

U3A NEWS & VIEWS

Wednesday, June 24, 2 pm.
GPLACE, English Street, Golden Point.

"Women Changing the Nation" - Laurel Johnson

Laurel Johnson is a well known Ballarat identity. Her book, *Women of Eureka* was published in 1995. The 24 stories featured are true stories, shared with her by direct descendants, the 'Children of Eureka'. We will hear about some of these remarkable women who played key roles in the Eureka story. Copies of *Women of Eureka* will be available for sale.



**Afternoon Tea - U3A Office open 1-2 pm
ALL WELCOME**

All U3A Members and friends are warmly invited to 'News & Views' at GPLACE on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. Get the latest U3A news, enjoy one of the music groups, hear an interesting guest speaker and have afternoon tea and a chat.



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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 May 27	News & Views 2.00 pm, GPlace, Function Room Office open 1 – 2 pm
Wed June 3	New members morning tea & tour, Bingo Room, North Ballarat 10:30 - 11:30 am. Office open at North 10:30 am – 12 noon
Sun Jun 14	Concert at Ballarat North SCC Hall, 2 pm Choristers and Celtic Players
Wed June 17	Committee Meeting - Ballarat North 9:30 am
Wed June 17	Class Notes for Bulletin due by 6 pm to Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com
Wed June 24	News & Views 2.00 pm, GPlace, Function Room Office open 1 – 2 pm
June 27 to July 12	Term 2 School Holidays – will your class(es) meet?
Wed Aug 5	New members morning tea & tour, Bingo Room, North Ballarat, 10:30 - 11:30 am.

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Phill Grant



Something
Swedish – just
to celebrate
Sweden's win in
Eurovision.
Roadside
letterboxes in
countryside
Sweden.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GPlace

The GPlace AGM was held on 13 May. Elected unanimously were Ann Foley (President), Anne Ottrey (Secretary), Alan Archbold (Treasurer). It was agreed that each consortium member would contribute \$16,500 in rent and \$5,000 in utilities, cleaning and minor maintenance in 2015. The new schedule of rental charges was unanimously approved; to be applied from 1 July, 2015. A new keybox by the front door has been installed. Those class reps and tutors that presently have keys should contact Blake Gordon to get the combination to the new box and return keys.

Ballarat North

After a successful Car-Boot sale and Eureka Chapel welcome service, U3A will hold an exciting Chorister/Celtic Band Concert on 14 June at 2 pm, followed by afternoon tea. Plans are taking shape for a Monday Open House at BN on 12 October to include classes, come-and-try-it sessions, cards, bowls, etc. Sunday November 22 has been approved for a 2 pm Chorister concert with the recorder group.

Profit and Loss for 2014/2015

It appears from Helen Slater's comprehensive report that we will make a small profit for the U3A financial year. We are in a sound financial position for the rest of 2015 with little income (ACFE grant and COB grant expected in August) until after the 28 October AGM, when membership fees are payable for 2015/16. Considering that GPlace is costing a high percentage of our yearly membership fee (our main source of funding) we need to consider ways in which we might make savings in other venues rent, publications, events, etc. This might include running more classes at a renovated BN, seeking more low/no cost venues for some of our classes, reducing the size and quantity of publications and news and views. These ideas will be discussed at sub-committee level with firm alternatives presented early July.

Seniors Festival 5 - 9 October

Plans are taking shape for this important week followed by several more activities in October

to showcase our new plans at BN and the *Discover U3A* event on 28 October, the day after the U3A Ballarat AGM.

Wendouree Sports /Community Hub

Plans are taking place for U3A to hold some classes at this Norman Street venue in 2016/17. Our planned usage of the meeting/classrooms during the day is a good fit with the late afternoon/evening basketball and netball groups. Things are really starting to happen on several promising projects.

Blake Gordon, President

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>

INTERNATIONAL U3A - NEWSLETTER

U3A SIGNPOST can be found online at:

<http://worldu3a.us6.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=4591b7dedb80e8dc4ca93c1af&id=df90a16210&e=a1f77c0935>

MEMBERSHIP



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.

On a general note; **PLEASE** wear your nametags to class - and make sure you have completed the medical information on the reverse.

