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At the Tutors and Class Representatives' Luncheon



'So you think you can dance?'



The move from GPlace



Thank you to volunteers



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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2017

Wed Feb 1	Start of Term 1, 2017
Wed Feb 1	New Members' morning tea and tour, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.20 am
Wed Feb 15	U3A Committee Meeting. BNCC 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed Feb 15	Deadline for March Bulletin articles (to Phill Grant – and indeed before the evening's 'hot toddy' grantphillip@hotmail.com)
Wed Mar 1	New Members' morning tea and tour, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.30 am

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U3A Ballarat Musical Performances

Celtic Band;
U3A Choristers;
U3A Dancers
Recorder Ensemble
U3A Ukulele Group

Precise dates of performances are being determined. In the meantime, events at which U3A musical practitioners will be performing include:

- * Thirty years of U3A in Ballarat, 30 March
- * Trivia early evening 6 to 8 pm, 26 May
- * Christmas in July in the 30's, 27 July
- * Art Show 5:00 to 6:30 pm. 21 September
- * AGM

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U3A Ballarat Office Opening Times

Ballarat North
Community Centre,
702 Walker Street,
Ballarat North. Office
Telephone 5332 7825 office
hours only, otherwise
0431 859 315

DAY	DATE	TIME
	January	
Monday	23	10.00 – 3.00
Tuesday	24	10.00 – 3.00
Wednesday	25	10.00 – 3.00
Friday	27	10.00 – 3.00
During Term Time		
Mondays		10.00 – 12.00
Thursdays		1.00 – 3.00 pm

Volunteer Opportunity

1-2 volunteers wanted to shelve and tidy books in the exchange library at North. Qualifications: likes books, knows the alphabet. Would probably suit someone who has a regular class at North. Contact Anne Ottrey, 0422 963 985 or ottrey@ncable.net.au

Vale

"EDDIE"

Edward Lawson.

The Art Group was saddened by the death of Eddie on

January 4, 2017

He was an early member of the class and his employment in the Fashion industry gave him the gifts of design, use of colour and abstraction as well as fine detail. Some of his works took years to complete to his satisfaction.

We will miss his cheeky humour, his generosity, and our annual visits to his colourful garden, his kindness and friendship.

GOOD BYE

Vale

Ken Clements

January 15, 2017

An enthusiastic and valued member of U3A Ballarat, Ken's contributions to classes and meetings will be missed.

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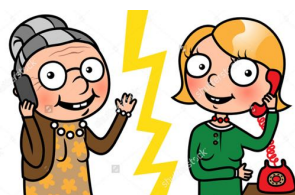
If you:

- Use an iPad for accessing the Internet, and
- Have some difficulty in attending classes.

we would like to hear from you, as soon as possible.

We hope to run an Internet-based discussion group which, if you wished, could turn into a home - based class on a subject of mutual interest.

Please ring Zelda on 5334 4836 or email zel606@yahoo.com.au as soon as possible.





In the first instance, a happy and healthy new year to everyone. The month of December was a very hectic time, when we shifted all our equipment and belongings to Eastwood Street and closed the doors at GPlace for the last time. Our past presidents Anne Boag, John Olsen, Anne Ottrey, and for the past two years Blake Gordon have contributed a lot of effort and enthusiasm into GPlace, creating a wonderful environment for our classes. G Place also catered for some excellent functions and lots of memorable afternoon teas. However, like everything else in life, there is a beginning and an end to all things.

This year's classes begin on February 1, at Eastwood Street, Ballarat North Community Centre, and various other venues. At this stage we will have continued use of the shed for our classes at GPlace. We are currently pursuing the use of the facilities at the Barkly Street campus, which would be ideal for U3A. Unfortunately nothing is confirmed at this stage. Last week Denise, Blake and myself were invited to meet on-site with representatives from the education department. It was suggested to us that we could have use of the facilities, provided we pay the cost of utilities, maintenance etc. We asked for the costs involved, but unfortunately these figures have not been forthcoming as yet, as I am writing my report.

However having stated that, Barkly Street may still eventuate.

