday of April will be Good Friday, so we will not be meeting then. Also, on the second Friday I cannot be there - so please would somebody offer to take the class that day?

I look forward to catching up again in May.

Val Newman, class rep., 53388389.

The CELTIC BAND

The year started with the Band welcoming a new member as well as practising for two Gigs – Ballarat Southern Cross Probus Club on February 24, and GPlace News & Views the following day. With an enthusiastic audience response on both days, the Gigs went well.

We are now practising for the final CD recordings at the end of March and with several Gigs already booked, there is much music making happening – re-visiting tunes already in the repertoire as well as learning lots of new ones.

The Band continues to offer a hugely enjoyable challenge!

Corrie Olsen, Tutor, and Ros Cole, class rep.

CHINA IN TRANSITION

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 – 12.30

This is a short course which covers the rich history of China from the Boxer Rebellion to contemporary China. Extensive course notes have been provided by U3A online.

The course is working well - each week, our tutor/moderator, Colleen Noonan breaks the class into four groups and each group has a topic to discuss for the next session. Robust discussion takes place - and everyone has a chance to contribute to the topics. Everyone in

this group seems to have been to China at various stages of its modern history and the experience and knowledge of group members adds to the interest of this complex but fascinating time in China's history.

April 8: No class during school holidays

April 22: Guest speaker Dr Xioali Jiang, Program Leader, International Studies, Federation University.

Topic: The Cultural Revolution to Tiananmen Square.

Dr Jiang was in grade 2 when the Cultural Revolution began and she will speak of her personal experiences of the tumultuous events of that period, and the changes leading to the democracy movement and the 1989 demonstrations in Tiananmen Square.

Dulcie Corbett, class rep. 0419583954

CHORISTERS

Hello to all those who enjoy music, specifically singing and Celtic music. You will be pleased to know that a performance by both of these arts will be held in the Ballarat Senior Citizens Club on the 24 June. The Ballarat U3A Choristers and The Corrie Olsen Celtic band will be in full voice and tune to entertain you. We look forward to seeing you there.

On a different note we are sad that one of our long time members Coralie is leaving us for greener pastures and quieter times. We miss her already.

Liz Bailey, class rep.

CLASSIC CINEMA

April 14: With *The Lady from Shanghai* (1948, 87 mins, no subtitles), Orson Welles presents a classic Film Noir thriller, with a gorgeous Rita Hayworth, devilish and murderous plotting, and magnificent black and white cinema photography. Strangely, most of the action takes place on a Pacific cruise.

*Marion Dick, class rep.,
5332 4831, or mobile: 0429 691 470*

COMMUNITY GARDENING

A small group met in March to remove finished crops, weed and water garden beds, and harvest vegies for the exchange table in the tea room. All U3A members are encouraged to use the exchange table to distribute excess fruit and vegies from home gardens.

At our next meeting on Thursday April 2, we will continue to remove weeds and blackberries from the overgrown front garden, as well as planting and tending crops in the community garden.

*Anne Ottrey, mobile: 0422 963 985,
Phone: 5336 2482*

COMPUTER CLASS

Call for a member who has some computer skills to spend an hour or two helping at the computer class. contact Fran.

The short course using basic WORD skills for four weeks started on Monday, March 16. Further classes will depend on requests from members for classes in skills such as in using WORD, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, etc.

For inquiries please contact the tutor, Fran, 5336 0127.
Class rep for 2015 is Kerry, 5332 6087

Fran Hanrahan, Tutor, 5336 0127

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

We're well into the year and the cryptic crossword class is a full house. It's great to have all the old members back and we all welcome the new members. For those members who do crosswords, or would like to, here are some general clues for you.

Cryptic crosswords are **crossword puzzles** in which each clue is a word puzzle in and of itself. The first step to solving cryptic crosswords is to understand how they are structured. Strict traditional rules apply to what Setters can and can't do in their clues. Understanding these rules will mean that clues will no longer seem to be abstract and meaningless phrases. The most common

mistake made by untrained cryptic crossword solvers is to read the whole clue as one phrase. Rarely will this help obtain the solution.

Below is a cryptic clue. See if you can solve it. Answer next month.

