

## U3A NEWS & VIEWS

Wednesday, November 25, 2 pm.  
GPLACE, English Street, Golden Point.

### Germany: From Neanderthal Man to BMW World Carol Hall

Organised by the National Trust, this tour touched on archaeology, history and culture of Germany, with emphasis on UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Carol studied geography and has taught in England and Australia. Now, as a keen photographer, she has revisited Germany after 44 years to indulge her nostalgia for European landscapes and to experience a country which is one of the drivers of the European Union.



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



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# the BULLETIN

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1<sup>ST</sup> WED. 10.30 - 12.00 - NORTH  
CAMPUS

4<sup>TH</sup> WED 1.00 - 2.00 - FUNCTION RM

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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**

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|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed Oct 28 | News & Views 2.00 pm,<br>Ballarat North Senior Citizens' Centre<br><b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b><br>Office open 1 – 2 pm   |
| Fri Oct 30 | U3A Ballarat Discovery Day, 1.00 am to 2.00 pm, GPlace.                                                                    |
| Wed Nov 4  | New members morning tea & tour, Bingo Room, North<br>Ballarat 10:30 - 11:30 am.<br>Office open at North 10:30 am – 12 noon |
| Wed Nov 18 | Committee Meeting - Ballarat North 9:30 am                                                                                 |
| Wed Nov 18 | Bulletin Contributions due to Phill Grant<br><a href="mailto:grantphillip@hotmail.com">grantphillip@hotmail.com</a>        |
| Fri Nov 20 | Recorder Ensemble Concert                                                                                                  |
| Fri Nov 27 | Tutors and Reps Thank You Lunch, GPlace, 11.15 am for<br>12.00 lunch                                                       |
| Wed Dec 2  | New members morning tea & tour. Bingo Room. North                                                                          |

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*Phill Grant* ( [grantphillip@hotmail.com](mailto:grantphillip@hotmail.com) )

All U3A Members and friends are warmly invited to  
**'News & Views'**

at GPLACE on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**The Choir needs a Pianist!**

Further details, please see page 14

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Retiring Member of Committee

I'd like to thank a committee member who is retiring after the AGM. Chris Hindhaugh has been on the committee for two years, serving as Furniture, Media and Technology Committee convenor and Class Rep for Science and History of Buninyong. He will be sorely missed for his knack at fixing just about anything from vacuum cleaners to dvd players. Chris's extensive database of U3A assets and setup guide for media equipment is a lasting legacy.

### New Roles on the Committee

Colleen Noonan will step back from organising the monthly News and Views to concentrate on helping Nina with class lists / enrolment. Mary Maloney is handing over the timetable and course booklet to Denise Grant, while Mary and Nina develop the webpage. At the November committee meeting we will clarify roles that other volunteers can help us with in 2016 ie catering, working bees, sub-committee investigations, and membership/enrolment assistance. Please contact Blake Gordon with any offer of assistance for end-of-year activities and 2016.

### Discover U3A

Friday 30 October at GPlace from 11 am to 2 pm we will be staging this event for new members and those members that want to sign up for 2016 units. Payment for 2016 membership will be accepted in cash (\$50), cheque or direct debit (new this year). Membership payments can also be made from 1-2 pm at News and Views at GPlace on Wednesday 25 November. GPlace

Now that the roof renovations have been completed, we anticipate that the ownership situation may be clarified in the next few months. The GPlace Management Committee has asked the liquidators to grant the three members of the consortium a one-year lease (until the end of 2016), regardless of the identity of the future owner.

## AGM at Ballarat North

On Wednesday U3A will celebrate our 28<sup>th</sup> AGM at the Ballarat North Community Centre just before Ballarat's Mayor John Phillips unveils a new bright blue and white sign. Renovations to the west wall of the centre and the hall will commence during the summer holidays. The Business Plan for the internal renovations to the toilets, kitchen, and classrooms will be presented to Ballarat councillors at the AGM to state the compelling case for funding to complete the project.

