

The Front Page before the Front Page...

You are invited to
The Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 20 October, 2.00 pm
Ballarat North Community Centre
with music provided by the Celtic Band
and including, of course, an afternoon tea.

U3A Ballarat Musical Performances

Celtic Band;

Wednesday 14 September, Multicultural Tucker Lunch, GPLACE, BRMC

Tuesday 4 October, 2.00 - 4.00 pm Seniors' Week, Library

Thursday 20 October, U3A AGM,

Thursday 17 November, Wendouree Ladies Probus Club

Tuesday 6 December, Maryborough Probus Club

Cloggers; Geoffrey Cutter Nursing Home on 7 September.

U3A Choristers; Christmas in July in August, on 25 August, BNCC

BREAKING NEWS

Build it and they will come! The new hall at Ballarat North Community Centre will open at 2 pm, Thursday 25 August, with 'Christmas in July in August'. Our talented Choristers, celebrated Celtic Band, and unique Ukulele group will entertain - with a special afternoon tea to conclude the event.

One door opens at BNCC while another is closing at GPlace. With 4 months remaining in our lease at GPlace, our eight-year tenancy is under threat with the liquidators announcing they are keen to sell. More in the President's report.



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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2016

Thurs Aug 25	Christmas in August performances, BNCC. 2.00 pm
Mon Sept 12	Grampians Region U3A meeting, Ararat.
Wed Sept 7	New members' morning tea and tour, Bingo Room, Ballarat North Community Centre,
Mon Sept 19	School holidays start – will your class be running?
Wed Sept 21	U3A Committee Meeting. Ballarat North CC 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed Sept 21	Deadline for August Bulletin articles (to Phill Grant – and indeed before the bedtime glass of vin rouge - grantphillip@hotmail.com)
Sat Oct 2	Seniors' Festival Celebrations at Federation Square
Mon Oct 4	Term 4 starts

Quick Reference - what's in this Bulletin?

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DAY	DATE	TIME
	September	
Friday	2	10-12
Tuesday	6	10-12
Wednesday	7	10-12
Friday	9	10-12
Monday	12	10-12
Thursday	15	1-3
Tuesday	20	10-12
Friday	23	10-12
Monday	26	10-12
Thursday	29	1-3

U3A Ballarat Office Opening Times

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(This might be a good Bulletin to keep handy – it has relevant instructions and dates. Phill)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

U3A Ballarat are getting down to the 'pointy end' of several projects that have dominated our interest and time over the past six months. I'll outline briefly the progress on each of them.