Two girls, one on each knee (7)

Mary Chappell, Class Rep., 5330 1633

CURRENT AFFAIRS

On 16 March our guest speaker, Michelle Hunt from the Grampians Women's Health group provided us with the strategies that enable each of us to help reduce the rates of violence in our community. The entrenched sexism in our society tends to foster the attitudes in some males that it is OK to hit or abuse the women and children closest to them. We all have to say it's not OK! As the first Monday in April is Easter Monday, we will not be meeting but on 20 April we will have a guest speaker on Alzheimer and be given a firsthand experience on the stresses and strains of caring for a sufferer. In May we return to our Climate Change theme and our topic investigates the impact on weather that forms part of most news bulletins at the moment.

Ros McArthur, Tutor

The CYCLE TOURING GROUP

How do we describe our rides so far – by the number of kilometres covered or by the number of cappuccinos enjoyed? Regardless of the description, we have been to the outer extremities of Remembrance Drive, circled Lake Learmonth, been to Clunes and back and explored the Ballarat to Skipton Rail Trail (but not all on the same day).



Phill Grant

DANCERCISE

We are an enthusiastic group with lots of new members. Already, this year, new routines have been introduced and old ones revised. We have a new segment ... member's choice. One of us brings a CD track which we 'free-dance' to. Now that might be worth a picture next month.

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep.

DIGITAL CAMERAS

Know your Digital Camera

An extra class for Digital Single Lens Reflex Cameras and Mirrorless Interchangeable Lens Cameras will be held on Wednesdays April 8, 15, 22 & 29. There are vacancies in this class, which is held at the tutor's home from 10 am-12 noon. If you are interested, please phone, letting me know the brand & model of your camera.

A further class for compact point & shoot cameras may be held after June.

Carol Hall, Tutor, (03) 5339 2255 (ring if urgent)

THE DINING OUT GROUP

On 15 March thirteen of us enjoyed a lovely drive in the sunshine to the *Captain's Flat Winery* at Blampied. The winery is set on a hillside with delightful views over the surrounding countryside. We enjoyed our meal and one another's company and I do encourage others to join us on our 'out of town' jaunts.

Our next gathering will be on Sunday 19 April at 12.30 at the *Bunch of Grapes Hotel*, cnr. Pleasant and South Streets. Those who are attending will need to let me know by Thursday 16 April as I need to inform the hotel of our numbers the following day. My 'phone number is 53091718 (you can leave a message) or email.

I look forward to seeing you.

Ann Reynolds, class rep; 5309 1718
annreynolds@hemsleypark.com.au

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 April

On Monday 13 April - from *The Best Australian Essays 2013 - Top Girl* by Julian Meyrick, page 200; and from *The Norton Book of Personal Essays - St Augustine and the Bullfight* by Katherine Anne Porter, page 91.

On Monday 27 April from *The Best Australian Essays 2013 - How the Rudd Campaign Unravelling* by Pamela Williams; and from *The Norton Book of Personal Essays - The Middle or the Blue Period* by Dorothy Parker, page 103.

Margret Currie; 04 1929 0232 or 5333 2970

FILM MUSICALS

Our Tutor Sarah Maidlow will leave Australia on March 14 to return to the UK to live. Several members of the class are combining to keep the class running in her absence.

During term 2 we will concentrate on Afro-American musicals including *Hallelujah*, *Stormy Weather*, *Car Wash* and *Lady Sings The Blues*. Because of availability films are subject to change at short notice.

If anyone has a copy of any of the above films and would be willing to lend it to us I would love to hear from you.

Bob Whitten, class rep., 5341 8189
email ibobdown@hotmail.com

JOURNEY WITH MY MUSIC

This class meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at GPlace, Room2.

Ralph Hislop, Tutor, 0457 238 852
and email ralph90next@gmail.com

LANGUAGES

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BEGINNERS FRENCH

The new beginners French class has commenced with a group of fourteen starters, under the expert guidance of Jean-Jacques. We have selected our French names, and are learning the sounds of the alphabet and the pronunciation of French words.

There is currently a waiting list for those wishing to join this class.

Au Revoir Jules

FRENCH E

Most of our 2014 class returned this year to continue our journey with French culture, music, history and most importantly language.