Nina Netherway, Membership Secretary

June's Diversion



Last month's site was the Bryggen Hanseatic Wharf in Bergen, Norway. The topic of conversation may well have

been the weather, as the city has an average of just over 200 wet days each year. The Fish Market (and fish), the Flamm Railway, history, mountains, fjords and the welcome tourists could also be popular topics.

Congratulations to Carol Hall, Sam Lynch and Greta Christie and team (Dot Carpenter, John Maguire) for identifying the site and suggesting conversation topics.

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



... and if you were there, what would you most likely be doing and what would be the recent connection between Australia and the nearby city?

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

MY AGED CARE

If you have used 'Direct2Care' in the past, please be aware that this service has been superseded by 'Aged Care: My Age Care', (1800 200 422)
Further information: please see page 14.

A special request in regard to rollators and electric scooters



If you offer to put a rollator out of the road in the classroom, do not forget to give it back to the owner or they may be unable to go and get it.

Please, before moving any rollators ensure that the brakes are released, otherwise it may cause problems requiring adjustment to the brakes.

Under no circumstances should an electric scooter be moved without the owner's permission as this could cause extensive damage if not done correctly.

Ballarat National Theatre

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES

by Joanna Murray-Smith

Margot Mason is a famous radical feminist and author of *The Cerebral Vagina* she is suffering from writer's block; her gun-wielding captor is Molly, who blames her own misfortunes on a devout adherence to Margot's changing theories; and, once that subject is exhausted, the attention turns to Margot's daughter, Tess, who suffers the daily harassments of the child-dominated housewife.

Finally, the men have their say: Bryan - Tess's devotedly thick husband, Frank a traditionally chauvinist cabbie, and Margot's despairingly gay publisher Theo are all wrapped up in an Aussie comedy satirising celebratory feminists. The special price of \$18 is offered to all U3A members on Sunday 5 July at 2 pm on presentation of their membership card.

The full production dates are:

Saturday 4 July, 8 pm
Sunday 5 July, 2 pm
Wednesday 8 July, 8 pm
Thursday 9 July, 8 pm
Friday 10 July, 8 pm
Saturday 11 July, 2 pm

Bookings at MajesTix 5333 5888 or at the door.

Wendy Hall, Secretary
Ballarat National Theatre
Ph: 0428 902 259

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

PLEASE NOTE: Course starting dates and times are included below for Yoga @ North, Scrapbooking, and 2000 Years of Christian Art.

If you are interested in any of the following courses, please contact;

Mary Maloney – Class Coordinator:

2000 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN ART



This course will be held at G Place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Room 2 from 2.00 – 4.00 starting the 17 June.

There are still vacancies, so if you are interested, contact Mary Maloney before the starting date.

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. More detail about the course is available in Rooms 1 and 2 at G Place.

YOGA AT BALLARAT NORTH



The new Yoga class will be held in the hall at Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Club in Walker Street. Classes will start on the 9 June and will run from 11 am – 12.30.

The class will consist of a brief five minute relaxation to help settle and unwind followed by warm ups and Yoga postures, breathing practise ten minutes, and twenty minutes relaxation to complete the class. Classes will be gentle and easy and students will be encouraged to practise at their own pace. Students will need to be able to get down and up from the floor and will require their own

yoga mat, cushion and blanket and will need to wear loose, warm, comfy clothing and socks, and bring water.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRAPBOOKING will start on **Tuesday 9 June** and be held in **Room 1; 1.30 – 3.30.**



Participants need to bring their own photos; 6 - 8 will do for the first session.

There are still vacancies in this class.

The class is aimed at those who wish to 'do something' with the photos they've collected over the years – preserve family photographs, record holiday experiences, etc. The class also encourages creativity as many scrap bookers develop their own style. Skills to be developed include selecting appropriate materials to preserve photos, page design, colour matching and journaling (telling the story of the photographs and/or experience).

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| Week 1. | Why Scrapbook? Basic materials needed. Basic design techniques. |
| Week 2. | Organising your photographs. Using memorabilia. What to do with shapes and colours. Journaling. |
| Week 3. | Developing your style; traditional, enhanced, decorative? |
| Week 4. | Organising larger projects. Where to next? |

WINE APPRECIATION COURSE COME AND ENJOY!!



