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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

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

Check Bulletin for venue.

DIARY DATES 2015/2016

Wed Dec 2	U3A Christmas Lunch, Sebastapol Bowling Club 12.00 pm (NO New members morning tea & tour, Office NOT open at North)
Wed Dec 9	GPlace Consortium Meeting. Mt Clear classroom 10 am
Fri Dec 18	School Vacation starts
Wed Jan 20	U3A Committee Meeting. GPlace Room 1 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed Jan 20	Deadline for February Bulletin articles (to Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com)
Fri Jan 22	Working Bee, GPlace 9.30 am – 12.00 pm (Rooms 1 and 2, function and tea rooms, gardens)
Wed Jan 27	Last Chance for Enrolments, GPlace Function Room, 10.30 am – 1.00 pm Membership Subscriptions, Room 1
Mon Feb 1	U3A classes begin for 2016
Wed Feb 3	New members' morning tea and tour, Bingo Room, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.30 - 11.30 am, Office open at North 10.30 am – 12.00 pm

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The Choir needs a Pianist!

Further details, please see page 13

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AGM – A Resounding Success

I asked for your support in the October Bulletin – and thanks to you - we overfilled the Ballarat North Hall with more than 210 signing in for the 2014-2015 AGM and launch of the Ballarat North Community Centre. Everything went to plan – the choir sang, the reports outlined a successful year, and the election went smoothly. Memberships (746 at the AGM) topped all U3A Ballarat records with even bigger enrolments planned for 2016. When the choir welcomed Mayor John Phillips and Councilor Vicki Colman at 3.00 pm and the new sign launched the Ballarat North Community Centre; that put the icing on the cake.

Ballarat North

The process of rectification commenced on 19 November when the CoB removed non-friable asbestos from under the eaves around the building. This is the first step in rebuilding the west wall of the building and demolishing the stage and small storage rooms either side of the stage. This will increase the useable floor space in the hall by a third and start the process of upgrading the facility to better accommodate the needs of the three member groups. Watch this space – and the new website – for pictures and plans for the new BNCC.

GPlace

The GPlace Committee of Management has asked for a one-year continuation of our lease (until the end of 2016) – regardless of who owns the property. The liquidators have asked BRMC to make an offer for the purchase of GPlace. We eagerly await a decision of the Victorian Government (part-owner of GPlace) regarding the future of the property.

New Classes at Ballarat North Neighbourhood House

Classes will commence in February at the BNNH, 6 Crompton Street, Soldiers Hill on Mondays. Two modern spaces will be utilized in a CoB shared agreement.

Social Functions

The end of 2015 is a blur of social events! A 'thank you afternoon tea' for the Ballarat Senior Citizens Club was held on 20 November to celebrate the successful partnership of BNSC with U3A and the Eureka Chapel. The sponges and scones really underlined the great cooperation the three groups have achieved in 2015 – with big plans for renovation in 2016. Over eighty five will attend our annual Tutors and Reps Luncheon on 27 November, celebrating the outstanding classes and functions that have been a highlight this year. Next year promises, with more than eighty five classes on the timetable, to be even more exciting and rewarding.

The annual Christmas Luncheon on 2 December promises to be an event to remember with two skits by the Creative Writing Group featured. And it seems that each class is having a special break-up party - one more delicious than the next! So we certainly are not lacking in the celebrations this year.

On behalf of the new committee can I wish you a happy and restful break over the holidays and into early January. But don't forget to renew your membership by 1 February and get enrolled in classes at the 'Last Chance Enrolment' on Wednesday 27 January.

Compliments of the seasons!

Blake Gordon, President



INTERNATIONAL U3A - NEWSLETTER

U3A SIGNPOST can be found online at:
<http://worldu3a.us6.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=4591b7dedb80e8dc4ca93c1af&id=df90a16210&e=a1f77c0935>

Special Membership Note (for returning members)

.... Please do not fill in New Member form - you will have your own form individually printed. All you have to do is check the details and pay your membership!

MEMBERSHIP



Thank you to those members who have paid their 2016 membership fee. Thank you also to those who have posted

their forms and included in the address 'Membership' – it makes it so much easier when sorting through the mail!

We now have 328 members who have paid!

Your next chance of 'paying without posting' will be at *News and Views* on November 25. Forms which have not been collected by then will be posted. It would be a great help if you could collect your form on November 25, or arrange for someone to collect it for you.