Learning any language is much easier when applied to everyday life in the given country. Our class learns the language through practical applications.

Through song, we have been exposed to some hitherto lesser known (to us) French artists like Yves Duteil and Michel Sardu.

Our understanding of verbs is expanding week by week and we have been taught several ways to retain this knowledge.

Sadly we are almost at the end of term, but as Arnold said - we will be back!

Peter Jones, class rep.

FRENCH

French classes in La Nouvelle-Calédonie.

It is proposed to organise a U3A Ballarat French-immersion excursion to New Caledonia. The excursion will include a French language course and the opportunity for homestays during the course. The purpose of the excursion is to provide an enjoyable opportunity to rapidly develop French language skills and knowledge.

In general, classes will start at 8 am each day, with time for individual activities in the afternoon. If staying in a homestay, the hosts

will provide transport to and from the language school.

Dates; 17 – 31 August 2015

Estimated Cost; about \$2000 (Australian), to cover the course, homestay accommodation and airfares.

Interested? Please contact Ken Gittins at kengittins@iinet.net.au

Interested U3A members will be sent the information. Once it is clear that there will be a sufficient number of participants, organisational details will be distributed and it will be the participant's responsibility to pay an initial deposit.

For further information please see page ... in this Bulletin

Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

GERMAN

Fortgeschrittene - Advanced

Yes, discussions of philosophical nature are short lived, but we can go on for hours about the weather!

We farewell Sarah M and thank her for her company, but also keep in mind that the parting may not be forever, as the class is considering options for German lessons in Germany.

Beginners – Anfänger

We have arrived at the airport. Now all we have to do is eat, find accommodation, see the sights...

Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

ITALIAN

The Italian 2 class (Monday 2.15 pm group) have been working through Chapter Four of our textbook *Ci Siamo* this term. We have been practising Italian; learning to shop for fruit and vegetables at the local market.

John Cheesema, Tutor

Wendy Balharrie, Class Rep., 53312329

LATIN III

On March 10 class members of Latin III were sorry to say goodbye to one of our members. Sarah Maidlow and her husband are returning to England to live. We thank Sarah for providing coffee and cake at our last lesson together and wish them well for the future. We are all envious of the fact that many of the Roman Sites mentioned in our text will now be more accessible to them than they are to us.

Gillian Robson, Class Rep.

LATIN 4 at 5

Because of the Easter School holidays, there will be no class on March 31 or April 7. Then on April 14 we will learn more about the Druids from Tacitus, and Martial epigrams.

Janice Cook

LITERATURE

Class members please note that there is a change of schedule for the month of April. Our dates for meeting will be Thursday 16 and Thursday 30 April at the usual times.

A change of book for the month will be *Dear Life*, a collection of short stories by Alice Munro, with tutor Mary Ross. *The Spare Room* will be rescheduled at a later date.

Robyn McKnight, class rep.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

There will be no class in April as a day falls on Good Friday, so we look forward to Ron Hedgcock's program on May 1, when he will present a varied selection of musical videos.

Janice Cook

NORDIC POLE WALKERS

Meets Tuesdays at 10 am.

Mike Maloney, Class Rep. 5330 1334,
<maloney28@southernphone.com.au>
Pat McCarthy, Tutor; 5331 6219

OPERA ON VIDEO

Friday 10 and 24 April, at 2.00 pm;
Mozart, *The Abduction from the Seraglio* (*Il Seraglio*). A 1980 production of the Bavarian State Opera, conducted by Karl Bohm and sung by a superb ensemble of Mozartians – Gruberova, Grist, Araiza, Orth and Talvela

Graham Worrel, Class Rep.

PHILOSOPHY

U3A philosophers are reminded that there is no class on the first Wednesday of this month, April 1.

We will resume our study of political philosophy on Wednesday April 15 and meet at the North Britain for lunch on April 29.

John Poliness, Class Rep.

POETRY

All mimsy were the borogoves last week, as the Poetry class explored Lewis (*Alice in Wonderland*) Carroll's nonsense poetry and Edward Lear's limericks. We've also been reading Tennyson and Browning, technical masters who still tell thrilling stories. We're off to America next, to meet Walt Whitman, who sings about himself. All are welcome to join us.