*Blake Gordon, President*



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## INTERNATIONAL U3A - NEWSLETTER

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

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### 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 Enrolments for 2016

Membership enrolment will follow the same process as for 2015:

1. Membership Renewal Forms will be **individually printed** from the database and contain all the member details completed last year. Thus it will be unnecessary to complete a new membership form. All you will need to do is check your details and pay your money!
2. Membership may be paid by cash, cheque/postal note or direct credit. We are introducing direct credit facilities this year to assist members with their payments. Bank details and identification reference will be on your Membership Renewal Form.
3. You will be able to collect your Membership Renewal Form, together with a Class Information Booklet, (and pay your membership if you wish), at the following times:
  - i At the AGM on October 28 (payment after the AGM) at Ballarat North Community Centre
  - ii Discover U3A Day on Friday 30 October at GPlace from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm
  - iii News and Views - November 25, 1.00 - 2.00 at GPlace
  - iv January 28, 2015 - U3A Enrolment Day at GPlace
4. Note that there will be NO facilities for Membership Renewal payments at the Christmas Lunch.

5. Alternately, members can collect their renewal forms and post their membership fees to the Membership Secretary, PO Box 2058, Bakery Hill 3354
6. Please do not fill in a New Member form, but use the one printed especially for you!
7. Class Information books will be emailed to the Bulletin email list, and if you would like a hard copy you may collect one with your membership renewal form.
8. Thank you for your co-operation
9. NOTE - membership should be paid by the time you start your first class in 2016 as you will need your receipt number to book into a class!

*Nina Netherway, Membership Secretary*  
'phone 53344836  
Email [ninan06@bigpond.com](mailto:ninan06@bigpond.com)



Our **NEW WEBSITE** is nearly ready to be launched. We will have sample pages showing on screens at the AGM on the 28 of October.

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*



**Would you like to help prepare and serve food at U3A events?**



We need a team of people who can help at our monthly News & Views and other occasional events. Just help out when available – no cooking involved.

If interested, contact Anne Ottrey at [ottrey@ncable.net.au](mailto:ottrey@ncable.net.au) or phone 0422 963 985.

# MARKET

## **U3A Artisans Christmas market stall**

An extraordinary variety of U3A handcrafted 'fair trade' gifts.

**When:** 30 October at Discover U3A Day, and  
25 November at News and Views

**Where:** GPlace

If you wish to sell pieces you have made contact Jackie on 5341 3790

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## **ODDS and SODS from the COMMITTEE and others**

\* Nina would be really pleased if renewing members used the form specially printed

form them, because she designed it to make it easier for renewing members.

\* The Committee members, especially Blake, Nina, Mary and Denise, are looking forward to meeting all Tutors and Reps, oh, and visitors too, at the U3A Ballarat **Discovery Day** at GPlace on Friday 30 October, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

\* 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?

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## **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:** 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](mailto:rosmac@ncable.net.au)

## **Car Boot Sale**

U3A is having a stall at the next car boot sale at Ballarat North Community Centre on 30 October.

If members have anything to contribute to our stall, it would be much appreciated.

Please contact: Anne Ottrey on 0422 963 985 or Jack Engwerda on 5341 2118

## CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Mary Maloney –Class coordinator phone 5330 1334 or  
email [moomoo@southernphone.com.au](mailto:moomoo@southernphone.com.au)



We have a variety of new classes to offer in the New Year. Below is a brief description of each. Most have been timetabled.

**\*\*Please note that we are NOT taking names at this stage. There will be opportunities to sign up for these classes later on.**

### CLOGGING - Val Delvin-Kerr

Introduction to 'clogging' / country tap (not Dutch clogging).