Based on the aforementioned, our [U3A's] best option is to lobby our local council for long term accommodation, as they do have empathy with our quest for finding a permanent home in Ballarat. We should as soon as practicable organize an event at Ballarat North, invite recently elected councillors, and our Lady Mayor, and showcase U3A, and do this as often as we can.

By the way , good luck to the Celtic band for their performance at Buninyong this coming weekend, for they, along with our other groups, are fantastic ambassadors for U3A. Performing in, and for, the general community is great publicity and promotion for our organization.

Remember to read your Bulletin for all the news, [as Phill does a great job, and leaves no stone unturned] and please visit the *U3ABallarat* website (www.u3aballarat.org.au) often for updates on classes, events etc., and, most importantly, to familiarise yourself with this most informative program.

All the best to our tutors and class reps [old and new], and have a happy, productive and enjoyable year. Don't forget to ask your class members to introduce themselves to each other, ensuring great camaraderie and fellowship for the coming year.

Please let's remind ourselves at all times, it's not about me, it's about us.

Jack Engwerda, President

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

MEMBERSHIP



We extend a warm welcome to the 125 new members who have enrolled for this year! We also extend a warm welcome to our 'old' members! We have had 666 members renew their membership so far! Thank you.



Members who have renewed their membership online can collect their name badges from the Office – check the office opening hours. They have been pre-printed in the expectation of you re-joining!

New members who enrolled online can also collect a nametag and lanyard from the Office.



The **phone number** for queries is now **0431 859 315**. Please use this number instead of the Office number which is only manned during office hours. The mobile will be answered by Zelda or Nina – or if you leave a message your call will be returned.

- **PayPal.** There have been problems with *PayPal*. If you find *MyU3A* does not respond to your payment, please notify Nina or Mary and we will try and rectify it. Please do not try and pay again as this may result in two payments being made! Some members may find they have 'PayPal Pending' - this message will disappear when we do an upload from *PayPal* to *MyU3A* – which is usually done weekly. So, do not panic!!!



New Members Morning Tea – an invitation is extended to all new members to attend a morning tea welcome on the first Wednesday of the month. The first one will be held at Ballarat North on Wednesday 1 February at 10.30 – 11.30. If you can't make it then, the next will be Wednesday 1 March. Please come along to one of these events and meet the Committee and other members and find out about how U3A works.

Tutors and Class Reps

In order to maintain the accuracy of *MyU3A* and alleviate some of the difficulties we had with enrolments last year, we are suggesting the following:

- It is most important that class lists are kept up to date – ie new members added, members who no longer wish to be in the class deleted, wait list managed etc.
- It would also greatly assist us if the rolls were kept up to date on *MyU3A*. We realize that not every Tutor/Class Rep will feel happy using *MyU3A* so we have asked the Office volunteers to assist, where necessary.
- The information collected through the class lists and rolls is invaluable in applying for grants, and essential for legal disputes, insurance etc
- Therefore we would like a designated person from each class – either the Tutor or Class Rep – to be nominated to be the contact for *MyU3A* – it will be their role to maintain the class information on *MyU3A*, or to give the Office the information to enter if they are unable to use *MyU3A*.
- Denise will be requesting the name of this person and whether they can manage the *MyU3A* data or want the office to do it for them.

Nina Netherway
Membership Secretary/MyU3A Support
5334 4836 or ninan06@bigpond.com



Website 2017

Easy access to *MyU3A* and the Tutor Portal

Quick links to *MyU3A* and the Tutor area of *MyU3A* have been added to the front page of the website. There is no longer any need to access them through the Members' Area.



The 2017 courses are all on the website now. Just click on the **COURSES** button in the Quick Links or at the top of the front page.

To access the **Bulletin** and other members only content, log onto our website

www.u3aballarat.org.au

Click on the **Members' Area** and put in the password **Balrt16** (yes, it is still the same password). Click on **Submit**.

Contact me by phone 5330 1334 or by email moomoo@southernphone.com.au if you have any questions.