Millicent Reed, Class Rep.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

The Recorder group is a bit like Grand Designs with Kevin McCloud. There's a formula. The end product is written in the score and imagined. It may appear ambitious at first glance. Our attempts to play sometimes bring joy, sometimes a 'not sure where this is going' feeling, then a moment of pride when the sound June wants actually happens. We are at those various stages in the pieces we are learning now. It always works out in the end.

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

Tuesdays at 9.30 am until 12.30 and
1.00 pm until 3.30

in the Men's/Community Shed
GPlace

Steve is back with tales of India, visiting museums to see beautiful Icons and sitting in a Bangladesh airport for many hours waiting for a plane to get him out of there. We have two new faces in the morning class and there has been a lot of catching up with news of our doings during the long break. Now it's back with noses to the grindstone (not literally) and bringing our creative selves to the fore.

Remember, there are now two class reps. Wendy Chandler is the A.M. Rep., and Anne King is the P.M. Rep. If you need to contact a class rep., please make sure you contact the person representing your class.

Wendy Chandler, 5331 8904, Class Rep. (am)
Anne King, 5341 8002, Class Rep. (pm)

SIT AND STITCH

The classes are on the 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., 5334 1191, or
04 0902 1949*

STROLLERS AND COFFEE

Walks start at 10 am
on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays

25 March; Meet at MADE, 102 Stawell St.,
Eureka Stockade.

1 April; Meet at Krooze Inn Café, Cnr. Boak
Ave. & Geelong Highway.

22 April; Meet at Victoria Park, Cnr. Russell
& Winter St. Coffee after walk at the Turret
Café, 802 Sturt St.

Wendy Chandler
Chris Cullen, Class Rep., 5332 3721

WAR OF THE ROSES AND THE TUDORS

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
at 10.45 am at GPlace, 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

Clothes and fashion from 1811-1911

In our small but enthusiastic class we have begun by looking at clothing worn in 1811 and are working our way through to 1911. In women's clothing we have noticed the difference in necklines (high for day wear and low for evening gowns); that sleeves were preposterously large and puffy and gradually became slimmer; collars became so large as to cover the shoulders; skirts were slimmer and became more voluminous and needed up to six petticoats to create the desired shape; waistlines began under the bust and then worked their way south and bonnets were large and became smaller. In men's fashion we saw that lace and frills were replaced by simplicity of design, except for the cravat, which could be quite extravagant; breeches eventually lengthened to become trousers and we learned that a true gentleman would never roll up his sleeves! Next, we are heading into the time of the bustle and the invention of artificial dyes and it is certain to be an interesting and colourful journey.

Jan Herperger, Class Rep.

WOODWORKING

Woodwork is a very popular choice amongst U3A members. We only have enough bench space for twelve members and have a full class for 2015 plus a waiting list. Feel free to add your name to the waiting list as things can change during the year.

*Heather Bice, Class Rep. 0419524714
or 53301357 bice2@tpg.com.au*

YOGA

The first advanced yoga class for 2015 started on Friday January 30 at 9.30 am. Lori has enough names to start the beginners' class and that started 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 53303143.

Joy Whitten, Tutor 53418189.

Some people just know the right thing to say at the right time.

'The aim of life is not to arrive at the grave with a well preserved body, but to skid in sideways, exclaiming "my goodness, what a ride!"', adapted (ie the language was softened) from a poster seen on *Facebook*

'Do not deprive me of my age, I have earned it.', May Sarton, *The Poet and the Donkey: A Novel*

'Reconciliation requires changes of heart and spirit, as well as social and economic change. It requires symbolic as well as practical action.', Malcolm Fraser, 2003

'Vincent Lingiari, I solemnly hand to you these deeds as proof, in Australian law, that these lands belong to the Gurindji people and I put into your hands this piece of the earth itself as a sign that we restore them to you and your children forever.' Gough Whitlam, August 16, 1975

'The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once', Albert Einstein

'I am in politics because of the conflict between good and evil, and I believe that in the end good will triumph', Margaret Thatcher