Remember – membership payments must be made by the time classes begin in February. An enrolment day will be held on January 27 at GPlace.

I would also like to thank those volunteers who assisted with enrolments at the AGM and Discover U3A days. They made the whole process run very smoothly.

If you have decided not to renew your U3A Membership for 2016, could you please let me know so as I can keep the database up to date.

New Members

We welcome the following new members.

Cecilia ACEVEDO	Susan GREENBANK
<u>Rigo</u> ACEVEDO	Ruth HOSKIN
Victoria ACEVEDO	Cathy MAGUIRE
Sue AKERS	Lois MITCHELL
Ina BAIRD	Ken MORRISSEY
Barbara BOND	Anne MUNRO
Peter BOND	Doris RADCLIFFE
Caron BOULTER	David REID
Teresa BURKE	Val ROSSER
Graeme CUTTS	Carole STODDART
<u>Lorette</u> EDMONSTON	Roger STODDART
Glenys EVANS	Danny STONEHOUSE
<u>Janeen</u> EVANS	Vivien VERLAAN
Trish GAVEGAN	Joy WALLER
Doug GELLATLY	Laurie WARFE
Marilyn GIORGI	Terry WEATHERLEY

Nina Netherway, Membership Secretary
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Our **NEW WEBSITE** is nearly ready to be launched.

Some of the new additions to look for will be

- An interactive course page where you can look at what courses you would like on the abbreviated timetable then follow a link to you a description of the course.
- A members only section where you can access the full bulletin and full timetable amongst other things.
- And there's more.....!??

Mary Maloney, Web Manager

ODDS and SODS from the COMMITTEE and others

* Nina would be really pleased if renewing members used the form specially printed for them, because she designed it to make it easier for renewing members.

* Tutors and Reps who have U3A keys have the opportunity to 'lighten the load' on their key rings by returning the keys.

* Did you know, that the 'News & Views', (normally) 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?

* Did you know that the new U3A Ballarat website is just about to be launched?

Hello to all Tutors and Class Reps!

Without the efforts of tutors and class reps, U3A Ballarat would not have had the vibrant, friendly and rewarding program that has been enjoyed this year. The Ballarat U3A Committee would like to invite tutors and class reps to lunch on Friday 27 November, 2015 as a way of thanking them on behalf of members, for their generous gifts of time and talents. As in the past, we will take the opportunity to brief reps on the program we hope to deliver in 2016.

Venue: G Place, English Street, Ballarat

Time: Friday 27 November

11.15 Briefing. 12:00 noon Lunch

For catering purposes would you please RSVP to Ros on 5332 5714 or email

rosmac@ncable.net.au

Car Boot Sale

The Car Boot Sale on Saturday 30 October raised \$227, thanks to all who contributed the goods. We got off to a slow start with the showers, but the buyers arrived later in the morning with the sunshine. Blake's tent was a life-saver. Leftover goods were donated to the Eureka Chapel Op Shop, to their great delight. Thanks to all who helped with donations or time.

Anne Ottrey

Tutors and class reps, new and old - date to remember for next year.

There will be an information meeting for new tutors and class reps, plus a hands on practical instruction session on how to use the technology and equipment, for all tutors and class reps.

1.00 – 5.00 pm Thursday, 25 February,
in Room 2 at GPlace.

New tutors and reps will have their meeting about the ins-and-outs of running a class at 1.00, and then from 2.00 – 5 pm (only if you need to practise) there will be practical tuition on how to use the technology and equipment at U3A such as computers, data projector, visualiser, dvd player and whatever else you need to learn to use.

Denise Grant; Class Coordinator

We know how much we all hate the mess in the kitchen but WE ALL have to do something about it...

In a letter from the GPlace Consortium Committee to the U3A Ballarat Committee it was suggested that the kitchen at GPlace needs some TLC ("tender loving care" – my paraphrasing – Ed). Such TLC is particularly relevant to U3A members, being the major users of the kitchen. Suggestions made in the letter were:

- Wash and dry all cups, crockery and cutlery immediately after use and put them away – don't leave them in the sink or on the draining board.
- Wipe down the table and benches, leaving them clear and clean.
- Sweep the floor.
- If leaving milk in the fridge for others to use, write the date opened on it.
- Turn off lights, heaters and urns unless someone else is using them.
- Empty rubbish bins if full, into the rubbish skips outside.