Mary Maloney, Web Manager.
5330 1334 or moomoo@southernphone.com.au

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

The timetable and venues are ready for classes to commence, except for the Woodwork, Jewellery and Mosaic classes. However, we are pursuing some promising possibilities for a venue for these classes, and we are quietly confident that these classes should be able to start early in February.

The STARTING DATE FOR ALL CLASSES IS WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY.

On *MyU3A*, some classes show that the class begins on the 30 or 31 January. This is incorrect. Mary Maloney has corrected this glitch in the system.

If your class is on Monday or Tuesday, you won't begin your classes until Monday 6 or Tuesday 7 February. Week One will be Wednesday 1, Thursday 2, Friday 3, Monday 6 and Tuesday 7. Then week two will begin on Wednesday 8 February. Always check a calendar if you are unsure which week it is.

NEW CLASS (which was not shown in the last bulletin or in the updated Class Information booklet)

French – Elementary Plus - Tutor: Margaret Gardner

This course requires post-beginner French. Students who enrol should already have some command of French grammar and vocabulary. There will be some grammar, vocabulary, verbs, dictation, conversation – et quel dommage –sometimes homework!

We will focus on becoming confident using simple French correctly- in a relaxed and friendly environment. A preparedness to participate is required – but without taking ourselves too seriously. The goal is to have fun while we enhance our French language skills.

This class will be held weekly at 9 am on Mondays at the Ballarat North Neighbourhood House. Please contact Margaret if you would like to join this French class. She can be contacted on marlyngar04@gmail.com or by phone 0419879421.

Practical Knowledge and Techniques for the Creative Writer

This class will not commence in February and will now commence in Term 2 on Tuesday 18 April. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the tutor is not available for Term 1. The class will now run for Terms 2 and 3, not Terms 1 and 2.

Attendance and class lists

This year we will be able to keep attendance in class, and class lists up to date on *MyU3A*. You can also put in your apologies by logging onto your personal page.

Please note that if members do not attend a class for more than three weeks, the class rep or tutor may contact you to ask if you intend to continue with the class. Most classes have quite long waiting lists. If you no longer wish to attend, then your name will be removed from the class list. Of course if you are unwell or travelling, or have family or other commitments, these are valid reasons for missing so class, so either enter your apologies for the class on your personal *MYU3A* page or contact the class rep or tutor to let them know and they will add your apology dates for you. Your place in the class will be then saved for you.

EASTWOOD



Eastwood Leisure Complex is almost ready to go. We have our furniture in the rooms and just need to put up notice boards, and key holders, and we have to set up the kitchen. Everything will be ready by Wednesday 1.

The outside doors will not be open until 8.45 am, every day, so those of you who are used to an early start will have to sleep in or have a coffee or walk while you wait.

This photo of Room 2 was taken on the day we moved to Eastwood in December. Room 1 looks similar.

The photo (right) is taken from Eastwood Street. Room 1 and the kitchen are on the right. Enter via the ramp on the right of the building, and then turn left to Room 1.

Room 2 is on the left of the photo. Enter via the ramp at the left front of the building.

For the Hall and Canteen, enter via the main entrance. The Canteen is on the left side of the corridor which is to the left of the foyer. The Hall is straight ahead as you enter the front door.



Ballarat North Community Centre.

Enter the building via the carpark at the back. That is the main entrance.

If you have any questions about your class, including the venue, start time and other requirements, please contact your tutor or class rep. They have been busy attending information sessions so they are up to date with the latest information.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE ARE SHARING ALL OF OUR VENUES WITH OTHER COMMUNITY GROUPS.

*Denise Grant –Class coordinator
email _DeniseU3A@hotmail.com*

THE BULLETIN – HAVE YOUR SAY

Many thanks to members who have completed the ‘pen and paper’ survey; the information gained will be valuable in determining the ‘shape’ of the Bulletin. It would also be great to hear from readers (who have not completed the recent survey). Are there changes that would improve the readability of the Bulletin? Which sections of the Bulletin are essential, which bits could we do without? Please email comments, suggestions, criticisms... *Phill Grant, grantphillip@hotmail.com*

THE DIVERSION FOR FEBRUARY



Congratulations to Susan Greenbank who successfully identified the final diversion for 2016. It is the globe monument at Nord Kap, at the northern tip of Norway.

