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Come enjoy a little competitive fun
at the U3A Trivia Event.

25 May, 2017

Ballarat North Community Center

4:30 - 6:00 PM

RSVP to Elena Tommasi
etommasi53@gmail.com

Please join us for our Trivia Event. You can
join as a team with classmates and friends
or just come and join a mixed table.

**Bonus points will be given to all teams, or
individuals, that RSVP by 18 May, 2017.
Prizes will be awarded. Light snack, tea
and coffee will be provided.**

Teams of at most eight, and all U3A members are welcome

Coming events...

a guest speaker on either the first or third Thursday of July
and
the 'Christmassy thing' on Thursday 29 July
More information in the next Bulletin



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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2017

Thurs May 25	Trivia Event, BNCC, 4.30 to 6.00 pm
Wed June 7	New Members' morning tea and tour, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.30 am
Wed June 21	U3A Committee Meeting. BNCC 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed June 21	Deadline for May Bulletin articles (to Phill Grant – and indeed before it's time to be tempted to start another block of chocolate grantphillip@hotmail.com)
Wed July 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 Scottish Country Dancers

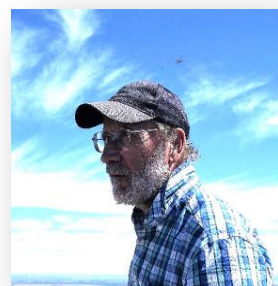
Recorder Ensemble

U3A Ukulele Group

VALE

Ray Fenton

Ray was a valued member of the U3A Bushwalkers, rarely missing a walk or a trip away with our group as well as many great walks planned and led by him. Ray had a keen intellect and was always regaling us with cryptic puzzles and what he called "shaggy dog stories". He will be sadly missed.



Bulletin Editor: Phill Grant. grantphillip@hotmail.com



The past six weeks have been, to say the least, extremely hectic for our hard working and dedicated committee. Currently we are leasing the shed at GPlace, to conduct some five to six classes each week, from the liquidator of BEST. Unfortunately, it does not include the use of the toilet facilities in the main building.

Some eight weeks ago we made enquiries with the liquidator as to his intentions for the future of GPlace, as it is currently vacant and extremely vulnerable to vandalism. Imagine our almost euphoric surprise, when we received an email from the liquidator with an offer for U3A to purchase GPlace. We responded by email, in principle accepting the offer, providing the Section 32 was made available to us. We immediately started the ball rolling by approaching the Bendigo Bank for finance. Two representatives of the bank visited GPlace and were

suitably impressed. Over the next three weeks we appointed a solicitor, filled in numerous forms for the bank, including of course the loan application, we engaged a building inspector for a site evaluation, and we appointed a local firm to conduct a property evaluation on behalf of the bank. On the 27 April, I received a phone call from the bank, approving our loan application.

Two hours later, the same day, we received an email from the liquidator withdrawing his offer to us. The reason he gave was that he had been given legal advice to sell the property on the open market. We were devastated, and contacted the company the liquidator has appointed to market and sell GPlace, to discover when this would take place, and express our continued and sincere interest. The company, *Sutherland Farrelly*, will keep us informed of the procedure. Meanwhile we are having ongoing discussions with council to seek support, as there is a heritage overlay, and continued dialogue with Geoff Howard to lobby on our behalf with the Minister for Education, to ensure the zoning of GPlace (special use zone, educational) is enforced. We will continue to vigorously pursue the purchase of GPlace for our members.

Meanwhile we are also pursuing the potential use of the Barkly Street campus and are investigating various other venues. At this stage, all our classes have a home, and we will continue at Eastwood Street for our next semester. The council has indicated that the continued refurbishment of Ballarat North Community Centre could recommence within the next budget period. Meanwhile enjoy your classes and activities, and remember to always make new members most welcome.

If you haven't yet had your flu injection, please consider it, as they are free.

Jack Engwerda, President

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

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
During Term Time		
Mondays		10.00 am – 12.00
Thursdays		1.00 – 3.00 pm

COULD GPlace be a HOME for U3A BALLARAT?

As members would know, accommodation for U3A Ballarat classes and activities has been a topic of conversation for quite some time. To our great satisfaction, we have had to cater for an increase in the number of members, classes and activities. We were, and are, very fortunate to have the support of Ballarat Council in being able to use the Ballarat North Community Centre; indeed the Council has also renovated the facility and further renovations are planned. At the end of 2016 we also had to deal with the fact that GPlace would no longer be available for our use. We now have the Eastwood Leisure Centre for a significant number of our classes and activities, though that centre may not be considered as a permanent 'home'.