'To Clog' simply means 'to keep time. Clogging is social activity suitable for all ages and physical conditions. Good music and lots of fun being paramount. No partners needed. Participants can enjoy from a gentle low impact to a more energetic style of dance - it is up to the individual. In addition to the physical benefits brain stimulation is an added bonus. The music crosses a number of genres

*Clogging is like laughter, contagious and needs to be spread around*

This class will run on Fridays in the Function Room at GPlace from 1.00 – 3.30.

### DRAWING

Barbara Preston is offering a six-week drawing class in 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Places will be limited. This class will run on Thursdays at the Ballarat North Community Centre in the hall from 10.00 – 2.00.

### HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SHORT COURSE) – Alice Mills

Repeated from 2014. This course starts with a look at what language is, then considers the

development from Old English through to Middle English (e.g. Chaucer) and Modern English. Topics will include slang and spelling rules, word origins and changes in the meaning of words, accents and rude words.

### INTRODUCTION TO JUNG – Alice Mills

This full year course will offer an introduction to Jung's ideas on the human psyche and the stories we take as truth about the world and ourselves. Does Jung offer the healthiest antidote to the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

### MEDITATION (Term one) - Julie Brusashi

Meditation suitable for beginners and experienced meditators using simple techniques. Based on Yoga and Buddhist techniques. I have been doing meditation for 31 years. I have travelled to India 11 times to study meditation and Yoga. Also studied here with Buddhist and Yoga teachers. Exploring simple meditation techniques. Main focus is on practise with short discussion. Please arrive at least five minutes early to start on time. This course will run on Tuesdays at Ballarat North Community Centre in the hall from 9.30 – 10.30.

### MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC (Semester one) Peter Weste

#### A LIFETIME'S MUSICAL JOURNEY

Over the last 80 years or so, I have spent many happy hours listening to music. I am not a musician, but I play a mean CD. My tastes in music range from the best in Opera, Classical Music, Jazz and Popular Music. I have attended many concerts featuring all of the above in America, Europe as well as Australia. Now, I have a comprehensive CD collection in all of the above genres and I would love to share it with you. This class will run on Tuesdays in Room 2 at GPlace from 10.45 – 12.30.

### MYTHS AND MYTH MAKING – Alice Mills

This full year course will explore ancient myths. After a foray into Mesopotamian myth, it will focus on Greek myth especially as told through Homer and classical Greek tragedies. Why are these ancient myths still so powerful? How should you behave if you wished to

survive meeting a god? What are the best ways of not attracting divine attention?

### **PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES (was scrapbooking) - Irene Warfe**

This class is aimed at those who wish to 'do something' with the photos they've collected over the years - family photographs and records and holiday experiences. It encourages you to use your own photos and memorabilia and arrange them in a visually pleasing format for family and friends to enjoy. The class also encourages creativity to develop your own presentation style. Skills to be gained include selecting appropriate materials to preserve with your photos, design, colour matching and journaling (telling the story of the photographs and/or experience). This class will run on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Room 1 at GPlace from 1.00 – 3.00

### **ROMAN HISTORY – Anne McKee**

This will include a very brief pre Imperial History without which it is difficult to understand Imperial Rome. The focus will be the Civil War between Julius Caesar and Pompey, and then the Emperors up until the end of the Imperial period. This Roman History is mainly social and much comes from translations of the Roman authors. There is no textbook required.

This class will run on Mondays at the Ballarat North Community Centre from 9.00 – 10.30.

### **SUBLIME – SHORT COURSE 8 – 10 WEEKS (Semester two) – Kate Simons**

This is an introduction to the concept of the sublime, presented from four different perspectives. We will discuss why the sublime is so little understood and speculate on the reasons why.

1. From the medieval religious tradition, looking at a selection of the mystical religious writings of early Anglo-Saxon poets.
2. This Western religious tradition will be offset by the Oriental Sufi love poetry of Jalaluddin Rumi.
3. Then work with pre-Raphaelite art,

Romantic poetry and the paintings of William Turner.