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

There are of course, no fabulous prizes, just a dubious sense of glory (although in this instance it might be possible to buy a cappuccino or two at the venue shown).

Solution to Phill Grant
grantphillip@hotmail.com



WHAT DO RURAL AND REGIONAL VICTORIANS THINK ABOUT THEIR LOCAL AREA AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY?

The University of Tasmania, Deakin University and the University of South Australia are looking to invite adults (aged 18+) from across rural and regional Victoria (N.B. outside of Melbourne and Geelong) to participate in a new research project. This study aims to test a survey of the local area environment designed specifically for rural people, and see if it is related to physical activity levels. We know this is the case in cities but this sort of research has not been done before in rural and regional areas. Understanding this is important because we can then help councils, government, planners and developers create spaces and places for rural and regional people that encourage healthy lifestyles and prevent poor health.

What does the study involve?

The study involves completing an online survey twice, two weeks apart. The survey takes about 20 minutes, and asks people about their local area, their physical activity, and some things about themselves, such as age, gender and work. It is really important that the study includes a wide range of people, including those who consider themselves to be not very active, as well as people who consider themselves to be active. This means all adults in rural and regional Victoria can participate in the study. Here is a link to more information about the study and to the online survey.

<http://tiny.cc/ruralsurvey>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the study team via Dr Verity Cleland on 03 6226 4603 (Tuesday to Friday).

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WHAT'S ON IN BALLARAT?

CHINESE FORTUNES at M.A.D.E.

Remarkable stories of endurance, adaptability and success.
28 January to 25 June 2017

An evening of champagne , dumplings, tea, dragons and forecrackers
5.30 pm to 7.30 pm (formalities at 6.00 pm)
Thursday 9 February 2017
RSVP your attendance before Friday 3 February
rsvp@made.org

BALLARAT SPEAKERS' CLUB

Ballarat Speakers Club

Join us for lunch - Ballarat Golf Club
1800 Sturt St, Alfredton
12 noon - 2 pm, Thursday February 9th



Rites of Passage – What are they? Do we need them? Most cultures in the past have conducted ceremonies to initiate teenage boys into manhood. Retired school teacher and BSC club member **John Wellford** runs contemporary Rites of Passage camps for teenage boys and their fathers. John will discuss why he thinks this is so important for developing confidence and resilience in our young men.

Cost \$39.00, a proportion of the cost will go to support the Upendo Orphanage and School in Tanzania

To Register:
<https://www.meetup.com/Ballarat-Speakers-Club/>
or phone Anthony 0458 312 533

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 15 February 2017
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
grantphillip@hotmail.com

ART

On October 13, Jeanette Skrokov of Durham Lead, showed the class the originals of her much sought after paintings, prints and cards and also how she goes about setting up a large commissioned work which, when finished, will portray a lot of different rural activities.

Jeanette is a very keen iris gardener, and paints samples of these to perfection. This aspect appealed to the water colour painters, as well as the keen gardeners. A very pleasant morning, enjoyed by all.

A Moment in Time gallery is open to the public.

Barbara Preston, Tutor 2016

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Australian History is a two-year class. The first year of the class, which covers *Pre-History to Federation*, will be held in 2017. (It should be noted that this part of the course is being rewritten, and it will be quite different from 2015.) The second year (in 2018) covers *Federation to Mabo and Beyond*. As each year is a complete package, it is possible to do the course in either order, so anyone who completed year 2 in 2016, would enjoy participating and finding out about the personalities and events leading to Federation.

Please note, that in 2017, the class will meet in the Bingo Room, at Ballarat North Community Centre on **Thursdays, 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm.**

Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin, Tutors

BALLARAT HISTORY

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

BALLROOM DANCING

Lorraine Amour Chambers, Class Rep.

The FIRST THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Val Newman, Convener

BOOK GROUP TWO

In 2017 we will meet at the *Bunch of Grapes Hotel* in Pleasant Street.