We are fortunate to be in a situation where the number of members in U3A Ballarat continues to increase. Consequentially, discussions about accommodation continue. Fortunately we have the continued support of the Ballarat Council, and also of State Government members such as Geoff Howard.

There are some possibilities for accommodation. Such possibilities have included the Barkly Street school site; negotiations are ongoing and have the support of our State Government representative, but are not rapid. Depending on government grants, there may be opportunities to share sports facilities that will have dedicated classroom space. A commercial operator has suggested we might like to accept the offer of purpose built classroom and activity space, where we specify what should be supplied. The Committee has been looking at a range of possibilities, including the examples just mentioned, in the light of what we would be prepared to pay and what would suit our needs.

One opportunity that might be promising is to purchase GPlace. Owning a property such as GPlace would guarantee that we have a 'home', it might also involve a range of opportunities, but would also involve a range of responsibilities. Preliminary investigation has shown that with current finances and without increasing membership fees, we could afford a bank loan, for example. Other finance opportunities have also been considered: for example, asking our members to provide funds as donations or loans (such funding was very successful for U3A Brisbane). Of course, there is a process to go through.

In summary, accommodation for U3A Ballarat is still under active discussion. If any of our readers has any suggestions, the Committee would be happy to receive them; from within our organisation there are undoubtedly people with good ideas and possibly skills or contacts that may be beneficial.

Phill Grant
Vice-President and Bulletin Editor

I was pleased with the response to my quick introduction to Online courses in last month's Bulletin. So I am including here some further information about joining courses that I was happy to send out to those making enquiries.



I asked another member about the classes that would interest her, so that my interests would not influence my choice of classes to write about. Her first response was Australian Flora, which, when reading the course contents, certainly seems very appealing.

The Unit commences by asking 'what is involved in plant identification', and then introduces some identification techniques. The last four units are devoted to different types of Australian flora, starting with non-flowering plants, mosses and trees. Then its examination runs from banksias to gum trees and wattles to fan flowers and daisies and many others.

The other course my friend thought she might like to do was World Religions, which commences with religions of the first peoples, and then polytheistic religions. The next units examine religions such as Indian, East Asian, Chinese and Japanese, Judaism, Christian, Islam and Zoroastrianism. Strangely enough, I did this course very many years ago, however, it does appear to be much expanded and changed since then. Maybe I should do the course again!



U3A Online

U3A Online produces about seventy online courses, loosely grouped under the following headings: World Affairs and History, Nature, Writing and Creativity, Lifestyle, and Science. There are usually six or eight units in each course.

The courses can be studied in two different ways. The most usual method is for a member of U3A or an older member of the community to enrol in a course using the **Independent Study** option, and then work through the course at a convenient rate. The cost of \$25, which lasts twelve months, allows the member to enrol in other courses during this 'membership' period.

The other method is **With a Course Leader**, which costs an extra \$5 and runs weekly for the number of units, usually eight. Not many courses have this option. You work through the topic at your own pace each week (no actual 'meeting' times), and chat to other participants and the course leader through the online Course Discussion Forum. How helpful this is depends, to a large extent, on the Course Leader and the other participants. The notes are the same for both courses and you can download and print them.

Site Licences

Ballarat U3A is an Organisation Member of U3A Online and is therefore able to use the U3A Online course notes as the basis for face-to-face classes. This entitles us to purchase site licences (\$20 per course) for any course to run within our program. Ballarat U3A can enrol our members in a class, and access and download the course notes. These can then be printed and as many copies made as are needed for the class. More than one class can be run with the same notes throughout the membership period. Generally, Ballarat require six members to form a class. If you are interested in running a class using the course notes, you would need to contact the Class Coordinator.

MEMBERSHIP



Our membership continues to grow – we now have 948 members. The Committee approved twenty new members since last Bulletin! I wonder who will win the prize for being the 1000th member!!!

New Members – we are mailing out your lanyard and ‘Welcome Morning Tea’ invitation as soon as we can – if any member has not received their lanyard and name badge please contact the office and we will organise that for you.