4. The last perspective is the Gothic Sublime and its associated terror and horror.

The unit is designed to counter what may be perceived as a contemporary predisposition to focus on the dark and negative side of humanity. While the sublime can well manifest as horrifying, I aim to provide insight and understanding into this response and instead emphasize the sublime's aspects of awe and wonder.

### **FALL OF THE ROMAN REPUBLIC – Paul Webster**

We will look at the significant developments in the military, political and social issues that shaped this period of Rome.

**POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:** Legacy of Gracchi and Sulla, Civil War between Marius and Sulla, the significance of the military and political career of Pompey. Consulship of Pompey and Crassus and significance of Cicero. The first Triumvirate of Pompey Caesar and Crassus. The role of the Optimates (liberals) and the Populares (labour) and urban violence. The political competition between Pompey and Caesar resulting in the civil war 49BC to 45BC.

**WAR AND EXPANSION:** Pompey's extraordinary commands, the Eastern settlement, Caesar's military activities in Gaul, Germany and Britain.

**THE FALL OF THE REPUBLIC:** The impact of Caesar's rule and assassination. The rivalry between Octavian and Mark Antony, and the role of Cleopatra VII and the battle of Actium.

This class will run on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at GPlace in Room 1 from 10.45 – 12.45.

### **THE STUARTS – CONTINUING ON FROM WAR AND ROSES – Jack Engwerda**

Beginning with family origins back in the middle of the 12<sup>th</sup> century, of course Robert the Bruce, then to the birth of the *Stuart Dynasty*, beginning with Robert 2<sup>nd</sup> and ending with Charles Edward Stuart, better known as

Bonny Prince Charles. The period covers 1300 – 1770.

Come along, enjoy and most importantly **PARTICIPATE**. The class will run on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month in Room 2 at GPlace from 10.45 – 12.30.

**WINE PRODUCTION AND ASSESSMENT** will run on Tuesdays in Room 1 at GPlace – 10.45 – 12.45.

**INTRODUCTION TO YOGA FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS.**

Mondays 11.30 am to 12.45. This will run for Term 1 and 2 only with a view to transferring to a 9.30 am class from Term 3.

**Mary Maloney – Class Coordinator:**  
email [moomoo@southernphone.com.au](mailto:moomoo@southernphone.com.au) or  
telephone 5330 1334

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At the dine-out at Smythesdale the five ladies who have singularly run this group since 2001 were all there. So a photo was taken of them. The names of us all are Val Newman, Ann Reynolds (who is running this group at the present) Helen Cairns, Dorothy Douglas and Marg Luhrs



The Dancercise Class



The 'MOSAIC 2015' Exhibition

Photo (left) – U3A musicians at play



# CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;  
**Wednesday November 18**  
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,  
Bakery Hill, 3354 or  
[grantphillip@hotmail.com](mailto:grantphillip@hotmail.com)

## ART GROUP

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

Seniors' Week open day for the Art Group was a novel experience for all, as the finished works of each was on display, not collectively seen before. Artists and visitors enjoyed the morning tea, and the first showing of the combined work *MOSAIC 2015*

*Barbara Preston, Class Tutor*

## AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

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

*Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin*

## BALLARAT HISTORY

Lorraine Harvey has invited us to see her collection of photographs of Ballarat; on Wednesday 11 November please meet at her shop (123 Sturt Street, in the same block as the Mechanics Institute a little further up the hill than the Mechanics) at 10.30 am.

I have booked a guided tour of Her Majesty's for 10.30 am on 25 November. There is a charge of \$5 per person for this.

I realise that parking for both of the November mornings is likely to be tricky but hope that you will all be able to find spaces.