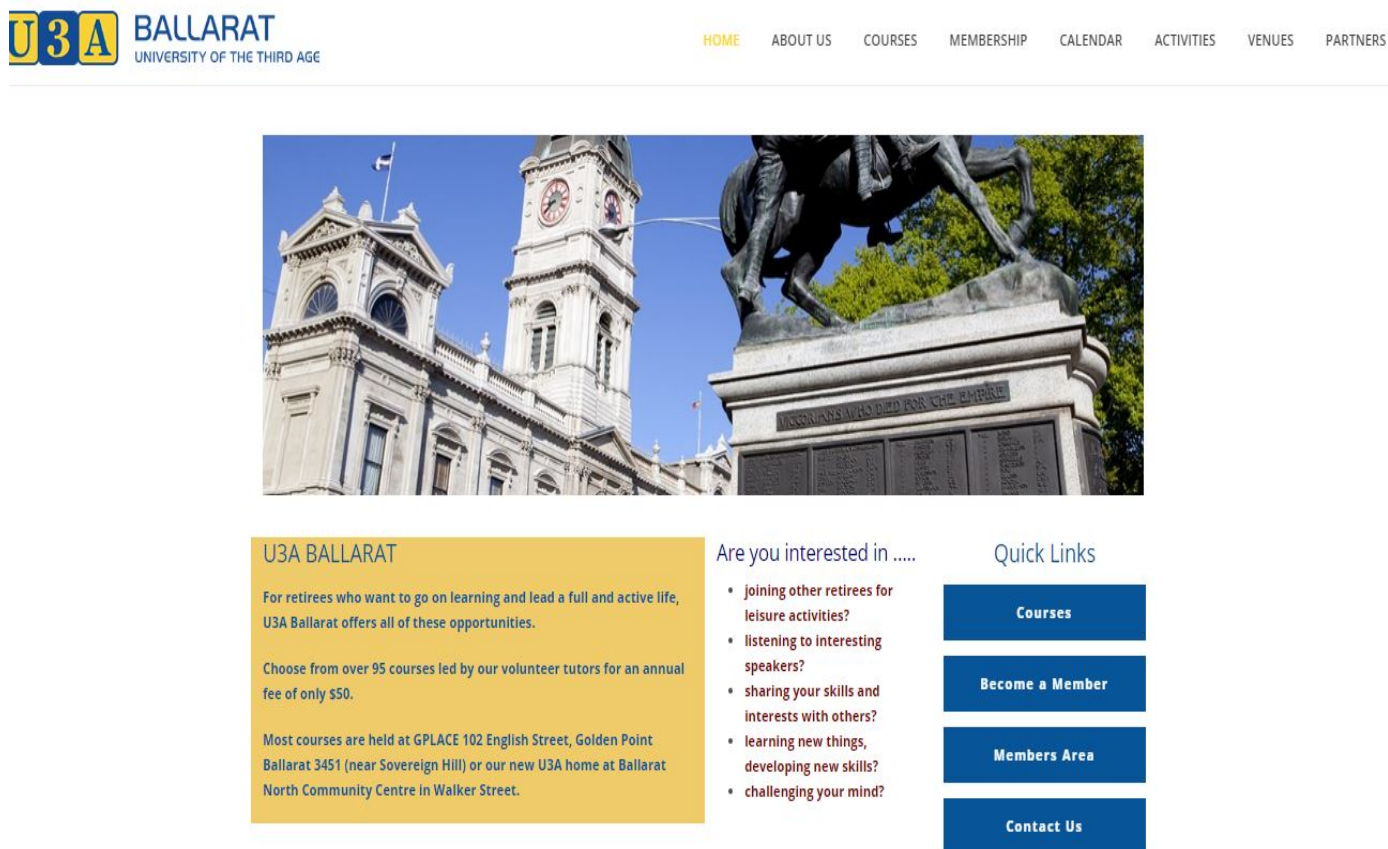
- 1 **Rectification Project at BNCC.** We had our last site meeting at BNCC on Thursday 18 August, with our partners and the CoB. Friday 19 August was a 'red letter day' - a *certificate of occupancy* was given to BNCC! This means we are on track to run the 'Xmas in July in August' on Thursday 25 August. Classes are encouraged to resume in the hall from 29 August.
- 2 **Future of GPlace** After several meetings in August, I am not optimistic that U3A classes at GPlace will be held past 31 December. The liquidator clearly wants to sell the property as soon as possible. BRMC's offer to purchase GPlace is contingent on the Education Department writing off some substantial debts owed. U3A are making alternative plans for the two classrooms and the community shed/garden in the event that BRMC's bid is unsuccessful. U3A do not have the financial resources to contribute to the purchase - we will always be 'renters' in shared accommodation.
- 3 **Ballarat Secondary College (Senior School)** I have contacted MP Geoff Howard again asking for the date of the meeting to determine the future of this site after the school closes. It appears the likely owner of the site after December 31 may be Federation University.
- 4 **MyU3A is Online** After solving a few minor problems with parts of the webpage, the volunteers and committee are convinced we are on the right path. Read more information in other reports with respect to the schedule for enrolment and payment after the AGM on 20 October. Well done Nina, Mary and Denise. This will be a significant step to the future of U3A when we go over 1000 memberships in 2017/2018.
- 5 **Seniors Week 2016** After discussion with CoB and the library, we are committed to the first week of October as our 'Discovery Week' for showing U3A to the Ballarat public. This is in line with the continuing cooperation we are experiencing with CoB. Thanks Anne for the good work. Planning for our participation is well in hand.
- 6 **Xmas in July in August** All is go for Thursday 25 August. Lidia's committee and John's Program point to a great event for U3A. Let your class members know about it - we want over 300 there on the day! Please do your part to make it a great opening to the new hall.
- 7 **Canadian Regional Park** Premier Daniel Andrews, MP Geoff Howard, Uncle Brian, and Parks Victoria opened the park at Mt Clear on Friday 5 August. This significant event has implications for U3A groups - to use the forest and to help create a park that addresses the needs of the Ballarat community. U3A groups have supported this initiative - now we need to get our classes to use and improve the developing park over the next five years now that the land is ours in perpetuity.

Blake Gordon, President

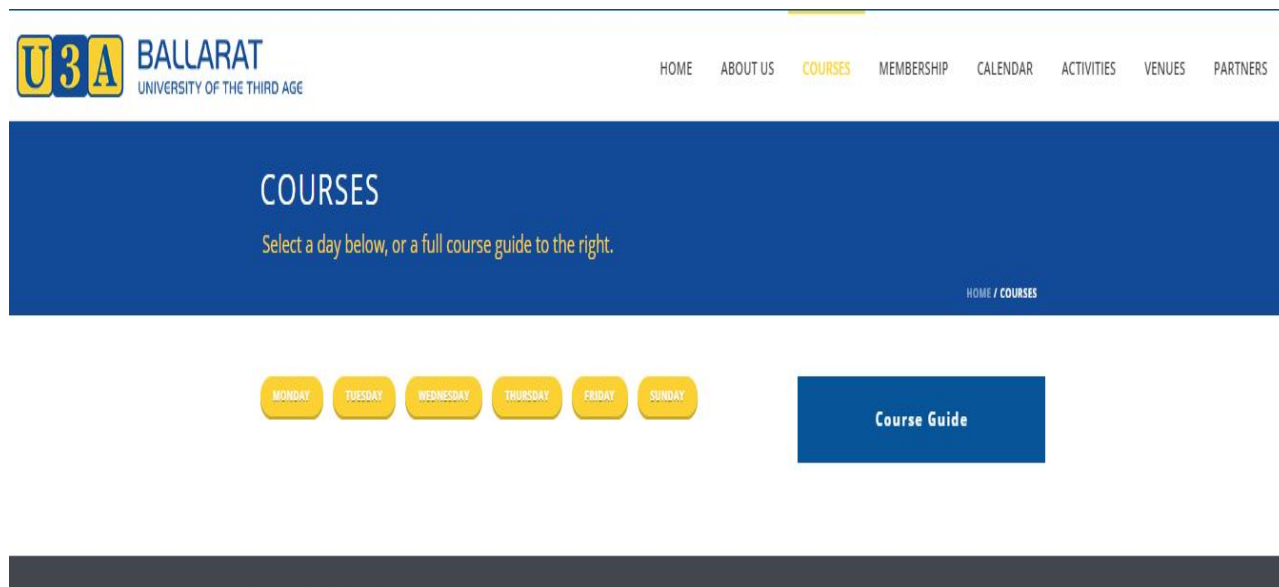
INTERNATIONAL U3A – NEWSLETTER U3A SIGNPOST can be found online at:
<http://worldu3a.org/signpost/index.htm>

USING OUR WEBSITE

Here are a few reminders/tips for using our website now that **MyU3A** is up and running. As before, if you just want to look at the Course Guide, you can by clicking on the **Courses Button** on the first page of the website. See below.



You will see a page that looks like this:

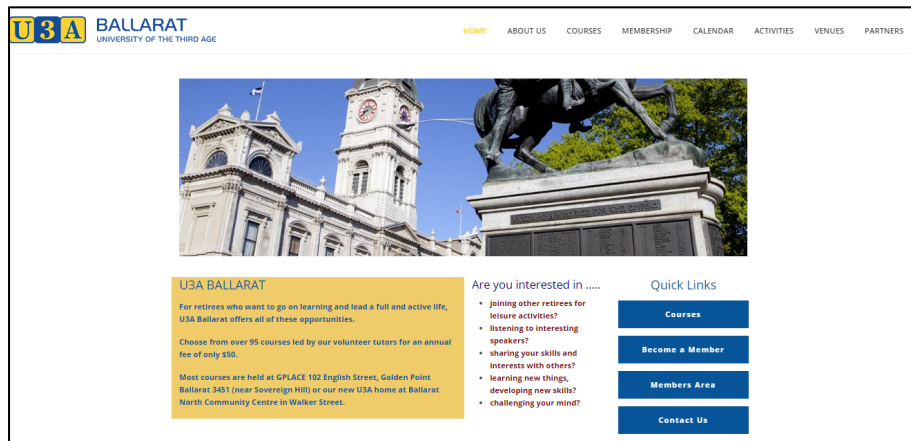


The **yellow** buttons are the days of the week. You can see what is on each day, or you can click on the **blue button** and see the whole **course guide**.

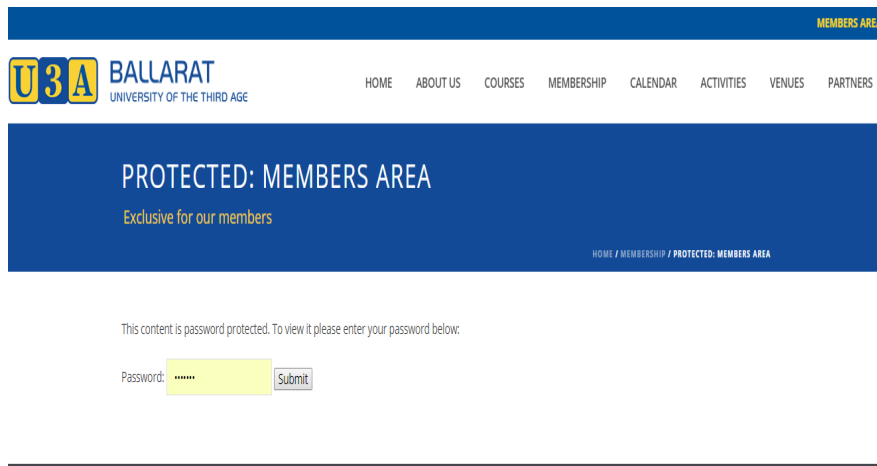
If you want to look at **your personal information**, you will need to select **Members Area** on the front page of the website, and then put in the general password, **Balrt16**, and click on **submit** to enter the members' area. There you will find a **yellow** button saying **MyU3A**. You will need your **ID and Password** to access your information.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR PERSONAL DATA IN *MYU3A*

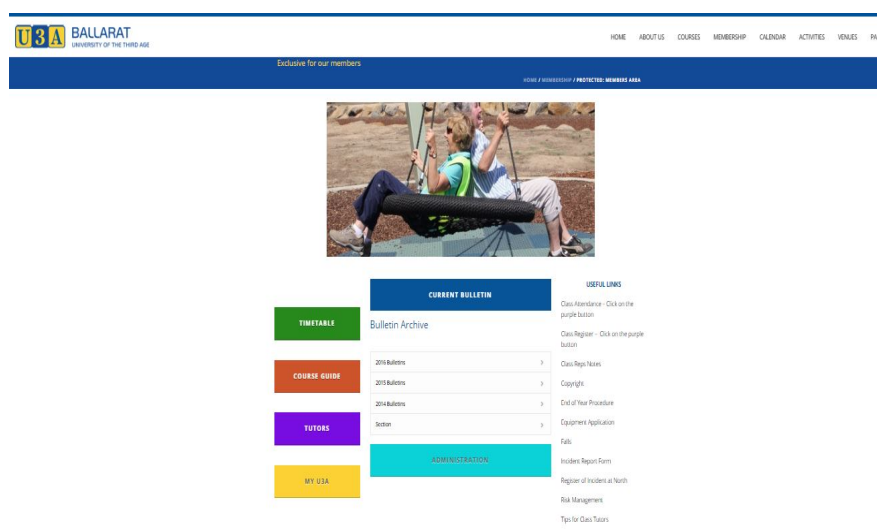
Go to our Ballarat website www.u3aBallarat.org.au and you will see this page:



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:

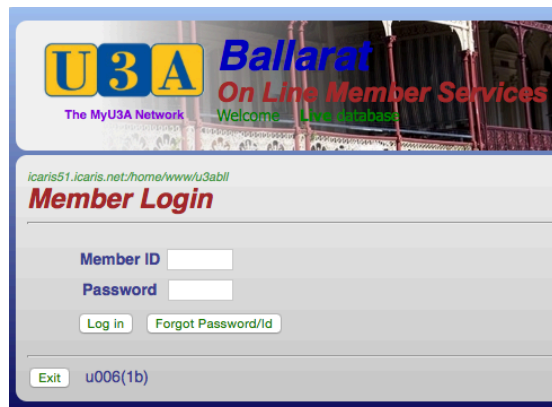


Click on the **yellow** button which says **My U3A** and you will see the *Member Login* screen.

You will already have received 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	Tutor: Anne Ottrey Community Gardening
☐ 00032-01 2016 GPlace Room 1		Waitlist	16/06/2016 2033	4/2-3/11		English St Golden Point	Tutor: Anne Ottrey Cryptic Crosswords
☐ 00041-01 2016 Secondary College Theatre		Enrolled	16/06/2016	12/2-25/11		Barkly St Ballarat	Tutor: 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) to: Date(d/m)

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)

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*.



1. *MyU3A* was switched on about a month ago. Those members who have had a working email address would have received a password and a login number. If you feel you should have received this and didn't, please email me as I had many emails bouncing back. We are wondering if these messages were directed to your junk mail box – or whether your email box is full. Please check as we want you to receive your information asap.
2. Members without email, DO NOT WORRY! Enrolment etc will go on as before – paper enrolment forms will be sent out to those who receive their Bulletin by mail. You may then post your membership back or come into the office, and one of the volunteers will do the computer work.
3. The main difference when enrolling this year is that you will need to nominate the classes to which you want to return, ie. the classes you have been attending this year, and also the new classes you might like to join.
4. The plan for enrolment is:

Date	Activity	Office
October 20	AGM – NO enrolments or renewals	
October 24 – November 4	Membership Renewals	Open 3 hours daily
November 7 – 25	New Members Enrolment and Membership Renewals	Open 3 hours daily
November 28 – December 17 -	New Members Enrolment and Membership Renewals	Open 1 – 2 hours per week
2017 January 23....	New Members Enrolment and Membership Renewals	Open 3 hours daily

5. Membership forms will be mailed out via the Bulletin straight after the AGM.
6. You can see from this chart that there are plenty of days in which you can enrol and book in to your classes. Please do not enrol into a class before you have contacted the Class Rep or Tutor.
7. Online members – bookings will open on October 24 and will follow the same timetable.
8. So – members have preferential treatment until November 7 then it will be open to all.
9. Paper copies of the Class Information Booklet and the Timetable will be available to those who require them.
10. Hopefully this will all be a painless enrolment time and you will all end up with a piece of paper telling you which classes you have booked into, and when and where they meet.

Nina Netherway
Membership and MyU3A Co-ordinator
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CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Planning for 2017 is well under way. The proforma for requirements for 2017 was emailed to all tutors and also class reps, in case tutors didn't receive them. A big thank you to all of you who have completed the forms and returned them to Denise Grant.

The deadline for these is 31 August please.

NB Could the person who posted their reply in a small envelope posted from Bakery Hill Post Office please contact Denise on 0439 321 250? I can't identify which class or tutor has sent me the letter.

NEW CLASSES FOR 2017

So far we have only had a few new subjects offered for 2017, and we desperately need many more. We now have over 900 members, and so far we have nine classes fewer than what we currently have in 2016. There is a possibility that there may be more classes that will not resume in 2017 so the need for replacements for these classes is a concern.

The deadline for new classes has been extended indefinitely.

Do you have an interest which you would like to share with others?

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 bushwalking group? 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 computers. We now have the possibility of using a computer room for classes on Mondays, so if you feel you can teach people about how to use computers, please let Denise know.

We always need many new groups that promote wellness and physical activity. Would like you like to teach or facilitate a Ballarat History class?

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.

OUR NEW CLASSES THAT ARE ON OFFER FOR NEXT YEAR SO FAR ARE:

Lighting up the Dark Ages. Kate Simons

There are many who consider the Dark Ages as a time of ignorance and barbarity. I challenge this claim. Through an examination of medieval art, architecture, poetry and music I not only demonstrate to those participating in this unit the sophistication and erudition that can be found in certain aspects of the Dark Ages, but I also reveal the Western World's debt to medievalism. As well I investigate such phenomena as the cult of the saints, the importance of bones, the problem of 'miracles', cathedral building, pilgrimage, monastic and ecclesiastic life, falconry, astrology and astronomy, death rituals and the strange phenomenon of knighthood and chivalry.

British India through Film and Fiction. Jill Blee

Through the novels of Kipling, E M Forster, MM Kaye, J G Farrell, Paul Scott and others, and the many films that have been made of the British in India, we will explore the tensions between the colonisers and the colonised in India in the 19th and early 20th century. Ideas and attitudes

portrayed by these British authors will be compared and contrasted with historical accounts of what really happened during the period.