Stephen Goodwin has offered to present a wine appreciation course later in the year. Stephen has two science degrees, Chemistry then Applied

Biology. He was forty-five years in the Wine and Spirit industry - the last thirty as a wine maker and thirty-five years as a wine show judge. He wrote and presented part of the Master of Wine Appreciation course which ran for a number of years at La Trobe University.

The course outline:

1. The origin of the grape vine. Viticulture and how it spread. The vine's

requirements. The year in the vineyard. Grape varieties.

2. Wine regions of the world: Old world, new world. Grapes and wine in Australia. World wine production.
3. Grapes, Fermentation, Yeast and Bacteria. A little Science: pH and SO₂, wine spoilage and winemaking faults.
4. White wine production. Winemakers influence on wine "style".
5. Red wine production. Oak barrels and Malo-lactic fermentation.
6. Sparkling wine production. Secondary fermentation and putting the bubbles in. Methode Champenoise.
7. Fortified wine production. Port, Sherry, Liqueur Muscat and Tokay. Maturation and blending.
8. Brandy and brandy spirit. Distillation techniques. Maturation. Cognac and Armagnac.
9. Wine bottling, maturation and storage. Changes with ageing. Wine service.

Each session will include some time for wine terminology and Q and A. There would be a short tasting from session 2 onward. Participants would need to bring their own glasses and a bucket! The cost of each week's wine would be split among the class.

MEDITATION COURSE TO RUN AGAIN NATURE'S WAY OF SELF-HEALING



**This course will run again
on Fridays in the Bingo
Room at Ballarat North
Senior Citizens' Club in
Walker Street starting 12**

June at 10.45am – 12.30.

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.

Some other possibilities for new classes are:

Chemistry, Financial Planning and Orienteering. More news on these soon.



If you are interested any of the above courses, please contact Mary Maloney.

Mary Maloney – Class Coordinator.

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 the 'News & Views', held every fourth Wednesday of the month, is open to all U3A Ballarat members?

* Did you know that 'News & Views' always has interesting guest speakers, frequently has musical entertainment, and provides a chat-time over a cuppa and cakes?

MERCY CONNECT BALLARAT Volunteers Needed

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred. Training held in June 2015. Contact *Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator* on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

Applications close Monday June 8, 2015.

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday June 17
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354

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

The Australian History Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 1.30 – 3.30 pm at GPlace.

Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin

BALLARAT HISTORY

The Ballarat History Group spent a chilly morning following the Anzac trail at the old cemetery; we recommend the walk which is informative and interesting, following storyboards on twenty-six graves. There is a pamphlet available in the building at the gate. There is also a small flower bed with a newly planted 'Lone Pine'.

In June we shall hear from Shirley Doon, on Wednesday 10 June, 10.30 in Room 2 at Gplace, when she will be telling us of the Chinese presence in Ballarat. Then on Wednesday 24 June, please meet at the Provincial Hotel at 11 o'clock (note the different time) when we shall be given a tour of the refurbished building and then stay on for lunch. Cost is from \$14. If you have any queries or apologies please contact Margaret Eedle

Margaret Eedle, Class Rep.

BOOK GROUPS

First Thursday Book Group

Curling up in the warmth with a good book, one's favourite brew and perhaps a four legged friend or two are claimed to be the best antidotes to the wintry weather. A warm welcome will be given to bibliophiles who

would like to join our book discussions each month. Please call Val on (03) 53388389. Our group engages in lively dialogue about all of the books and coming up for reading over the winter months are:

Two Brothers by N.M. Martinez

The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating by

Elisabeth Tova Bailey

We meet at the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute at 10 am on the first Thursday of each month.

This central location is easily accessible and "on street" car parking spaces are always available.

Ellen Ryan

Val Newman. Class Rep..

Book Group 2

Room 1, GPlace, 1st Thursday of the month.
Vivienne Martinich, Class Rep,

BUSHWALKERS

Even though the weather wasn't too bad for our walk at Blackwood we had the worry of having to contend with leeches. We haven't struck leeches on this walk before so we weren't prepared. However it was still a very enjoyable walk. We don't let obstacles stop us!

