



U3A Art Show

Thursday, 28 September
5:00pm – 6:30pm
5:15pm Opening by Ballarat Mayor Cr. Samantha McIntosh
Ballarat North Community Centre
702 Armstrong Street, North Ballarat

**Come Experience Beautiful Artworks Created
By U3A Members Through Our Range Of
Fun & Engaging Art Classes:**

Book Folding	Preserving Memories
Digital Photography	Silver Jewellery
Looking At Pictures	Sit & Stitch
Mixed Media Painting	Woodwork
Mosaic	Star Making

Music by the U3A Recorder Group

Enjoy Some Delicious Refreshments:
Finger Food ★ Fruit Punch ★ Wine
Tea ★ Coffee

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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2017

Mon Sept 4	U3A Grampians Region Meeting
Mon Sept 4	'Roll Markers' Meeting. BNCC. 4.00 - 5.00 pm
Wed Sept 6	New Members' morning tea and tour, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.30 am
Wed Sept 20	U3A Committee Meeting. BNCC 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed Sept 20	Deadline for September Bulletin articles (to Elena Tommasi. etommasi53@gmail.com)
Thurs Sept 28	Art Exhibition. BNCC. 5.00 - 6.30 pm
Wed Oct 4	New Members' morning tea and tour, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.30 am

U3A Ballarat Musical Performances

Celtic Band

U3A Choristers:

- BUPA Aged Care; 1 pm Tuesday 12 September
- U3A AGM; 1 pm Thursday 26 October
- Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council; 1 pm
Wednesday 8 November
- Ballarat Art Gallery; 2:30 pm Sunday 26 November
- Ballarat Royal Freemasons Aged Care (Carols); 1:30 pm
Tuesday 5 December
- Ballarat Library (Carols); 1:30 pm Tuesday 12
December.

U3A Recorder Group

- U3A Art Exhibition 5:00 Thursday September 28 BNCC

VALE

Dorothy Douglas

Dorothy joined U3A soon after the Ballarat group was formed. She was a foundation member of the Choir (1990) and Music Appreciation (early 90's) and an enthusiastic player of Mahjong, as well as being involved in several community activities. In 1992 and 1993 Dorothy was President of U3A

Bulletin Editor for September and October:

Elena Tommasi. etommasi53@gmail.com



On Friday morning 18 August we received notice that the successful bidder for G Place is a “very large Ballarat, Not-for-Profit organisation for a substantial sum of money”. Sadly, it wasn't U3A. I would like to thank all our committee members for their collective effort in working so hard to make it happen for our membership. The enthusiastic community support was also much appreciated.

We spoke to Ballarat Community Health to enquire how the negotiations with the Education Department are progressing regarding the lease of the Barkly Street Campus. We were informed that there has been no response yet from the education department.

That of course leaves the council grant for further renovations at the B.N.C.C. which was confirmed by our empathetic and supportive Mayor Samantha McIntosh at our Christmas in

July function. This grant gives us the opportunity to create a real U3A community facility in Ballarat North, with the support of the other 2 user groups. As can be noted from all the aforementioned, we are working very hard to achieve the best possible outcome in securing the accommodation our membership deserves.

Our Christmas in July was a real success, with some 150 people in attendance our Mayor gave a wonderful address praising U3A and our contribution to the Ballarat community, she was rewarded for this by a presentation of some flowers as was Rose Young in appreciation of her ongoing support. The entertainment was fantastic, with the choir doing themselves proud, and the ukulele players as whenever they perform, were spellbinding in creating a wonderful atmosphere. Of course, it would be remiss of me if I did not mention all those committee members and volunteers who created and presented a magnificent afternoon tea. A huge thank you to all those involved.

Our next event is The Art Show, to be held at the B.N.C.C. on the 28/9/2017. The show commences at 5.00 to finish at 6.30 pm. It will be opened by our Mayor Samantha McIntosh, and the skills/talents of our collective U3A art classes will be on display for all to share. Of course, the usually high standard cheese, fruit platters and biscuits will be provided, along with a glass of fruit punch or wine. Come along and share/participate in this event, as our committee and volunteer's work so very hard to present it to you. We will be suggesting a gold coin donation, but don't feel obliged. [Although it really helps]

Our membership is still growing, and we welcome all these new members, and congratulate them for choosing to join our wonderful organisation, PLEASE make them feel welcome and introduce yourself in classes and activities. To those members not feeling too well, come back soon to your classes, as you are missed and to those members who have escaped North for the winter months, please come back safe.