Rhonda Gray, Facilitator, 5341 8461
Vivienne Martinich, Class Rep. 5334 2752

BOOKFOLDING

Bookfolding will meet weekly for five Fridays, starting on Friday 3 February. The class will be held in the Bingo Room at Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat North, from 9 am to 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.

Anne Ottrey, Tutor
'phone 5336 2482, mobile 0422 963 985,
ottrey@ncable.net.au

BRITISH INDIA through FILM and FICTION

Starting with the story *Kim* by Rudyard Kipling, and the film *The Far Pavilions*, this course will use texts and films to look at interesting aspects of the history of British India.

Jill Blee, Tutor, 0411046558

BUSHWALKERS

Walks for January and February

January 26: Canadian Regional Park and Pryor Park; 6-8 km (depending on weather); code B; bring lunch; car pool at Llanberris netball courts car park (see map on Blog); cancelled if a day of total fire ban. Led by Dale Gordon with Greg Anderson. 9.20 a.m for 9.30 start

February 9: Basalt escarpment walk.

Starting just north of the city, walk the edge of the basalt escarpment to Redan wetlands, returning via the Yarrowee Trail. Enjoy views over Ballarat and the Yarrowee valley, and some lesser known back lanes. **NOTE THE DIFFERENT STARTING POINT** at the Ballarat Bowling Club carpark, first block of Havelock Street near Eastern Oval at 9.20 for 9.30 a.m start. Approximately 10 km, a couple of hills but mainly level, bring morning tea, lunch at *Beechworth Bakery* (if you wish) as we pass by on our return.

February 23: Ballarat Bird World Circuit Walk. A walk along a small section of the Goldfields Track and local areas through urban bushland around Buninyong and Mt. Helen. The trail follows sealed and gravel surfaces on local roads, walking and shared bike tracks. Some hills, medium level difficulty; approximately 5 km – 1½ hours. Start from Llanberris Reserve (9.20 a.m.) or De Soza Park Rotunda, Warrenheip Street, Buninyong (9.30 am). The park is opposite the service station.

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 Llanberris Netball Courts car park at 9.20 am to leave at 9.30 am

Laraine Gunning and Lynne Fenton
(Class Rep)

CELTIC MUSIC BAND

Ros Cole, Class Rep.

CHOIR

Liz Bailey, Class Rep.

CLASSIC CINEMA

We wound up 2016 by voting for *Charlie's Country*, starring David Gulpilil, as our film of the year.

In 2017, we'll study a number of 'Directors on the Move'.

February 14: F. W. Murnau created several visually-innovative successes for

Germany's impressive silent film industry. *Nosferatu* (1922, 75 minutes) was one of the earliest vampire films, and it remains an atmospheric and disturbing experience.

Please be seated for a 1.30 start, in Room 2, Eastwood Leisure Complex.

Shirley Faull, Tutor. 5331 4408

CLOGGING

Greetings to all.

Welcome back to all Cloggers and a hearty welcome to the members who have indicated they will participate in the Clogging adventure.

Our sound is now all sorted in spite of having endless problems in 2016.

If anyone has not enrolled or re-enrolled for 2017 clogging, now is the time

U3A Polo Shirts are available to all U3A members – not just the clogging group – cost is \$38.00 with \$20.00 deposit when ordering. A flyer with sizes etc. will be on the notice board.

Val Kerr, Rina Cocking, Tutors 0409138610

COMMUNITY GARDENING

Farewell Tea Party in the Garden
Thursday December 1, 2016





Many thanks to Robin Philip for the photographs.

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

COMPUTERS

I look forward to meeting up with those who were with us during 2016 and welcoming the new folk to our group.

Classes will be held in Room 2 at the Eastwood Leisure Complex, 20 Eastwood Street, Ballarat. The building is located on the south side, of the street, between Safetylink and Peel Street South. Parking will probably be 'busy plus'.

The date of first class is 10 February from

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3.30 for a 3:45 pm start and will then be on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

I would like to find out from each person what it is they wish to achieve with their lap-top computer this year. I'm told that wi-fi will be available so we should be able to connect to the 'outside world'.

