

All U3A members and friends are warmly invited to

U3A NEWS & VIEWS

Wednesday, February 24, 2 pm. at GPlace.



The first speaker for News and Views is currently being confirmed and information will be on the website www.u3aballarat.org.au as soon as it is available, while the new coordinator for News and Views, gets her feet on the ground.

BJ Johnson is the new News and Views coordinator, having taken a break from a bit of volunteering with Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID). This was after retiring from more than thirty years in higher education in curriculum development, teaching health science and developing online education. Her first assignments with AVID, totalling twelve months, comprised professional development for teacher training in the Maldives. She found it very rewarding with various challenges along the way. She highly recommends anyone thinking of overseas volunteering to consider such a program



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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

monthly on the 3rd Wednesday
9.30 am; Feb to Nov. BNCC

NEWS and VIEWS

monthly on the 4th Wednesday
2.00 pm. GPlace

DIARY DATES 2016

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 – 11.30 am
Wed Feb 17	U3A Committee Meeting. Ballarat North CC 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed Feb 17	Deadline for March Bulletin articles (to Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com)
Wed Feb 24	News & Views, 2 pm, GPlace. Office open 1 – 2 pm
Thur Feb 25	New Tutors and Reps meeting at GPlace 1 – 2 pm, Room 2. Training and use of equipment session for all Tutors and Reps, 2 – 4 pm (if you need to)
Wed Mar 2	New members' morning tea and tour, Bingo Room, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.30 - 11.30 am, Office open at North 10.30 – 11.30 am

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Phill Grant (grantphillip@hotmail.com)



VALE

Sue Beck.

January 7 2016

Sue was a member of the U3A Choir and had been so for many years. She was valued by all for her optimism, cheerfulness and ready willingness to help. Those attributes were also highly appreciated in the community beyond the U3A community.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Finally the rain has returned to Ballarat and with it your last week to get signed up for classes in 2016. If you have paid your subs, simply go to the new website, click on the members only area, put in the password, click on the timetable, and ring the class tutor or rep for the course(s) you want to do. If you have not paid, come to the Wednesday's (27 January) Last Chance Enrolment Day and do the whole process between 10 am and 1 pm. With over 90 classes this year and more than 10 new classes - there must be something for everyone.

Volunteers

What a good start at the GPlace working bee with more than twenty showing up to tidy up and clean tables, chairs and windows in Rooms 1 and 2 as well as the tea room and front lobby. Gardening and watering by several volunteers over the summer was well managed – the garden has never looked better. Now we need to continue to grow our numbers in the areas of catering (morning teas, news and views, and special events), working in teams with Anne Ottrey. Blake needs help setting up chairs, tables, and a-v for news and views, concerts and special events. So if you contact either Anne or Blake, we will be happy to fit you into a team – doing your part in making our social events run smoothly.

Ballarat North

During February to June the Ballarat North hall will be rectified. The committee has been active over the summer giving 'walk-thru' tours to Ballarat City councillors. U3A is very keen for the excellent Business Plan given to Council in October to attract 2016-17 funding. We encourage you to talk with your city councillor about what our growing organisation needs and what you value about U3A. Together we can make a difference.

New Members

We look forward to having your contribution and participation in classes. You have been invited to morning tea at Ballarat North to ask questions, meet some of your classmates and get a tour of our home in the north. I know that our old members will make you very

welcome and help you get used to the friendly, supportive U3A atmosphere. Please remember to wear your name badge and keep communicating with your tutor/rep when you may need to miss a class. We know that you will find our classes stimulating - a life long learning experience.

Innovations

We are really pleased to see that many have taken the opportunity to pay your subs by direct credit. The new webpage launch – thanks to Mary, Nina, Anne and Denise – has been relatively seamless. But it will only work well if more of you use the members' section to keep contact, catch up with the monthly events, and read the Bulletin there. We are hoping to put more features on the webpage as the year goes on – so watch this space and participate in the 2016 journey into our digital future.

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>

MEMBERSHIP

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!



Don't forget that you will need to have paid your membership and have your receipt number ready for the start of each class.

Nina Netherway, Membership Secretary
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CAN YOU HELP?

Ballarat City Council have asked us to provide feedback on specific sites or crossings in Ballarat that present barriers to walking for older walkers. The Council's Active Transport Working Group will use this information to develop a list of priority projects. Send any suggestions to Anne Ottrey, 0422 963 985 or ottrey@ncable.net.au

ROAD SAFETY FORUM

A Road Safety Forum aimed specifically at older drivers will be held on;

Thursday 17 March, at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, from, 1 pm to 2 pm.

The session will focus on confident driving, and factors that affect driving ability such as medication and health. All welcome to attend.

Anne Ottrey, 0422 963 985 or
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WHAT'S ON THE WEB?



The new website is up and running and offers you useful information at the click of a mouse!

You can access the timetable, the class booklet, the calendar, events, and venue locations. A full timetable and class booklet (including contact numbers) is available in the **Members Area** (the button to click is at the right hand top of the page.)

If your class is **doing something special**, or celebrating something you are encouraged to send photos and information about the event to go on the webpage. This can be viewed publicly or only in our members' area if you prefer. Please send these to moomoo@southernphone.com.au

Mary Maloney, Web Manager
moomoo@southernphone.com.au

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.
- * Ros McArthur would be really happy if the kitchen at GPlace was kept spic and span, because she is the Secretary and would rather not have to receive any letters of complaint.
- * One of the endearing features of U3A is that it is all voluntary and consequently everything is done collaboratively.
- * 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 has been launched? (Cool, eh?!) The web address is on the second page of this Bulletin.
- * Thinking of wearing your nametag, with the completed medical contact details, to class, and taking your receipt number with you to show the class rep? What a great idea!

TUTORS AND CLASS REPS NEW AND OLD

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 – 4.00 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 – 4.00 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

FANCY AN OVERSEAS TRIP OR TWO?

Two opportunities for U3A-associated travel were presented at the January U3A Ballarat Committee Meeting. The first opportunity is in Italy, the second is on Norfolk Island.

The first is an invitation to take part in a '7 day Learning holiday for U3A groups' in Abruzzo, Italy. Information from the website includes;

'Join us on a 7-day learning holiday in the undiscovered Italy, Abruzzo, where Italy's north and south meet with the sea, wide open country, mountains, forests and beautiful medieval towns. You will experience the local culture including its food and wine, traditional arts and crafts.

The highlight of this tour is the chance to learn: cooking, painting, pottery, how to taste extra virgin olive oil, local dop wine-tasting, how to milk a sheep, how to make ricotta cheese, Italian and much more. You will visit artisans, design studios, museums and markets and be surprised by the unexpected when you wander around small villages, piazzas and laneways during included free time.'

Further information, including costs, can be found on the website;

<http://www.italiasweetitalia.com/package/tailor-made-holiday-abruzzo-italy-7-day-learning-holiday-for-u3as-groups-abruzzo-italy/>

The second invitation is from U3A groups on Norfolk island, to join them in historical and cultural activities on their island. Further information can be gained from the posters printed in this Bulletin

Now, while these 'opportunities' are essentially advertisements, discussion in the Committee Meeting involved the possibility of organizing a U3A Ballarat trip. Such an activity would be another way of our U3A providing a diverse range of activities.

For example, one idea was that a large group of our members might travel to Europe for a particular activity, then smaller sub-groups would take part in special-interest activities, such as language courses, art courses, cycle trips, sport activities, photographic trips, or...

Alternatively, a large multi-interest group might travel to Norfolk Island.

So, what do you think? Any suggestions, or indeed offers to be an organizer, can be mentioned to anyone on the Committee, and/or sent to the Bulletin Editor (grantphillip@hotmail.com), to be included in a new 'Letters to the Editor' section of the Bulletin.

FEBRUARY'S DIVERSION

**Where in the world was...?
(and what on Earth were they doing?)**



As usual, there are no fabulous prizes for working out the answer to this month's diversion, just the dubious glory of getting an answer (though answers resulting from a wild imagination might be worth a cappuccino).

Answers to Phill Grant at:
grantphillip@hotmail.com

*I love deadlines. I like the
whooshing sound they make as
they fly by.*

Douglas Adams

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes>

TWILIGHT TALKS
at the
Ballarat Mechanics Institute

Since 2001 series of Twilight Talks have been held at the BMI. The next series of six talks promises to be most interesting.

Participants arrive at the Humffray Room from 5 pm for drinks, cheese and conversation.

The thirty to forty minute talks on successive Fridays commence at 5.30 pm and the entrance cost is \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members.

Summer Series Program

12 February: Max Harris, *History Lives in Photographs*. Max will present wonderful early images of Ballarat

19 February: Cr Samantha McIntosh, *A City Resplendent with Heritage Buildings*. Sam discusses Ballarat's heritage buildings

26 February: Michael Trembath, *The Memory Atlas, History in You*. Mick discusses a Ballarat East oral history project

4 March: Lindsay Florence, *Policing in Victoria with a focus on a murder investigation*. Lindsay is a former Ballarat Police Superintendent

11 March: Brett Dunlop, *Sovereign Hill - A Continuing Story*. Brett is Sovereign Hill's Museums Director

18 March: Dr Jill Wheeler, *Linton: questions about history*. Jill has researched Linton's history and discusses 'who owns the history?'

Phil Roberts, BMI Secretary



Relaxing after the
working bee at
GPlace on Friday 22
January

BALLARAT SPEAKERS' CLUB INC.
Lunchtime Talks

11 February 2016, 10 noon – 2 pm
Ballarat Golf Club
1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat



Guest Speaker: Lawrence Richmond

Ballarat farmer Lawrence Richmond now manages large grain farms in Ukraine, an area once considered 'the breadbasket of Europe'. Come and hear of his experiences in this turbulent part of the world, the legacies of the Soviet occupation, and the fallout from the civil war. Lawrence has many stories to tell.

Cost \$39.00. A porportion of the cost will go to support the Upendo Orphanage and School in Tanzania.

Register at <http://www.meetup.com/Ballarat-Speakers-Club/>
or telephone Anthony, 0458 312 533

**Age is something that doesn't
matter, unless you are a cheese.**
Luis Bunuel

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes>

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Denise Grant –Class coordinator
email DeniseU3A@hotmail.com

NEW TUTORS

There is a meeting at 1.00 pm on Wednesday 27 January after the Sign Up day. It will be in Room 2.

TUTORS AND CLASS REPS MEETING

25 February, GPlace

This meeting will be in two parts:

a. New Tutors and new Class Reps.

At 1.00 pm in Room 2 at GPlace, there will be a meeting for all new Tutors and Class Reps., to discuss the main aspects of your positions and to answer any questions that you may have after the first few weeks of classes. All new Class Reps. will have been appointed by then, so please come along if you are a newly appointed Class Rep.

b. All Tutors and Class Reps who would like some help with using the U3A technological equipment.

All Tutors (experienced or not) and any Class Reps., or maybe even Technical Officers if the class has appointed one, are welcome to come to Room 2, GPlace from 2.00 to 4.00 pm on the same day (25 February), to practise the finer points of how to use a data projector, the DVD, TV and the visualiser, and how to connect a computer to all of these. The booking procedure for use of technology will also be discussed, along with any problems with the use of equipment that you may have.

AQUATIC CLASSES

Can you teach, or do you know someone who could teach, Water Aerobics, swimming or other aquatic pursuits? We have an offer to hold classes at the Aquatic Centre. Please get in contact with Denise Grant if you have any ideas about how we could take up the offer to let us run classes at the Aquatic Centre in Gillies Street.

START OF CLASSES FOR 2016

All classes commence in the week beginning Monday 1 February.

For classes which run on the 1st and 3rd or 2nd and 4th, or which run for only one week of the month you need to be aware of which week of the month it is.

For newcomers to U3A. Which week is it? The Monday in the first week of February is the 1st Monday. Tuesday is the 1st Tuesday, and so on.

Monday 8 February is the 2nd Monday. Monday 15 February is the 3rd Monday. The 4th Monday is on the 22 February.

However the 29 February would be the 5th Monday so except for weekly classes, or if you have a class timetabled for Week 5, you would have no class on that Monday.

The 1st Tuesday for March is on 1 March and so on. Monday 28, Tuesday 29, Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 March are all the 5th days of the month and there would be no classes then unless you have a 5th day timetabled OR you have classes every week.

It is interesting to note that the 1 April is on Friday so that would be the 1st Friday of the month and so on.

IF YOU ARE ABSENT FROM CLASS

If you know that you are going to be absent from class, please advise your Class Rep. especially if you are absent for more than one week. The Class Rep. keeps an attendance register. If you are going to be absent for a number of weeks this is essential. There is a waiting list for many classes, and if you don't let the Class Rep. know that you will be missing many classes, you may find that when

you return, your position in the class has been given to someone on the waiting list.

TEA ROOM

Many classes have morning or afternoon tea. We have the use of the tea room which has been beautifully cleaned by the volunteers who came to the working bee on the 22 January. Could you all please ensure that all cups are washed and dried, and returned to our box? Also please return the coffee, tea and sugar to the cupboard, and wipe down the benches, table and sink before you leave. If the floor is dirty, please give it a quick mop too. This doesn't have to be the job of the Class Rep. You could share the responsibility.

CLASSROOM CARE

It is always pleasant to walk into a clean classroom with the white board clean, the chairs pushed in and the carpet vacuumed. Many classes have a volunteer who does this each week, or the whole class can share the job at the end of each lesson.

If there is no class following yours, could you also turn off the heating and any equipment that you have used, pull down the blinds and lock the door.

WHEN ARE THERE NO CLASSES?

We don't have classes on public holidays. Some classes do run during the school holidays. Please check with your Tutor or Class Rep to see if your class is continuing during the school holidays.

FINAL CLASSES FOR 2016

The last formal classes will finish in the last week of November. We have not booked the classrooms for December.

CLASSES IN THE FUNCTION ROOM

If you use the Function Room as your venue, could you please advise Denise Grant if you are not having classes at any time, particularly during the school holidays, **in advance**. We pay for the use of each session when we use the Function Room so it would be good to know when we are not using it.

...and BY THE WAY...

Computers now has NO VACANCIES

There are now two Canasta classes;

Canasta runs every week and there is the opportunity for newcomers to learn how to play.

Canasta One will meet on the 3rd Friday of the month at a venue and time to be announced. New players are welcome, but you need to have prior experience.

Both classes are on Friday afternoons. The details of the two classes are below:

Canasta

If you enjoy the strategies of card games but don't want to play for sheep stations Canasta is the game for you. We have experienced canasta players but are happy to welcome new players. Weekly sessions every Friday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.30 provide the opportunity to socialize and hone skills.

G Place - Room 2, Contact Ros McArthur 5332 5714 if you are interested.

Canasta One

This will be for people who are interested in playing canasta once a month. We are a friendly group who would warmly welcome people who have played this card game before, even 40 years ago!

We will be meeting on the 3rd Friday afternoons of the month. When and where is yet to be decided. Those interested please ring

Val Newman 5338 8389

...and THE LAST NOTE

**HAVE A GREAT TIME AND ENJOY
YOUR 2016 CLASSES.**

Denise Grant –Class coordinator
email DeniseU3A@hotmail.com

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 17 February 2016
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
grantphillip@hotmail.com

ART

2000 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN ART

2000 Years of Christian Art is held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 2.00 pm, in Room 2 G Place.

First class for 2016 in February;
Legends and Doctrines of the Virgin Mary.

From the Middle Ages down to the last couple of centuries, Mary mother of Jesus was one of the primary subjects in Christian Art. But if we blithely imagine that the proliferation of ravishing Raphael Madonnas represents the only essential form of the topic, we are mistaken. It is in the forgotten works by innumerable other artists that we find some of the most interesting details. Up until some three or four hundred years ago, Catholic Christians knew far more about the legendary life of Mary than any of the original Gospel material. But Protestant insistence on Biblical knowledge and fact led to the wholesale neglect of the rich legendary tradition.

In this session, we will be considering the ways in which various Artists enriched and perpetuated these old tales. We will be exploring the four official and obligatory catholic teachings about Mary, along with some of the extra-Biblical tales of her parents and grandparents. We will learn about her miracle laden early life as a dedicated virgin living in the Jerusalem Temple, along with the eventual choice of Joseph as her prospective husband. Beautiful and rare art works illustrate the tales and concepts.

See you there,

Ron Hedgcock, Tutor.

BOOK FOLDING

The first session for this short course starts on Friday 5 February and runs for five weeks. The class will be held in the Bingo Room at Ballarat North Community Centre,

702 Walker Street Ballarat North, from 9 am – 10:30 am. For the first session, please bring along an old paperback and an old hard back book, both preferably between 200- 300 pages. Also bring a pencil, ruler and craft glue, and your U3A receipt number.

Anne Ottrey, Tutor, 0422 963 985 or
ottrey@ncable.net.au

BUSHWALKERS

Walks for February

11 February; **Local Ballarat Uni Walk** led by Anneke and Rod. Approx 7 kms. B.L. Car Pool \$2

Please check the blog before this walk for further details

25 February; **Canadian Creek Trail & Lake Esmond 11.5 km**

Walk from GPlace along the Canadian Creek to Mt Clear. Detour on way back for lunch at Lake Esmond and an optional ride on the flying fox. A hill at the start and finish, but otherwise flat. Level A difficulty, but note the distance. Bring lunch.

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

CLASSIC CINEMA

2015 finished well with *Whale Rider* voted the favourite film for the year.

February 9: We'll begin our 'Great Actors' theme with Emil Jannings, regarded as one of the best performers of the late Silent Film era. *The Last Laugh* (Dir: F.W. Murnau, Germany, 1924, 80 minutes) is also praised for its many technical innovations and strong visual style.

Class members should bring their receipt numbers and be seated ready for a 1.30 pm start.

Shirley Faull, Tutor
Marion Dick, Class Rep.,
5332 4831, or mobile: 0429 691 470

CLOGGING

Welcome to all prospective 'Cloggers' and past Cloggers coming back to this excellent activity. I am looking forward to meeting everyone. We will be commencing at beginners level; I hope people who already have the basics will be patient for a few weeks. Past Cloggers who already have clogging footwear will need to tape taps on arrival. See you all Friday 5 February at 10.30 am.

If all goes well and venue is organised a Friday afternoon session will be added in second semester for those interested people who are not free on the Friday morning.

Val Kerr, Tutor

COMMUNITY GARDENING

Our first session for the year will be on Thursday 4 February from 9:30 to 11:30 at GPlace.

Our gardens have survived the hot summer thanks to a watering roster of volunteers from U3A, BRMC and Mt Clear. We have started harvesting the crops planted at the end of last year, particularly zucchinis. Excess harvest will be placed on the exchange table in the tea room, so remember to check. New members to the group are reminded to bring gloves, a hat and water as it is likely to be hot.

Anne Ottrey, 0422 963 985 or
ottrey@ncable.net.au

COMPUTER CLASS

If you have enrolled, or wish to join in the computer class, you will need to contact me before the first class, starting at 3:45 pm on 12 February at GPlace in Room 2.

Please bring your laptop computer to this

class.

Kerry Daniell, Tutor
0412 700 986 or 5332 6087.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

This class is back in the swing of things having commenced on 4 February 2016. Doing a cryptic crossword is a great way to beat the heat; one's thoughts are totally immersed in struggling for answers. Many well known people are as committed as we are.

'I do the *New York Times* crossword puzzle every morning to keep the old grey matter ticking.' Carol Burnett

Mary Chappell, Class Rep. 5330 1633

The CYCLING GROUP

The cyclists are re-forming. New members are welcome; the emphasis is on longer rides (at least fifty kilometres) at a suitable pace, with camera and cappuccino stops as desired. A multi-day trip, perhaps to the Grampians, is in the planning.

Phill Grant, Convener

DINING OUT

Happy New Year to everyone, and welcome to members new to this group. We are going to start this year's outings as we did last year by lunching at the *Lake View Hotel* on the corner of Wendouree Parade and Mill Street. We shall again be dining in the *Champagne Lounge*, which can easily be accessed through the side door onto Mill Street. The Lounge is immediately on the left as you enter and this saves having to walk through the rest of the hotel. There is plenty of parking both on the Parade and in Mill Street.

I do hope to see many of you on Sunday 21 February at 12.30. Please be good enough to let me know if you will be coming, by the preceding Thursday, 18 February. This will enable me to let the hotel know our numbers on the Friday.

Ann Reynolds, Class Rep. 5309 1718
Annreynolds@hemsleypark.com.au

ESSAYS AND IDEAS

The New Year classes commence on 8 February 2016. The year promises to be informative and socially satisfying.

Essays to be read for March are as follows:-
14 March. From the *Norton Book of Personal Essay*; 'Notes on Punctuation' by Lewis Thomas and from *Better Than Fiction*; 'Chasing Missionaries' by Suzanne Joinson.

28 March. From the *Norton Book of Personal Essays*; 'Living with Music' by Ralph Ellison and from *Better Than Fiction*; 'In Bear Trap Canyon' by Peter Matthiessen.

As there is a 5th Monday in February, the group will meet for the customary get-together.

Mary Chappell, Class Rep. 5330 1633

HISTORY

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

The Australian History Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 1.00 – 3.00 pm at GPlace Room 1.

The topics for the Australian History Class will be as follows:

Feb. 9	Life in Australia in 1900
Feb 23	The Birth of a Nation
March 8	The War to end all Wars - visit to Ranger Barracks Museum with a talk by Major Neil Leckie
March 22	On the Home Front
April 12	The Jazz Era
April 26	Australia Unlimited?

For further information please contact Zelda or Nina on 5334 4836

Ann Boag, Class Rep.
Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin, Tutors

BALLARAT HISTORY

This class will meet for the first time on Wednesday 10 February in Room 2 at GPlace at 10.45 am.

Please be sure to have your receipt number

with you if you have not already registered it with your class Rep. Please contact Margaret Eedle if you need more information.

Margaret Eedle, Class Rep.
telephone 5339 4465 or
email margaret@eedle.com)

LANGUAGES

FRENCH E

Another year of learning begins! Everyone it seems wants to learn French- pourquoi? U3A currently has six French classes and it is very hard for newcomers to access any of these classes. Because the incumbents enjoy it so much we apologize to those that cannot be find a spot.

There are several reasons why people wish to learn French (or other languages):
For an upcoming holiday; to gain a better knowledge of the culture, literature; art; history or music of the country, to meet new people or just to keep the brain cells active. Whatever your reason we thank our tutors for giving us the opportunity to indulge our desires.

All pupils return in 2016 with a thirst to continue along the learning path. Let's trust that we did a un petite devoirs during the break! Bonne Annee tout le monde

Peter Jones, Class Rep
5339 6170 Email tljones80@bigpond.com

GERMAN

The beginner and advanced classes will start on Monday 1 February.

Ken Gittins, Class Rep

LITERATURE

Our class will commence the year on Thursday 4 February reading *Oscar & Lucinda* by Peter Carey. Our tutor is Helen Nethercote, and classes are as always, 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 10.45 in Room 2 at GPlace. We look forward to another year of great literature.

Robyn McKnight, Class Rep

NORDIC (POLE) WALKING:

We will be walking along the Yarrowee trail (east side) during February, unless there is a Total Fire Ban. Meet just before 10.00 am Tuesdays, at the car park behind the Brown Hill Pool, off Humffray Street and Reid Court.

Mike Maloney Class Rep
5330 1334 or 0413 971 951
<maloney28@southernphone.com.au>
Pat McCarthy Tutor, 5331 6219

PHILOSOPHY

The U3A philosophers will return to GPlace on Wednesday, February 3, at 2 p.m.

Please bring your receipt numbers to this first session.

John Poliness, Class Rep.

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

Tuesdays at 9.30 am until 12.30 and 1.00 pm until 3.30, in the Community Shed, GPlace

Hope everyone had a very happy Xmas and the New Year has started well.

Jewellery classes will resume on the first Tuesday in February 2/2/16. Class members are reminded to bring their receipt number to the FIRST class, as no proof of U3A membership payment means you will be excluded from the class until you can give me your number.

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year with heads full of wonderful jewellery designs.

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 am - 3.30 pm
at Ballarat North Community Centre.

Classes will resume on February 11.

Bring your lunch if staying all day and your sewing machine, embroidery, patchwork, knitting, crochet or any other sewing project you do. At times there will be demonstrations otherwise we work on our projects and share ideas with class members.

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

STARS WEAVING AGAINST VIOLENCE



STROLLERS AND COFFEE

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

3 February; Meet at Pipers by the Lake.
Coffee at Special Treats, Gillies Street.

24 February; Meet at Crown Hotel,
Buninyong. Coffee at The Bluestone Café.

2 March; Victoria Park. Meet at Corner of
Russell and Eyre, Streets.

Chris Cullen, Leader and Class Rep.,
5332 3721

YOGA

For information about the Yoga classes, please
contact the Tutor, Lori Hutton on 5330 3143,

Joy Whitten, Tutor 53418189

Ballroom Dancing

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*THESE WILL BE SOME OF THE DANCES ALONG WITH
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*THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS TO COME AS PARTNERS
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*THIS IS A CLASS FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS WITH THE INTENTION OF
RUNNING SOME DANCE NIGHTS LATER ON.*



Ann Gooding, Meryl McLeod and Marg Luhrs.



Marg. Luhrs, Dorothy Douglas and Helen Cairns



Laurelle Willis and Edna Plumb,
enjoying a Dine-Out at the Wallace Hotel

Many thanks to Val Newman for the
photographs. The occasion was the
Christmas break-up at the Wallace hotel,
13 December 2015.



Val Newman, Liz Souter and Ann Reynolds

Norfolk Island Folk History



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*Music, poetry & stories
from our Convict, whaling
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We are very excited to offer this tour for the first time in 2016. While our island's convict, whaling and Bounty histories are infamous, their telling through music, poetry and story offers a unique lens of exploration. Presenters Don and Sue Brian recently lived on Norfolk Island for 5 years and as dedicated historical researchers, found its history and heritage compelling.

Holiday Package price includes:

- ✓ Return economy class airfare to Norfolk Island ex Sydney or Brisbane
- ✓ All pre-paid airline taxes
- ✓ Meet & Greet at the Airport
- ✓ Return airport transfers on Norfolk Island
- ✓ 7 nights accommodation
- ✓ 7 days car hire per apartment (petrol is additional)
- ✓ Norfolk Island Folk History Registration:
 - ✓ Welcome Dinner, including "Unearthing Norfolk Island's Untold Stories" talk
 - ✓ "Tales from the Artefacts" as discovered by Sue in each of the four Norfolk Island Museums including packed lunch.
 - ✓ "Convicts of the Second Settlement" - focusing on escapes, riots, work and personalities
 - ✓ "Norfolk Island on The Middle Ground" presentation in song, historic and modern images and spoken word, on the history of the Pacific whaling
 - ✓ Devonshire tea and Cyclorama visit, including plaiting demonstration by Sue
 - ✓ Personal tour by local NI Whale Boat 'Rhonda' builders and Pitcairn Settlers Village Tour
 - ✓ Farewell "Sea Shanties" night dinner including entertainment
- ✓ Half day Island tour
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Norfolk Island Folk History



This week will be of special appeal to those who hanker to delve deep, inquire and discover the stories of a place. With an incredibly rich and complex history the tantalising stories of the people who either happily or with a sense of dread came to call past, or call Norfolk Island home, are rarely discovered. Hosts for this week Don and Sue Brian will be sharing their personal research to uniquely bring these stories to life through story, song and poetry.

Your Hosts: Don and Sue Brian



Don Brian has been exploring his linked passions for history and folklore for over 40 years. He sings traditional folksongs, sea songs and shanties which tell the maritime history of the Pacific. In Sydney, he sings with the traditional shanty group, *The Roaring Forties* aboard the square-rigged barque, the *James Craig*. He also sings traditional, collected songs with *The Southern Cross Trawlers*.

Since arriving on Norfolk Island in 2009, Don has had a particular interest in collecting the folklore, stories, songs and poems of the Islanders from the convict settlers to the present day.

Together, Don and Sue have been researching the influence of the whaling industry and the American ship-based whalers on Norfolk's heritage and will recount some of the less well known stories they have found during their research.

While living on Norfolk, Sue became involved in the research and the conservation of the Museum's artefacts from the *Bounty* to the current day. She developed a passion for learning traditional skills in hat-making which she was taught by the Island's hat makers and has extended this into a study of cabbage-tree hat making in Australia.

Together, they bring an articulate, thoughtful and thoroughly fascinating perspective on Norfolk Island's folk heritage.

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