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**Celebrating 30 Years of
U3A in Ballarat**

Thursday 30 MARCH

1.00 start

Ballarat North Community Centre

featuring

**the U3A Celtic Band
and the Scottish Dancers**

**...and there will be time for
chatting and eating and drinking**





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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2017

Wed Mar 1	New Members' morning tea and tour, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.20 am
Wed Mar 15	U3A Committee Meeting. BNCC 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed Mar 15	Deadline for March Bulletin articles (to Phill Grant – and indeed before it's time to read a grandchild a story. grantphillip@hotmail.com)
Thurs Mar 30	Celebrating 30 years of U3A Ballarat
Wed Apr 5	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

- Steiner School Autumn Fair, April 20

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
- * Annual General Meeting

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U3A Ballarat Office Opening Times

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

DAY	DATE	TIME
During Term Time		
Mondays		10.00 – 12.00
Thursdays		1.00 – 3.00 pm

Tea and Coffee Supplies

If your class meets at a venue other than Eastwood Street or Ballarat North Community Centre, the tutor or class rep is welcome to pick up tea, coffee and sugar supplies from the Office at North during office hours. At Eastwood Street, extra coffee and tea can be found in the storeroom if the kitchen supplies run out.

Anne Ottrey 0422 963 985

Wanted

Pianist, to accompany the U3A Choristers on Tuesday afternoons. Please contact George Walpole 0427661699

Vale

Bill Hunter

31 January 2017

There were many interesting aspects to Bill's life, aspects in which he showed a high level of passion and expertise. Among those aspects, U3A Ballarat members appreciated his involvement in Philosophy and cycling, and his knowledge and skills in, and passion for, woodworking.

From a letter received by the U3A Ballarat Committee:

...Ballarat Writers has run several small festivals in past years, but this one is intended as a larger event with a broad public appeal particularly attracting young people and older community members from the Ballarat region and beyond. Our theme this year is 'democracy', in keeping with Ballarat's heritage.

We are seeking an expression of interest for U3A's involvement in the Festival. There may be an opportunity for your group to be involved in a one hour session presenting the writing of members, readings, interviewing and promotion of U3A to a wide audience. The Festival Committee would welcome any contributions from creative arts and performance groups. We are also looking to include several writing workshops and a writing competition as part of the Festival.

The Festival will run from Friday, 20 – Sunday, 22 October 2017. We are, of course, eager to publicize your activities and publications.

The Festival Committee is keen to receive letters of support, offers of participation and the involvement of community groups in the expectation that the Festival will grow into a significant annual event for the Ballarat community...

Interested? Please contact our President, Jack Engwerda, Jackpam1@bigpond.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Welcome to our 30th year of U3A commitment to the community of Ballarat. Our U3A was introduced in 1987 by a still very active Nan Hayden, with some forty plus members, and our first classes were conducted at the school of mines campus.

Since that time, our membership has grown to nine hundred plus members at the time of writing this report. Many, many people have contributed to the fantastic organisation we are today, and their endless efforts in maintaining the highest standards, keeps Ballarat U3A being the envy of many other groups. A huge thank you, to all our committee members and volunteers, for a great start to 2017, all our classes are bedded down, and the move from GPlace to Eastwood Street was very successful, with a minimum of disruption. Again well done. For our initial classes, the meet and greet at Eastwood street by some of our committee members was also much appreciated.

Our class sizes appear to be growing, for example: Ballarat History - 65, Ballroom Dancing - 58, Philosophy - 50 plus etc., etc. This is a fantastic commitment by the tutors and class reps. Unfortunately we still have far too many members, old and new, on class waiting lists. How do we resolve this? Firstly, accommodation is not the problem, as our class coordinator has, and can find, some spare capacity/accommodation. The real problem is finding tutors for proposed additional classes.

I appeal to any members currently in a class with a waiting list; would you be prepared to conduct a class on the same subject matter? You may wish to begin with a small number, but that would be a great start to accommodate members on our waiting lists. The satisfaction of sharing your knowledge/experience with class members as a tutor is very rewarding. (I believe our Philosophy class has at least four or five members with the ability to conduct a class.) Please, please consider tutoring a class.