Walks for June

June 11; Inverleigh. Led by John Maguire.
8 - 9 kms . B.L Code B. Car Pool \$8

June 25; Berringa/Jubilee Mine led by Arthur Buttler. 10 -12 kms. B.L (B.B.Q available).
Code C. Bring torch if you wish to visit mine.
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

*Laraine Gunning, Class Rep. and
Lynne Fenton*

CANASTA

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

Val Newman, class rep.,

The CELTIC BAND

Date 14 June

Venue Ballarat North

Senior Citizens' Hall

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

CHINA IN TRANSITION

From Mao to now

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 11 – 12.30

In May we visited the Language Centre at Mount Clear College and heard about the Chinese education system from the perspective of Chinese students studying in Ballarat. It was a very enjoyable interactive visit, and we have been invited to participate in activities with visiting students on an ongoing basis.

The other May session heard from two of our group members who have worked in China. A highlight of this course has been the sharing of knowledge within the class.

The final two sessions in this short course are on Wednesday 10 and 24 June.

Dulcie Corbett, Class Rep.

CHORISTERS

For Sunday 17 May at 2.30, at St. Peter's Church the altos and the sopranos from our chorus were asked to sing at a Pleasant Afternoon concert. We sang three songs, one of which will be in our repertoire in the June 14 performance. I am sure anyone will be welcome on Sunday and we look forward to singing for you.

Our weekly efforts on Tuesday are going well and I think Ken sounds quite happy with us.

Liz Bailey, class rep.

CLASSIC CINEMA

VACANCIES now exist for this class: six places for those who can start immediately;

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four places on a waiting list for people preferring to delay until later in the year.

To register, please ring Shirley Faull (5331 4408), but ONLY FROM 8.30am on JUNE 2, when she returns from holidays. Be sure to leave a clear message, if necessary, as places will be filled strictly in the order received, but only from June 2.

June 9: So far as light entertainment goes, *Dangerous when Wet* (USA 1953, 95 mins) has it all: very engaging characters, a beautiful (swimming) star in Esther Williams, song and dance, a challenging quest, romance and ... some real surprises! Room 2, GPlace. Please be seated and ready for a 1.30pm start.

June 30: Renowned Indian director, Satyajit Ray, created many dramatic and moving films about the lives of 'ordinary people' coping with social change. *Aparajito* (1956, 104 mins) presents the challenges faced by a poor, but intelligent, young boy as he seeks an education.

Marion Dick, class rep.,

COMMUNITY GARDENING

For our May session we met in the kitchen with BRMC and Mt Clear, and prepared a marvellous harvest lunch for around forty people. We all had a great time cooking and chatting, and everyone attending enjoyed the delicious lunch, including some visitors from Malaysia.



The garden currently has daisies, geraniums, salvias, nasturtiums & jonquils in bloom – hope you are enjoying the colour! At our next session on June 4, we will plant a few more

winter crops, tidy up the flower bed along the front wall of GPlace, and, of course, weed. Crops for harvest include lettuce, Asian greens and herbs. New members welcome to join our group.

Anne Ottrey,

COMPUTER CLASS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE

Monday classes at Sebastopol Library will no longer be held. Special thanks to long-time helpers: Kerry Daniell, Val Hocking, Dot Carpenter.

We are offering an alternative so let us know if you would like a class:

- at which you use your own laptop
- on a specific topic as one-off class
- at a different location
- on another day of the week
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Promptly contact Fran (5336 0127) to discuss your suggestions.

Fran Hanrahan, Tutor,

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

How many budding cryptic crossword enthusiasts solved the cryptic clue in last month's bulletin? To refresh your memory the clue was *Two girls, one on each knee (7)*.

The name of two girls is Pat and Ella, the next part of the clue indicates that if you put the two girl's names together you will have a *Patella* on each knee. Simple!

Here's another clue to keep your grey matter vibrant. *Jammed cylinder (5,4)*.

Mary Chappell, Class Rep

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The Current Affairs Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 10.45 am – 12.15 pm in Room 2 at GPlace.

Ros McArthur, Tutor

The CYCLE TOURING GROUP

Weather-wise, May can be great, or absolutely not-great, for cycling. The trip to Lal Lal Falls was undertaken in pleasant conditions. However the planned multi-day excursion to The Grampians was deferred (none of us have snow-tyres).