*Kerry, Tutor; 0412 700 986.
kdaniell7@bigpond.com*

CREATIVE WRITING

Cliff Broome, Tutor

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Greetings one and all. Our classes will resume on Thursday 2 February at the Eastwood Leisure Centre, Room 2. I trust our little grey brain cells will be back in gear by then. I have had a very relaxed and crossword free time over the holiday break.

*Mary Chappell, Class Rep. 5330 1633
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CULTURAL CAPITAL

*Denise Wilson, Class Rep., 5341 3416
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Ros McArthur, Tutor 5332 5714

The CYCLING GROUP

During the break Cycle Touring Group members just happened to meet for group rides, covering country north, south, east and west of Ballarat.



Just north of Gordon on the final ride for 2016



En route to 'The Wall' near Learmonth

A range of local and multi-day tours are in planning for 2017.

Phill Grant, Convener

DANCERCISE

It's all fun to exercise with dance.

Lorraine Amour Chambers, Class Rep.

The DINING OUT GROUP

Thank you to Anne Reynolds who coordinated the group 2015 and 2016. The new contacts/organisers are Anne and Ian McKee.

Happy New Year to all members, both old and new and welcome to the group. Ian and I are the class reps for this year. Our first outing will be on the 19 February at 12.00 at the Wallace Hotel, Wallace where there is plenty of parking. As we do not know everyone could you please wear your name tags? Please let us know by Thursday 16 February if you are coming. This will enable us to let the hotel know the numbers by Friday

Anne and Ian McKee, 0403 079 216
anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au

ESSAYS AND IDEAS



Happy New Year to all members of the class old and new. Our first class together will be on 13 February at the Eastwood Leisure Centre, Room 2.

Readings will be:

Better than Fiction:

13 February *The Thieves of Rome* by M J Hyland

27 February *Arriving in Luxembourg* by Chris Pavo

Personal Essays:

13 February *In the Middle of the Journey* by V S Naipaul

27 February *The Bull on the Mountain* by Oliver Sacks

A reminder for those members who have not yet registered to please do so as you are able.

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

FILM MUSICALS

We will be starting the year in the old canteen in the Eastwood Leisure Centre. The same days and times as last year. that is. the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of the month during school terms, at 1 pm.

We have chosen a mixed lot of films ranging from classical to modern:

February 10: *Showboat.*

February 24: *Fantasia.*

March 10: *Pirates of Penzance.*

March 24: *Hello Dolly.*

March 31: *The Sapphires.*

Bob Whitten, Class Coordinator
 53418189
ibobdown@hotmail.com

HIKING

Website: <http://canadianlodge.wixsite.com/u3a-ballarat-hiking>

On Thursday 5 January, the U3A Hiking Group completed the sixth and final stage of the Wallaby Track, from Mt Buninyong to Daylesford.

When we arrived at Lake Daylesford we broke out the folding chairs and celebrated with a lavish picnic lunch and some well-earned drinks. Thank you Ingrid Parker for meeting us at the finish with all the makings for a great picnic.

Six of our members managed to make it to all

six stages and can now say that they have walked every step of the way from the top of Mt Buninyong to Daylesford. Congratulations to Greg Anderson, Jan Herperger, Malcolm Jenkins, Yvonne Jenkins, Alan Pittard and Andrew Parker.

Apart from the very first leg, we were most fortunate with the weather. Let's hope it continues in February.



Thursday 2 February, we begin our next

On

adventure: **Hiking the Lerderderg Track** from Daylesford to Bacchus Marsh via Blackwood. This will again be hiked in six legs of approximately 15 km each



If anyone is interested in joining the group you can enrol through *MyU3A* or contact Andrew Parker on 0418 562977 or email u3aballarathikers@gmail.com

Our website has lots more information: <http://canadianlodge.wixsite.com/u3a-ballarat-hiking>

*Andrew Parker; 0418 562 977
canlodge@gmail.com*

LANGUAGES

DUTCH

The class is aimed at anyone interested in learning Dutch, or anyone with a limited knowledge of Dutch who wants to brush up. The aim of this class is to acquire skills in understanding, speaking and writing Dutch.