For some good news, although it's all good, on Monday 13 February, the Council presented a cheque to the musical director of our Celtic band, it was a community grant (well done John) to enable the band to record another C.D. If it's as successful as the last disc, it should be a great success. At the same time let's not forget our other musical groups, including the U3A Choir, and encourage and promote their wonderful contribution to the Ballarat community.

Our committee is in full swing as you can imagine, and always searching for better and more convenient accommodation. This year we are placing a lot more onus and reliance on our sub-committees, for decisions and actions taken by our general committee. This needs to happen, as we are growing and need to stay closely in-tune with our membership; we certainly don't wish to become a cartel.

Please be aware of our office hours, and don't hesitate to call in if you have a problem or enquiry. This applies to all members, including tutors and reps. We will always make you welcome and try to accommodate you. However don't forget we are all volunteers.

Lastly, we are developing a short course, *Ballarat yesterday, today and tomorrow* presented by Doug Bradby and myself. It is to be offered to the various retirement villages in Ballarat, for people less mobile. This needs a little fine tuning and committee input, and should be available next term.

Enjoy your classes. Make and enjoy new friendships, but always remember:
'You are more important than me, but we are more important than you.'

Jack Engwerda, President Jackpam1@bigpond.com

MEMBERSHIP



When completing the personal information of *MyU3A* please note the following and remember the information collected is for your benefit:

1. **Date of Birth** – you may have a very strange date of birth filled in for you – please change this to the correct date. When the information from the old database was brought across to *MyU3A* we did not ask for date of birth – we only asked if you were with a range of ten years. Thus *MyU3A* made up a date based on a average within the ten years!
2. **Medical Information** – we do not want your medical history – but only require the information which you think we should know. For example, if you are allergic to beestings and you are in one of the walking groups where you possibly could get stung.
3. **Contact person/s** – it is important to have a contact person if possible, in the event of an accident.
4. **Other information** For example, hobbies, previous employment, skills etc – it is particularly useful to the tutor for us to know something of your life background. It can also be useful to the Committee when expert advice or skills are needed!



Mobile Phone – The Tutors and Class Reps who did not wish their phone numbers to be on the web have used the U3A phone as their contact. This number is 0431 859 315.

If you call the mobile number please do not leave text messages for tutors – or if you do, say which class and tutor so the message can be forwarded.

This number is to be used for general queries about U3A by members and non-members from 8 am – 8 pm weekdays. If it is not answered please leave a message and we will get back to you.



Nametags - if you don't have a name tag because you paid online – call into the office and they will set you up with one. 2016 members – your name tags have been pre-printed so you only have to call in to the office and collect yours or collect it at other times from ELC . (see Bulletin notice)

Some statistics which may be of interest:

Members – 883

New members this month - 62

Classes – 104 with 1843 enrolments and 70 tutors

Full classes – 39

Members receiving their Bulletin by email - 585

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 or by email if you have any questions.

Mary Maloney, Web Manager.

5330 1334 or moomoo@southernphone.com.au

Quick Links

Courses

Become a Member

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CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Our start to the 2017 year has been quite smooth, with just a few minor problems which were easily fixed. So, a big thank you to you all for helping us to make such a smooth start to the year.

NEW CLASSES

Bookfolding Interest Group

Bookfolding is a craft activity that creatively recycles old books by folding and cutting pages. This class is an interest group for those who have completed the introductory course, who wish to continue developing new projects and skills.

Assistance is available for new projects, but hopefully all members will share skills and projects and enjoy coming together.

For enquiries about this course, contact the class leader, Anne Ottrey
0422 963 985 or ottrey@gmail.com.au

Art and About

This is a new class which had evolved as an off-shoot from Cultural Capital. Unfortunately it has no vacancies and no waitlist. This class has already been filled by those who were on the Cultural Capital waitlist. Both classes are now closed. Maybe there is someone who would like to form a third group for this very popular activity?

FORMING NEW VERSIONS OF CURRENT CLASSES

We have many classes which have large waitlists and there are potential new members who have been turned away because these classes are either closed or have a long wait list. We would love to be able to offer these people positions in new classes.

If you are already in one of the classes listed below, and would like to form your own version of the current class, you would be welcomed with open arms. We need new Book Clubs, another Philosophy class, Digital Photography, Science, Painting or Art classes, another Bushwalking group and Walkers and Coffee.

We definitely need one or two more Silver Jewellery Making classes.

There also is a need for computer classes, another Spanish Introductory class and a new Creative Writing class.

Perhaps if you are on the waitlist for a particular class, you would be happy to form your own class, as some of our new tutors have done this year. If you do not feel that you could run the class on your own, do you have a friend who could start the new class with you, so you could share the load, or you could ask different members of the class to present a lesson on a rostered basis and you could be the convenor or facilitator of a new class.

If you would like to form a duplicate class to one of these busy classes, or to offer a different version of one of these classes, then please contact Denise Grant

Denise Grant –Class coordinator
email DeniseU3A@hotmail.com

ACCOMMODATION

So far so good – Venues for 2017

Despite our loss of the GPlace rooms 1 and 2 in the old school with the imminent dissolving of the GPlace Consortium, there has been a silver lining! President Jack spoke with the liquidators and secured the Men's Shed for woodwork, jewellery and mosaic classes for a reasonable rent. So until the whole property sells (ninety days notice will be given) these classes can continue at the old workshop / shed.

Classes at Eastwood Leisure Complex have started well in the two front classrooms just off Eastwood Street. With some minor changes, most groups seem to fit and enjoy the small-windowed rooms. Philosophy's big mob likes the hall where they can cluster round Ann Boutts. Parking is still a bit problematic, but people are finding shaded spots along both sides of the creek in Steinfeld Street.

Ballarat North Community Centre has proved popular with the U3A Office doing steady business on Monday 10-12 noon and Thursday 1-3 pm. The dance classes have swelled to almost capacity – so we were right to 'build it and they will come'! The City of Ballarat has continued rectification on the hall floor, the ventilation of the sub-floor and repairs currently happening in the last week of February to drainage in the north car park. The temporary pain will be worth the effort in the long run.

Other venues around the city and Buninyong all seem to have started well with record numbers at M.A.D.E. and Ballarat North Neighborhood House.

Barkly Street has remained on the immediate horizon as the Victorian Education Department seeks a 'top hand' to run the vast building complex. U3A remains committed to moving practical workshop classes, film musicals and several large classes as soon as an 'outgoings only' lease and peppercorn

rent can be negotiated. But for the present, accommodation and the timetable seem to have settled in well after our forced departure from GPlace.

The final AGM for the GPlace consortium is scheduled for 29 March at Mt Clear Secondary College. For the record BRMC are now renovating the old Sacred Heart College buildings in Victoria Street, while the Mt Clear VCAL program has gone into recess due to lack of staff and suitable classroom.

Reminder about opening up / closing up after class at ELC. Most classes have been good at tidying up, putting furniture back in the U-formation, and locking up the classrooms with the key in the key box outside Room 2 or in the kitchen key safe. Remember to book any equipment and use the other key in each box to access the storage room for a-v items not found on the classroom trolleys. Spare whiteboard markers, vacuum cleaners and kitchen supplies are also stored there – as they were in the GPlace hall closet. With no alarm to set (yeah!), we are dependent on tutors and reps to keep rooms secure during the week.

Cheers

Blake Gordon
Accommodation

ODDS AND SODS FROM THE COMMITTEE and OTHERS

- * Wanted: Pianist to accompany the U3A Choristers on Tuesday afternoons. Please contact George Walpole 0427661699.
- * Helen would be rapt if those who haven't a nametag, would collect their nametag from the office at Ballarat North Community Centre
- * Did you know there is a library at the Ballarat North Community Centre? Indeed, a library that can be used by U3A Ballarat members.
- * Wouldn't it be nice if more tutors 'crawled out of the woodwork'?

WHAT'S ON IN BALLARAT?

Seniors' Rights and Law Week

Seniors Rights Victoria provides free information, support, advice and education to help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity and independence of older people. Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust such as family or friends. Our experienced advocates and legal advisors provide a welcoming and respectful environment where older people can talk confidentially about their experiences and choose their preferred course of action. Our services include a Helpline, specialist legal services, short-term support and advocacy for individuals and community and professional education.