Ros McArthur; U3A Ballarat Secretary

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Denise Grant –Class coordinator
email DeniseU3A@hotmail.com

Firstly I would like to give a huge vote of thanks to Mary Maloney who has ably co-ordinated classes and the timetable for Ballarat U3A for nearly seven years. I would also like to thank Mary for helping me with my first Class Information booklet and Timetable in preparation for 2016.

From now on, all enquiries about classes and timetable are to be sent to Denise Grant.

After our successful Discovery Day when many members took the opportunity to sign up for classes, the number of vacancies for classes has changed. The following table gives the status of vacancies for now. This list may not be up-to-date because many Class Reps and Tutors may have had other enrolments from new members since that day. Classes which have no vacancies are not listed. *Note: there are four new subjects in the table. Details are outlined after the vacancy table.*

Our next sign up day is on 28 January at GPlace or you can ring Class Reps before then. If there is no Class Rep (which occurs for new classes), then please ring or email the Tutor.

Class	Vacancy
Australian History to the year 2000	yes
Ballarat and District History	yes
Ballarat Botanical Garden (short course)	yes
Ballroom Dancing	yes
Book Folding	yes
Bush Walking	yes
Canasta	yes, but for experienced players only
Celtic Band	potential entry limited
China in Transition from Mao to Now	yes
Choristers of U3A	potential entry limited
Clogging	yes
Community Gardening	yes
Computers	2 places only
Current Affairs	yes

Cycle Touring Group	yes
Dancercise	yes
Dancercise (Extra Class)	yes
Digital Photography	2 places only
Dining Out Group	yes
Film Musicals	yes
Genealogy	3 or 4 places
German for Beginners	yes
History (Australian) in Film and Fiction	yes
History and Spread of the English Language (Short Course)	yes
Introduction to Ipads (Short Course)	yes
Introduction to Jung	yes
Latin 1 Beginners	yes
Latin 2	yes
Latin 3 and 4	yes
Latin 5 and 6	yes
Literature	yes
Meditation	yes
Music Appreciation	Contact Janice
Music, Music, Music (Semester One)	yes
Myths and Mythmaking	yes
Nordic Walking	yes
Poetry	yes
Preserve your Memories	yes
Psychology	yes
RAPT in Singing	yes
Recorder Ensemble	yes, if you can play
Roman History	yes
Scottish Dancing	yes
Scrabble	yes
Sit and Stitch	yes
Strollers and Coffee	yes
Sudoku	yes
(The) Sublime (Short Course)	yes
The Fall of the Roman Republic	yes
The Stuarts	yes
Weave your own Stars	yes
Wine Production and Assessment (Short Course)	yes
Yoga (Buninyong)	Contact Lori
Yoga for Beginners, Buninyong	Contact Lori
Yoga Gentle Intermediate	Contact Lori

NEW SUBJECTS

Since the *Class Information* booklet was printed, four new subjects have been introduced. These are now included in the *Class Information* booklet which will be on our website.

1. **Woodwork:** The time is still to be confirmed, but it will be on Monday pm, possibly 12.30 to 3.00 pm in the Men's Shed at GPLACE. This new Woodwork class may be full immediately because there is such a long waiting list for Woodwork. A warm welcome to our new Woodwork tutor, Peter Bond. If your name is on the Woodwork waiting list, please contact Peter to confirm your enrolment. faybond@netconnect.com.au
2. **Psychology:** The Tutor will be Sam Luxemburg
Please contact Sam if you would like to do this class. 0428270401
luxemburg@bigpond.com.

Psychology in everyday life

A series of weekly discussions with a little bit of theory leading into a discussion of how this affects us in our daily lives. Sometimes it might get personal. However, this is not intended to be a therapy group. Each person may bring his or her own real life examples if they choose. Personal privacy will be respected.

Some interesting topics we could start with are – emotions, personality, listening, learning, counselling, depression, self-esteem and mindfulness.

Vacancies: Maximum 15, Weekly, all year, Tuesdays 3.15 to 4.45 pm at GPlace, Room 1

3. **Sudoku** with Ken Morrissey:
kenm@elfken.com, 'phone 0403847321
Please contact Ken if you would like to do this class.