If you have any queries or apologies please contact Margaret Eedle on 5339 4465 or email [margaret@eedle.com](mailto:margaret@eedle.com)

*Margaret Eedle, Class Rep.*

## BOOK GROUPS

### First Thursday Book Group

*Ellen Ryan*

*Val Newman. Class Rep. 53388389.*

## Book Group 2

Room 1, GPlace, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.  
*Vivienne Martinich, Class Rep,*

## BUSHWALKERS

Walks for November

**November 12;** Mollonghip, Wombat Sate Forest. Led by Helen Slater and Marlene Bell. Approx 10 kms, B.L, Code B. Car Pool \$5.

**November 26;** A walk around East Melbourne includes some of our finest public and religious buildings, beautiful parks and opulent residential areas. We'll travel down on the 8.20 train (in the second carriage from the front (not the quiet carriage), then take a tram up Collins Street. Bring your lunch to have in the park. It will be at least 8 flat kms and you can return on either the 3.17 (arrives Ballarat 4.39) or 4.02 (arrives Ballarat 5.10). Both are off-peak if you touch on before 4 pm. More details from Shirley Faull 53314408.

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, at GPlace Room 2.

*Val Newman, class rep., 53388389.*

## The CELTIC BAND

Recently three people from the Band joined Diokno Pasilan at the Ballarat Railway Station, where a video was created in connection with the 24 Hour Experience which is '...a living documentary of lesser heard perspectives of Ballarat – offering

distinct live works in a different location every hour over 24 hours..' It will be starting at noon on Saturday November 21. The band will '..explore the contemporary and traditional practice of making music..' at a performance 2 pm at the Railway Station, then will perform an '..improvisation piece..' at Bar Karova at 7 pm. Diokno who has made musical instruments for the event will be the lead artist for these events. Much practice is happening to prepare for the experience.

Meanwhile, on September 16, the Band played a program of lively music to groups of students at Ballarat Specialist School. Students and staff responded enthusiastically, playing percussion instruments, moving to the music and exploring instruments played by people in the band.

During Seniors' Week, the Band played at the Central Library on October 6, to an enthusiastic audience who were keen to participate as directed by Corrie, then show their appreciation by buying CD's. Due to a timetable glitch, a smaller group from the Band played at the Library the previous day, to an enthusiastic audience.

On October 14, the band played for a Sebastopol Senior Citizens Concert. The audience joined in with the music and made wonderfully positive comments about the performance.

Corrie's choice of programs has been superb and her leadership magnificent.

Now the band will settle to a period of intense practice to prepare for the many end of year Gigs. Once again, Malcolm Haig will assist with the leadership of the band.

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

## CHORISTERS

We are still practising for our gig at the Annual Meeting. I am sure that by the 28<sup>th</sup> we will be in good shape. As well as Val, our fantastic accompanist, we now have a great Gorgeous George flautist who will add to the great sound. I hope everyone will appreciate their efforts.

*Liz Bailey, class rep.*

## 2000 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN ART

2 pm, Wednesday 18 November,  
Room 2, G Place.

We are now going into the first of three devoted to Christian Legend and Mythology, that is, to material that is not in the New Testament. Our final session for the year in November will cover the stories of the Annunciation to the Virgin and the Nativity of Jesus. In February and March 2016, we will be examining the early life of the Virgin Mary, with details of her parents and her grandparents, as well as the account of where she spent her childhood and of how she came to meet and be married to Joseph. In the pictures we meet up with the strange and the bizarre, as well as the very beautiful in imagery and anecdote. In earlier centuries, these stories were often better known than the authentic Gospel accounts themselves. It can seem curious that we grew up with knowledge of the legends of Greece and Rome, but all too little of the remarkable repository of Christian traditional stories many of which enriched our religious Art. See you there. Ron.

*Ron Hedgcock; Tutor*

## CLASSIC CINEMA

**November 10:** We'll finish 2015's Water Theme with an enchanting animated feature, *Porco Rosso* (Japan, 1992, 93 mins, subtitles). An air ace has retired to a small Mediterranean island, where he ponders his past - and takes off in his sea-plane for the odd adventure.