'Do, Or do not. There is no try', Yoda in *The Empire Strikes Back*

U3A NEWS & VIEWS

Wednesday April 22, 2.00 pm

GPLACE, English Street, Golden Point

"An Overview of Crime, Traffic and Public Order in Ballarat"

Supt Andrew Allen

After 38 years with Victoria Police Supt. Andrew Allen has experience in the fields of armed robbery, organised crime, homicide, sexual offences and in 2003 he was in charge of the Purana Taskforce during the Melbourne underworld murder investigations. He is now in charge of about 300 police personnel in Ballarat and Moorabool PSA's



Afternoon Tea

U3A Office open 1.00 – 2.00

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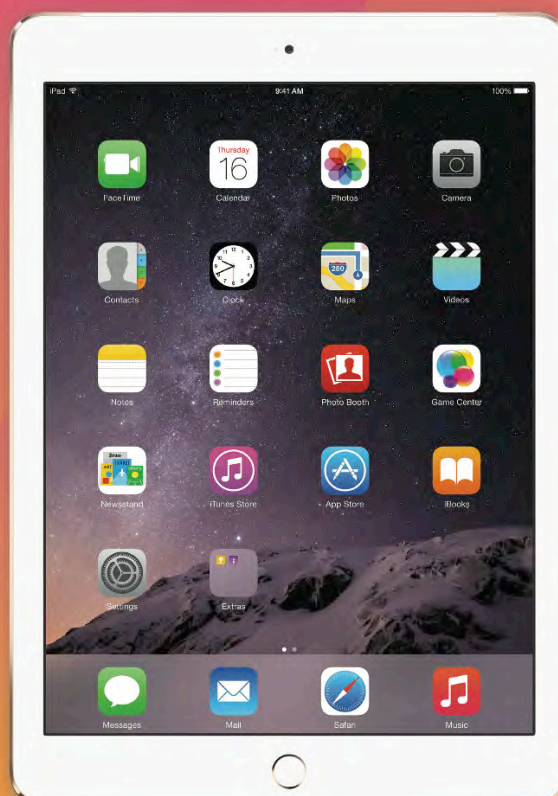
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Entries close 31 May 2015.

Tech Savvy Seniors is a Seniors Card Age Friendly Partners program in conjunction with Telstra. This innovative program offers free training through rural and regional Victorian Public Libraries where you can also borrow easy-to-use teach yourself DVDs. There are also videos available on the internet to help you get started.

For more information about the **Tech Savvy Seniors** program, visit: seniorsonline.vic.gov.au or telstra.com.au/telstra-seniors

Technology makes it easy to stay connected to family and friends.

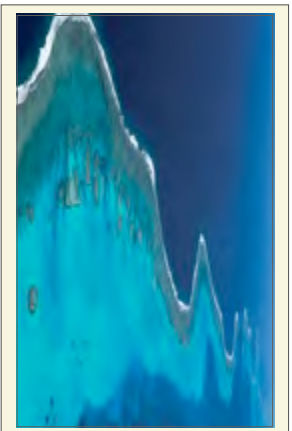


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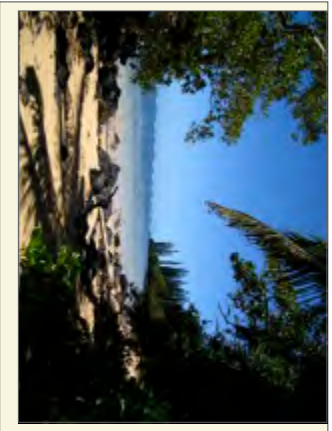
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U3A TRAIN EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE

Monday 27th April, 2015

Bearbrass, The Founding of Melbourne



Visit the original locations of early Melbourne, also known as 'Bearbrass' e.g settlers' homes, Batman Hill, gaols, pub, church, docks, woolstore, warehouses, auction house, market, customs, newspaper office, Melbourne Club, Yarra Yarra falls, Aboriginal camp etc. Who were the founding settlers, what events led to settlement and what was the impact on the Aboriginal people of the Kulin Nation?

This walking tour requires an average level of fitness.

Time: Meet at front carriage 8.36 train (Wendouree 8.21)

Cost: \$20 paid at the start of the walk.

Call: Colleen Noonan, 0438341230. 25 places.

Please wear your U3A name tags