Introduction to Croquet. Ian McKee

This short course will run for six weeks and the maximum class size would be eight. It will be held at the Ballarat Alexandra Croquet Club at no cost to U3A members

History {Ancient and other}. Jack Engwerda and Paul Webster

This class has been booked with M.A.D.E. for next year.

The class format will be conducted the same as this year's Ballarat History class, with guest speakers presenting and introducing us to Romans in Britain, Alexander the Great, the Jewish wars, the American civil war, the Plantagenet's, Napoleon and the French revolution, a short overview of the Caesars, and many more exciting and varied presentations.

Italian Beginners. John Cheesman

Our course follows a group of International students at a university in Italy and their path to learning Italian. Our text is CI SIAMO and begins with basic greetings, using the polite form of address, saying where you are from, asking and answering simple questions, and introducing people.

Board Games. Paul Duggan

Board Games have moved on and there are many new games to replace the old favourites and traditional wargames. The games will usually take between 1-2 hours and involve some strategy. We will also include cooperative games where all players are trying to beat the game. The idea is to have fun and introduce people to board games. No experience required. Games will be provided.

Further information about the above classes will be available on the website and in the class booklet for 2017.

The following classes are definitely not going ahead in 2017. So if you would like to offer something similar to these for 2017, please do let us know.

Cooking when you don't know how	– finishes at end of term 3 and will not recommence
The Sublime	Australian History through Film and Fiction
Ballarat Botanic Gardens.	Dancercise Monday
Ballarat History	The Stuarts
Fall of Roman Republic	2000 Years Christian Art

CLASS REPS AND TUTORS - KEEPING RECORDS ON MYU3A UP TO DATE

As we are now online with *MyU3A*, class reps can now keep their own class information and attendance up to date. It is important that both attendance, and who is currently enrolled in your class be maintained. There may be members who are enrolled but no longer attending, and these vacancies would allow people who are on your waiting list to join the class.

If you don't have access to a computer or you do not quite feel confident about doing this, please remember that the Office at Ballarat North has friendly volunteers waiting to help you. See the Bulletin each month for Office opening hours. We have computers, and we can log on under your supervision to make any changes that you may want to add or to help you maintain your attendance.

There will also be paper copies of the course outline and timetables available at the Office. Please just ask for a copy if you need one. You can of course keep using paper attendance rolls but bring them in to the Office every now and then to be updated.

CLASSES AND VENUES FOR NEXT YEAR

Please let your class rep/tutor/facilitator know by the end of September whether or not you wish to continue attending the same class again in 2017.

Venues for next year

As you can see from Blake's President's report, there is a strong possibility that we will not be able to continue with classes at GPlace next year. We will still have Ballarat North Community Centre as our main venue, but those of you who have had classes at G Place, please be prepared for a possible change to a new venue.

CLASS VACANCIES

(tba - please contact the tutor before enrolling).

CLASS		CLASS	
Australian History	yes	History of the Spread of the English Language	yes
Ballarat History	yes	Latin 1 Beginners	yes
Ballroom Dancing Beginners	yes	Latin 2	yes
Ballroom Dancing	yes	Latin 3 and 4	yes
Canasta	yes	Latin 5 and 6	yes
Choristers U3A	tba	Mahjong	yes
Clogging Level 1/2	yes	Mahjong Beginners	yes
Clogging Level 3	yes	Nordic Walking	tba
Community Gardening	yes	Painting Group	yes
Computers	yes	Poetry	yes
Current Affairs	yes	Preserve your Memories	yes
Cycle Touring Group	yes	Recorder Ensemble	tba
Dancercise Wednesday	yes	Roman History	yes
Digital Photography	yes	Scottish Country Dancing	yes
Dining Out Group	yes	Scrabble	yes
Dutch	yes	Sit and Stitch	yes
Film Musicals	yes	Tasting and Talking Wine	yes
French A	yes	The Fall of the Roman Republic	yes
French G	yes	The Stuarts	yes
German	tba	Ukulele Players	tba
German Beginners	yes	Weave your own Stars	yes
History (Australian) through Film and Fiction	yes	Yoga (Buninyong)	tba

*Denise Grant –Class coordinator
email DeniseU3A@hotmail.com*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why I like the U3A; well one of the many reasons ... Sometime last year I realized that I had misplaced the pencil case that I use for class. After rummaging around in my bag and the car I decided that it was gone for good. How pleased was I to discover, after having missed a week or two of class, it sitting on a bookshelf in Room 1! I can't think of many, or even any places where there is such a through-put of people and nobody felt that it was there for the taking. What a nice, honest bunch of folk!

(Name not published at the request of the author)

ODDS AND SODS FROM THE COMMITTEE AND OTHERS

- * Keeping the kitchen at GPlace clean is now so easy – we (U3A Ballarat) are on the roster for Mondays and Fridays
- * Nina has ever-so-politely requested, ‘please do not enrol in a class before you have contacted the Class Rep or Tutor’
- * Nina is always pleased, as we well know, when members wear their badges, with the completed medical contact details, to class.
- * Anne would be pleased if you contacted her with regard to volunteering for Committee work
- * The **new signs** for the various U3A Ballarat music groups will be on display at the fabulous performance spectacle at BNCC on Thursday 25 August
- * 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 **Myths and Mythology Class needs occasional help** with texts please! We are hoping that some kind U3A members might consider lending copies of various texts for our class occasionally, as some are hard to find. They will be documented, looked after and promptly returned. This has worked well with other classes, for example Latin, and your help would be much appreciated. Of particular interest prior to the November 14 class is *Prometheus Bound* by Aeschylus. Please contact Marion Dick, Class rep. Ph: 5332 4831 or Mob: 0429 691 470
- * Denise would really appreciate being able to **solve a mystery**: ‘Could the person who posted their reply in a small envelope from Bakery Hill Post Office please contact Denise on 0439 321 250?’ At the moment she can’t identify which class rep or tutor has sent her the letter.
- * **Country and Western song writer required** – to compose a song about how good GPlace has been and how wonderful new venues will be.
- * Expressions of interest are invited for the position of **Tutor for the U3A Art Group** in 2017. Contact Barbara Preston 5335 6488