We'll finalise voting for the year's favourite film after this screening. If you won't be there, vote by phoning Shirley (5331 4408) or Marion (5332 4831) before noon.

We'll also enjoy a special afternoon tea to celebrate. It has been another year of varied and interesting films - enhanced as usual by much stimulating discussion.

(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

All members of the U3A community are invited to help tidy up the grounds and gardens at our next session on Thursday 5 November. We will be planting seedlings in the community garden, doing some maintenance work on the gates and generally tidying the grounds at GPlace. A BBQ lunch will be provided at 12 noon for all who can stay. If anyone would like to help with watering the garden over the summer months, please contact Anne Ottrey to add your name to the watering roster.

*Anne Ottrey, mobile: 0422 963 985,  
Phone: 5336 2482  
Email: [ottrey@ncable.net.au](mailto:ottrey@ncable.net.au)*

## CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

*Mary Chappell, Class Rep., 5330 1633*

## CURRENT AFFAIRS

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

*Ros McArthur, Tutor*

## The CYCLE TOURING GROUP

While wintry weather has kept bicycles in the garage, some members have cycled in Canada and Europe. Despite dire predictions, Spring 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

### TO MOVE OR NOT TO MOVE.

The Dancercise class held a demonstration during Seniors' Week, at the Ballarat Library. This class is a fun way of enjoying the double role of exercise and dance.

It is never too late to improve our fitness and health, no matter what our age. Dancercise is one of the best ways to keep our cardiovascular system in check, improve posture, confidence and keep our muscles healthy and strong.

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

For our November dining out we are returning to the Wardlin Gallery, a charming venue housed in an old schoolhouse at Brewster. The owners have a lovely garden and they specialize in growing irises, which I'm hoping might still be in bloom. We shall gather at 12.30 on Sunday, 15 November. The turnoff to Brewster from the Western Highway is at Kayley's Lane (turn left) and the preceding road is Modesty Lane. You can either go all the way on the Western Highway or take Sturt Street/Remembrance Drive to the Western Highway just short of Burrumbeet, then continue on the Highway to Kayley's Lane. Please let me know by Thursday, 12 November if you will be coming.

Reminder: Our December lunch will be on Sunday 13 December.

*Ann Reynolds, Class Rep; 5309 1718  
[annreynolds@hemsleypark.com.au](mailto:annreynolds@hemsleypark.com.au)*

## ESSAYS AND IDEAS

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

**Venue:** GPlace, Room 2

*Margret Currie; 04 1929 0232 or 5333 2970*

## FILM MUSICALS

During Term 3 we featured some excellent British films including *Oliver*, *Oh What a Lovely War*, *A Hard Day's Night*, and live performances from Royal Albert Hall of *Phantom of The Opera* and the musical version of *Billy Elliot*.

In Term 4 we are going to feature Class Favourites, with films suggested by members of the class. All the films selected are excellent films also.

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](mailto:ibobdown@hotmail.com)

### **JOURNEY WITH MY MUSIC**

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

*Ralph Hislop, Tutor, 0457 238 852*  
and email [ralph90next@gmail.com](mailto:ralph90next@gmail.com)

### **LANGUAGES**

#### **BEGINNERS FRENCH**

*Jules*

#### **FRENCH C**

Most of our class members are back from prolonged vacations abroad and holidays within Australia – welcoming the warm Ballarat spring and bringing tales of *les rencontres françaises* and sights seen elsewhere.

Of course this has led to an over-filled classroom and the realisation that if the entire class turned up at once, we wouldn't have enough space for them all. So we have had to do some serious re-consideration regarding class size in order to maximise both teaching and learning. In consultation with our teachers, we have set our new class maximum at twenty, which means that while class numbers exceed that maximum, anyone resigning from the class will not be replaced.

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](mailto:janalan307@gmail.com)

#### **FRENCH E**

Our tutor left us this month for his annual European walking holiday, so we need to continue our lessons both at home and with the guidance of Heather Tallis, who has gladly

offered to help the French beginners class and us during Jean-Jacques' absence.