Ingrid Parker, Tutor

FRENCH B

Eve van Riel, Class Rep.

FRENCH C

We are all eagerly awaiting the *Nouvelle Année* in our classroom at Eastwood Leisure Centre. With a couple of new faces – and a former student returning – we will be at our limit for numbers.

Everyone has (of course!) been practising their French over the summer break and I am sure there will be plenty to talk about.

Jan Leishman, Class Rep 0427 531 333

FRENCH E

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FRENCH ELEMENTARY PLUS

Do you love the French language?



For all those who are disappointed to be on the waiting list for a French class.... we have a new class... just for you.

French - Elementary Plus

- is a class for those who are beyond beginners – yet not quite intermediate. You already have a reasonably good vocabulary and a knowledge of the main tenses of verbs.



You'll learn practical, everyday words and phrases in different scenarios as you read, listen and practice these. There will be an emphasis on spoken language and you

will be surprised how quickly and easily you can learn many expressions in French. All this.... while having fun in a relaxed and supportive environment.

A different language is a different vision of life (Frederico Fellini)



This class will commence on Monday 13 February at: Ballarat North Neighbourhood House, 6 Crompton Street, North Ballarat

Are you coming ?

Contact: Margaret Gardner

Margaret Gardner, Tutor, 0419 879 421

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GERMAN A

Terry Baker, Class Rep.

GERMAN B

Ken Gittens, Class Rep

The German classes will continue an emphasis on listening and conversing, particularly in the context of everyday events.

The 'fortgeschrittene' class will also continue to develop reading skills.

LATIN

BEGINNERS' LATIN.

Classes start on Tuesday 7 February at 9. a.m. You will need the textbook - *Cambridge Latin Course Book 1*. Available at Ballarat Books (order) or online

LATIN 2

Classes start on Tuesday 7 February at 10 a.m.

LATIN 3

Classes start at 11.05 on 7 February

Anne McKee, Tutor, 0403 079 216

LATIN V

A request: A text we need for Latin V is out of print and we need at least one more copy, It is the *Cambridge Latin Course - Unit IV B*.

We would be willing to pay for it or borrow it.

John Poliness, Tutor

SPANISH

Spanish classes will start in 2017

LITERATURE

Our class will begin the year reading *Forever Young* by Steven Carroll, with tutor Mary Ross.

We meet on Thursday 2 February at 10.45 am at our new venue, Eastwood Leisure Complex in Room 1.

Robyn McKnight, Class Rep

MEDITATION

The Meditation class runs from 14 February to 11 April, nine weeks. Please note the later start for the term. This class is closed to new enrolments and will only run for 1st term. The venue will be Ballarat North Community Centre Hall. Class time will be 9.15 sharp to approximately 10 am, but arrive by 9.05 am to allow time to settle and be ready to start class at 9.15 am (as no entry after start of class).

Julie Brusaschi, Tutor

Jen Overington, Class Rep., 0437 587 703

Marilyn Rister, Class Rep., 5368 1543

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Almost time for our first meeting of this year, on **February 3**, which will be at our new location in Room 1 at The Eastwood Leisure Centre. Hopefully everyone has a map of this location, which I have provided. If you have any queries, get in touch with me.

We will begin the year with members who want to bring along some music (on a CD), approximately five minutes long, on the subject of 'The Natural World'. Hope this gives you enough scope!. Then on **March 3**, Joan Jamieson will present her first program for us - I think it will be on Schubert Lieder.

All being well our move to Eastwood Centre will go smoothly.

Janice Cook, Class Rep. 5331 8898

MYTHS AND MYTHMAKING

February 13: The class resumes at the usual venue, Ballarat North Neighbourhood House, 6 Crompton Street, off MacArthur Street near the railway line. We will welcome several new members so please be seated ready to start promptly at 2.15 pm.

Class members need to acquire their own copy of Ovid's *Metamorphosis*. Other texts may be borrowed from current members or found second hand in op shops, bookshops, etc.

The class is full and there is a waiting list, which is now closed.