You can find out more about elder abuse and our services by visiting our website www.seniorsrights.org.au

Our community education program is very popular and we've delivered sessions across Victoria to members of U3A, PROBUS, Senior Citizens' Clubs and to forums of seniors organised by different Councils and Shires.

Law Week occurs annually and is an opportunity to easily access legal resources. This year it will take place from **15 May to 21 May**. Enduring Powers of Attorney are documents which appoint another person to make decisions, in the event that such decisions can't be made. These decisions relate to lifestyle, medical treatment, assets, property and finances. The Planning Ahead session presents information in a simple and interactive way on Enduring Powers of Attorney. A free kit "Take Control" is provided to participants.

THE DIVERSION FOR MARCH



Congratulations to Barbara Preston and Irene McDonald, who successfully identified the diversion for February. It is the Railway Hotel at Linton. Interestingly, Barbara has a very personal connection with the hotel. She sketched the hotel, and also many other buildings in Skipton, Linton, Snake Valley, Cape Clear and Ballarat. Many of the sketches have been published. The Railway Hotel drawing is used by the hotel to adorn their place mats. With Barbara's permission we are able to include a copy of the drawing in the Bulletin.



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

Solution to Phill Grant
grantphillip@hotmail.com

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

WHAT'S ON IN BALLARAT?

Road Safety

Jesper Solund, a safety expert from Finland, will be conducting various sessions in Ballarat on Wednesday, March 8. At 7 pm the session will include the topics *Driver Fatigue, Pedestrians and Cyclists, and School Strategy*. For further details, please contact Ros McArthur, rosmac@ncable.net.au

You are invited to the **Ballarat Speakers Club** Luncheon

Where: Ballarat Golf Club

1800 Sturt St Alfredton

When: Thursday 9th March 12 noon to 2pm

\$40 per person (includes \$10 to charity)

Register at <https://www.meetup.com/Ballarat-Speakers-Club/> or call Anthony on 0458 312 533 by Tuesday 7th March



In her talk entitled "Triumph or Trauma", Belinda Duarte will talk about her aboriginal background and how it has influenced her life purpose to work towards influencing community understanding, and supporting young Aboriginal people to excel.

CLASS NOTES

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

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

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 FOURTH THURSDAY BOOK CLUB

Another new year of good reading. We now have a permanent home at Eastwood. Having already explored the timeless book *Kings in Grass Castles* by Mary Durack, our current book is a stark contrast as we read the words of a young Pakistani girl, in her book *I am Malala*.

Jean Laing, Class Rep. 53313394, 0438534818
jeanlaing@hotmail.com and
Ellen Ryan, Class Rep.

BOOK GROUP TWO

Meeting at our new venue, the *Bunch of Grapes Hotel*, the group discussed our first book for 2017, *Flight Behaviour*, by Barbara Kingsolver.

This novel, set in a farming community in Tennessee, touched on several contemporary issues involving change and the effect on those already coping with the challenges of remote, rural living and the lifecycle of the Monarch Butterfly.

Our next book is, *Frances Partridge*, by Anne Chisholm.

Rhonda Gray, Facilitator, 5341 8461
Helen McDowell, Class Rep.

BOOKFOLDING

We are halfway through this introductory class, and most people have completed three or more projects in class time and additional projects at home. In our last class we tried cutting a 3D pear or apple from an old

paperback, and we will move on to folding a Christmas tree and flowers next session.

Any past or present members of the Bookfolding class who would like to meet fortnightly are invited to enrol in the new class Bookfolding Interest Group, starting Friday 17 March 9 am – 10:30 am, in the Bingo room at Ballarat North. Enrol online at *MyU3A* or phone Anne Ottrey for information.

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

BRITISH INDIA through FILM and FICTION

Jill Blee, Tutor, 0411046558

BUSHWALKERS

Walks for March

March 9: *Steps back in time in Sebastopol.*
Meet at the old Sebastopol School building (now the community centre), Yarrowee Street, Sebastopol at 9.20 a.m. This part of Yarrowee Street is on the south side of Bridge Street with the school being behind the Bowling Club. You can park in the grounds of the old school, either in front or around the back or in Yarrowee Street. The walk is about 6 km, on footpaths and walking tracks and there is only one incline along Bridge Street - easy.
The walk concludes at the old school with lunch about 1 p.m. in the rooms of the Sebastopol Historical Society, where those who wish can spend time looking at the displays and information available. The Historical Society is opening the rooms especially for our visit

March 23: Smokey Town area. It is an 8 km round walk, undulating country but no steep climbing and interesting scenery.
Code B. There is a reasonable amount of shade, but there are no pit-stop facilities except gum trees. We will be able to have a coffee, etc., in Creswick. Car Pool \$5. Meet at Llanberris Netball Car Park 9.20 a.m or walkers from the Creswick side of Ballarat

can meet at the entrance to the showgrounds, corner of Howitt Street and Creswick Road 9.30 a.m. Unfortunately there is no shade but it is a convenient spot.

March 30: Lake Learmonth (This is an alternate walk organised by Shirley Faull for those not going to Camp)- Our walk will commence at the picnic ground (behind the oval and adjacent to the Caravan Park) at Lake Learmonth. It will include the waterside path, historical streetscapes, some rural roads and views. Generally easy, but one quite steep hill. 6-8 km. Car Pool \$5. Please bring lunch. (It may be possible to visit some local buildings afterwards, if people are able to stay longer.)

Phone contact on the 30th only;
Shirley 0431 455 603

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)

CANASTA

It is so nice to welcome the new members to Canasta this year and of course it's great to have our not-so-old retainers back again. Most of our new starters have played before and are amazed at how quickly it is all coming back.

We decided last week to continue our established lunches on the first Friday of the month and we will be meeting at *The Leagues Club Hotel* on the corner of Mair and Humffray Streets at 11:45 on Friday 3 March 2017.

Ros McArthur, Tutor 5332 5714

CELTIC MUSIC BAND

2017 began with practices for a Concert at the Buninyong Brewery on January 29, organised by the Rural Aid for Refugees Group. The venue was small, the heat horrendous, but the music fantastic. People in the audience

responded enthusiastically to the variety of tunes.

With a CD recording planned, several Gigs already on the agenda, and new tunes to explore, the Band has a busy year ahead. However, people in the band so enjoy getting together to play the tunes which Corrie, after diligent research, introduces. Playing in the band can only get better.

Ros Cole, Class Rep.

CHOIR

Wanted: Pianist to accompany the U3A Choristers on Tuesday afternoons.

Please contact George Walpole 0427661699.

CLASSIC CINEMA

March 14: F.W. Murnau's move to Hollywood gave him almost unlimited resources to create the stunning visual world of *Sunrise* (1927, 110 minutes), one of the most celebrated films of the silent era.

Note that our class is now timetabled in Room 1 at the Eastwood Leisure Centre. Please be seated ready for a prompt start at 1.30 pm.

Shirley Faull, Tutor. 5331 4408

CLOGGING

The Cloggers have made an enthusiastic start to the new year. Twelve new members made a start with the basics. Approximately 95% returned the following week still energized.

All the previous Cloggers have returned for 2017. The Beginners' Class at 9.00 am on Friday mornings will not take any more new people. Those U3A members who may have been thinking about joining will now need to wait until beginning of 2018. There is only one Beginners' intake at the beginning of each year.

There are still places available for people who have had some Clogging experience (regardless how limited) in the 10.00 am and 11.00 am class.

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

COMPUTERS

Kerry, Tutor; 0412 700 986.

kdaniell7@bigpond.com

CREATIVE WRITING

Cliff Broome, Tutor

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

We're back in full swing and we have some enthusiastic and competent new members in the class. Welcome to all of you including the 'oldies'.

Here's a cryptic clue for all the secret crossword puzzle buffs;

Final parts concealed by one minister after another (7)

Answer next bulletin.

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

We certainly had a lot to discuss at our first meeting and were very pleased to welcome some new starters.

We start each session with GOOD NEWS and are asking all members to bring along something that they found interesting to discuss next week, so we can get some topics organised.

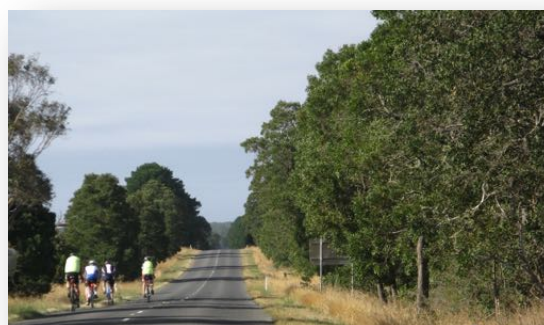
In this climate of constant change and uncertainty there is much to investigate and ponder on.

Ros McArthur, Tutor 5332 5714

The CYCLING GROUP

The lure of the open road and the sweet sound of tyres on bitumen has been the context for rides to Learmonth, Smythesdale, Addington, Creswick and Mortchup, since the beginning of the year. In all, about 2600 people-kilometres has been covered; but who's counting? A better standard might be the number of cappuccinos and carrot cakes consumed.

A group of eight plan to meet for a cappuccino in Amsterdam in August; to start the 'Tour van Holland'.



Phill Grant, Convener

DANCERCISE

Lorraine Amour Chambers, Class Rep.

The DINING OUT GROUP

Our March Dinner will be at *Seymours* on Lydiard Street North the 19 March at 12 noon. Please could you let us know by March 16 so we can let the hotel know by Saturday of the exact numbers. We look forward to seeing you.

Anne and Ian McKee, 0403 079 216

anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au

ESSAYS AND IDEAS

The year has started well and we are adapting to our new environment. Please note there will be no class held on 13 March due to the public holiday. Essays to be read for other dates are:-

Better than fiction:

27 February; Arriving in Luxembourg by Chris Pavone

27 March; *Mumbai: Before the Monsoon* by Stephen Kelman

Personal Essays:

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

27 March: *On Keeping a Notebook* by Joan Didion

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:

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>

Blog: Lerderderg Track Stage One
by Gordon Shaw

The U3A Hiking Group commenced this year's series of walks which will cover the Daylesford to Bacchus Marsh Lerderderg Track. The hike, organised, led and precisely navigated by Andrew Parker took us from Daylesford to the point where the track briefly joins with the Star Track on the way to Bacchus Marsh. We started with a short stretch on the edge of Lake Daylesford then headed south to Jubilee Lake and then into the Wombat Forest. The weather was wonderful, the bush often truly beautiful and the conversation erudite. With exception of the last kilometre and a half when some of us were reminded that we were possessed of aging joints and suspect physiologies, a good time was had by all. We look forward to continuing the journey in future weeks.

Blog: Lerderderg Track Stage Two.
by Jan Herperger

Our group has swelled to nineteen enthusiastic hikers - our largest number yet. After driving along a labyrinth of gravel roads and making a couple of U-turns we arrived back at Toe Rag Track, the finish point of our last walk and the beginning of today's stage of our long walk in the bush. We stopped briefly at the site of the Wombat Forest Tramway turntable and learned that there also used to be a sawmill at this location.

There were times that the track narrowed to single file walking, but much of today's journey was tramped along fire tracks and other roadways lined by very tall, straight eucalypts. There were also some lovely damp areas with ferns and more varied species of trees. We stopped at Balt Camp which was a refugee work camp for displaced persons from World War Two. The camp was constructed in 1946 by the Forestry Commission and housed forty-five displaced men from the Baltic region in Europe



Balt Camp, Lerderderg Track
Photos 1 and 2: Gordon Shaw

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>



The epitome of hiking fashion (no, silly, not the legs – the shorts!)

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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

Jan Leishman, Class Rep 0427 531 333

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



This class is on Mondays 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

Please note Latin 4, 3, 2 and Beginners that there will be no Latin on the 28 February, and the 7 March.

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 be reading *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway, with tutor Helen Nethercote. Members are reminded that we meet in Room 1 at the Eastwood Leisure Centre and apologies for non-attendance must be sent in advance to the class rep.

Robyn McKnight, Class Rep

MEDITATION

Julie Brusaschi, Tutor

Jen Overington, Class Rep., 0437 587 703

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Janice Cook, Class Rep. 5331 8898

MYTHS AND MYTHMAKING

Marion Dick, Class Rep.

