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CD Launch
GOING HOME

SUN 19 NOV, 3.00PM
BALLARAT NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE
CNR WALKER/DOVETON STREETS

CONCERT & AFTERNOON TEA
EVERYONE WELCOME

THE BAND, SAINT CECILIA SINGERS & MIRLYN
WILL BE PERFORMING ON THE DAY

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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2017

Thurs Oct 26	U3A Ballarat Annual General Meeting, 1.30 pm BNCC
Wed Nov 1	New Members' morning tea and tour, Ballarat North Community Centre, 10.30 am
Tues Nov 7	Melbourne Cup Day; NO classes at BNCC
Fri Nov 10	Ballarat Show Day Holiday; NO classes at ELC
Wed Nov 15	U3A Committee Meeting. BNCC 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed Nov 15	Deadline for September Bulletin articles (to Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com)
Mon Nov 20	The start of the re-enrolment period for current members re-enrolling in their current classes
Mon Nov 27	The start of the re-enrolment period for current members to enrol in new classes.
Mon Dec 4	The start of the enrolment period for new members
Thurs Nov 30	Thank you Lunch for Tutors, Reps and Volunteers

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VALE Liz Souter.

Her friends in U3A were saddened to hear of the death of Liz Souter on October 7. She had been a member of our Philosophy class for many years and of the Science class.

Liz was a remarkable woman. She was an independent thinker, a skilled artist, an environmentalist, a gardener and an advocate for refugees. She enriched many people's lives and she will be remembered for her compassion, her wisdom, her humility and her concern for her fellow man.

John Poliness

Bulletin Editor *Phill Grant* grantphillip@hotmail.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Another busy and productive month, especially for our Class Coordinator, Accommodation Chairman and office volunteers. We have a number of new classes for next year, which will be promoted in our Bulletin and website. If you are interested in participating in these, and in any of our classes, **please enrol early.**

The accommodation subcommittee has been very active in securing classroom facilities for next year (2018). The first six months of 2018 are allocated to the further refurbishment of the Ballarat North Community Centre. On completion of this, we will have a larger office, two additional small classrooms and electric self-opening doors in the front entrance. We are also having ongoing discussions with *Pinarc* to secure the shed, and additional classrooms, ensuring a long and mutually beneficial relationship at what we know as GPlace.

We are also continuing to conduct classes at Eastwood Street with the ongoing support of the very helpful management there. It appears that the more we reach out to establish relationships with the Ballarat community at large, the more doors open for accommodation potential.

U3A (that's us) again contributed to Seniors' Week by a wonderful range of activities and displays at the library. We really did ourselves proud, the music and dancing groups presentations were classy and fun, and the class representations were just so informative. As president, I felt proud to be involved with a group of such winners. I have also come to the conclusion that the Ukulele players don't perform, they **JAM**, and generate a fantastic ambiance in doing so. In all it was a great success as we had many enquiries, including the interest of quite a few potential tutors.

The 'buddy board program' is progressing really well at this stage, enabling those of our members who are not so mobile to participate more fully in U3A activities; it will also encourage members of our wider community to join us (U3A), to be involved in this fantastic project. More good news coming soon.

I wish to really emphasize that if you are re-enrolling for classes you currently attend, or wish to enrol for new classes next year, **PLEASE DO IT EARLY !!!**

Another reminder that our A.G.M. is again being conducted at B.N.C.C. on Thursday 26 October commencing at 1.30 pm. This will include a presentation of U3A's choral skills, and is to be followed by our usual Michelin star afternoon tea. Hoping to see you all there.

Jack Engwerda, President 53412118 Jackpam1@bigpond.com

Membership Renewals start November 20
for current classes!

*Make sure you get your choice of
classes by renewing early!*

Office open 10.00 – 3.00

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	TIME
During Term Time	
Mondays	10.00 am – 12.00
Thursdays	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Enrolment Period	
November 20 to December 8	
Monday to Friday	10.00 am - 3.00 pm



CHANGE of Bulletin EDITOR

Many thanks to Elena Tommasi who volunteered to take over the editorship of the U3A Ballarat Bulletin for September and October.

It was good to see the Bulletin in good hands - this the travellers in the U3A Ballarat Cycle Touring group were able to see, using the frequently available wifi facilities found during our cycle tour of The Netherlands.

Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com
Vice-President and Bulletin Editor

CELTIC BAND INVITATION to their CD LAUNCH

Dear U3A Members,

You are warmly invited to attend the **U3A Celtic Band CD launch** on

Sunday, 19 November, 3.00 pm at BNCC.

Please come and support us with your presence for this one hour concert.

The Saint Cecilia Singers will also be there to entertain you. Professional Duo, Miriam and Lyndon Kriss will perform as 'MirLyn', a wonderful guitar and cello combination.

Afternoon tea will follow, plus the opportunity to purchase the CD at a cost of \$10.00.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Best Wishes,

Corrie Olsen , Class Tutor
Ros Cole, Class Rep.

Photographs: Robin Philip
Top right: Chris Dickinson's open garden
Bottom right: At the Art Show



MEMBERSHIP



We have finally reached our 1000th member!! Cheryl Marshall was the lucky person and will be duly recognized at the AGM. We now have 1002 members! I do hope you all renew for next year. There are some very interesting new courses being presented in 2018, so watch out for them and book in early!

Membership Renewals for 2018

- ☞ Members will be able to renew their membership of \$50 and re-enrol into their current classes from November 20.
- ☞ **PLEASE NOTE** – You must re-enrol into your current class/es yourself – class lists DO NOT automatically roll over! Payment **must** be made before you can re-enrol.
- ☞ You can then book into new classes you wish to join, from November 27.
- ☞ New members will then be able to enrol from December 4.
- ☞ You must pay your membership fee of \$50 before you will be able to enrol in any class.
- ☞ If you are not on the electronic roll, that is the *MyU3A* roll, of your current class, you will not be able to re-enrol into that class until November 27. So make sure you check with your tutor or class rep.

Any queries about these procedures, please contact Nina Netherway 5334 4836.

Payment of Membership Fee

1. Membership fee is \$50 for a calendar year; 1 January to 31 December.
2. Membership fee for Associate members, that is, those who also have current 2018 membership with another U3A - \$25. Proof of this membership must be shown, for example a receipt.

Payment may be made **online** using *PayPal* through *MyU3A* and classes may be selected.

Payment at the office :



1. Cash/cheque
2. EFTPOS – this facility has been made available to us to use for the three enrolment weeks of November by courtesy of the Bendigo Bank.

There will be a computer station set aside for EFTPOS payments.



It has been decided **not** to reprint the nametags for 2018 unless they are requested. So when you are re-enrolling please ask for a new name tag if you need one – we do want everyone to have and wear, their nametag when at class. New members, of course, will receive one.



A big thank you to the Tutors and Class Reps who have persevered with rolls and class lists on *MyU3A* this year. We hope it will be easier next year!

I hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and come back in 2018 all ready for more interesting, challenging and exciting U3A classes!

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

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

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES in NOVEMBER

Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 7 November

Classes will be held as usual on Tuesday 7 November at Eastwood. Eastwood does not have a holiday on that day. The only venue where there are no classes on Melbourne Cup Day will be Ballarat North Community Centre. All other classes at other venues will meet the same as usual.

Ballarat Show Day, Friday 10 November

There will be no classes at Eastwood on Friday 10 November because the Eastwood staff take a holiday for the Ballarat Show. Originally, we said that we would have classes and we would have to somehow unlock and lock the building all day, but that could be difficult so we have decided to cancel classes for that day.

Classes at all other venues will go ahead as usual.

CLASSES FOR 2018

There was an error in the last Bulletin. The Class Coordinator was overseas so the August report was repeated in the September Bulletin. Please note that **ROMAN HISTORY** is running next year. Apologies to Anne McKee and her class if this error caused angst.

Classes that are not running next year are:

Digital Photography – Mark Bevelander

Know your Digital Camera - Carol Hall

Yoga @ North – Julie Brusachi

Meditation – Julie Brusachi

First Steps, Guitar – Barry McClausland

Genealogy Group B – John Olsen, but Noelene McCulloch will take a similar class.