Phill Grant

DANCERCISE

This enthusiastic group meets on Wednesdays at the Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Hall. *Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep.*

DIGITAL CAMERAS Know your Digital Camera

A further class for compact point & shoot cameras may be held after June. *Carol Hall, Tutor,*

THE DINING OUT GROUP

The weather gods smiled on us on 17 May, providing a beautiful sunny day for our out-of-town lunch at the Wallace Hotel. We were most impressed by the unusual setting and variety of decoration. And it's always welcoming to find an open fire ablaze,

surrounded by comfortable seating. We all enjoyed our delicious meals and stayed much longer than usual, always a good sign. I'm sure we shall return.

Now, our next lunch will be on Sunday 21 June (always the 3rd Sunday) at the newly restored Provincial Hotel, Lydiard Street (opposite Ballarat station). They will have a new winter menu in place and it will be an experience to see this building, which has been such an eyesore for so long, in its new guise. On Sundays there is plenty of free parking in the surrounding streets.

Please let me know, either by phone or email, by Thursday 18 June if you are able to come. I must let the hotel know our numbers the following day.

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

Margret Currie;

FILM MUSICALS

During term 2 we will concentrate on Afro-American musicals including: *Hallelajah, 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.,

JOURNEY WITH MY MUSIC

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

We are traveling well, in fact so well that a couple of the class are now overseas. Next session, 25 May, continues our journey up the Blues Highway from Memphis to Chicago and

then eastward to Montreal.

Just a reminder that there will be no session on 8 June as that is Queen's Birthday, so last session before the mid-year school holidays will be 22 June.

Ralph Hislop, Tutor,

LANGUAGES

BEGINNERS FRENCH

We are working through the alphabet, words, language patterns and counting under the patient guidance of John-Jacques. Some of our older brains have difficulty remembering, as it is very challenging. The class members are getting to know one another and we enjoy ourselves.

Jules
FRENCH C

Our class has proved so popular that almost half the group (10 out of 24 so far) are off to France – or other Francophone countries – to not only enjoy the ambience, but try out their polished speaking and comprehension skills. Our teachers have both been away – one to France, and the other (French-born) – to Anglophone New Zealand. Two have just returned from overseas – one had a brief sojourn in France, while the other did not quite make France, but accompanied her husband to Turkey for the ANZAC service at Gallipoli. At present we have three members in France – or heading that way via other countries – for both short and very long stays. Then later in the year three more members are off – one to Quebec, where he will have to cope with the French-Canadian accent, while the other two plan to avoid the Ballarat winter in Provence.

Our varied method of learning, with plenty of discussion and two teachers to help pull us into line grammatically, has created a keenly sought-after class held every Tuesday morning.

PS: This class has a waiting list.

Jan Leishman, Class Rep,

FRENCH E

Peter Jones, Class Rep.

FRENCH

French classes in La Nouvelle-Calédonie.

A U3A Ballarat French-immersion excursion to New Caledonia is being organised. 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.

Dates; 17 – 31 August 2015

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

Interested? Please contact Ken Gittins

Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

GERMAN

Fortgeschrittene - Advanced

It turns out we own quite a few things in the home, so we need to look at “ownership”, Oh, and we’ll have time to gossip.

Beginners – Anfänger

We have arrived at the airport, found accommodation and have ensured we can feed ourselves. Now to see the sights and perhaps participate in some gossip.

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.,

LATIN III

Meets Tuesdays, 9.00 – 10.00 am, at Ballarat North Senior Citizens’ Club
Gillian Robson, Class Rep.

LATIN 4 at 5

Meets Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.00 am at Ballarat North Senior Citizens’ Club
Janice Cook

LITERATURE

Our class will be reading *The Spare Room* by Helen Garner for the month of June. Tutors combining will be John Poliness and Helen Nethercote. Our classes will be held on Thursdays 4 and 18 June.

Robyn McKnight, Class Rep.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Next month, June 5, Mike Maloney will present a program of interesting music and on July 3 all members of the group can bring along music to share, involved with the letter "T". Maybe some Tchaikovsky or Telemann or even a trumpet solo!

Janice Cook

NORDIC POLE WALKERS

Meets Tuesdays at 10 am.

During June we will return to walking adjacent to the Lake and Botanic Gardens. We meet at 10.00 am Tuesdays at the car park adjacent to the large playground in Windmill Drive. You don’t have to use trekking poles - if you would just like a good walk for about an hour, feel free to come along.