Our ‘New Member Welcome Morning Tea’ is held on the 1st Wednesday from 10.30 – 11.30 of each month. Do come along and keep the Committee members company! Our next one will be on June 7th and we would love to see any new member, or any old member!

Tutors and Class Reps

Thank you for being so diligent in organising your rolls for term 2. The office was able to help with roll marking for those a bit unsure. Please feel free to come to the office for help or for a chat and a laugh!

MyU3A



There are still problems with recording *PayPal* Payments in *MyU3A*. If your receipt says you owe money and you have paid – ignore it or contact Nina (5334 4836) to sort it out. Mainly it appears to be for payments made when *PayPal* was having a few problems late last year.



Health and Safety

Your Committee has requested members with colds, flu or other illnesses, to please stay home. You will get better quicker and your fellow class members will not catch the bug from you!

Thank you to those members who read my plea for help for the gentleman at Kelaston. It was great that we had so many willing volunteers to visit.

Nina Netherway

Membership Secretary/MyU3A Support

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ODDS AND SODS FROM THE COMMITTEE and OTHERS

- * Class members would be most pleased if, when you are ill, you stayed at home.
- * 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.



Website 2017 What's New?

The front page has a new link – a **BLUE** button, which will take you to information about upcoming events in 2017. Be sure to check it out.



U3A BALLARAT

For retirees who want to go on learning and lead a full and active life, U3A Ballarat offers all of these opportunities.

Choose from over 100 courses led by our volunteer tutors for an annual fee of only \$50.

Most courses are held at the Eastwood Leisure Complex in Eastwood Street, or Ballarat North Community Centre in Walker Street.

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS IN BALLARAT

Are you interested in

- joining other retirees for leisure activities?
- listening to interesting speakers?
- sharing your skills and interests with others?
- learning new things, developing new skills?
- challenging your mind?

Quick Links

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- Members Area
- Contact Us
- MyU3A
- Tutors



All venues on the **Venues** page now have links to *Google Maps*. The main venues have the map beside them and you can click on it to enlarge it. For the other venues listed, just click on the name of the venue and a map and photo will appear.

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**.

Mary Maloney, Website Manager. 5330 1334

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CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

CLASS NEWS: With limited time in which to advertise two of our new classes, people did not get the chance to enrol in Psychology and the Memory Atlas.

Psychology is to commence classes in Term 3 now. With only a few people enrolling in this very interesting class by the start date, Margaret has asked to put off the commencement date for her class until Term 3. The class will now run for the whole Semester.

For the course outline for the new Semester long course, please refer to *MyU3A*. Contact Margaret Trommestad 0414 268 661, margtromm@gmail.com if you wish to discuss the requirements of the class, or you can enrol in the class on *MyU3A*.

Memory Atlas: This class also only had a few people who had enrolled, by the commencement date, so Mick has asked that we start this class in Term 3 also. Unfortunately, the day, time and possibly venue will have to change to accommodate the new starting time. The new date, time and venue will be announced on *MyU3A* as soon as it is known, and details will also be published in the next Bulletin.

If you are interested in learning how to use your Smart Phone which includes iPhones, to take photos and videos, and then edit them, plus lots of other interesting information about using Smart Phones for recording family history, then read the class outline on *MyU3A*, and enrol online, or contact Mick Trembath on 0402 359 730 or micktrembath@gmail.com

Philosophy This class is now meeting at the Neill Street Uniting Church Hall until the end of June.

NEW CLASS

Tai Chi for Arthritis: Lyn Snibson

“I have no formal qualifications in Tai Chi for Arthritis, but have learnt, and continue to learn, from Michelle Smith for almost 7 years. We practise Dr Lam's method and this is a very gentle yet challenging carta designed to exercise the body and the brain. I would be prepared to share this activity with a small group in terms three and four this year.”

This class will be in the Hall at Ballarat North Community Centre on Wednesdays at 9 am starting in Term 3. If you are interested in joining this class, read the course outline on *MyU3A* and contact Lyn Snibson at 0413260013 or by email lynsnib@gmail.com