5332 4831 or mobile 0429 691 470

NORDIC POLE WALKING

A fine start to 2017 with eight new members registered, a couple of whom were experienced pole walkers. In February we began back in the Gardens/Lake area, which provides some protection from the heat.

During March we will rediscover some of the 'trails' in Victoria Park - meet adjacent to the toilet block and new children's playground at 10.00 am on Tuesdays.

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

Pat McCarthy, Tutor, 5331 6219

PHILOSOPHY

John Poliness, Class Rep.

POETRY

This year we shall continue to use the *Norton Anthology* reading Twentieth Century works. It is always a great discussion led by our tutor Alice Mills.

*Jean Laing, Class Rep, 53313394,
0438534818, jeanlaing@hotmail.com
Alice Mills, Tutor*

POSITIVE PRACTICES, POSITIVE PEOPLE

Madonna Quixley, Tutor

RAPT IN SINGING



The first day back at Rapt in Singing.

Robyn Clark, Class Rep.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Firstly, I must give a quick and belated report for November and December 2016. We gave our regular end-of-year concert at our last meeting in November, followed by lunch at the Yacht Club and then a slightly shorter performance for residents of Hemsley Park Village. A week before Christmas, we were fortunate to play at the Anglican Cathedral, as the congregation arrived for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Five of the recorder group were also singing in the Choir on this occasion. Our 'minstrel gallery' was the perfect place to perform, with the acoustics giving us a rich sound.

In 2017, we have welcomed new members and lined up some dates in our diaries, one of

which is a return visit to the Steiner School to perform at their Autumn Fair on April 30.

The high level of interest within this U3A group can perhaps be gauged by the number of people learning to play a new size - vocal range - of recorder, purchasing a new recorder, or making a stand to hold their recorders. All these indicate commitment!

Jacqueline Cleverley, Class Rep.

ROMAN HISTORY

There will be no Roman History on the 27 February and the 6 March.

Anne McKee, Tutor. 0403 079 216

SCRABBLE

Second and fourth Wednesdays in Room 1, Eastwood Leisure Centre, at 1.30 pm (please be on-time as it is sometimes very inconvenient to re-start a game for a late-comer)

Leslie Norwood,

SCIENCE

Heather Bice, Class Rep.

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING

The apprentice jewelers and silversmiths are delighted to be back in the 'Men's Shed' under the watchful eyes of our master Steve. The morning class welcomes our one new member BJ Johnston to the class. The small turnover is testament to how much we appreciate and value our spots in the class.

Each month I would like to profile one of the class members and the first to feature is Ken McLean. Ken said rather humbly that he is an 'old bugger who is lucky to have a good hobby'. But let's take a step back. Ken was a diesel mechanic and used tools daily. In 1986 Ken's wife had a serious health problem, so they set about travelling and eventually settled in Queensland, in the beautiful country between Brisbane and the Gold Coast. While travelling Ken developed his love of gemstones. Not only can he tell you the name of the most obscure stone, he also learnt how to make cabs

(polished oval shapes) and later how to facet precious stones.

With Ken's children living in Ballarat and Melbourne they reluctantly moved to Ballarat in 2002. Ken heard about the U3A jewellery class and joined three years ago. He embodies everything that U3A is on about. When Steve is helping someone, there is always Ken. He feels that 'everyone learns from everyone else'. He is always happy to share, help and advise.

You must be wondering why such a talented man is in the class. Ken feels he can always learn something. As well as skill development, Ken values the companionship of being with like-minded people in a warm and friendly environment.

The photos of Ken's work demonstrate his exceptional skills and handling the pieces confirms Ken's reputation for exacting detail and exquisite finish.





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

February 22: Meet at Lake Esmond, Larter Street, coffee at *Zagamies*
March 1: Meet at Buninyong Bakehouse. 318 Learmonth Street.
March 22: Ballarat Golf Club car park 1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat.
April 5: *I Made It* café. 113 Albert Street, Sebastopol.
April 26: *Racers Café*, Wendouree Parade, Lake Wendouree.

Chris Cullen, Walk Leader.
Information; John Elischer, 0421341288

WEAVE YOU OWN STARS

As usual we meet at MADE at 10 am on the third Thursday. We are in the process of rebundling the myriad of stars that were hung all over Ballarat and surrounds, so that they will be ready to send to Brisbane for the Commonwealth Games in 2018. All new members are welcome.