Introduction to Croquet – Ian McKee

Looking at Pictures – Clive Stratford (Note also that this class is no longer running in 2017 due to personal reasons)

Practical Techniques in Writing – Karen Sparnon (Note that due to illness this class is not running this term)

Spanish Conversation – Catherine Toro

Reading Sheet Music – Geoff Parr-Smith

Art and About – Rhonda Gray

New classes 2018

Tapestry Weaving for Beginners – Millicent Reed

Tablet Weaving for Beginners – BJ Johnson

Photography – Creativity for Fun - Robin Phillip

Spanish Continuing is a new class following on after Introductory Spanish – Arthur Lipscombe

Ballarat 1851 – 1861 will be a part of the Ballarat History course at MADE, and will run in Weeks 1 and 3 for ten sessions, alternating with the usual Weeks 2 and 4 that Ballarat History runs.

Mixed Media Jewellery – Elena Tommasi.

Ballroom Dancing will have a beginners' class on Monday mornings

Absolute Beginners' French – Simon Dennis

Prisoners of Geography – Doug Bradby and Chris Dickinson

Managing your Share Portfolio – Andrew Parker

Recorder for Beginners – Mary Melchert

Book folding will have an introductory class for the first four weeks of the year, and then people can join the **Book Folding Interest Group**
Genealogy B – will now be taken by Noelene McCulloch

Some classes have been renamed, so keep an eye on the tutor's name when you are enrolling in your Italian and Latin classes, for example, and Dancercise is now called Dancing for Fun. Nordic walking is now called Pole Walking. Robyn Thornton's Silver Jewellery class is now called Silver Jewellery, Nonferrous and Found products. Advanced Genealogy is now called Writing using your Family History Research.

TUTORS AND CLASS REP INFORMATION AFTERNOON

November 9

Ballarat North Community Centre at 3.30 pm for afternoon tea, followed by an information session about 2018 and feedback and discussion about 2017.

This is the main forum this year for assessing the 2017 programme, discussing problems and giving out information about 2018. We are not going to have the usual information session before the Tutors and Class Rep luncheon this year. We will just come and eat and enjoy. It is important that all Tutors and Class Reps. attend if possible so that you keep up with the latest developments, and have your say about what we can do to improve our experiences.

ARE THERE ANY NEW TUTORS WAITING IN THE WINGS?

We would love to hear from you if you think that you could take any type of art, painting or drawing class. We constantly receive enquiries about the art classes that we have available. Any type of movement, such as dance, walking, exercise classes would be very welcome.

Any idea for a new class would be most welcome no matter what the topic. You may have a special interest or skill that you could share with others. Please contact Denise Grant at deniseu3a@hotmail.com if you would like to offer a new class, or ring 0439321250.

ACCOMMODATION for 2018

As you already know, we cannot use Ballarat North Community Centre for our classes until at least July next year. The Accommodation Committee is working hard to find alternative venues. The timetable is ready to go and Tutors will be sent a copy of the Timetable and Class Information Book to check within the next week. Your venues however may not be finalised at this stage.

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

ODDS AND SODS FROM THE COMMITTEE and OTHERS

- * Class members would be most pleased if, when you are ill, you stayed at home.
- * Denise would throw a party if a stack of members offered to hold new classes for next year. (How about more teachers of Art, or perhaps a teacher of Chinese?)
- * Did you know there is a library at the Ballarat North Community Centre? Indeed, a library that can be used by U3A Ballarat members.
- * Did you know you can check the M.A.D.E. website to see what is 'on' at M.A.D.E?:
<http://made.org/whats-on/>
- * Did you know we have received a grant from Rotary to purchase a defibrillator for BNCC?
- * Did you know there will be a 'car-boot' sale at BNCC on 2 December?



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR NEWS ABOUT OUR BUDDY BOARD
The Buddy Board will be launched at the AGM on the 26 of October!!

WHAT IS A BUDDY BOARD?

A Buddy Board (an electronic bulletin board system) is a computer application whereby you can share, request or discuss information on a range of topics with other members of a group. Email is the way to converse privately with one or more persons, while BuddyBoard is open to all members of Ballarat U3A.

PLEASE NOTE: Below is a copy of the Member's Area page where you will find a new link to the U3A Network Bulletin and lots of other useful links.

TIMETABLE	CURRENT BULLETIN	USEFUL LINKS
COURSE GUIDE	Bulletin Archive	Class Attendance - Click on the purple button
TUTORS	2017 Bulletins >	Class Register - Click on the purple button
MY U3A	2016 Bulletins >	Class Reps Notes
ONLINE COURSES	2015 Bulletins >	Copyrights
	2014 Bulletins >	End of Year Procedure
	ADMINISTRATION	Equipment Application
	CALENDAR AND OFFICE HOURS	Falls
	NETWORK BULLETIN	Incident Report Form
		Register of Incident at North
		Risk Management
		Tips for Class Tutors
		Office Help Sheets for Office Volunteers

If you need help using the website or have any questions regarding anything on it, contact me
Mary Maloney, Website Manager. 5330 1334 moomoo@southernphone.com.au

ACCOMMODATION SUB-COMMITTEE

2018 U3A Accommodation – a brief backwards glance and on to the future

This year the committee is happy with our efforts to cope with the loss of GPlace and the success of negotiations with several partners to house our ever-increasing list of classes. We remain open to suggestions of new venues – so what is the draft plan so far for 2018?

1. Ballarat North Community Centre. With the planned complete closing of the centre from January to June 2018 for renovation, we've made arrangements to shift classes from the hall into Eastwood Leisure Complex and Ballarat South Senior Citizens Centre. Classes from the bingo room and old library are presently being considered for several venues. This delicate situation should be resolved in the next fortnight.

2. Eastwood Leisure Complex. Thanks to the very cooperative management at ELC (Marita and Bev) U3A will be running more classes (Choristers, two Dancercise groups) there for at least the first six months of 2018. This partnership has thrived on the great flexibility shown by both U3A tutors and ELC management. We look forward to continuing involvement at this conveniently located venue. With free parking just across Eastwood Street for 3-hours (thanks to the CoB) our future there has been enhanced.

3. Pinarc Purchase of GPlace. Following the successful tender by *Pinarc* for our old home at GPlace, U3A has started productive discussion with the *Pinarc* CEO Marianne Hubbard. U3A have gained access to the community shed for 2018 for the Woodwork, Jewellery, and Mosaic classes. This is the beginning of a new partnership with *Pinarc* that should provide security and mutual benefit for both organisations.

4. Potential New Venue at Lucas. U3A will investigate this exciting possibility in coming weeks with the full support of the CoB. On the flip side, our generous expression of interest for Barkly Street classrooms has stalled, awaiting action from Ballarat Community Health (the potential lead hand for over twenty community organisations that would like to use this convenient facility for three to five years). It is frustrating that the wheels of change turn so slowly at the Education and Health Departments.

5. Ballarat Sports and Event Centre (BSEC). U3A's long-term use of this venue (which will open in early 2019) is an exciting addition following the complete funding of the new facility. Our interest in classroom space and the large court complex from 9 to 4 pm should lead to new U3A course offerings. Watch this space once the final draft plan surfaces in the next two months.

So the ongoing accommodation process continues to progress with any new additions to be tabled at the AGM on Thursday 26 October. Thanks for your patience and cooperation with YOUR hand-working committee. Watch for the 2018 timetable that will reflect the changes we've made with your help and consultation.

Blake Gordon,
Accommodation Sub-Committee

WHAT'S ON IN BALLARAT?

FILM LUNCHEONS It may be of interest to U3A Ballarat class groups that the Regent Cinema in Ballarat is offering Film Luncheons.

Films still available include:

Express, 9 November; *Wonder*, 30 November; *The Man Who Invented Christmas*, 30 November; *Secret Scripture*, 7 December; *Goodbye Christopher Robin*, 23 December.

WHAT'S ON IN BALLARAT?

U3A Ballarat Musical Performances

Celtic Band: CD Launch, Sunday 19 November, 3.00 pm, BNCC

U3A Choristers:

- 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.

Recorder Ensemble Anglican Cathedral's Carol Service, 17 December

The activity mentioned below is not a U3A Ballarat activity. It has been mentioned in the U3A Ballarat *Bulletin* because it may be of interest to members.

BALLARAT NATIONAL THEATRE

Nobody's Perfect

Written by Simon Williams

Director Kelly-Jane Harrison

Gala Night Sat 2 December 8 pm

Matinee Sun 3 December 2 pm

Wed 6 - Friday 8 December 8 pm

Matinee Sat 9 December 2 pm



Well it's a comedy.

Love Is All Around the publishing company is running a competition to find new romantic fiction. Leonard submits his work under the female pseudonym "Myrtle Banbury". In order to collect his financial reward Leonard is forced to carry on the pretence that "Myrtle" exists.

His teenaged daughter and father play along with the deception, but expect, and receive, financial rewards from Leonard's wallet for their trouble. Things turn out OK in the end, but you'll have to come to The Courthouse to find out how.

THE DIVERSION FOR NOVEMBER



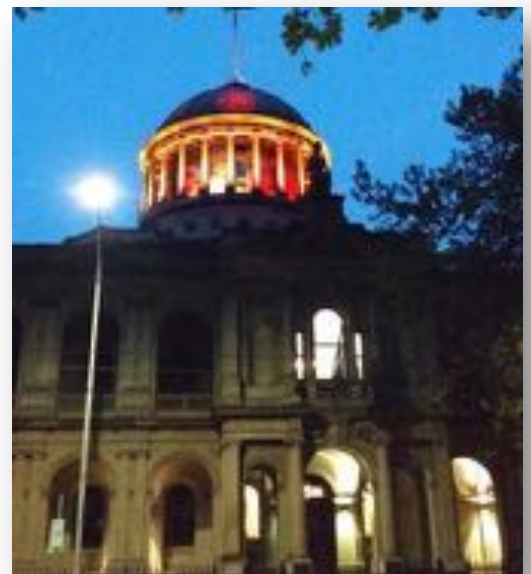
Congratulations to Terry and Judy Dixon, and Rebecca Black for correctly identifying the location of the house as Canterbury in the UK. Not surprisingly it is known as the Old Crooked House. An internet search revealed a range of reasons for the house's lean; including giants, winds, chimneys and doors whispering secrets.

There are 'winners in waiting' from the previous months' diversions - we will have to sort all that out and award the prizes donated by Raymond Krusche.

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

Many thanks to Louise Martin for this month's photo.

Solution to Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com



CLASS NOTES

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

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.

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

This month we reviewed *Talking to My Country* by Stan Grant.

In many ways this was a difficult read, yet, also inspiring, enlightening, provocative, confronting and honest. This book forces the reader to confront the reality of the appalling atrocities committed against the indigenous population of this country by the early settlers and the regrettable lack of cohesive, inclusive government policy to address the continuing marginalization of indigenous communities and individuals. This is a story that needs to be told and is well worth the read.

Stan Grant is descended from proud indigenous ancestors and an Irish convict who became a successful colonial landholder. Although he has achieved at the highest level as a respected journalist, he remains haunted by the stark difference in the opportunities available to him, and his family, throughout his childhood, compared to his white contemporaries.

Our next book is *The Goldfinch*, by Donna Tartt.

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

We have three vacancies at the moment and would love new members to join.
We meet on the fourth Thursday at 10.30 am in Room 1 of the Eastwood Leisure Centre where we discuss the monthly book for about one hour depending on how interesting the book has been. The books are sourced from the library at a minimal cost at the start of the year. We occasionally meet for lunch or have activities relevant to the books.

I have been a member for six years and have thoroughly enjoyed the books and the companionship. At times we eat out or have an excursion relevant to what we are reading.

At the moment we are choosing books for 2018 so if you are interested you can access the lists on the library website. Go to Book Clubs then new lists. You can contact me at 0438534818 or 53313394. It is important to enrol with U3A so that you will be on the list of members. We only have ten members so it is not a big class. Books will be available for the last two months.

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

Walks for November

November 9: Maldon. Historical town walk led by Brian Hay. Approx 6 -7 kms, Code A, B.L, Car Pool \$8

November 23: St.Kilda. Led by Shirley.

Our walk will include the Yalukit Indigenous Trail, Catani Gardens, St. Kilda Pier and some impressive historical buildings nearby. There will be at least one coffee stop, but please bring lunch to avoid delaying the group. An easy walk, but up to 10 km. Our train will leave Wendouree at 8.01 and Ballarat. at 8.18. Please register at either platform before departure. We'll travel in the second

carriage from the front (not a quiet one). The walk starts at tram stop 141, on route 12 (Cowderoy Street, St. Kilda) no earlier than 10.10. The return train will leave Southern Cross at 3.16, arriving Ballarat. 4.42 and Wendouree at 4.54. Stay later if you wish.