THE DIVERSION FOR SEPTEMBER



Congratulations to Brenda Baxter and Blake Gordon for correctly identifying the location of the sign shown in the August diversion as on one of the old buildings in the QANTAS museum at Longreach, Queensland. Brenda had been there while Blake used some logic.

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

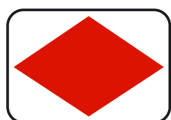
The name of the country is sufficient, but an ancillary question is, ‘**what day and what time of that day would the photo have been taken?**’

Answers to Phill Grant:

grantphillip@hotmail.com

As usual, there are no fabulous prizes, just the glory (as dubious as that may be).





Office of the Public Advocate

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Are you interested in a volunteer role where you can make a difference to the lives of people in your community and also hold a prominent volunteer role?

The Office of the Public Advocate is looking for people in the Ballarat area to volunteer as Community Visitors.

These are unique volunteer positions which are official Victorian Governor in Council appointments.

Community Visitors protect the human rights of people with disabilities by visiting accommodation facilities and monitoring and reporting on the adequacy of services provided.

Training and reimbursement of expenses are provided.

To learn more about this volunteering opportunity, contact the OPA Volunteer Coordinator on 1300 309 337 or at opavolunteers@justice.vic.gov.au

SENIORS' FESTIVAL 2016

We are running a U3A Expo in the City Library during Seniors' Week, from Monday October 3 to Friday October 7. We invite all classes to have some input to the Expo.

What could your class do?

Could your class hold a mini-class in the library, inviting community members to join in? Perhaps a performance, display or demonstration of skills? Contact Anne Ottrey if you have an activity in mind, or would like to discuss ideas. ottrey@ncable.net.au or 0422 963 985. The publicity deadline is the end of August, so we need to know as soon as possible.

For planning purposes, we will timetable class activities into four daily timeslots, Monday to Friday: 9:30 – 11:00 am, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, 1:00 – 2:30 pm and 3:00 – 4:30 pm. Some classes will not need the full session – just let us know what you want.

We would like each class to email 1 or 2 good photos to John Olsen, for use in displays or publicity materials. olsen44@bigpond.net.au We will be looking for volunteers to answer enquiries at an information desk during the week. Discuss ideas in your class and let us know how you can be involved. The Seniors' Festival theme for 2016 is "Diversity – Telling Our Stories"

Seniors Festival Launch

The Ballarat Seniors' Festival will be officially launched by the Mayor of Ballarat on Wednesday 5 October. The launch will be part of a Healthy Ageing Expo to be held at the Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre, from 10 am to 3 pm. This event will provide a fantastic opportunity for seniors to find out about organisations and service providers in Ballarat and surrounding areas who provide care, social activities and other community services that promote healthy and positive ageing and wellbeing. We will be sharing an information table at this Expo with Ballarat Library.

This is a free event for the community, with a number of guest speakers and other entertainment.

HOME-BASED U3A PROGRAM



Breaking news!

Ballarat U3A launches its Home Based Program for members who have difficulty in attending regular classes; it is another way to fulfil our aim of providing education (and fellowship) to the Third Age.

The General Committee approved the formation of a sub-committee to research and develop methods by which a small group of members could be linked together to have discussions on a variety of topics. One of the more likely outcomes would be a regular conference call to perhaps ten members (assisted by a leader), scheduled for a time such as Friday 10.30 to 11.30. The topic each group chooses for discussion could be as diverse as Current Affairs or Gardening or Lifestyle or whatever else interests the members.

Of course, there are other methods that could be used to form the group, including the use of email. We will be examining all options, including the possibility that a small group could choose to do a U3A Online Course in contact with other members. Our wish is to bring Distance Education, as well as friendship and companionship, mainly to our shut-in members.

Please express your interest in becoming a member of one of our trial (and we hope continuing) groups by emailing Zelda at zel606@yahoo.com.au with your phone number, two or three topics that might appeal to you for discussion, and preferable days.

*Zelda Martin. zel606@yahoo.com.au
Co-ordinator*



CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 21 September
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.

The Adult life of the Virgin Mary in Art.

In the *New Testament*, there are very few references to Mary that follow the details given in the Gospels about the Nativity and infancy of Jesus etc. And as a consequence there are not all that many usable paintings of Mary during her adult life; though the lore and legend offer some bits and pieces. However there is a large repository of pictures that deal with the close of her life - the passing (or Dormition) and the striking Doctrine and traditions about her Assumption into Heaven. This latter is a topic that is practically unknown to those outside the Catholic and Orthodox tradition. So in this session we will be looking at these topics. Fascinating stuff to put it mildly, with some absolutely glorious works of art along with intriguing legends. See you there.

Ron Hedgcock, Tutor.