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Lidia Aitken, Tutor

WOODWORKING

Pauline Russo, Class Rep.

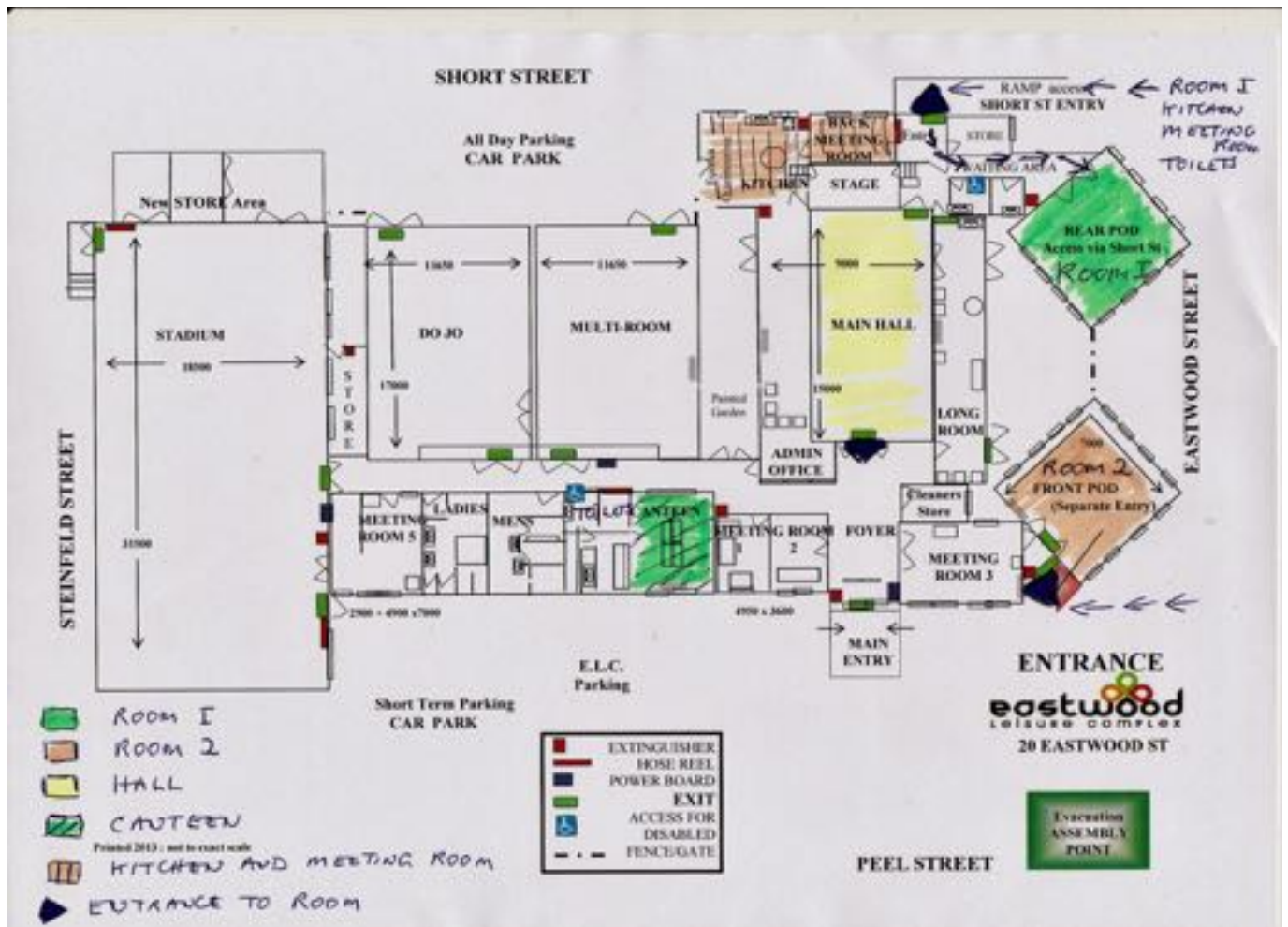
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