Expressions of interest: Speakers Group

There is a group of members from U3A who miss the monthly guest speakers we had in previous years at our ‘News and Views’ afternoons. They enjoyed listening to a variety of interesting speakers each month, and they would like to see the reintroduction of guest speakers to our programme. Rather than the Committee organising a ‘News and Views’ type of event, it is proposed that we have a class or group that would meet once a month, and members of that group would take on the responsibility of organising a guest speaker. It may be that only those who are enrolled in this class would attend the afternoon, or perhaps all U3A members would be invited to attend. Is there someone who would like to take on the position of facilitator of the Speaker’s Group? Once the group is formed, then the name could be changed if desired. Possible new titles of the group could be ‘Lettuce Speak’ or ‘Talking Heads’ (thankyou Zelda Martin for ideas). The time and venue would most likely be Thursday afternoon at about 1.30 or 2 pm in the Hall at Ballarat North Community Centre. There would need to one person who takes on the position of being the contact person for *MyU3A*, but it is envisaged that all members of the group would participate, perhaps taking it in turns to do the ongoing organisation, and the selection and invitations to guest speakers. Please contact Helen Slater at U3AOfficeBallarat@gmail.com if you would like to be the facilitator or joint facilitators of this group.

It is colds and flu season again.

It is that time of year again when colds and viruses are prevalent. In consideration for your fellow U3A members, if you are unwell, with a heavy cold or some other virus, perhaps you might consider not attending classes. There are many people who have low immunity, or they have a partner with low immunity, and they cannot afford to catch what may seem to be a simple cold or virus. So, if you are unwell please consider missing your U3A classes until you are no longer contagious. Unwell tutors can also be excused from class if they are unwell. Just contact your class rep or members of the class, to let the class members know that your class is cancelled.

Turning off the heaters and locking the room

Please turn the heaters off at the end of your class at Eastwood, especially if your class finishes later in the day. Check on the timetable outside rooms 1 and 2, to see if there is another class after yours. If not, would you mind checking that the heating is turned off.

If you are the last class of the day, please lock the class room at Eastwood, and outside doors too at other venues.

Ballarat U3A Power of Attorney talk

On Thursday afternoon about forty people including members from Ballarat U3A, and others from the wider Ballarat community attended a very interesting and informative talk by Gary Ferguson from *Senior's Rights Victoria*. Those in attendance had a chance to ask about their individual concerns, and Gary very nicely catered for a lovely afternoon tea.

“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. Seniors Rights Victoria also provides leadership on policy and law reform and works with organisations and groups to raise awareness of elder abuse. You can find out more about elder abuse and our services by visiting our website www.seniorsrights.org.au”

If you want a copy of the free booklet titled *Take Control, A Guide to making Enduring Powers of Attorney*, you can order a copy or read it online at <http://www.vla.vic.gov.au/find-legal-answers/all-publications-and-resources>

Gary also invited Senior Constable Janine Walker to come along to talk to the group. She is the Community Engagement Police Officer at Ballarat Police Station. She spoke about her role and how she can assist seniors in the local community. Of particular interest was *The Ballarat and District Community Support Register*. This form can be submitted to assist you in an emergency situation. This Community Support Register would be very useful and reassuring if you live alone.

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

WHAT'S ON IN BALLARAT?

VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL 2017

The Victorian Seniors Festival will run for the month of October. U3A Ballarat will hold an Expo in the Ballarat Library during the second week of October, from Monday 9 October to Friday 13 October, between 10 am and 4 pm each day. Note that this is a week later than our usual expo in the Library. We are giving classes and tutors early notice so you can plan your involvement in this festival.

How can you be involved? Performance groups can play, sing, dance or recite in the library, or do all at once if preferred! Display products made by class members – jewellery, art, photos, book folding, poetry, stories, woodwork, scrapbooking, sewing and patchwork, mosaics...

Run a workshop – short demonstration followed by an invitation to join in.

Hold your class in the library inviting public participation.

Any good idea you have...

Already know what you want to do? Email Anne Ottrey at ottrey@ncable.net.au with an outline, preferred time and date.

Did you know? FREE public transport will be available for Victorian Seniors Card Holders from Sunday 8 October to Sunday 15 October.

Anne Ottrey

The activities mentioned below are not U3A Ballarat activities. They have been mentioned in the U3A Ballarat *Bulletin* because they may be of interest to some members.

Documenting the experiences of Ballarat residents living with dementia

This project will document 100 stories about the experiences of Ballarat residents living with dementia. The project aims to challenge the stigma and silence around dementia. Stories will be used to educate community members and service providers. This project will be completed in November 2017. Please contact the Project Coordinator, Dr Catherine Barrett, for more information on 0429 582 237 or go to the 100 stories webpage at: celebrateageing.com A full description of this project was given in April's *Bulletin*.

Table Tennis for Seniors

The Ballarat Table Tennis Stadium has a special program, called *Keenagers*, designed for those over fifty years. We meet twice a week; Tuesday and Friday 1 - 3 pm. Cost for the day's activity is \$5 The venue is the Wendouree sports complex on Dowling Street. Further information call Kellie at the Ballarat Table Stadium 5339-2680 or 0430829701 A full description of the program was printed in April's *Bulletin*. Please note that this is not a U3A Ballarat activity. That means, you don't have to be a Ballarat U3A member to attend.

THE DIVERSION FOR JUNE



Congratulations to Louise Martin for identifying the 'lighthouse' at Cape Clear (about 40 km south of Ballarat; definitely not on the coast). The lighthouse is on one of Louise's cycle routes. Regarding the naming of Cape Clear; one story is that it was named after Cape Clear in Ireland (which is indeed on the coast). Another story is that an Irish teamster was misunderstood when he was telling people to 'keep clear'.

To win the pleasure of solving a puzzle, the question for June 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



CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 21 June 2017
to Phill Grant, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
grantphillip@hotmail.com

The HISTORY of the ART GALLERY of BALLARAT *Ann Cato, Class Rep.*

Gordon Morrison is the Director of the Art Gallery of Ballarat and will be speaking at the last talk of *The History of the Art Gallery in Ballarat* on Tuesday September 12 at M.A.D.E at 1.30 pm.

Gordon Morrison has been Director of the Art Gallery of Ballarat since 2004; in his time at the helm he has brought about many changes, most notably in the conservation and restoration of the collection through his 'Adopt an Artwork Program' and in the outstanding body of indigenous work from all parts of Australia that we are now privileged to hold. Everyone is most welcome to come along to hear Gordon speak and answer your questions.

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY *Nina Netherway and Zelda Martin, Tutors*

After spending the first part of the year looking at the early years at Sydney Cove, we then turned our attention to the reasons for the settlement of the other colonies. We discovered that the development pattern of each was also quite different.

At our next meeting, we will welcome Dr. Joan Hunt back for yet another of her 'annual presentations' to us. This year, she will speak on an interesting aspect of 'Pastoral Port Phillip'.

Much of our focus from now on will be on Port Phillip, although the other colonies will not be neglected. The reason for our focus is that most of us know so little about our own State. The second class in June will be on the 1840's, an interesting, although often neglected era. Then, of course, we will look at the discovery of gold, and present a new perspective on an old topic.

BALLARAT HISTORY *Jack Engwerda, Tutor; Ann Boag, Class Rep.*

U3A Ballarat and District History is held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 10.30 am - 12.00, at M.A.D.E.

24 May: 'Beginning of industry. Who, where and why in Ballarat'

14 June: 'How did World War 1 and 2 impact on Ballarat?'



Visit to Trigg's Museum, Bungaree
Photos: Arriving at the Museum; Outside the cottage; Rope making, Ron Trigg on the left ably assisted by U3A member Alan Creswick; The tractor seat collection.

Many thanks to Hugh Lees for the photographs.

BALLROOM DANCING *Lorraine-Amour Chambers. Class Rep.*

The Ballroom Dancing class enjoyed another delightful afternoon Tea Dance, held at the Creswick Neighborhood Centre Hall.



The hall was brought to life by colourful table and wall decorations. We all experienced the wonderful warm and friendly atmosphere while dancing to the fantastic music provided by Brian.

A scrumptious afternoon tea was served with china tea sets. Altogether it created a wonderful day to remember.

Our grateful thanks to all who made it possible, especially our U3A Ballroom tutors.



BOOK FOLDING INTEREST GROUP *Anne Ottrey, Tutor*

The Book Folders are producing an amazing array of individual projects. Each fortnight, we look forward to seeing what people have completed and enjoy sharing ideas for future projects.

We meet on the 1st & 3rd Fridays at North, from 9 am – 10:30 am.



BOOK GROUP TWO *Rhonda Gray, Facilitator, 5341 8461 Helen McDowell, Class Rep*

The group enjoyed a lighter read this month with *The Cuckoo's Calling*, a fairly traditional crime novel by J.K. Rowling, writing as Robert Galbraith.

This book was initially rejected by publishers, and readers, until it fortuitously became known who the actual author was. Despite the odd discrepancy with time lines, it provides enough suspense to keep the reader engaged and the main characters are well developed and credible, with room to develop further. The writing style lends itself to a TV detective series so it comes as no surprise that negotiations towards this outcome have commenced.

Our next book is, *Everywhere I Look*, by Helen Garner.

FOURTH THURSDAY BOOK GROUP *Jean Laing, Class Rep. 53313394, 0438534818*
jeanlaing@hotmail.com and Ellen Ryan, Class Rep.

Meeting as usual at Eastwood Room 1. It was lovely to see all in attendance at the last meeting. Hoping new members are enjoying being part of the group.

BUSHWALKERS *Laraine Gunning and Lynne Fenton, Class Rep.*

Walks for June:

June 8: BOSTOCK RESERVOIR. About 6 km, undulating tracks, some steeper sections, pine and eucalypt forest, with one section of 100 m off track. Picnic area with shelters for lunch after the walk. Code B, B.L, Car Pool \$8

June 22: Steiglitz, Yankee Gully. This walk was to have been led by Ray Fenton but will now be led by Gordon Talbett as a Tribute walk to Ray. Circuit walk from Stieglitz, 8.3 km, Code B, B.L, Car Pool \$8

June 29: Mt Cole, Figure of 8 walk. Ditchfield Camp Ground to Cave Hill. Approximately 7 kms, Code B/C, B.L. Car Pool \$8. After lunch there is an optional extra walk to Raglan Falls, approximately 2 kms return.

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



Many thanks to Robyn Phillips for the photograph

CHOIR *George Walpole, Tutor*

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

CLASSIC CINEMA *Shirley Faull, Tutor. 5331 4408*

This month our 'Director on the Move' is Spaniard, Luis Bunuel. He began his film career collaborating with the renowned surrealist painter, Salvador Dali, to make a very famous (but still baffling) short. He spent a number of years in exile in Mexico during the fifties and sixties, later returning to Europe. It's very interesting to see how Bunuel adapted his work to each place, created intriguing and provocative work, and continued to win major international awards. We should enjoy discussing his entertaining and unusual films.

June 13: Extracts from *Un Chien Andalou* (France 1928) and *Las Hurdes* (Spain 1932), and *Los Olvidados* (Mexico 1950, 81 minutes)

June 27: ****Extra Session**** *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* (France 1972, 97 minutes)

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

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

I came across this clue for an Easter Egg Hunt. Did you solve it?
"tri,tri, as hard as you can, the cycle will soon be complete"

Answer: Tricycle

The **CYCLING GROUP** *Alan Pittard, guest reporter*

On May 8 to 10, eleven of us arrived in Maryborough at midday with our bikes by train, car or caravan and had pre-booked accommodation at the motel/caravan park in cabins etc.

The three days saw us ride to some historical sites in the district. The Bristol Hill Tower in Maryborough was erected during the Great Depression of 1929-35 by the unemployed and opened in 1933 as a memorial to the pioneers of the region. The bluestone steps came from the old Maryborough jail, with three containing verse by Henry Lawson. Ascending the dimly light spiral stairs to a viewing deck revealed a 360 degree panorama of the surrounding countryside, including The Pyrenees and Mt. Tarrengower, near Maldon.

A nine kilometre ride to Carisbrook found us peering through gaps in the now disused police lock-up doors. It is the oldest log cabin style jail in Victoria, built in 1852 on the former police paddocks, then shifted to its present site (44 Bucknall Street) in 1886. The original shingle roof has been replaced with iron.

A ride to Timor Lead at Chinaman's Flat, revealed the remains of the beam pump house at the long closed Grand Duke Mine. The pump was used extensively to dispel the invading water in the shafts. The mine opened in 1869, employed 150 men for 27 years and yielded 6125 kilogram of gold. The population of Timor rose to 27000 and had 38 pubs at its gold mining heyday. Tombstones at the nearby Timor Cemetery sadly showed many died young. The essential cappuccino and cake at Dunolly boosted energy levels for the return to our base camp.

The morning of our last day was a return circuit to Talbot via Mt. Greenoch. Our two wheel crankers chose the lowest gear to ascend a 5.8% gradient to the pinnacle for the visual reward. Not so rewarding was the 'instant' coffee at the Talbot corner store, as our preferred espresso establishment, *London House Restaurant*, remained closed. However, lunch on our return at the *Maryborough Railway Station Café* was superb. A little bird, who shall remain nameless, told me the sticky date pudding is to die for.

The afternoon ride to the Tullaroop Reservoir, seven kilometres south of Carisbrook was made more enjoyable by a super smooth six kilometre bike path along the Carisbrook Settlers' Trail, before turning off to find the elusive Rodborough Road leading to the reservoir. It has a 73000 Megalitre capacity which is currently at 75%. and, being a tributary of the Loddon River, is used for local property irrigation and fishing; but swimming is forbidden. After energy food and fluids, the final descent to our cabins in Maryborough was relaxing. An eventual coffee and chat ended our three day informative tour covering approximately 120 kilometres Our group enjoyed pleasurable riding conditions, beautiful scenery, good food and great camaraderie.

Many thanks to Sandra Lawrie for organising a thoroughly enjoyable tour. See you on the next ride.

(Thank you to Tim Boshier for the photograph)



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY *Mark Bevelander, Tutor 0439 639 636*

The Digital Photography Class does a field trip once a month to test the depths of their creativity in photography. Recently the class sidled through the laneways in Ballarat city investigating lanes such as 'Pencilmark' in Doveton Street North. A fortnight later a few hardnosed photographers rose before dawn to capture the majestic colours and reflections on Lake Wendouree.

Later in May will come a major challenge when the group will test their cameras and skills in order to attempt a view, on photo, of the beautiful night sky and, particularly, the milky way. As the Aurora Australis is very strong currently there might be a chance of capturing some of that colour. We'll hope desperately for a clear sky.



Photos:

'Everything is Possible';
Just before dawn;
A door in Pencilmark Lane;
First rays of the sun



DINING OUT GROUP *Anne McKee 0403 079 216 or anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au*

We next meet on Sunday 18 June at the *Lakeview Hotel* at 12.30. Please let Ian or I know whether you can attend by Thursday 15 of June so we can let them know the numbers. Also could you please try and remember your name tags. Thanks.

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

Essays to read for June are:

The Best Australian Essays

12 June: *The Bus Stop* by Ashley Hay

26 June: *Whale Fall* by Rebecca Gigs

Personal Essays

12 June: *Going Home Again* by Richard Rodriguez

26 June: *Living Like Weasels* by Annie Dillard

Happy Reading

FILM MUSICALS *Bob Whitten, Class Coordinator. 53418189
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Once again we have planned a diverse group of films for term two, ranging from classical to very modern. The films to be shown in the class during term two are as follows:

26 May: *De-Lovely.*

9 June: *Brassed Off.*

23 June: *Carousel.*

30 June: *Cilla.*

The class is almost full now with room for just one more person. Please get in touch with Bob Whitten (class rep) if you are interested in joining the class, by 'phone or email.

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

Daylesford to Castlemaine – the start.

On May 4 we commenced our walk from Daylesford to Castlemaine. We set off from Daylesford Lake under clear skies, with frost under foot, and followed the Wallaby Track and the Wombat Creek to where the Dry Diggings track commenced. We then contoured along the eastern bank of the Sailors Creek, heading north, admiring the sun's rays slanting through the trees, and wishing

we were on the sunny side of the creek. Both sides of the creek were heavily wooded and there was neither sight nor sound of the outside world.

We paused to peer into the depths of a fenced off mine shaft beside the track, and shortly after descended to creek level for a break in a sun-warmed clearing. Finally we were able to shed layers of clothing. We had descended to the creek and of course we had to ascend again, but now we were in the drier forest typical of hills north of the Divide, and we were in the sun.

We passed the Blowhole (a tunnel cut by miners to divert the creek) and admired the water shooting out and cascading down to the creek. Finally we entered the Breakneck Gorge and followed this around the northern edge of Hepburn Springs to our finishing point.

We agreed that this day's walking had the finest scenery, and the least ascending and descending, of any that the Hiking Group has done, and we were very pleased with the perfect weather provided by Andrew.

The Mt Franklin View Walk: Hepburn Springs Reserve to Porcupine Ridge Rd.
May 18

Fourteen walkers assembled just above the Hepburn Springs Reserve on a perfect walking day, with equable temperatures in the teens.



The fifteen kilometre walk had some moderately steep climbing both near the beginning and the end on a mix of well defined tracks and roads. The initial climb was rewarded by a brief coffee stop at the conveniently placed Chocolate Mill at about five kilometre which refuelled the group for the next few kilomet to lunch on a strategically located log.

Notable sights included Beehive Gully where gold sluicing has caused sufficient erosion for it to be termed 'a mini Grand Canyon.' Views on the walk were superb, with the best probably being over the peacefully grazing alpaca towards Mt Franklin. (Historical note: In 1840, in response to concerns about the treatment of Aboriginals by the settlers, the

government took over Mount Franklin and the surrounding area for the Loddon Aboriginal Protectorate Station).

Our leader was somewhat evasive about the distance and we were all quite surprised to see the cars appear before we had expected, leaving time for yet more coffee in Daylesford.

Best wishes to Greg for a speedy recovery and return to the trails.

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>

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FRENCH NOVELLAS in FRENCH *Arthur Lipscombe, Tutor. arthur.lipscombe@gmail.com*

If you are interested in this class, you should be confident of reading French stories in French that are not too long nor too difficult, with the help of vocabulary notes provided and a dictionary. Classes are held in English; reading is done at home, a few hours each week. You can join our class when we start our next book, but first contact Arthur Lipscombe.

GERMAN A *Terry Baker, Class Rep.*

After the completion of a series of stories in which the text could be simultaneously read and heard, we now embark upon a novel in German. *Am kürzeren Ende der Sonnenallee*, by Thomas Brussig, tells the story of a family living just beyond the wall in East Berlin. Class members who have just joined the class will be discovering the delights of Wien.

GERMAN B *Ken Gittens, Class Rep*

This class continues their exploration in and around Düsseldorf – and will rely on their language to get to Sehenswürdigkeiten (tourist spots) and eat, drink and be merry.

LATIN *Anne McKee, Tutor, 0403 079 216*

LATIN 5 *John Poliness, Tutor*

LATIN 5 and 6 *Janice Cook, Class rep.*

LITERATURE *Robyn McKnight, Class Rep*

Our class will be reading *Testament of Youth* by Vera Brittain during the month of June. Our tutor will be Greta Christie.

MUSIC APPRECIATION *Janice Cook, Class Rep. 5331 8898*

On Friday June 2 Janice Cook will be in charge of the program ‘Tying up loose ends’, and then Ron Hedgcock will present more of his Memorable People on Friday July 7.

NORDIC POLE WALKING *Pat McCarthy, Tutor 0467 852 759.*

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

During June we will continue on the Yarrowee Creek trail, meeting at The Gong car park at 10.00 am.

RECORDERS *Jacqueline Cleverly, Tutor.*

The Ballarat Steiner School, once again, invited us to their Autumn Fair, and we played a half-hour program of pieces, both ancient and modern! I am told that the full range of recorders could be clearly heard; our audience, in the Steiner Tea Room, stopped chomping on their scones to listen and were captivated by the versatility of the instruments. We are now learning a new set of songs and dances which we expect to perform at a venue to be advised. Watch this space!

SCRABBLE *Leslie Norwood,*

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)

SILVER JEWELLERY MAKING *Terry Dixon, Class Rep. (am)* *Anne King, 5341 8002, Class Rep. (pm)*

SIT AND STITCH *Margaret Copping, Class Rep., 04 0902 1949*

Classes are held 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 9.30 to 3.00 at Ballarat North Community Centre.

Members of our class are all using varied skills, for example: knitting, crocheting, quilting, dress making, embroidering and patch working, to create beautiful craft pieces.

To the right is a quilt being made by Margaret Mc Garry, all hand stitched, 156 squares with over 60 different shades of reds. Well done Margaret.



WALKERS AND COFFEE *Chris Cullen, Walk Leader.*

Information and apologies; John Elischer, 0421341288

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

May 24: Midvale Shopping Centre, coffee shop Mt Clear.

June 7: MADE, the car park off Rodier and Eureka Streets, coffee *Salt Bush Cafe*.

June 28: Gong Gong Reservoir, Top car park, coffee *Provedore*, Western Highway.

July 5: *Pipers by the Lake*. Wendouree Parade.

July 26: Meet Corner of Rubicon and Albert Streets, Sebastopol side of Eclipse Ford.

WEAVE YOU OWN STARS *Lidia Aitken, Tutor*

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

We are getting close to the finishing line before we send the stars to Brisbane in readiness for the Commonwealth Games in 2018. Third Thursday of the month, but Lidia would also like help on the 1st Thursday if you are available.

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