ART - PAINTING and DRAWING

Expressions of interest are invited for the position of Tutor for the U3A Art Group in 2017.

The class has been going continuously for more than ten years, and is a very happy, interested and supportive group. It has an excellent Class Representative, and members willingly coordinate activities, help each other, and always encourage newcomers. For more information please ring Barbara Preston; 53356488

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.

One of the highlights of this month was the talk by Graeme Johnstone on the revitalisation of Clunes. Although Graeme's talk was mainly about the development of Booktown, he also provided an overview of development in the previous years. The arrival of Wesley College provided a boost to the local economy, however the town also took some practical measures to ensure its future. Services were placed underground which made the streetscape ideal as a set for films and for TV ads. Graeme provided a very interesting overview of the successful first ten years of Booktown, and the marketing that accompanied this development.

This month we will be enjoying a talk by Snez Cosic, one of the Gold Museum curators, on immigration in the post World War Two period. Please note that on September 27, (school holidays) we will meet at M.A.D.E. to hear a talk on Democracy and the Reserve Powers of Governors/Governor General in Australia. Join us in the Cafe for lunch at 12.

Joan Macmillan, Class Rep.

Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin, Tutors

BALLARAT HISTORY

John Hosking will be along on Wednesday 14 September, 10.00 am in the theatre at M.A.D.E. to tell us of the contribution made by the Cornish community to Ballarat, and later in the month, on Wednesday 28 September we shall have a double act when Janice Newton tells us of 'King Billy' and Brian Hay adds his story.

Do come along, but if you are unable to attend, please let me (Margaret Eedle) know

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 September

September 8; Circuit walk around Union Jack Reserve, Buninyong.

Leaders: Mike Gray and Arthur Butler

Distance: Approximately 8 kms, Code B

Conditions: Undulating on established tracks

Meet at GPlace at 9.20 am or Forrest Street

Buninyong (near Swimming Pool, Corner

Forrest and Cornish Streets,

Buninyong) Bring Lunch.

September 22; White Swan. Led by Bob Whitten. Approximately 7 kms, Code B, B L, 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.

CANASTA

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

Ros McArthur, Tutor 5332 5714

CELTIC MUSIC BAND

Our most recent Gig was at the John Curtin Nursing Home in Creswick, when we were joined by Patricia Prendergast on Glockenspiel. During the program we enjoyed a performance by the *Seven Hills Choir*. Patricia assists with the musical direction of this choir.

Just now we are practising for the Ballarat U3A August Concert which will include performances by several U3A Music Groups.

Ros Cole, Class Rep.

CHOIR

We wait with great anticipation the opening of the addition to our new home. We will all see this when we sing on August 25. This will be our Christmas in July in August performance.

We have been practising quite a few songs and look forward to entertaining you. This will be the debut of George, our new conductor. We all hope that the afternoon will be a success

Liz Bailey, Class Rep.

CLASSIC CINEMA

Vacancies

We're now able to offer four places in our class. People able to start by November 8 should contact Marion (5332 4831) from September 8 ONLY from 9.00 am

Leave a message with the date and time, if necessary, as places will be filled strictly in the order received.

August 30; Stanley Kubrick's black comedy about nuclear war, *Dr Strangelove* (UK, 1963, 95 minutes), features Peter Sellers in several memorable roles.

September 13; Child actor, Anna Torrent, is the unforgettable emotional heart of *The Spirit of the Beehive* (1973, Dir: V. Erice, 95 minutes), an affecting social drama. This begins our mini "Spanish Film Festival".

2017 Theme

Class members who cannot vote at either of the above screenings can ring Shirley (5331 4408) before noon on 13/ September to register their preferences. Please leave a message if necessary. Options are Directors on the Move, Imagined Worlds and On Location.

Please be seated ready for a 1.30 start.

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

CLOGGING

Our new Polo shirts with U3A Logo have arrived - we will look amazing.

The Cloggers will be entertaining the residents of Geoffrey Cutter Nursing Home on 7 September. Thank you to all the Cloggers who have indicated they will participate on this day. We will also be 'doing our bit' during Seniors Week.

*Gail Henderson, Neil Reither; Class Reps.
Val Kerr, Rina Cocking, Tutors 0409138610*

COMMUNITY GARDENING

Next meeting is Thursday 1 September, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

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

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

The class is humming along very well and at present the class is able to take new member. This class is fun and members learn many new aspects of the English language while solving cryptic clues. Contact the class rep if anyone is interested in joining.

*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

Ros McArthur, Tutor 5332 5714

The CYCLING GROUP

Anticipating Spring weather, a group set off, and made it, to Ballan, to enjoy a cappuccino and lunch (and discuss plans to get to Bacchus Marsh). The next ride, planned for Friday 2 September, will head South from Smythesdale, and catch a few hills at Devil's Kitchen and Linton, with a choice of starting and end points at Lucas and Smythesdale.

Phill Grant, Convener

DANCERCISE

Lorraine Amour Chambers, Class Rep.

The DINING OUT GROUP

For our September dining out I have made a 12.15 booking on Sunday 18 September at the *Farmers' Arms*, Creswick. There is an interesting menu with both smaller and larger offerings and the bistro is attractive and bright. The hotel is located on the left hand side of the Midland Highway on the corner of Victoria Street, immediately past the Tourist Information Centre. Please let me know if you will be coming by Thursday 15 September so I can phone our numbers through on the Friday.

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

ESSAYS AND IDEAS

Essays to be read for the following dates:

Better than fiction

5 September; *The Way to Hav*
by Jan Morris

19 September; *A Tango with Freud*
by Stefan McCall Smith

Personal Essays

5 September; *Cops and Writers*
by Jean Hollander

19 September; *The Vanishing Act*
by Dan Jacobson

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

FILM MUSICALS

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

The HISTORY of the SPREAD of the ENGLISH LANGUAGE

*Kim Gram, Class Rep., 5339 6277
kimgram8@gmail.com*

LANGUAGES

FRENCH C

We have been hearing from travellers who have returned from abroad, and putting our heads down to learn new vocabulary and how to ask friends out – to the cinema,

restaurants, the beach. It's making us all restless.

Perhaps this is why we were interested to learn that one in five French people have trouble with insomnia, according to a French newspaper article we studied. It was reassuring to find there were few insomniacs in our class.

One of our 'profs', Bernard Catrice, a long-term gallery guide, will make sure none of us fall asleep when he presents a lunchtime talk at the Ballarat Art Gallery on Wednesday, September 14. He will speak about the life and work of Australian potter, Ann Dangar (1885-1951) who is recognised in both France and Australia as one of the great potters of her generation. Born in NSW, she travelled to Morocco and France in the 1920's where she studied and produced her distinctive glazed earthenware.

The lunchtime talk will take place in the McCain hall at 12.15 pm.

Jan Leishman, Class Rep 0427 531 333

FRENCH E

*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 'rapped' their way to new vocabulary and grammar. A new story for the advanced class, *Der Beginn einer Liebesgeschichte*, begs the question, 'Will Jutta and Jens ever get together?'

Ken Gittins, Class Rep

LATIN

Anne McKee, Tutor

LITERATURE

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

Two interesting programs for us to enjoy over the next months, when John Bowers will be in charge of the music on September 2 and on October 7. Dorothy Douglas will present some of her favourite music.

Janice Cook, Class Rep.

MYTHS AND MYTHMAKING

September 12; We will look at *Oedipus Rex* (also called 'Oedipus Tyrannus' or 'O The King'). From the Theban Plays of Sophocles
September 26; There is **no class** during school holidays. We will resume on **October 10** with *Antigone*.

The Myths and Mythology Class needs occasional help with texts please! We are hoping that some kind U3A members might consider lending copies of various texts for our class occasionally, as some are hard to find. They will be documented, looked after and promptly returned. This has worked well with other classes, for example Latin, and your help would be much appreciated.

Of particular interest prior to the November 14 class is *Prometheus Bound* by Aeschylus.

Please contact

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

NORDIC (POLE) WALKING:

*Mike Maloney Class Rep
5330 1334 or 0413 971 951
<maloney28@southernphone.com.au>
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

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep. 0410641357

ROMAN HISTORY

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

Anne McKee, Tutor

SCIENCE

This term we have studied animal cognition, the question not being 'Do animals think' but 'How and what do they think?'. This was discussed using examples from birds, elephants, dolphins, and even ants. Subjects such as memory and tool and weapon use were explored. The next two lectures were about primates, their evolution, their minds and comparisons between humans and chimpanzees. Last Tuesday we were treated to a brilliant David Attenborough DVD on the Congo with an amazing example of Chimpanzee tool use to extract honey from under the bark of a tree. This was followed by a lively discussion stimulated by a series of questions from Brenda on a wide range of current issues involving our attitudes towards animals, the environment and each other.

Brenda has taken a well earned holiday and classes will be as follows:-

September 6; Ross Priddle will present the class

September 20; No Class – holidays

October 4; Ross will present the class

October 18; Class as usual

On November 15 we plan to have an excursion to the *Museum Imax Theatre* to see *Prehistoric Planet*. Travel down by train, tram to the Museum, Lunch then 3D film 1.00 – 1.45, an opportunity to walk through the dinosaur exhibition 2.00 – 2.45 and return by train. The cost will be \$12 plus your train ticket. Partner/guest welcome.

I will also be away until the 18 October when we will discuss the planned trip further.

Heather Bice, Class Rep.

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

Steve returned earlier than expected due to an unfortunate minor car accident. Glad to have him back, it is full steam ahead, working on our projects, as it is now closer to the end of the year than it is to the beginning.

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.

Jack Engwerda

WALKERS AND COFFEE

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

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,

5 October; meet at M.A.D.E 102 Stawell Street. *Saltbush Cafe*.

26 October; meet corner Forest Street and Wendouree Parade. Coffee *Blue Artz* Howitt Street.

Chris Cullen, Class Rep.
John Elischer, 0421341288

WOODWORK

Pauline Russo, Class Rep

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2016

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 Thursday 20 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 Convener, Membership Officer, U3A Network Representative, Catering Co-ordinator, and Equipment Officer. There are Sub-committees for Finance/Grants, Accommodation/Operations, Membership/Enrolment, Webpage/Community Relations, and Bulletin/Publications, and they report regularly to the U3A Ballarat Committee.

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Nominations for the positions listed above should be forwarded NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19 to:

The Secretary, U3A Ballarat Inc.
P.O. Box 2058, Bakery Hill, Vic 3354

I nominate for the position of
.....on the committee of U3A Ballarat Inc.

Nominated by (Member)

Signature

I hereby accept the nomination for the above position

Signed(Nominee)

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