Thank you to all the tutors and class reps, for your ongoing enthusiastic contribution.

Jack Engwerda, President 53412118 Jackpam1@bigpond.com

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

Please Note: 1. The U3A Ballarat Office will be open on Mondays 1.00 - 3.00 pm, after September 4, for roll-marking purposes only.
2. The Office will be closed on Thursday 5 October, for the 50th anniversary of the Senior Citizens.

MEMBERSHIP



Attention all Tutors and Class reps

There will be a meeting of all those responsible for marking the roll for their class in the Hall at BNCC on September 4 at 4.00 – 5.00 pm.

It is imperative that someone from each class attend this meeting, where we will be discussing the importance of keeping class rolls and showing how it must be done on *MyU3A*.

For those who would prefer not to use the computer the office staff will be able to assist you in the data entry. We also need to emphasize the importance of keeping the roll up to date; this is particularly important as we approach the end of the year and re-enrolment time. Anyone not on the roll for a class will not be able to re-enroll in the class during the priority period.

We are aware that quite a few classes are not entering their members' attendance at class and it is imperative that this problem be overcome. If you are unable to send a representative from your class, please notify Helen Slater or Nina Netherway or the office.

To encourage and assist Tutors and Reps in marking their rolls online, the **office** will be open on **Monday afternoons; 1.00 – 3.00** from September 4 specifically for this purpose and there will be no time to transact other business.

An Information Session for Tutors and Reps will be held on **November 9** at BNCC. The meeting begins at 3.00 pm with a Devonshire Tea! Come along and see what good cooks you have on your Committee!

Enrolment for 2018

Planning is well advanced for the 2018 enrolment time. Please make sure your class details are correct and your personal details also up to date; it will save time on enrolment day and prevent errors occurring. There will be some changes to the way members enroll in classes and these will be explained at the November 9 meeting.

Nina Netherway
Membership Secretary/MyU3A Support
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CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

The latest class notes.

1. Reading Sheet Music started on 18th August.
2. There is a new Tai Chi for arthritis class at 8.30am, at Ballarat North Hall. There are now two Tai Chi classes. There is a wait list for both classes.

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

Planning for classes for next year is underway, and the planning letter and form for tutors for 2018 classes was emailed and/or posted in early August. If you did not receive this planning letter, please contact Mary Maloney.

Mary Maloney has agreed to present any new classes that are proposed to the committee for approval at the August and September meetings in Denise's absence. If you are thinking of offering a new class or you are going to offer a duplicate version of a class for 2018, then please contact Mary or the Office.

1. **September 15th** - Tutors are to have the class information form for **2018 Current Classes** to Denise Grant by email or leave your form at the Office.
2. Ideas and course outline for **proposed new classes** should be submitted to **Mary Maloney** moomoo@southernphone.com.au by **September 15th**.
3. **October 7th** – **Completed forms for NEW CLASSES** submitted to Denise Grant by email or via the U3A Office after approval by the committee.
4. If your class is not going to be running in 2018, please let Denise Grant know as soon as possible.

Please note: Class Reps and tutors please have your **rolls up to date with names of class members entered onto MyU3A**. If names of class members are not on your MyU3A register, then those people will be not be able to re-enrol in the same class for next year.

Now is the time to check that your list of class members is accurate. You can either do this online on MyU3A or go to the Office where a friendly Office volunteer will do it for you.

Classes definitely not running in 2018.

Digital Photography and Roman history are not going ahead next year. Are there any others? Please contact Denise Grant if you know that your class will not be continuing. Denise can be contacted by email deniseu3a@hotmail.com or notify the office.

Advance notice about cancellation of classes at Ballarat North Community Centre.

There are two dates when the Ballarat North Senior Citizens require the use of the whole building all day, so there will be no U3A classes at Ballarat North Community Centre on those days.

1. **Thursday 5th October** is the day that The Senior Citizens are celebrating their 50th anniversary, and celebrations will be going all day. They have a special day with a number of important guests attending so we will be vacating the building for that day.
The Office will also be closed on the 5th October.
2. There will also be no classes at Ballarat North on Melbourne Cup Day, **Tuesday, 7th November** because the Senior Citizens have an all-day activity which uses the whole building.

Eastwood – from Marita, the Eastwood manager

1. **10th November** is the gazetted Public holiday for Ballarat Show day, and our office is closed. Correct lock up procedure throughout the day and at end day will be important as all our staff have a day off.
2. We have 3 days in October when our venue is host to VCAA for the Drama & Performance Exams. We aim to provide a quiet venue suitable for exams, and the VCAA Students & Examiners.

Monday 16th, Friday 20th & Monday 23rd October. The Tea room & Kitchen and the long hall will not be available on these days - from 8 am to 4pm.

We will have signs up to remind everyone in the Complex to be aware of noise levels and ask that they go directly to their rooms.

We normally cancel all bookings on exam days, but I'm sure your members will be understanding of the requirements for the Exams. We can place an urn in Room 1, if required.

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

U3A BALLARAT WEBPAGE



Check the **Calendar page on the website** to keep up to date with what is happening.

The link on the **front page** will take you to important celebrations.

If you need help using the website or have any questions regarding anything on it, contact me by phone 5330 1334 or by email.

moomoo@southernphone.com.au

*Mary Maloney, Website Manager. 5330 1334
moomoo@southernphone.com.au*



U3A Accommodation Plans for 2018 / 2019

After several meetings with our partners at BNCC, state members of parliament, the Mayor of Ballarat and potential partners (Ballarat Community Health) in July and August, the following changes to our accommodation situation are planned.

1. Grant for Stage 2 Renovations at Ballarat North Community Centre - The Mayor Samantha McIntosh announced at our 'Christmas in July' celebrations that the City of Ballarat is to continue Stage 2 of the project started in March 2016. Priorities remain 1) new flooring in the hall, 2) increased size of the office, 3) new small meeting rooms, 4) updating the toilets, 5) updating and enlarging the kitchen. Meetings with the major projects officer have been scheduled in August/September. Completion date for project anticipated for March 2018.
2. Federal Funding for Ballarat Sports and Event Centre (BSEC) - Peter Eddy and Basketball Ballarat have won \$10 million in Federal funding on 7 August. This grant will provide the \$24 million (\$9 million Victoria State + \$5 million CoB + \$10 million Federal) for the complete construction of BSEC. U3A Ballarat (a ground-floor partner for the past 7 years) has been invited to further discuss plans in the next month for the use of 3 or 4 rooms of community space from 9 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday. The construction will be started in late 2017 for projected completion in February 2019 on the site of the Wendouree Netball Centre corner of Norman Street and Dowling Streets.
3. Barkly Street Site - Ballarat Community Health has made a proposal to the Education Department to be the 'lead hand' in a group of about 20 organisations – some commercial, some not-for-profit – to run a 3 to 5 year lease of the old Girl High. U3A has made an expression of interest for "up to 6 classrooms at a cost of up to \$30,000". The spaces we asked for include rooms 101, 102, 103, 112 (woodwork, jewellery, mosaics), conference room (tea room and small office) and occasional use of the 111 lecture theatre.
4. U3A Bid for GPlace - President Jack Engwerda received a phone call on Friday, 18 August informing us that U3A was unsuccessful in our bid to purchase GPlace. The Committee would like to sincerely thank all those who have encouraged and actively supported our efforts to buy the property. On a positive note, classes in the Community shed can continue until the end of the year under the agreement U3A have with the liquidator.
5. Summary -Two of the four projects we've been involved in for the last few years have been decided in U3A favour in the past fortnight. We remain committed to holding classes in several venues around Ballarat. Our growing membership, sound management, and increased class offerings insure a dynamic and challenging future for U3A Ballarat.

Blake Gordon - Accommodation Sub-Committee

New sign at Ballart North Community Centre



VICTORIAN SENIORS FESTIVAL 2017

Ballarat Library Monday October 9 to Friday October 13, 2017

A number of our classes will be on display in Ballarat Library for the Seniors' Festival during the second week of October. We invite all members to come along and join in or watch any of the activities that take your interest. It's a good opportunity to introduce the U3A to friends who may be interested in joining. An information desk will be staffed each day for any enquiries.

If your class would like to display any of their class products during this week, please contact Anne Ottrey at ottrey@ncable.net.au or call 0422 963 985. We currently have expressions of interest from Silver Jewellery, Woodworking and Book Folding classes. The schedule of all U3A activities at the library is below.

Day	Time	Activity details	Location in Library
Monday 9th October			
	9:30am to 11:00am	Preserve your Memories – Find out how to use your own photos and memorabilia to create a visually pleasing record of life events.	Adult section
	1:30pm to 2:30pm	Poetry reading presented by Ron Hedgcock: The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Coleridge (1:30pm), and the thoughtful and passionate Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam by Edward Fitzgerald (2pm).	Adult section
Tuesday 10th October			
	9:30am – 11:30am	Scottish Country Dancer in kilt available to answer your questions about this fun form of social dancing. See video clips of dancers in action.	U3A Information table in library
	11:30am – 12:00	Dancercise Class – enjoy a demonstration class using dance steps to keep fit to music. Routines easy to follow and learn.	Children's section
	2:00pm to 3:00pm	Celtic Players – Performing heart warming music from Celtic and other traditions – 2 or 3 sets with breaks to chat and answer questions.	Children's section
Wednesday 11th October			
	9:30am to 11:30am	Genealogy and Family History – Investigate methods of finding out about your family history.	Australiana Room
	10.00 – 11.30	Book Folding – Demonstration of varied book folding and book cutting projects to produce artistic objects. No library books harmed in the process!	Adult Section
	9:30am to 11:30am	Cycle Touring – Bikes and cyclists on the spot to chat about long distance (50km+) social bike riding	Adult section
	1:pm – 2:30pm	Mahjong – Join in or watch and learn about this Chinese strategy game using tiles	Adult section
	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Join the U3A Ukulele Players for a sing along, or bring your own ukulele and join in.	Adult section

Thursday 12th October			
	10:00am – 12:00pm	Sit & Stitch – Display and demonstration of sewing crafts and skills.	Adult section
	1:00pm – 1:30pm	Choristers of U3A – 20 minute choir performance, variety of music styles in four-part harmony.	Children's section
	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Weave Your Own Stars – Join in weaving one million stars to end violence	Adult section
	3:00pm – 5:00pm	Join in a session of multi-player strategy board games with the U3A Board Games group	Adult section
Friday 13th October			
	9:30am – 11:30am	Weave Your Own Stars – Join in weaving one million stars to end violence	Adult section
	11:00am – 12:00pm	Recorder Ensemble –presentation of different instruments and group performance.	Children's section
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Clogging performance – Country tap dancing with great music and lots of fun.	Children's section
	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Poetry reading presented by Ron Hedgcock: favourite old poems including works by Blake, Tennyson, Wordsworth and Australian writers.	Adult section

GRAEME CONNELLEY TO SPEAK AT CURRENT AFFAIRS CLASS

Graeme Connelly of The Friends of the ABC will be speaking to the Current Affairs class on 18 September. Everyone is invited to hear this informative and stimulating talk regarding the current status, challenges and threats surrounding our national broadcaster. Class is held at Eastwood Leisure Centre at 10:45.

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

BALLARAT NATIONAL THEATRE

Daisy Pulls It Off

Written by Denise Deegan

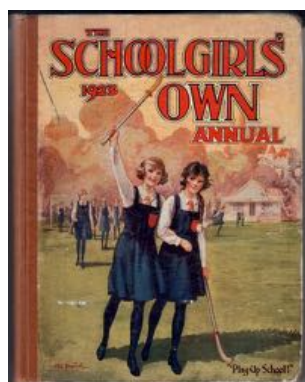
Director Mary-Rose McLaren

Gala Night Sat 30 September 8 pm

Matinee Sun 1 October 2 pm

Wed 4 October – Friday 6 October 8 pm

Matinee Sat 7 October 2 pm



Back to school! A parody of a 1920's boarding school adventure story, Daisy Meredith faces and overcomes snobbish prejudice and schoolgirl pranks at her boarding school. She and her best friend, Trixie Martin, search for missing treasure which could save the school. Great adventure, family discovered and our heroine saves the day!

HER PLACE

WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

12 AUGUST - 2 SEPTEMBER 2017

THE WAREHOUSE - CLUNIS, EDMOND GALLERY

HER PLACE WOMEN'S MUSEUM AUSTRALIA

PAT HIGHAM AFSA
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JOAN KIRNER AC
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DEBORAH LAWRIETHA-S MAP
FLORENCE MCKENZIE OBE
HEALMA MOHAMMED
Bridgette MUIR OAM
PETA SEABLE
GWENETH WISEWORLD

EXHIBITION INVITATION

HER PLACE WOMEN'S MUSEUM AUSTRALIA BOARD IS
PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF

Her Place: Women of Influence
to be opened by

Professor Marilyn Lake
Professorial Fellow in History
The University of Melbourne

Saturday 12 August 3 - 5 pm
RSVP: Tuesday 8 August
E: herplace@herplacemuseum.com
T: 0477 411 089

THE WAREHOUSE - CLUNIS, EDMOND GALLERY
34 FRASER ST, CLUNIS VIC

Her Place: Women of Influence honours the lives and contributions of women throughout Victoria.

The fourth in a series of exhibitions presented by Her Place Women's Museum Australia, it celebrates the work, achievements and historical significance of women through video interviews, biographical accounts and personal artefacts.

The exhibition tells the stories of ten women from across Victoria. These women have contributed to Australian society in a broad range of ways. The group includes a former state premier, a Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung Senior Elder, the first Australian woman to climb Mt Everest, the first Australian female commercial airline pilot and the first female AFL coach. Eight of the women featured in the exhibition have been inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a program of public events, educational programs and resources. See website for details: www.herplacemuseum.com



Privately supported by the Victorian Government

This exhibition has been supported by Stephen Liberman and Stephen Blinn Group

BEWARE OF SCAMS



The Victorian Government is warning consumers If In Doubt Don't to help avoid network scams and has said older Victorians are especially vulnerable.

A Consumer Affairs Victoria survey released today shows nearly one in five **older Victorians** has fallen for a cyber scam.

Victorians aged 55 and over made more than 7000 reports and lost over \$4.5 million to scams in 2016. People aged 55 and over made 45 per cent of all scam reports across Australia throughout last year.

The survey also found that 92 per cent of respondents have received a scam invitation and 18 per cent have fallen for a scam.

Email was the leading channel for scammers, while 38 per cent

of all victims lost money as a result of being scammed.

The quiz can be found at consumer.vic.gov.au/scamsavvy, along with the powerful stories of scam victims.

To report a scam visit the Consumer Affairs Victoria website and complete the [dob-in-a-scam form](#) or call the Helpline on 1300 55 81 81 between 9:00am and 5:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Keep these tips in mind when you are online:

- Be wary of online sellers offering goods and well-known brands at extremely low prices. For more information, view our [Online selling scams page](#).
- When selling items online, do not follow the links in a payment notification email to check whether the payment has arrived - log into your account directly.
- When dating online, do not send money to someone you have never met, even if you have spoken to them or received gifts from them. For more information, view our [Romance scams page](#).
- If you are searching for rental properties online, always inspect the property you want to rent before signing a lease agreement or sending any money. For more information, view our [Rental scams page](#).
- Be wary of unsolicited emails saying you have unclaimed funds or are owed money. For more information, view our [Rebate scams page](#).
- Do not let anyone pressure you into making quick investment or financial decisions. For more information, view our [Investment scams page](#).
- Never send money or bank details to claim a prize. For more information, view our [Lottery scams page](#).
- If you get a call out of the blue from someone saying they need to access your computer to repair it, hang up - it may be a scam. Get a professional to check your computer if you think it needs repairing. For more information, view our [Computer repair scam page](#).

More ways to stay scam savvy:

- watch Stevie, our reformed scammer, show you [how the most common scams work](#)
- read our [Scams Easy English Factsheet \(Word, 1.6 MB\)](#)
- view scams information in your preferred language, in our [Other languages section](#).

THE DIVERSION FOR AUGUST



Congratulations to Lyn Hedger, Margaret Trommestad and Ron Meade for correctly guessing last month's diversion

The photo was of Karlskirche, or St Charles Church, a baroque church in Vienna.

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

The winner of last month's prize will be announced in the next Bulletin.

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

U3A Network Victoria is looking at updating its marketing material. They would like to reflect what happens in member U3A's. The opportunity to take part in a photographic competition is extended to all U3A Ballarat members and especially your photography class members. There will not be a prize as such, just the honour of their photo being used in state marketing and promotion of U3A.

Wanted are not general photos but rather photos of any classes, outings, events etc, offered by U3A, that will help promote U3A. Any member photographed will need to give their written permission for their photo to appear in U3A publicity. The competition will be open from 1 June to 22 September 2017.

There is a registration form, which each participant will need to complete and return to Network office along with a copy/copies of their photos. The photos will need to be of high quality and will become the property of U3A Network Victoria.

Any queries please contact Vice President, Elsie Mutton at elsie.mutton@u3avictoria.com.au

WHAT'S ON AT M.A.D.E.?

Check the M.A.D.E. website for further details: <http://made.org/whats-on/>

Boxes of Stars, many made by U3A's Weave Own Stars group, ready to go to Brisbane. Can you guess how many total stars were sent from Ballarat?



CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 21 Sept 2017
to Elena Tommasi, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
etommasi53@gmail.com

ART

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

Crouch, Amor, Williamson, Guirguis: these are the names of benefactors who have funded rich art prizes...up to \$20,000...which have changed the lives and prospects of emerging Australian artists. These prizes have also brought important works to the Art Gallery of Ballarat's Collection, making it, out of all Regional Galleries, the most comprehensive and respected holding of Australian Art from colonial to present times. In August the History of the Ballarat Art Gallery class will look at some of the winners of these prizes and the benefactors who have so generously funded them.

Next year Gordon Morrison retires as Director of the Art Gallery of Ballarat. On Tuesday September 12th at M.A.D.E at 1.30pm he will give a talk on his time at the helm of the Gallery. EVERYONE is welcome to come along to this special talk...and please bring a friend.

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.

Wednesday 23 August	Ballarat Characters
Wednesday September 13	Joan Hunt, Gold @ Poverty Point
Wednesday September 27	Ballarat Characters
Wednesday October 11	Bus Trip to Creswick

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

This month we reviewed *The High Mountains of Portugal*, by Yann Martel. (*Life of Pi*)

There are three distinct parts to this book but the reader is oblivious of any connection between them until the very end, and then only after a tortuous, often tedious journey.

The narrative, whilst occasionally positive, enjoyable and humorous, frequently sinks into boring repetition, takes unnecessary detours and is dogged by improbabilities.

The whole was more like a draft than a finished work, with the theological symbolism poorly researched and confusing in its relevance.

Eccentric, disjointed, nauseous and surreal, were just a few of the responses from the group. One member was heard to comment, "It has a nice cover."

That pretty much says it all really.

Our next book is, *Brooklyn*, by Colm Toibin.

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

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

Walks for September

September 14 - Mt Erip, Devil's Kitchen. Led by Arthur Buttler. Distance - 6 kms. Code B, BL Car Pool \$5

September 28 - Glenlyon. This walk includes an eco-trail from the historic recreation area, views over farmland, a scenic waterfall (and if there's time parts of the charming town. A mineral spring is nearby. Generally easy, there's a long steep walk back from the falls. B.L, Code B approx 8 kms led by Shirley. Car Pool \$8.

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

CELTIC BAND *Ros Cole, Class Rep.*

CHOIR *George Walpole, Tutor. Liz Bailey, Class Rep.*

CLASSIC CINEMA *Shirley Faull, Tutor. 5331 4408*

Venue: Eastwood Leisure Centre, Room 1.

Two films by Frenchman Louis Malle coming up. Renowned in his homeland, Malle was later welcomed into highly creative theatre and film circles in America.

August 29 "Atlantic City" (USA, 1980, 104 mins). An enjoyable character study set in this decaying resort city, now depending on gambling for its future.

Sept. 12 Returning to France allowed Malle to draw on rich historical material and personal experience to create this powerful drama set during WW2. "Au Revoir les Enfants" (1987, 103 mins, subtitles).

This Sept. screening will be the last opportunity for class members to register their votes for our 2018 theme in person. The options are: The Art of Cinematography, Imagined Worlds, or "Sight and Sound" Top 30: a Selection. More details available at screenings. Please phone any remaining last-minute votes through to Shirley (5331 4408) by noon on Sept.12, if you can't be there in person.

Please be seated ready for a 1.30 start.

CLOGGING *Tutor, Val Kerr, clogit101@gmail.com*

We have a very enthusiastic group who are thoroughly enjoying this activity.

Over the past few weeks we have been busy visiting Geoffrey Cutter/Hailey House and Talbot Place to brighten the day of the residents. We also presented a concert at the Southern Cross Probud Meeting. These activities also benefit the Cloggers as it encourages us to fine tune our technique.

Enrolments for 2018 will very shortly be open. I encourage present and prospective cloggers to enroll early to avoid disappointment.

There is only one intake of new Cloggers at the beginning of each year.



I would very much like to see the male members of U3A consider this activity. Clogging in the very early beginnings was a male dominated activity and at present in Australia 40% of Cloggers are male. Please give it some thought.



COFFEE AND WALKERS *Tutor, Chris Cullen*

All walks start at 10 am sharp from nominated meeting places.

August 23rd Meet Ballarat Special School Bakery, car park Norman St.

September 6th Meet Llanberris Reserve car park. Eureka St.

September 27th meet Bray Raceway car park. Pleasant St, Redan.

October 4th Meet DeSoza Park, car park. Midland Rd, Buninyong.

October 25. Meet Court Hose Hotel, Smythesdale.

SENIORS WEEK.

There will be 3 out of town walks to the following venues as train travel is free for seniors during senior's week. Please note the dates in your diary on all or any of these walks you would like to attend. The time the trains leave will be in the next bulletin.

10th October... Ararat.

11th October.... Ballan

12th October.....Maryborough.

Walk leader Chris Cullen.

Information and apologies John Elischer. 0421341288.

CROQUET *Tutor, Ian McKee, 0403 390 108, anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au*

Introduction to Croquet (Short Course); starts 11 October for six weeks.

Come and try Croquet, the outdoor ball game that has been likened to snooker on grass and which can be played all year round and is great fun. No charge, all equipment provided. Wear flat-soled shoes. Classes held on Wednesday commencing at 9 am lasting for one hour.

Contact Ian McKee

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

Answer to the clue in the last bulletin:

Frosted desserts, the second sent back (4,2) - **Iced Up**

ICE (more usually 'ice cream') + **PUD** are two desserts, and the second has been 'sent back', so **DUP**

Another clue for readers to solve:

I adore crosswords, and I've discovered over the last year or two (since I started doing one every day) that it's really an acquired skill. You may suck at first, but if you keep at it, it gets easier. I remember the one clue that, for some reason, made everything about a crossword "click" for me--get me in the right mindset, let me look at clues laterally when necessary. It wasn't very hard, but it's the clue I always remember: (Anonymous)

Radar Unit (4)

CYCLING GROUP, Tutor *Phill Grant* grantphillip@hotmail.com

DANCERCISE *Lorraine-Amour Chambers, Tutor*

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

We next meet on Sunday 17th September at the North Britain Hotel corner of MacArthur and Doveton St North at 12.30. Please let Ian or I know whether you can attend by Thursday 14th September so we can let them know the numbers. Please remember your name tags. They help us know who you are when you know the face but the name escapes you and your medical details which we hope we will not need.

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

Essays to read for August/ September are:

The Best Australian Essays

- 28 Aug *A World of Bald White Days* by Fiona Wright
- 11 Sept *Things Seen* by Vicki Hastrich
- 25 Sept – *Vagina* by Tegan Bennet Daylight

Personal Essays

- 28 Aug *On Being Black and Middle Class* by Shelby Steele
- 11 Sept *Mother Tongue* by Ami Tan

Please note this is the last essay in this book. We will commence readings on 25 September from **The Oxford Book Of Essays, Edited by John Gross**. The first reading to be determined at class on 11 September. Happy Reading

FILM MUSICALS *Bob Whitten, Class Coordinator. 5341 8189*

ibobdown@hotmail.com Anyone wishing to join the class please contact Bob Whitten

The films for the class during term 3 are as follows:

25 August: *Evita* (1996)

8 September: *The Concert* (2009)

22 September: *Victor - Victoria* (1982)

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

LANGUAGES

DUTCH *Ingrid Parker, Tutor, 0417014610. Andrew Parker, Class Rep., 0418562977*

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

GERMAN A *Terry Baker, Class Rep.*

The class are reading *Am kürzeren Ende der Sonnenallee*, by Thomas Brussig. Recent classes have also dealt with driving in Germany.

GERMAN B *Ken Gittens, Class Rep*

This class continues their exploration in and around Düsseldorf, though the recent emphasis has been on the use of modal verbs. There will be a special program for the remainder of August and September. Many thanks to Edmund.

LATIN *Anne McKee, Tutor, 0403 079 216*

LATIN 5 and 6 *John Poliness, Tutor. Janice Cook, Class Rep.*

LITERATURE *Robyn McKnight, Class Rep*

The class will be reading *The World of Yesterday* by Stefan Zweig with tutor Greta Christie.

MODERN BOARD GAMES *Paul Duggan, Tutor 0431 859 315*

Modern board games are fun, educational, and useful. They enhance abilities such as creativity, memory, planning, resource management, communication, co-operation, imagination, logical thinking and so on.

For example, this semester we have played:

Catan - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catan>

Manage resources, build roads and towns, trade

Ticket to Ride -

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ticket_to_Ride_\(board_game\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ticket_to_Ride_(board_game))

Connect train routes (and block competitors)

Sherlock Holmes -

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sherlock_Holmes:_Consulting_Detective_\(gamebook\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sherlock_Holmes:_Consulting_Detective_(gamebook))

Follow clues, use logic and intuition to solve a mystery in Victorian London

Hanabi - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanabi_\(card_game\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanabi_(card_game))

In this very enjoyable card game you can't see your own cards, but you can see everyone else's! Co-operation, not competition, builds a fireworks display.

Carcassonne - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carcassonne_\(board_game\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carcassonne_(board_game))

Set in medieval France, this game has you farming, building roads, and constructing castles...but can you control more land than the other players?

Arctic Scavengers -

<https://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/41933/arctic-scavengers>

Can your rag-tag mob make it in this post-apocalyptic game of Arctic survival?

Skull & Roses - <https://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/92415/skull>

Bluff your way to victory, incredibly simple, fast and fun...a game rarely lasts longer than 5 minutes.

Games are provided, so join us for some fun, mental stimulation and

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socialising. We play every Thursday 3pm-5pm at the Ballarat North Community Centre. To enrol or inquire please contact tutor Paul Duggan, 0431 859 315.

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

Just 3 more well-thought-out programs to enjoy for this year.

On September 1, Mike Maloney will be the presenter and then in October on Friday 6, Joan Jamieson will be in charge with a program on French Impressionist music. And many thanks to the members who have volunteered afternoon tea for the rest of our classes.

MYTHS AND MYTHMAKING *Marion Dick, Class Rep. 5332 4831*

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

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

PHILOSOPHY *John Poliness, Class Rep.*

PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES *Irene Warfe, Tutor, 53320092, iwarfe51@gmail.com*

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm, Eastwood Leisure Centre, Room 1

Would like to do something with the family photos (new and old) you have in the drawer, remember the sights and sounds of those wonderful holidays or simply leave a pictorial legacy for your family to enjoy? (Our grandchildren LOVE seeing themselves as babies!) Then the Preserve Your Memories is the U3A class for you.

You work on your own project/s so joining us at any time is not a problem.

Come along and see what projects our members are working on. There are several vacancies for Term 3 so if you would like to know more **contact Irene** at iwarfe51@gmail.com or on 53320092.

RECORDER GROUP *June Johnstone, Tutor*

The recorder group, re-named The Yarrowee Players, for this occasion, the U3A recorder ensemble played two well-rehearsed pieces, to a group of fellow recorder enthusiasts, in a church hall on Sunday 30th July in Mount Waverley, Melbourne. This event was a soirée, organised by the VRG – Victorian Recorder Guild. Despite its name, the soirée was in the afternoon, and featured recorder players, mostly Melbourne based, with ages ranging from seven to 87. Our first piece, 'La Mourisque' by Tylman Susato was a Renaissance dance, with drum and trumpet reinforcing the drive and beat. Our second was a beautiful arrangement of the gentle English folk song, Early One Morning. This arrangement gives the tune, in turn, to the tenors, altos, descants and basses. Audience members commented that it was good to hear the basses being given the melody. Good, too, that the rest of us played in such a way that they could be heard.

This was not Ballarat's only contribution to the afternoon. We listened to Geoff Parr-Smith improvising on the tenor recorder, and Quinta Quintet, a small group from within our ensemble, playing Rota's Romeo and Juliet and Bertali's Sonata for Five Flauti.

Listening to a couple of hours of recorder playing from different groups, we were able to pick up some new songs suitable for our Ballarat group to learn. It was also obvious that without June our group would be so much less. Thank you June for the hard work you do to keep us together and tuneful.



As you will have missed this performance, don't miss us at the U3A Art Show in September – see date in this newsletter!

SCRABBLE *Leslie Norwood,*

Second and fourth Wednesdays in Room 1, Eastwood Leisure Centre, at 1.30 pm

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.

WALKERS AND COFFEE *Chris Cullen, Tutor, 0431 859 315*

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.

September 6: Llanberris Reserve car park entrance off York Street, corner Grant Street.

September 27: Bray Raceway car park, Pleasant Street, Redan.

During Seniors' Week in October, because of the free travel, there will be EXTRA walks organised out of town. So check next month's list of walks carefully and come and enjoy the change of walking venue..

WEAVE YOU OWN STARS *Lidia Aitken, Tutor*

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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! You can contact me, Jean Laing.

WINE TASTING *Steve Goodwin, Tutor. Class Rep, Andrew Parker,*

Talking and Tasting Wine commenced on 25 July 2017

This course will be less structured than the Semester One course. It will be continuous and not a short course. Steve will choose topics for the first few weeks and then move to topics chosen by the participants. Blind tastings would include wines brought by the participants. Lots of questions are encouraged. For further enquiries please contact Alan Pittard, 0438 578 464

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