Marion Dick, Class Rep.

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NORDIC POLE WALKING

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

PHILOSOPHY

The new year starts for U3A philosophers on Wednesday February 1 at 2 p.m. Our new venue is the hall at the Eastwood Leisure Complex. Unfortunately there are no vacancies for this class at present.

John Poliness, Class Rep.

POSITIVE PRACTICES, POSITIVE PEOPLE

Madonna Quixley, Tutor

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep.

ROMAN HISTORY

Class begins on Monday 6 February at 9 a.m.

Anne McKee, Tutor. 0403 079 216

SCIENCE

Heather Bice, Class Rep.

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

Terry Dixon, Class Rep. (am)

Anne King, 5341 8002, Class Rep. (pm)

SIT AND STITCH

Classes are held 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9.30 to 3.00 at Ballarat North Community Centre. Our first class is on February 9. If staying all day bring your lunch or just come for part of the day. Tea and coffee are provided and a roster will be drawn up for morning tea duties. Bring along your craft work and enjoy working in a friendly atmosphere sharing ideas and knowledge with other members. There will be demonstrations at times. Please remember to wear your name badge and to notify the class rep. if unable to attend classes.

Margaret Copping, Class Rep., 04 0902 1949

U3A UKULELE

Jill Clarke, Class Rep.

WALKERS AND COFFEE

Walks are on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Walks start at 10 am sharp from the nominated meeting place.

January 25: Meet at Pipers by the Lake.

February 1: Victoria Park, meet on the corner of Russell and Eyre Streets. Coffee at the Bakery on LaTrobe Street.

February 22: Meet at Lake Esmond, Larter Street, Coffee at Zagames.

March 1: Meet at Buninyong Bakehouse, 318 Learmonth Street, Buninyong.

March 22: Meet Ballarat Golf Club Car park, 1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat

Chris Cullen, Walk Leader.

Information; John Elischer, 0421341288

WOODWORKING

Morning woodwork group.

Over the past ten years Terry has tutored the woodworkers, spending much time behind the scenes preparing talks, organising interesting pieces for 'show and tell', and cutting and supplying timber. He has a wealth of knowledge and has taught us about different timbers, timber joints, the history of tools and he even gave Brian a cooking lesson, truly a man of many talents! Terry is continuing with another class, this time as a student, leaving us in the capable hands of Warren and Henk. Thank you Terry for your dedication, time and effort from the morning woodworkers. You will be missed.

Pauline Russo, Class Rep.

YOGA

Monday Yoga begins at the Buninyong Uniting Church on Monday 30 January at 9.30 am. The beginners' class will follow. Contact Lori Hutton for further information if required about times etc.

The First Friday yoga class for the year will be held on Friday 3 February at 9.30 am.

Joy Whitten, Class Rep. 5341 8189

YOGA at NORTH

The Yoga Class - Intermediate level, - runs from 14 February to 11 April, nine weeks. Please note the later start for the term. This class is closed to new enrolments and will only run for 1st term. Apologies to those who were booked in by error due to our new booking system!! The venue will be Ballarat North Community Centre Hall. Class time will be 10.30 sharp to 12.00, but arrive between 10.15 - 10.20 am to allow time to settle and be ready to start class at 10.30 am (as no entry after start of class). If there is any change to your state of health which may be affected by Yoga, please discuss with Julie.

Julie Brusaschi, Tutor

Trish Twaits- 53324996

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Kath Ragg, Class Reps

TIME OUT - Seen on a T-shirt...

'If you are not living on the edge you are taking up too much space'

'Somewhere in the world it's bedtime'

'The only thing I fear about death is that my wife will find out how much I really spent on cycling gear'

'I wonder if my bike is thinking about me too'

'There are a few things I like almost as much as riding my bike

- talking about cycling
- looking at my bike
- cleaning my bike
- holding my bike'

'talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, talk, eat, sleep. talk, talk, talk, talk, talk'

'Everything is better in pyjamas'

'A yawn is a silent scream for a coffee'

'There are 3 types of people in the world, those who can count and those who can't'