While we are nearing the end of another year, our class will be honing their conversational skills and hoping that we will impress our tutor on his return. The majority of our class will be returning in 2016 as we all enjoy learning about French language and culture with a wonderful tutor plus the excellent camaraderie.

*Peter Jones, Class Rep.*  
Telephone; 53396170.  
Email; [tljones80@bigpond.com](mailto:tljones80@bigpond.com)

### **FRENCH**

Several students travelled to Noumea to attend classes in French and to live in a French speaking community.

*Ken Gittins, Class Rep.*

### **GERMAN**

#### **Fortgeschrittene - Advanced Beginners – Anfänger**

Both classes have combined for the time-being and are being guided by an additional tutor and a class member who has experienced some time in Germany.

*Ken Gittins, Class Rep.*

### **ITALIAN**

Italian 2 class; Monday 2.15 pm

*John Cheesema, Tutor*  
*Wendy Balharrie, Class Rep., 53312329*

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

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

We have been continuing to walk through the Botanic Gardens and the North Wetlands, then back alongside the Lake – and enjoying ‘The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring, Tra La!’

We meet at 10.00 am Tuesdays at the car park adjacent to the large playground in Windmill Drive and would welcome more to join us. In December we will anticipate moving to the Yarrowee Trail.

*Mike Maloney, Class Rep. 5330 1334,*  
<[maloney28@southernphone.com.au](mailto:maloney28@southernphone.com.au)>  
*Pat McCarthy, Tutor; 5331 6219*

## OPERA ON VIDEO

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, at 2 pm.

*Barbara Worrall, Tutor*  
*Graham Worrall, Class Rep.*

## PHILOSOPHY

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

*John Poliness, Class Rep.*

## POETRY

*Millicent Reed, Class Rep.*

## RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Seniors' Week gave us the opportunity to

perform at Ballarat Library to a class from Emmaus Primary School. They were waiting for their bus and June provided them with a bonus music lesson, introducing the many recorders played by our members. They listened and asked thoughtful questions, and some couldn't take their eyes off the great bass, taller than a man. We'll be playing to the Steiner School soon so that was a terrific practice. Do come to our concert on November 20. It is at 11 am at the Brown Hill Uniting Church, Humffray Street North

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

*Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep*

## RAPT IN SINGING

*Robyn Clark. 5339 5271*

## SCIENCE CLASS

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

In Brenda's absence Ross continues to inform and stimulate us with his extensive knowledge and enthusiasm, this time of the genus *Acacia*. We learnt that *Acacia*'s have world wide distribution and are adapted to many soil types from sand to clay, acid or alkaline and a variety of climatic conditions wet, dry, hot and cold as well as being fire tolerant. Wattles have an astonishing range of habits (prostrate to 30m), flower sizes and leaf shapes. In Australia they do not have thorns as they do in some other countries such as Africa. Ross brought in several samples of this interesting legume which is related to peas and beans, and stimulated much discussion. The Golden Wattle has been Australia's national emblem since 1988.

*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

Rushing to get things ready to show at the AGM. Nearly the end of the year so...



**COMBINED JEWELLERY CLASSES**  
 ... XMAS LUNCH WILL BE on  
**TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER 2015 at**  
**PARK HOTEL BISTRO.**  
**1615 STURT STREET. at**  
**12.30 PM.**

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

## SIT AND STITCH

The classes are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays,  
 9.30 - 3.30 at Ballarat North Campus.

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

## STROLLERS AND COFFEE

Walks start at 10 am  
 on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

**28 October:** Meet at Brown Hill Hotel car  
 park Humffray Street.

**4 November:** Meet at the Corner Stone Café,  
 206 South Street, Skipton Street corner

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
 at 10.45 am at GPlace, Room 2

We are now looking at the Tudors' 118 years  
 of turmoil and the momentous changes  
 happening in society. We will finish with  
 Mary Queen of Scots and her son James 1 and  
 6.