Mike Maloney, Class Rep.

OPERA ON VIDEO

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays, at 2 pm.
Graham Worrel, Class Rep.

PHILOSOPHY

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2.00 – 4.00 pm at GPlace

John Poliness, Class Rep.

POETRY

The Poetry class is reading and discussing the High Victorian poets. There are some spaces in the class if you would like to join a lively group exploring art, history, culture, all through a medium of beauty, please contact the class representative. What could be better?

Millicent Reed, Class Rep.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Meets Fridays, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm, at Brown Hill Uniting Church Hall

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep

RAPT IN SINGING

During April we celebrated a special birthday with one of our members. On this day, as all days, we sang a variety of songs, from Australian folk, Hit Songs of the Past, Musicals, etc.



We meet each Monday morning and all our members agree it's a great reason to get out of bed on the first day of the week. New members are very welcome.

Robyn Clark.

SCIENCE CLASS

The Science Class meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1.00 – 3.00 pm.

Brenda Beck, Tutor

Christopher Hindhaugh, 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 The class of 2015 is hard at work creating masterpieces; pictures speak louder than words.





Wendy Chandler, Class Rep. (am)
Anne King, 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.

Margaret Copping, Class Rep.,

STROLLERS AND COFFEE

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

27 May; Meet at De Sosa Car Park, Buninyong.

3 June; Meet at Eau Verte (Potted Pear). Burnbank Street, Lake Wendouree.

24 June; Meet at Holliokey Park, Sports Complex, Dowling Street, Wendouree. Coffee Ballarat North.

1 July; Meet at Dyson Road, Lucas, at front of Woolworths.

22 July; Gove's Bike Shop. Doveton Street Nth, Ballarat.

Wendy Chandler
Chris Cullen, Class Rep.,

WAR OF THE ROSES AND THE TUDORS

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

June is Richard III month.

Jack Engwerda, Tutor
Jill Hunter, Class Rep.

THE WHEEL TURNS FULL CIRCLE

Clothes and fashion from 1811-1911
Jan Herperger, Class Rep.



WOODWORKING

It's great to sit on a bench that you have made. Pat has not only made it with love but with precision and great skill. Some of the class have made walking sticks that show skill and have character.

Heather Bice, Class Rep.

YOGA

For information about the Yoga classes, please contact the Tutor, or for the beginners' class please contact Lori, or please see the information about the new Yoga class in the Class Coordinator's notes, page five.

Joy Whitten, Tutor.

**THE U3A and FRIENDS of the
BALLARAT BOTANICAL GARDENS
Course at Ballarat Botanical Gardens**

This class of 10 sessions started in February and will end in June. We have been having a very enjoyable learning time. As you can see from the photos when we head to the Glass houses or Hatcheries we have to get the bright gear on as we are on work sites. Different presenters and topics each session has worked well. Lot of sharing has occurred - plant exchanges, good food and knitted poppies. Knowledge has also been shared and stories about the trees have been added to as well as changes in the identification of some. Our convivial group will have its last session on June 17 and after an exploration of the nearby Wetlands and hearing about the exciting plans for the Fernery redevelopment we plan to have a celebratory lunch in the conservatory.

Terry O'Brien



**BALLARAT HEALTH SERVICES
AGED CARE: MY AGED CARE**

Ballarat Health Services has informed us that the 'Direct2Care' service has been withdrawn and replaced by the 'My Aged Care' service. The Sturt Street 'shop' has also closed.

Direct2Care was a service that helped older Victorians, Carers, family members and friends find their way around the various aspects of health services. The service is now being undertaken by Aged Care: My Aged Care.

Relevant telephone numbers are:

Aged Care: My Aged Care	1800 200 422
Disability; DHHS	1800 783 783
Mental Health; ACSO Intake and Assessment	1300 022 760
Carers	1800 059 059



A MUSICAL INTERLUDE



SUNDAY, JUNE 14, AT 2PM



**WITH
U3A CHOIR - CONDUCTOR, KEN TAYLOR
AND
U3A CELTIC BAND - CONDUCTOR, CORRIE OLSEN**

AT BALLARAT NORTH SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB
WALKER ST, BALLARAT NORTH
FREE ENTRANCE AND AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED