

You are invited to
Christmas in July, in August

Thursday, 25 August
2.00 pm
Ballarat North Community Centre

with music and performances
(a full and exciting programme)
provided by various U3A Ballarat groups



Including, of course, an afternoon tea.



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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2016

- Wed Aug 1 New members' morning tea and tour, Bingo Room, Ballarat North Community Centre,
- Wed Aug 17 U3A Committee Meeting. Ballarat North CC
9.30 am – 12.00 pm
- Wed Aug 17 Deadline for August Bulletin articles
(to Phill Grant – and indeed before it is time to read a bedtime story - grantphillip@hotmail.com)
- Thurs Aug 25 Christmas in August performances, BNCC. 2.00 pm
- Mon Sept 5 Grampians Region U3A Meeting

Quick Reference - what's in this Bulletin?

- * Have you seen the new webpage? www.u3aballarat.org.au
- * Membership; your data in the new *MyU3A*, pages 4, 5
- * Receiving your *MyU3A* Login and Password, page 6
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U3A Ballarat Musical Performances

- * At Christmas in July, in August (25 August), BNCC

U3A Ballarat Office Opening Times

Ballarat North Community Centre,
702 Walker Street, Ballarat North. Office 'phone 5332 7825

DAY	DATE	TIME
Monday	August 1	10-12
Wednesday	August 3	10-12
Friday	August 12	10-12
Monday	August 15	10-12
Friday	August 26	10-12
Monday	August 29	10-12

Phill Grant (grantphillip@hotmail.com)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a busy month – finally progress in the BNCC rectification, preparing for the introduction of *MyU3A*, site meetings at BNCC, and the start of classes for term 3 – ‘change is the only constant’ in U3A Ballarat this year!

BNCC Rectification

The roof is on, the internal walls and insulation are just about finished, the floor is nailed down (secret nailing!), and the electrical cables are in place. What remains to be done inside will now happen quickly – the painting, sanding and sealing (two-pot mix) of the new floor, installation of the audio-visual equipment, and connecting up the hydronic heating. But the delays will be outside as the painting of the outside western panels, the staged connection of gas to the new external boiler (west wall of building), and completion of the drainage on W, S, and E sides of the building (the original cause of the rising damp problem) will take into August to complete. This should make our *Christmas in August* function on Thursday 25 August – delayed from July – even more special in the new larger hall.

MyU3A Workshops at Ballarat North Neighbourhood House

Nina's and Mary's detailed reports tell the story. We are on track to go 'live' in the next couple of weeks, which means all U3A members will get individual passwords to access their individual pages. Many volunteers, tutors and reps took the opportunity to learn the *MyU3A* system – now they will help the committee bring the 890+ members up to speed so that we can implement the payment of 2017 membership subs and enroll old members after the Thursday 20 October AGM. Great effort – Nina, Mary, Helen and Denise.

New BNCC Office

After a couple of trials with new members and during the morning tea sessions, Helen and her volunteers have noted changes that need to be made to the configuration of the office. All should be in shape by early August so come in (on the right as you enter BNCC), have a look and have a volunteer help you become familiar with *MyU3A*.

Ballarat Senior Secondary College site

In the September Bulletin I should be able to report a picture of what the future plans are for this site. The college will close Year 12 classes in December. Many former teachers and students feel that this would be a terrific venue for our classes.

End of Financial Year. Overall we are in very good shape with nearly four months before membership income starts again. The major expenses – rent at GPlace (and other venues) and Bulletin – are well covered. Well done to our ever-busy Treasurer Helen!

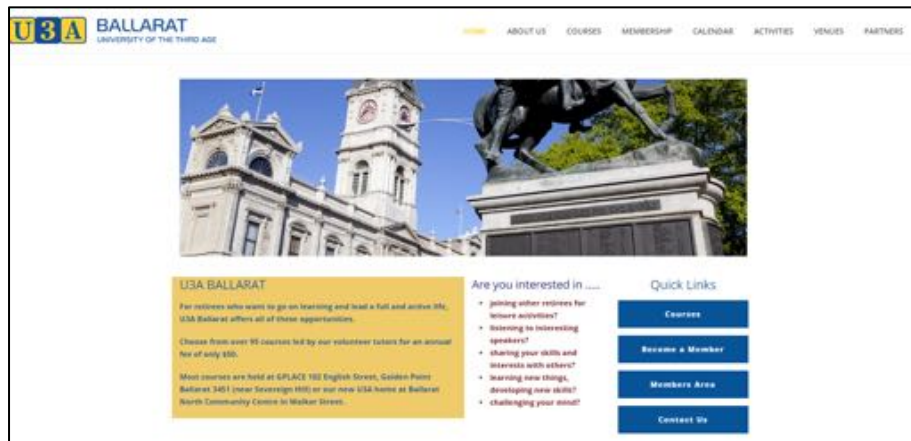
Where is the U3A Ballarat Home?

Given the changes in venues to large classes at BNCC, introduction of *MyU3A*, and the addition of new classes term by term, it is understandable that some members are unhappy with the uncertain and changing plans that have been the norm in 2016. Thank you all for your patience! Remember the over-riding reason for moving some classes back to GPlace or Ballarat North is that these two places have been/will be our home. If we understand occasional disruptions of one class with another or with our partners at either sites is only temporary, then we can look for solutions and not dwell on the problems and changes that getting larger causes. The cooperative, community spirit of U3A and increasing media profile in Ballarat are positive signs for 2017.

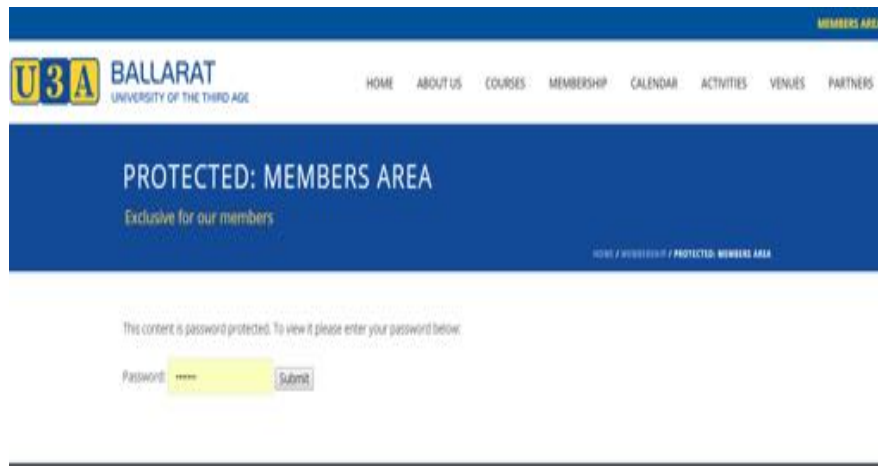
Blake Gordon, President

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR PERSONAL DATA IN *MYU3A*

Logon to our Ballarat website www.u3aBallarat.org.au and you will see this page:



Click on the blue button that says *Members Area* (3rd button down)
You will see this:



Type in the members' password which is **Balrt16** and click on the submit button. You will then be in the members' area, which looks like this:



Click on the yellow button which says *My U3A MEMBERS* and you will see the *Member Login* screen.

When the system goes live and links appear on the website, you will each receive an email with an ID number and a password. **DO NOT LOSE THIS!**

Enter your ID and password
Click *Log in*.

If you have forgotten your password, click the *Forgot Password/ID* and then enter your email address and you will be sent a new password. Note the information regarding sharing an email address.



MEMBERSHIP STATUS You will then enter the *Membership Status* screen, which gives your details and the classes in which you are enrolled. Using the buttons below your information:

Membership Status

Member: 2255 Nerk Fred [frednerk01]
2016 Full member
Renewed: 16/06/2016 Active: 02/01/2016 Expires: 31/12/2016
Applied: 16/06/2016 updated: 16/06/2016 First Active: 2016
Address: 11 Gong Rd, BALLARAT, VIC, 3350
Phone Nos: 03 5336 6778 DOB: 01/01/1950
Email: ninankes@yahoo.com [nin103]
You will be receiving newsletters by post

2016 Classes (except those you lead)

Class	fee	Status	Date	From/To	Day	Tutor
☐ 00031-01 2016 GPlace Garden		Enrolled	16/06/2016	09:30am-11:30am Thu	0930-1130 English St Golden Point	Anne Ottrey Community Gardening
☐ 00032-01 2016 GPlace Room 1		Waitlist	16/06/2016 2033	4/2-24/11		Anne Ottrey Cryptic Crosswords
☐ 00041-01 2016 Secondary College Theatre		Enrolled	16/06/2016	12/2-25/11	01:00pm-03:30pm Fri 1300-1530 Barkly St Ballarat	Peter MORTON Film Musicals

Class 31-01 conflicts with 32-01

\$50.00 Membership Fee 2016
\$50.00 Total Fees 2016
\$50.00 Owing

If you want to update your personal details such as email address or phone numbers, click the **Update** button.

If you want to enrol in 2016 classes click the **Classes** button then click the checkbox under the class code(s) you want. When all done, click the **Next** button at the foot of the page to return here.

If you don't want one or more of these classes, Click the checkbox to the left of the class(es), select the reason and then click the **Delete Classes** button.

If you will be absent from class, put in an apology.
Absence from: Date(d/m/y) to: Date(d/m/y) **Apologise**

If you have selected all the classes you want, click the **Next** button. You will be requested to pay your membership fee unless you have already paid. u006(4) **Next**

Update - you can update your details, for example if you change your email address or phone number.

When you first login, please click the *Update* button and check that your details are correct. Your date of birth will be incorrect, so please enter the actual date. This is important to us for reporting to Network and also to the City Council in applying for Grants. They are very interested in the aggregate data of our age grouping.

Classes 2016 – you can enrol in a class if there are vacancies and you have contacted the Class Rep or Tutor beforehand.

Delete classes – delete a class you no longer attend. Select the class to delete by clicking in the radio button on the left of the class, then select a reason as to why you are leaving the class, then press the *Delete Class* button.

Apologies – enter an apology for a class or classes when you are unable to attend a session (make sure the Class Rep is using the roll marking in this system first!).

Select the class or classes you are apologising for by clicking the radio button on the left of the class, then enter the beginning date of your absence, and the end date of your absence. Then click *Apologies*

Next - Pay your membership – this will be used for 2017 payments. The *Next* button also gives a **printable summary** of your information, including classes and dates classes meet.

Classes: Note the *Waitlist* on Cryptic Crosswords for Fred Nerk – this applies when you select a class that is full.

The system also tells you if you have selected 2 classes which run at the same time. For example – *Class 31-01 conflicts with 32-01*.

MEMBERSHIP



and



Next week you will be receiving your Login and Password for *MyU3A*. You will only receive this if we have your current email address and your mailbox is not full! Members who have not registered an email address with us will not receive a password or login and if they need to see the information stored for them on *MyU3A* will need to go to the Office. Here the office staff will assist in showing you your information and, when the time comes, helping you with re-enrolment.

If you received an *eNews*, you will know that we have your email address and it is working. If you think we have your email address and you did not receive an *eNews*, please contact Nina – ninan06@bigpond.com

If you have an email address which you haven't given to us, and you would like to have access to *MyU3A* – please email Nina.

****Tutors and Class reps have been trained and are ready to use *MyU3A*!**

****Office Administration have been trained and are looking forward to many calls and queries to the office!**

We need your up-to-date email address so we can go 'live'!!!

MyU3A Training Session for Tutors and Class Reps who missed out!

A demonstration/training session for Tutors and Class Reps who were unable to attend the earlier sessions will be held at Ballarat North on Thursday August 4 at 2 pm. The Tutor Portal will be demonstrated showing how Class Reps and Tutors can access class information and mark the roll. It is really important that one member at least, from each class be familiar with this process. Tutors and Class Reps without computer access are also welcome to attend and find out what it is all about!

Any class that would like a demonstration of the new *MyU3A* at their class, please contact Nina Netherway ninan06@bigpond.com to arrange a suitable time.

Any queries please contact Nina Netherway - ninan06@bigpond.com

Nina Netherway, Membership Secretary: 5334 4836, ninan06@bigpond.com

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

The timetable for Semester Two is up and running and no further changes are anticipated, except for the classes which are meant to be in the Hall, eventually moving there as soon as it is ready.

PLANNING FOR 2017

NEW CLASSES

Do you have an interest which you would like to share with others? We have started our planning for 2017 so please let Denise know if you would like to run a new class.

We don't mind if you duplicate a class that is already running. With our growing numbers we need new language classes, especially French and Italian. Do you speak Chinese or Spanish? We have constant requests for these languages.

Would you like to lead a new walking or bush walking group? Both of our current groups are very large and it would be great if we could divide these groups.

Do you paint or have another hobby that you could teach others?

Maybe you have a skill that you could teach others, such as how to play Bridge or how to use a computer. There have been many requests for classes in how to use Apple computers.

We always need many new groups that promote wellness and physical activity.

If you do have a skill or interest that you would like to share with others, please write a brief outline of what your course would include, and send it to Denise Grant either by email at Deniseu3A@hotmail.com or ring Denise 0439321250.

1. **The deadline for all new classes is 16 August.**
2. Denise will then take your idea to the committee on the 17 August
3. Next, your requirements for venue, day, class frequency and time will need to be submitted by **31 August**
4. Then the work on the timetable will commence.

Classes already running in 2016

All tutors and also class reps will be sent a letter by email next week asking for details about classes which will be no longer running, changes to current requirements for classes, or verification that no changes are necessary.

Denise will send you a form which is to be completed by the 31 August so that work on the timetable and adding new data to *MyU3A* can be completed by the end of September.

CLASS VACANCIES: at 16 June 2016: If the class is not on this list, it has no vacancies, but you may be able go onto a waiting list. The classes listed below still have vacancies so ring the class rep to enrol. If there is no class rep ring the tutor.

CLASS		CLASS	
Ballarat History	yes	Latin 2	yes
Ballroom Dancing Beginners	yes	Latin 3 and 4	yes
Ballroom Dancing	yes	Latin 5 and 6	yes
Canasta	yes	Nordic Walking	yes
Clogging Beginners	yes	Poetry	yes
Clogging Level 1/2	yes	Positive Practices, Positive People	yes
Clogging Level 3	yes	Preserve your Memories	yes
Community Gardening	yes	RAPT in Singing	yes
Cooking when not sure how – Term 3	yes	Recorder Ensemble	yes if you can play
Current Affairs	yes	Roman History	yes
Cycle Touring Group	yes	Scottish Country Dancing	yes
Dining Out Group	yes	Scrabble	yes
Dutch	yes	Sit and Stitch	yes
Exploring Spirituality	yes	Tasting and Talking Wine	yes
Film Musicals	yes	The Fall of the Roman Republic	yes
French G	yes	The Stuarts	yes
History (Australian) through Film and Fiction	yes	Weave your own Stars	yes
History of the Spread of the English Language	yes	Yoga (Buninyong)	contact Lori
Introduction to iPads (5 week Course) Term 3	yes		
Latin 1 Beginners	yes		

ODDS AND SODS FROM THE COMMITTEE AND OTHERS

- * Christmas is so great that we will be organizing a Musical Christmas in August. Cool, eh? (And, everyone knows that Christmas lights look really fantastic when eyeglasses are removed and one or two mulled wines are enjoyed.) This could be a reason not to travel to Queensland this year.
- * Nina is always pleased when members wear their badges, with the completed medical contact details, to class.
- * Ros McArthur hasn't received any letters of complaint about the kitchen at GPlace being kept spic and span. However, Anne has. So, there is now a roster. U3A is 'on' on Mondays and Fridays.
- * **JUMPER and GLOVES**, belonging to U3A members, have been found – the jumper, found in one of the rooms at GPlace, is with Nina and Zelda, the gloves, found some time ago near the community garden, are with Phill Grant
- * And now a **black ALDI bag!** A black Aldi shopping bag has been in the store room at GPlace for sometime. There is tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits in the bag and we are just wondering if this belongs to a class. If your group owns this bag could you please let me know. Thanks Helen Slater helen.slater19@gmail.com
- * Anne would be pleased if you contacted her with regard to volunteering for Committee work
- * Look out for the new signs that will be displayed at U3A music performances.
- * Did you know that an 'Events Manager' is required for U3A Ballarat?
- * Did you know you can get individual help with using your computer? Maureen Foulkes can be contacted on 041 463 5559 if you would like some help.

THE DIVERSION FOR AUGUST



Congratulations to David Harvey for correctly identifying the location of the plaque shown in July's diversion as Stromness in the Orkney Islands. Indeed, he hadn't been there, but with some knowledge of history and information from a colleague he identified the location.



To win the pleasure of solving a puzzle, the question for August is: **where in the world is?**

It is possible that a winner has stood in front of this 'Qantas' sign. It is also possible that some knowledge of history and some internet research will reveal the location of the pictured sign.

Answers to Phill Grant: grantphillip@hotmail.com



EMAILS

We need your email address!!

If you want to have access to your data in the MyU3A you will need to give us your email address!

We have discovered that many members have changed their email address and have not told us - therefore we are getting emails sent back and they are not receiving emails!!

Please send your current email address to ninan06@bigpond.com asap so we can go live with MyU3A.

Risk alert

15 July 2016



Organisational identity fraud

VMIA has recently received notice from two clients about large scale financial fraud or scam activity.

The fraud is based on bogus email, correspondence and telephone calls advising an organisation that a supplier has changed bank account details for future payments. Following email confirmation of the bank account details a large amount of money was transferred to an incorrect and fraudulent account.

The financial fraud targets Accounts Payable areas and personnel, using someone representing a supplier or contractor, and false documentation with logos and information taken from websites. The supplier is one who would have regular transactions for payment in relation to services provided. The two cases of fraud also involve a relationship established through an online connection – an area where individuals and actions should be very carefully examined.

The scams have been referred to the Victorian Fraud Squad and actions have been taken by the banks to retrieve the incorrect transfers.

What to do

As the fraud involves accounts and financial transactions finance areas and staff should be made aware of this activity.

Any advice from a supplier or third party which involves the redirection of amounts of money should be closely checked.

VMIA recommends clients review their internal processes for verifying changes in relation to financial transactions, including when changing bank account details.

Any similar activity over recent months should be reviewed to ensure no fraud activity was involved.

Support for clients

VMIA is working closely with our clients to determine the extent of their loss.

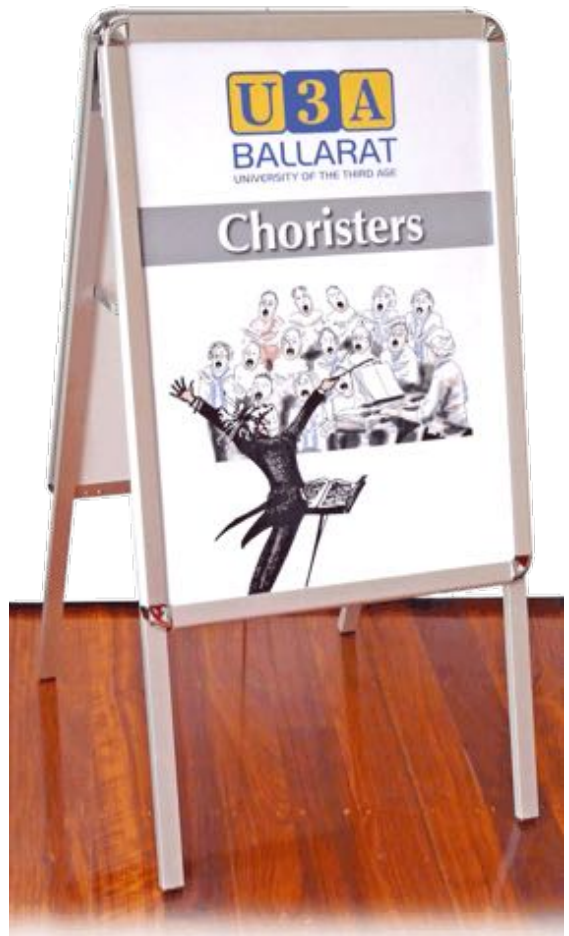
If you would like to discuss further please contact our Client Advisory Team.

Phone: 9270 6900

Email: contact@vmia.vic.gov.au



MUSIC AT U3A BALLARAT



Thanks to some creative work by Lidia, each of the U3A Ballarat music groups now has a 'sandwich board', similar to the one shown at the top left.

The main purpose of the boards is to let audiences know which of the U3A Ballarat groups is performing.

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 17 August 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, GPlace.

Session no 13; Christian Symbolism.

There is an extraordinary wealth of imagery in Christian tradition, that is so often overlooked. In the earliest days of the Christian Church, two extreme positions influenced its approach towards the Arts. The Jews felt heavily constrained by the injunctions in the Torah to forbid making paintings or sculptures of anything in the Heavens above or in the Earth beneath. By contrast, the ancient world of the Pagans simply teemed with images of every kind, and the Christians were simply repulsed by the immoral themes of much that they saw around them in the culture. On top of that, the Christians in the earliest times were convinced by their readings of the Scripture that the whole sorry world was coming to an end very shortly, and the last thing they should be concerned with would be works of Art. In the long run the Church developed a tolerance for the Arts and in just a few centuries had a rich and beautiful repertoire in the making, that has been maintained down to the present. In this session we will take a look at a wide range of symbolic Christian images that are all fascinating. We will see you there.

Ron Hedgcock, Tutor.

ART - PAINTING and DRAWING

Barbara Preston, Tutor

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.

In recent classes, we have visited the Ballarat Trades Hall to hear a talk on *Trade*

Unionism in the Twentieth Century; learnt about the *Role of Nurses in World War 2*; and on July 26, another of our talented 'Speakers Group' will address us on *The Decline of Rural Towns and their Resuscitation*.

We are moving rapidly towards the 1960's and 1970's, but then how good are memories of that era? We might find out!

Just a reminder that in 2017, this two Year course starts again with *Pre-History through to Federation*. Each of the two years is complete in itself, so it is easy to revert to Year 1 even if you have completed Year 2. Afternoon tea provides a chance to chat!

Joan Macmillan, Class Rep.

Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin, Tutors

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY in FICTION and FILM

There will be no class on July 7.

Janice Cook, Class Rep.

BALLARAT HISTORY

On Wednesday 10 August Jack Engwerda will be telling us about the Chinese on the goldfields and then on 24 August Dr. Joan Hunt makes a welcome return to speak about mining at 'Springdallah'.

We are learning so much about our area, and learning so enjoyably in most pleasant circumstances. Let us hope that all class members are benefitting from this course.

Remember the class meets at 10.30 in the lecture theatre at M.A.D.E. Any queries please contact Margaret, especially if you will be an apology for a class.

Margaret Eedle, Class Rep.

5339 4465 or email margaret@eedle.com)

BALLROOM DANCING

This class meets on Mondays, 1.30 – 3.30 pm, in the Function Room at GPlace.

Lorraine Amour Chambers, Class Rep.

BOOK CLUBS

The FIRST THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Val Newman and Ellen Ryan

BUSHWALKERS

Walks for August

August 11; Linton. Circuit walk from Linton Township. Leaders: John Maguire, Arthur Buttler. Distance - 10.5 kms. Rating - B. Conditions - Rail Trail and bush surfaces, some undulation. BL. Car Pool \$5

August 25: Mt Erip, Devil's Kitchen. Led by Arthur Buttler. Distance - 6 kms. Code B, BL Car Pool \$5

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

This class is on Fridays, 1.30 – 3.30 pm at GPlace, Room 2.

Despite the members who are gallivanting overseas, and north, we are still managing to have three tables playing most Fridays. We are also enjoying our progressive lunch around Ballarat's hotels on the First Friday in the Month. In August we will be visiting the *Black Hill Hotel* in Peel Street. See you there at 11.45. on 5 August.

Ros McArthur, Tutor 5332 5714

CELTIC MUSIC BAND

On June 26 we learned of the death of Pam Nam, a foundation member of the Band.

Our most recent performance was on June 25, when we played at the opening of Rosalind Lawson's Exhibition at the *Lost Ones Gallery* a group tribute to Pam.

Pam's contribution to the Band was unique.

The talent, humour, ability to assist, as well as her skill in leading the band were ever present. We each remember her in our own special way the laughs and dedicated concentration she exhibited while preparing and performing for the Ballarat 24-Hour Experience last year, the many solos she was called upon to perform because of her talent and reliability, as well as the sharing of her cheese-making experiences during morning tea time. Memories of Pam will live on in the many tunes which Pam made her own.

How wonderful that Pam joined the band. Thank you to her family for inviting us to join with them to celebrate Pam's life of so many and such varied experiences. Best wishes to you all.



Ros Cole, Class Rep.

CHOIR

To those who wish to hear us perform under our new Maestro, we will be singing on Thursday August 25 during Xmas in August.

We have just had a two week break and are looking forward to getting together to sing some fine songs.

If by any chance there are a few spare tenors floating around out there please come and join us. The tenors sing behind the sopranos and we love to hear them sing. They really do have a lovely sound.

Soon we will be in our new home and I must say it will be good to be a permanent spot.

Liz Bailey, Class Rep.

CLASSIC CINEMA

August 9: *Tokyo Story* (1953, Japan, Director: Y. Ozu, 134 minutes) is often acclaimed as one of the greatest films ever made. A simple family story becomes a heart-felt masterpiece, brought to life by the ensemble of extremely effective actors seen in most of Ozu's films. (Film only session.) This quite long film will start very promptly at 1.30.

August 30: Peter Sellers takes several rather alarming roles in *Dr. Strangelove* (Britain, 1964, 93 minutes). Director Stanley Kubrick's black comedy about the risk of nuclear war still packs quite a punch.

Members are currently considering options for our 2017 theme, to be chosen from: Directors on the Move (2), Imagined Worlds and On Location. We'll vote on September 13, but pre-polling is now available in class or by phone. More details at the August sessions.

Please be seated ready for a 1.30 start.

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

CLOGGING

Greeting from the Cloggers. We are having a morning of Social Clogging; all welcome to come and see how we enjoy ourselves. Although this may have passed by the time the Newsletter is finalised:

SOCIAL CLOGGING – Friday 22 July, 2016,
9.15 to 12.00
GPlace Function Room

**bring a friend - bring a prospective
clogger - bring taps – bring water
bottle - stay for lunch**

Please bring a plate to share for lunch following Clogging at 12 noon.
Program will cater for various levels of ability

NEW beginners will commence the first week in August. Excellent time to join a new fun activity



Polo Shirts for U3A Members

featuring the U3A Logo
Ladies & Mens Sizes available

Logo, as shown, on back,
smaller version on front

Val and Rina

*Gail Henderson, Neil
Reither; Class Reps.*
Val Kerr, Rina Cocking, Tutors



COMMUNITY GARDENING

Our next gardening session is Thursday 4 August from 9:30 to 11:30. Hopefully we will warm up as we weed, fertilise, mulch and maintain our winter crops, finishing with morning tea in the warm kitchen.

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

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

'I think that, at the end of the day, I'm drawn to a certain level of ambiguous storytelling that requires hard thought and work in the same way that the *New York Times* crossword puzzle does: Sometimes you just want to put it down or throw it out the window, but there's a real rewarding sense if you feel like you've cracked it.'

Damon Lindelof

Mary Chappell, Class Rep. 5330 1633
marry.chappell@bigpond.com

CULTURAL CAPITAL

Denise Wilson, Class Rep., 5341 3416
treden@vic.chariot.net.au

CURRENT AFFAIRS

On the 18 July we were fortunate to be addressed by Dr. Paddy Moriarty from Monash University, on travel; focussing on public transport from the earliest days in Victoria and up to the modern day. We were appalled at the demise of train and tram traffic and feel that we have a lot to be grateful for in the fact that Melbourne kept its trams. Traffic on Melbourne's roads is chaotic at best but would be so much worse without the already overtaxed tram and train services. Thanks also to Mary Chappell for her research into the most environmentally sustainable means of transport for the future.

On August 1, come prepared for general discussion of current issues.

August 15: Travelling in Armenia with Ros McArthur.

Ros McArthur, Tutor 5332 5714

The CYCLING GROUP

Another brilliant day for cycling as a group cycled to Creswick and back. Cappaccino with a French flavour in Creswick

Phill Grant, Convener

DANCERCISE

The Dancercise classes for both Mondays and Wednesdays now have no vacancies.
Lorraine Amour Chambers, Class Rep.

The DINING OUT GROUP

Our August dining out venue on Sunday 21 is the *Royal Mail Hotel*, Sebastopol. We have not been there for a while so I hope we enjoy this formerly popular destination. You will find the hotel at the southern end of Albert Street and it has a large car park, from which you gain entrance to the dining room. Please let me know if you are coming by Thursday 18 so I can advise our numbers on the Friday.

Ann Reynolds, Class Rep. 5309 1718
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ESSAYS AND IDEAS

Essays to be read for the following dates:
Better than fiction:

25 July: *You Me and the Sea* by Steven Hall.

8 August: *The Fairbanks Shakespeare Camp* by Stefan Merrill Block

22 August: *When Things Make No Sense* by Pico Iyer

Personal Essays:

25 July: *How to Eat an Ice-Cream Cone* by L. Rust Hills.

8 August: *The King of the Birds* by Flannery O'Connor

22 August: *The Lesson of the Master* by Cynthia Ozick

Happy Reading.

29 August is the 5th Monday and we will meet for morning coffee.

Mary Chappell, Class Rep. 5330 1633
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FILM MUSICALS

The theme for term three will be musical biographies of people who wrote the words and music for musical films and shows.

August 12: *Three Little Words* (Tin Pan Alley composers Kalmer and Ruby).

August 26: *Night and Day* (Cole Porter).

September 9: *Words and Music* (Richard Rodgers and Lorenze Hart).

Bob Whitten, Class Coordinator
53418189 or ibobdown@hotmail.com

The HISTORY and the SPREAD of the ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Kim Gram, Class Rep., 5339 6277
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LANGUAGES

FRENCH C

Jan Leishman, Class Rep 0427 531 333

FRENCH E

June has seen our study of French cinema upgraded! J-J prepared a full text in both French and English of *Belle et Sebastien 1* – a monumental task! The class then viewed this first film with French subtitles so it made for an interesting exercise that improved our knowledge considerably.

Then we followed up with the second film in the series that is currently showing at the *Regent*. This highlights the beautiful Alps-Rhone region during the warmer months and the scenery is just as spectacular as the snow-covered months. A heart-warming family movie that is a little unbelievable in places but twelve Francophiles enjoyed the afternoon and the social interaction.

We are in recess during July, as our tutor needs to spend time with his Japanese students- what a talented homme he is! We however will try to do some study!

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

FRENCH F

Heather Wood, Class Rep

FRENCH G

This class is on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month, 2.15 pm in Room 2, GPlace.
Ken Gittins, Tutor

GERMAN

Classes have had an extended break, although some participants have been meeting anyway, in order to ('um ... zu') keep their fluency going. Normal sessions will resume on Monday 1 August.

Ken Gittins, Class Rep

LATIN

Anne McKee, Tutor

LITERATURE

Our class will be reading *The Secret River* by Kate Grenville, and led by tutor Helen Currucan.

Robyn McKnight, Class Rep

MEDITATION

The Meditation classes will remain to be held at St. Peter's Hall until the Ballarat North Community Centre renovations are complete.

Cynthia Richards, Class Rep., 5331 1679

MUSIC APPRECIATION

On **2 August** Mike Maloney will be in charge of the afternoon with a program associated with 'Time'

Janice Cook, Class Rep.

MYTHS AND MYTHMAKING

Having embarked on July 25 we will continue the journey with *The Odyssey*.

This month's classes are on **August 8 and 22**

Marion Dick, Class Rep., 5332 4831

NORDIC (POLE) WALKING:

In July we returned to the Gardens and Lake Wendouree, which provided some protection in the event of cool weather, and we will continue to walk there during August. Meet in Windmill Drive at 10.00 am every Tuesday – all welcome.

Mike Maloney Class Rep
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Pat McCarthy Tutor, 5331 6219

PRESERVING YOUR MEMORIES

There is still room in the group and we meet in G Place in Room one 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 1.00 to 3.00. We'd love you to join us.
Alice Christie, Class Rep.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

We were saddened to hear of the death of Pam Nam, a founding member of the Ballarat U3A recorder group. Pam played descant, alto, tenor and bass recorders, and led a small group last year, in which she encouraged us to experiment with different arrangements for our performance pieces. The Recorder Ensemble and Quintet played at her funeral service; we found this to be a lovely way to honour her memory. Pam will be greatly missed.



On Wednesday June 22 the Recorder Ensemble gave a concert at GPlace, followed by afternoon tea. It's always a good feeling when all those hours of practice produce a positive result. We can look back and see how far we have progressed in the playing of these pieces. Very satisfying!

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep. 0410641357

ROMAN HISTORY

There will be no sessions in Roman History in the school holidays

Anne McKee, Tutor

SCIENCE

Heather Bice, Class Rep.

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

Steve will be away for the next five weeks; class members will have to watch this space for his return date. The shed will be opened by class reps for class members to continue working, but use of some equipment will be limited while Steve is away, notice re this is on the white board.

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

SIT AND STITCH

Our class is now able to take more members, contact Margaret on the number below.
Margaret Copping, Class Rep., 5334 1191, or 04 0902 1949

TALKING and TASTING WINE

Classes have recommenced each Wednesday from 10.45 am to 12.15
At GPlace, Room 1.

There are vacancies, and all are welcome. This is a fantastic class with a great Tutor, great classmates, and great wines.

Jack Engwerda

WALKERS AND COFFEE

Walks start at 10 am sharp from nominated meeting areas on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays

27 July: Meet at *Pipers by the Lake*. Coffee at Gillies Street Special School

3 August: Meet at *Tin Shed Cafe*. Corner of Lydiard Street North and MacArthur Street.

24 August: Meet at *IGA* in shopping complex, Corner of Pleasant and Sturt Streets.

7 September: Meet at the front of Safeway at Lucas, off Dyson Drive.

28 September: Meet at *Potted Pair* (now *Eau Verte*) 31 Burnbank Street, Ballarat,

Chris Cullen, Class Rep.
John Elischer, 0421341288

WOODWORK

Pauline Russo, Class Rep

“U3A Telelink” – Open for Members

The Telelink Pilot team are setting up new classes for 2016. We are seeking current U3A members to participate in these telephone-based classes in Term 3.

Background : Last year Vision Australia, U3As Kooyong, Whittlesea, Nunawading and U3A Network Victoria piloted a telephone-based U3A Current Affairs course for U3A members who had become housebound.

Up to 10 participants and their class facilitator used their landline or mobile phone to talk about a range of topical events for an hour each Tuesday morning for 10 weeks. Now, we are continuing in Terms 3 and 4 this year and, by expanding the program, wish to open it up to more participants from U3As throughout Victoria.

Participants should be a current U3A member who has become temporarily or permanently housebound and unable to travel to a classroom or activity centre. We hope that U3A Management Committee members will pass on this information to members who meet this criteria.

How does it work ?:

- The group will meet by teleconference, with class members using their landline or mobile phones
- We can serve a maximum of 10 people per class
- The group will run for eight weeks, with a one-hour session each week
- Planned starting date for Term 3 is week beginning 1st August; the group ends in mid-September
- Cost: no charge for U3A members
- Our moderator makes phone calls to connect all participants at the start of the class and the line is kept open for an hour until class finishes
- Facilitators are all U3A Members and have completed Vision Australia’s Telelink training course; where possible there will be two facilitators for each group of ten class members.

Offerings in Term 3 (Starting in the week beginning 1 August)

Course Theme /Name	Day of week	Time of Class	Facilitator(s)
1. General discussion / topics of interest negotiated	Tuesdays (2/8 – 20/9)	10am -11am	Joy Hanrahan / Richard Hall
2. Life experiences	Wednesdays (3/8 – 21/9)	10am -11am	Mary Renshaw /
3. Living with technology	Mondays (1/8 – 19/9)	12noon -1pm	Glen Wall /

Interested U3A members, please complete the form below and either post it to U3A Network Victoria at 8/341 Queen St Melbourne 3000 or email to info@u3avictoria.com.au by Friday 22nd July. Or, ring Network Office on 03 9670 3659 to register. Applicants will be contacted by phone on Monday 25 July.

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“U3A Telelink” – Expression of Interest Form for Term 3, 2016:

Name (s)	Name of U3A	Home Phone number	Email address (if available)	Any special interests ?

For further information please contact U3A Network Victoria on 03 9670 3659