Sudoku is not maths

You don't need to know any maths to learn Sudoku. Sudoku is a logic puzzle, not a maths puzzle. Solving Sudoku helps develop clear thinking and improves memory, particularly associative memory which is used in recognising patterns. There is no guesswork

involved either, we just apply a few simple techniques to systematically eliminate the impossible and arrive at the solution. We will start with quick puzzles that can be worked out in 10-15 minutes, develop our skills for medium puzzles that might take 30 minutes, and finish up with demanding puzzles that might take an hour or more.

Vacancies: 15 – 20, Weekly for 8 weeks, Thursday, 9:00 to 10:30 at GPlace, Room 2

4. **Ballroom dancing** with Brian McDowell 'phone. 53357892
musicmac@gotalk.net.au

If you would like to do ballroom dancing, and have a partner, please contact Brian.

A variety of dance styles will be taught, with many old time ballroom dances included, such as The Evening Three Step, The Swing Waltz, The Pride of Erin and a list of 15 other old time dances. Old English dances such as the Gainsborough Glide and the Flyde Waltz will also be taught, along with some modern dances and simple Latin dances.

The only requirement is to come with partners, and to wear comfortable, flat footwear. This is a class for absolute beginners with the intention of running some dance nights later.

Vacancies: Unlimited but must have partner. Mondays, Weekly, 1.30 – 3.30, Ballarat North Community Centre – Hall

END OF CLASSES 2015

Most classes will finish at the end of November, but some classes will continue for another week so that they can finalise their programme or have a break-up party.

CLASSES 2016

Classes will commence on the first Monday of February next year.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a restful and safe holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Denise Grant –Class coordinator
email DeniseU3A@hotmail.com



Members of the *Star Weaving Against Violence* group have so far woven over 4500 stars. Lidia's report can be read in the Class Notes.

The following photos show the Genealogy Group, presumably searching for clues that may lead them to lost ancestors.



The Celtic Band and their audience enjoying one of the recent gigs – the Fun Club Gig.

Meanwhile, the car boot sale, despite early showers, provided a pleasant social outing, a chance to donate goods to an Op Shop and indeed raise some money. (article on page 5)



Where in the world is...?

The clue to identifying this 'Autumnal Scene' can be found in the Class Notes section of this Bulletin. It is sufficient to say between which towns the scene would be.

Phill Grant; grantphillip@hotmail.com



CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 20 January 2016
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
grantphillip@hotmail.com

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

We begin with the indigenous people of this area. Then we study the early squatters, for example, Yuille and the Learmonth brothers. After this we will study the settlement of Buninyong and the first discovery of gold by Thomas Hiscock. Next will be 'Bonanza at Golden Point'. We will then follow the history and settlement of beautiful Ballarat up to 1900. As a reference we will use *Lucky City* by Weston Bate.

After the visit to Her Majesty's on Wednesday 25 November we plan to have lunch together at 'Sails' on the lake at 12.30. Please let Avis Barlow (0412 933 391) know as she is dealing with the booking. Even if you cannot come to the class that morning, do come for lunch.

Tutor: Jack Engwerda 5341 2118
Class Rep: Margaret Eedle 5339 4465
When: 2nd and 4th Wednesday 10.45 am to 12.15 pm.
Venue: Room 2 at G place
Vacancies? Not many!

If you have any queries or apologies please contact Margaret Eedle on 5339 4465 or email margaret@eedle.com

Margaret Eedle, Class Rep.

BOOK GROUPS

First Thursday Book Group

Ellen Ryan

Val Newman, Class Rep. 53388389.

Book Group 2

Vivienne Martinich, Class Rep,

BUSHWALKERS

For walk details and photos from past walks please go to our Blog at:

<http://bushwalkersu3aballarat.blogspot.com.au>

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, 2 – 4 pm, re-starting in February 2016, at GPlace Room 2.

There are some vacancies, but only for those who know how to play.

Val Newman, Class Rep., 5338 8389.

The CELTIC BAND

Most recently, the Band has performed at two Gigs.

The first was for *The Wendouree Actives Fun Club*. The audience was enthusiastic and keen to join in with many of the tunes. They demonstrated their appreciation by buying several CD's.

In contrast the second Gig on November 8 was at St. Peter's Anglican Church End of Year Concert. The musical styles along with the instruments and vocals were many and varied. People from the congregation provided a delicious afternoon tea to conclude the afternoon.

Now the Band is practising diligently – Christmas, Celtic as well as more creative styles of music - for the end of year Gigs.