Then 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.*

## WINE APPRECIATION

*Jill Hunter, Class Rep*

## WOODWORKING

We were saddened by the news of Ian's  
 passing. Ian Channing was an integral part of  
 our woodwork group, a talented craftsman  
 and designer, a master of marquetry. Boxes  
 with inlaid lids depicting gum leaves,  
 barometers and clocks, with exquisite inlaid  
 designs, were a feature of his work. His quiet,  
 gentle manner and willingness to share his  
 knowledge and experience will be missed by  
 all of us. Our thoughts are with Rosemary and  
 family.

*Heather Bice, Class Rep. 0419524714*  
*or 53301357 [bice2@tpg.com.au](mailto: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.

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**Name/s:** .....

**Phone number.** .....

**Special food requirements** .....

**\$30 Payment by Wednesday 25 November:**

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

**Cheque/Money order:** \$30 payable to Ballarat U3A

**Post to:** *Ballarat U3A Christmas Lunch*

*PO Box 2058, Bakery Hill*

*Ballarat, Vic 3354*



# **GPLACE**

## **GARDEN DAY**

**Come along for a fun day at  
GPLACE. We will do spring  
planting in the Community  
Garden and maintenance  
around the grounds.**

**After the work is done, join us  
for a delicious BBQ.**

**Bring seedlings for the garden and  
a plate for lunch if you like.**

**Thu, 5 November**

**9.30am - 1pm**

**102 English Street, Golden Point**

**For more information, please contact Katja at BRMC on 5332 5941.**





# The Great Australian Story

<http://www.greataustralianstory.com.au>



This site has been set up to be a valuable resource for others interested in Australia, its history and our way of life, as it builds a picture of who we are - in our own words.

Briefly, the guidelines are:

1. Short stories written by an Australian about a real-life experience.
2. The story reflects a personal experience or perspective, and can be about anything (childhood memories to school, races, sports, war, travelling and so on).
3. From 350 to around 1800 words in length.

To publish a story, authors need:

- A photo of the author or alternative picture to appear on their profile page.
- A short bio.
- The story (up to 1800 words).
- A picture to accompany the story.

The contact details of the author can be displayed if they want others to make contact and are happy to talk about their shared experience. Authors are also invited to write as many stories as they like - and they can link back to any site they want to promote.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2015**

The Annual General Meeting of U3A Ballarat, will be held in the Hall, Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 28 October, 2015

All U3A members are invited to attend. All current committee positions will be declared vacant at that meeting and nominations are called for Officers and Ordinary Members.

**OFFICERS: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER**

**ORDINARY MEMBERS\*: A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10**

\*Note: The Immediate Past President is included as an Ordinary Member of the Committee, making a maximum of 15 members on the Committee. The duties of Ordinary Members vary from year to year, but can include Webpage Manager, Bulletin Editor, Publicity Officer, Class Co-ordinator, Social Convenor, Membership Officer, U3A Network Representative, Catering Co-ordinator, and Equipment Officer. Sub-committees for Finance/Grants, Accommodation/Operations, Membership/Enrolment, Webpage/Community Relations, and Bulletin/Publications report regularly to the U3A Ballarat Committee.

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### **STOP PRESS!**

#### **Ballarat National Theatre Group**

*The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde.

As usual we would like to offer U3A members the opportunity to see the play at the special price of \$18.00, available at the Sunday matinee at 2 pm on 6 December.

The dates for the full season are as follows, this promises to be a very popular production, one many people will be very familiar with already.

Saturday 5 December @ 8 pm  
Sunday 6 December @ 2 pm  
Wednesday 9 December @ 8 pm  
Thursday 10 December @ 8 pm  
Friday 11 December @ 8 pm  
Saturday 12 December @ 2 pm  
Saturday 12 December @ 8 pm



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