Corrie Olsen, Tutor, and Ros Cole, Class Rep.

CHORISTERS

I suppose all good things come to an end, and so it seems with our pianist, Val, who has had to give up as our accompanist because of arthritis in her hands. We are looking for someone who is able and can put up with us all. So, on Tuesday we had an afternoon tea to say our farewells. We are going to miss her big time. Is there someone out there who can fill her shoes? We are now officially in recess until February next year.

Happy holidays to all and a Xmas full of good cheer.

Liz Bailey, Class Rep.

CLASSIC CINEMA

(No vacancies are expected until mid 2016, and no waiting list is kept for this class.)

*Marion Dick, Class Rep.,
5332 4831, or mobile: 0429 691 470*

COMMUNITY GARDENING

The Gardening Day on the 5 November was a very successful community working bee and lunch. The community garden was planted with summer crops, gates were repaired and paths covered with new chip bark. The front and side gardens were also weeded, and a BBQ lunch was provided by volunteers from the three consortium groups. Thanks to members of the Community Gardening group and three other U3A members who turned up to help. We would still like two more people to assist with watering the garden over the summer months. If you can help, contact Anne Ottrey on 0422 963 985.

*Anne Ottrey, mobile: 0422 963 985,
Phone: 5336 2482
Email: ottrey@ncable.net.au*

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

The end of the year is finally upon us and the cryptic crossword class will conclude on 26 December and commence again on the 4 of February 2016 at GPlace Room 1. The entire class thanks our tutor Barry Breen for pushing our brain cells into action and for his

passion of cryptic crosswords. For all those avid crossword fanatics the following definition of egotism may apply.

“Egotism, n: Doing the New York Times crossword puzzle with a pen.”

Mary Chappell, Class Rep., 5330 1633

The CYCLE TOURING GROUP

Not sure what the rest of the group has been doing, but I spent several weekends cycling the Rhein between Bingen and Düsseldorf. The Autumn colours between Bingen and Koblenz were stunning. The Australian Summer is on the way and cycle trips have been planned; the overnight jaunt in the Grampians remains one of the trips in planning.

Phill Grant

DANCERCISE

We invite any members of U3A to join us, there is no dance experience required. The only requirement is that we have fun. This is a happy, friendly and fun class.

Lorraine Amour Chambers; Class Rep.

THE DINING OUT GROUP

We had a very happy November visit to Wardlin Gallery at Brewster. We enjoyed our meals and then took a stroll in the really lovely garden on a beautiful day. For our final lunch this year we are returning to the Wallace Hotel, which we enjoyed so much earlier in the year. Please note that our outing is on Sunday 13 December at 12.30 (a week earlier so as not to be too close to Christmas). Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday 10 December so I can let the hotel know our numbers on the Friday. I hope many of you will be able to come to our last get-together for the year.

*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

The Essays and Ideas group have had a very interesting, informative and enjoyable year. Unfortunately we say a very sad goodbye to Margaret Currie who has been the class rep for a number of years. Her buoyant personality, her sense of humour and her diligence in keeping the group well informed and socially connected has been much appreciated and she is well respected. We all wish her a fond farewell and wish her health and happiness in the future at Port Fairy.

Monday 8 February:

From *better than fiction - Confessions of a Coconut Soup Easter* by Steven Amsterdam, p. 105

And from *Norton Book of Personal Essays - The Little Store* by Eudora Welty p 202

Monday 22 February:

From *better than fiction - Sudan: The Scarface Express* by Joe Yogerst p.117

And from *Norton Book of Personal Essays - An Author's Mail* by Barbara Tuchman p. 211.

Monday 29 February – being the 5th

Monday we will have a coffee and discussion – location and discussion topic to be advised.

Mary Chappell; 5330 1633

FILM MUSICALS

We meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays of the school terms at 1.00 pm. If you wish to join us contact Bob Whitten.

Bob Whitten, Class Rep., 5341 8189
email ibobdown@hotmail.com

LANGUAGES

BEGINNERS FRENCH

Jules

FRENCH C

At present this class is overfull, so we will be unable to accept new members in 2016. We do have a waiting list, but can't guarantee how long anyone may have to wait there.

Jan Leishman, Class Rep, 5332 7708
janalan307@gmail.com

FRENCH E

We are almost to the end of another year of learning and time for our end of class lunch. Again we have improved our knowledge of the French language and culture plus cementing our friendships with classmates and tutors.

A enorme remerciements to Jean-Jacques and Heather for guiding us through 2015. Their unselfish commitment to allowing us to enjoy ourselves was certainly appreciated.

French E class was able to mix with J-J's French F class during his holiday and that allowed both groups to explore and learn as one.

My personal thanks to my class for being such an easy going great group of friends that made my task a breeze.

Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee mes Amies

Peter Jones, Class Rep.

Telephone; 53396170.

Email; tljones80@bigpond.com

FRENCH

du pain, du vin, du Boursin, tout va bien

Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

GERMAN

Fortgeschrittene - Advanced

Beginners – Anfänger

Vielen Dank - Many thanks to Silke for her work with the German classes over the past five months. Her willingness to take over the classes, and her expertise, have been very much appreciated.

Many thanks also to the class members who have contributed to keeping the classes going.

Ken Gittins, Class Rep.

ITALIAN

John Cheesema, Tutor

Wendy Balharrie, Class Rep., 53312329

LATIN 1

We can't believe we have reached the end of the year. The nine of us who began the course are still here ready to move on to Latin 2 next year. At first, it seemed a daunting task, but with the camaraderie of the group and encouragement from our very patient tutor, Anne, we are coming to grips with this fascinating language.

Pat Gibson, Class Rep.

LATIN III

Gillian Robson, Class Rep.

LATIN 4 at 5

Janice Cook

LITERATURE

Our class will meet for the final month of classes for 2015. The book is *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin, and tutor will be Helen Bosher.

Members are reminded that our annual Morning Coffee and appreciation to our tutors will be held on Thursday 26 November at 10.30 at The Boatshed, Wendouree Parade.

Robyn McKnight, Class Rep.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Janice Cook

NORDIC POLE WALKERS

Mike Maloney, Class Rep. 5330 1334,
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Pat McCarthy, Tutor; 5331 6219

OPERA ON VIDEO

Barbara Worrall, Tutor
Graham Worrall, Class Rep.

PHILOSOPHY

John Poliness, Class Rep.

POETRY

Millicent Reed, Class Rep.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep

RAPT IN SINGING

Robyn Clark. 5339 5271

SCIENCE CLASS

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

The final class for the year was our breakup luncheon. It is amazing how many good cooks there are in the class. We also had a show and tell with ancient rocks, information about the Royal Society, the chemical elements put to music and a scientific poetry reading. There will be an excursion early next year to Clare's sanctuary and the Devil's Kitchen, a trip not to be missed.

I would like to thank Brenda and Ross for a fascinating and informative year, and look forward to 2016 learning more about the world around us.

Brenda Beck, Tutor
Heather Bice, 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

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.

Margaret Copping, Class Rep., 5334 1191, or
04 0902 1949

STARS WEAVING AGAINST VIOLENCE

Stars Weaving against Violence
The U3A star weavers have been meeting on the third Thursday of each month in the Salt Bush Café at M.A.D.E. at 10:00 to 12:00. Although our numbers are small we have woven over 4,530 stars. We have been working with a local artist Sarah Mar to help her produce an installation of stars at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery in the Back Space Gallery for white Ribbon Week. I am proud that U3A is supporting the star making

against violence project along with Ballarat Police, WRISC, the Crafty Squirrel, Ballarat Grammar, Ballarat Secondary College, Stockland and many others. If you want to see the first instillation of stars it is at the police station in Dana Street. Saturday November 21 at Stockland will see the biggest installation so far in Ballarat. During the year much interest has been shown by the public, some even joining in making the stars. The little children are sweet when they show their delight when given one to hang up at home. We welcome new members to join us in the New Year for coffee while we make our stars. (Photograph, page 8)

Lidia Aitken; Tutor

STROLLERS AND COFFEE

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

25 November: Meet at Ballarat Golf Club,
1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat.

2 December: Meet at Lake Street George car
park, Creswick.

9 December:** 😊 **MEET 12.30 pm for
Christmas lunch at Ballarat Leagues club at
52 Humffray Street**

Chris Cullen Class Rep., 53323721

WAR OF THE ROSES AND THE TUDORS

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

Next year; *The Stuarts* beginning with
Walter Fitz Alan 1150 – 1177 then a
thorough study of Robert the Bruce, James I
etc.

Jack Engwerda, Tutor
Jill Hunter, Class Rep.

WOODWORKING

As the year comes to a close we are all
working hard to complete our projects and
items for the sale table at News and Views. It
has been another productive and enjoyable
year, with Terry teaching us many woodwork
techniques before we have morning tea and

proceed to our own projects. This year we
entered nine pieces in the Ballarat show with
Blake gaining a third prize for his hinged lid
box.

We would all like to thank Terry for his time,
patience and willingness to share his vast
knowledge with us and look forward to
another busy year in 2016.

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

YOGA

For information about the Yoga classes, please
contact the Tutor, or for the beginners' class
please contact Lori on 53303143,

Joy Whitten, Tutor 53418189.

THE CHOIR NEEDS A PIANIST!

Due to health difficulties the choir will need
an accompanist to begin in 2016.

We rehearse each Tuesday; 1 pm – 2.30 pm
(Usually not school holidays).

We give 1 – 2 concerts per year and may also
sing at other U3A functions.

It is not important to be a good sight reader,
but, a strong sense of rhythm is essential.

For more details please call Music Director
Ken Taylor 5332 6881



U3A CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Wednesday, 2 December at 12 for 12.30 start
Sebastapol Bowling Club, 213 Albert Street

Menu: Choice of 3 meats, 2 desserts, tea & coffee \$30

Entertainment: 'Melodramatic Radio Play' from
the Creative Writing Class of 2015.
Written by Haydn and performed by class members.

Name/s:

Phone number.

Special food requirements

\$30 Payment by Wednesday 25 November:

Cash: U3A office 1st Wed 10-11.30 BNSC, or 1-2 pm GPlace prior to News & Views

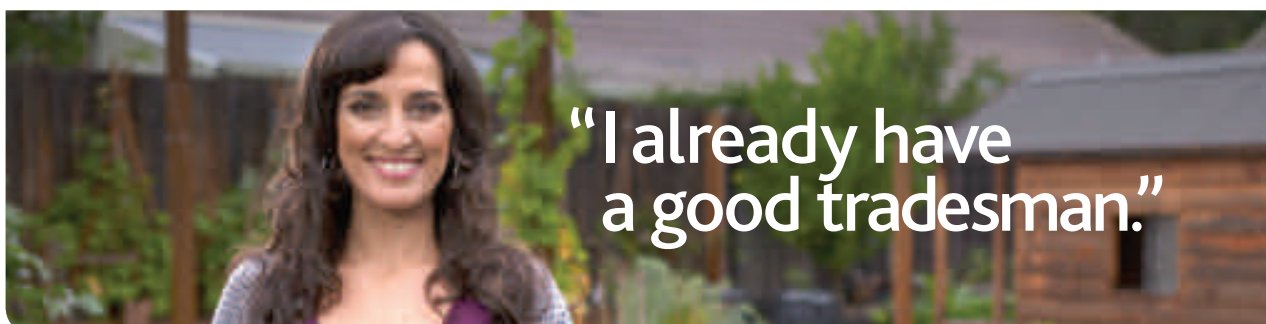
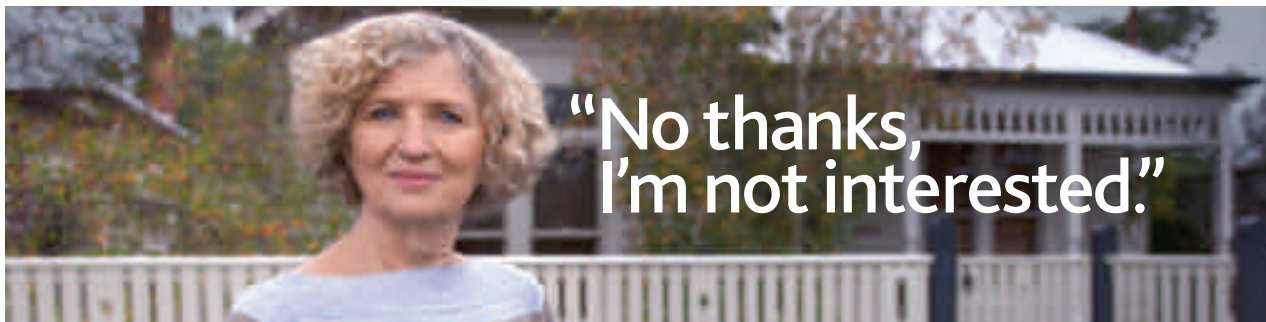
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