November 30: Gordon Talbett will lead a walk on this date. Further information will be in the next Bulletin and on the Blog.

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.*

Please see the invitation on page 4.

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

As our conductor George had been making sandcastles in northern climes, we have been on holidays for the last few weeks. So here are a few lines to tell you what we have been doing.

This year has not been good for our numbers. Sadly in the year we lost Dorothy Douglas and earlier this month Gwen Hassett died after a long illness. Both of these voices will be seriously missed.

George has been keeping our collective noses to the grindstone and in doing so we may get succeed in passing his tests. The next couple of months we will be very busy performing at various venues and these you will find listed in the Bulletin.

A note to prospective singers. You must make sure you enrol in the class in which you wish to participate, which is also stated in the Bulletin.

CLASSIC CINEMA *Shirley Faull, Tutor. 5331 4408*

New Class Rep: Kerren Thorsen 5338 2607

Venue: Eastwood Leisure Centre, Room 1. Please be seated ready for a prompt start at 1.30 pm.

November 14: We'll be celebrating our Tenth Birthday today. It all started at St. Cuthbert's Church with a slightly nervous tutor clutching her first pile of notes for an introductory talk about silent director, D.W.Griffith. The small audience included a few who still come along and enjoy discussing what we've seen. It makes sense to rescreen that first film, *Broken Blossoms* (USA, 1919, 69 minutes). This touching inter-racial romance features the impressive work of pioneering cinematographer, Billy Bitzer.(The old notes may also reappear.) We'll also be thanking Marion Dick, retiring after nine years as our most efficient and caring class representative.

If any members have 'spare' DVD's at home, they could bring them along. We're starting a DVD exchange box, for members to borrow or swap for use at home. This will continue into next year if it works OK.

The class will resume in February with our new theme, 'The Art of Cinematography'. All members should make sure they re-enrol promptly, as required in November, if they are wanting to continue in 2018.

Vale Liz Souter Liz expressed her enjoyment and appreciation of film as a valued participant in class discussions. Her thoughtful interest in others and that special smile will not be forgotten. Vale Liz.

COMPUTER CLASS *Lead Tutor; Kerry Daniell, 0412 700 986, Tutors Dot, Fran and Geoff*
(Ring the mobile number to either speak with Kerry or leave a message)

This class meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at the Eastwood Leisure Complex between 3:30/3:45 pm and 5:00 pm. Help is given on a one-on-one basis to those who are on the enrolment list.

Those U3A members who would like to continue to attend please ensure your enrolment is up to date. Our waiting list is open again for those who would like to join this group.
Dates for the balance of this year are: November 10 and 24. The final day for this year will be December 8. We look forward to seeing you.

CROQUET *Tutor, Ian McKie, 0403 390 108, anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au Anne McKee.*
Class Rep., 0403 079 216 or anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au

This group has had its first lesson out of six on 11 October. Despite the wind, the group had fun and time flew as hoops were made or not as the case may be. There is no more room in this approach.

The **CYCLE TOURING GROUP**

A cool southerly breeze kept temperatures down while occasional sunlight battled to raise the temperature. Indeed, an ideal day for a bike ride to Back Bottom Road and back. A short and a long course were planned for what became known as Alan's birthday ride. Henk also reached a milestone - 100 (kilometres, that is, not years).



A mid-November three-day touring ride has been organised and members are already starting to pack their panniers.

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

We next meet on Sunday 19 November at 12.30. at *The Golfhouse Hotel*, corner of Walker and Armstrong Streets, opposite U3A at the North Ballarat Community Centre. Would members let Ian or I know whether you can attend by Thursday 17 November so we can let them know the numbers. For the sake of the roll could you also let us know if you are not coming. 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. Thanks.

FILM MUSICALS *Bob Whitten, Class Coordinator. 5341 8189*
ibobdown@hotmail.com Anyone wishing to join the class please contact Bob Whitten

The Film Musicals Class would like to sincerely thank Ron Hedgcock, Terry O'Brien and an unknown lady who all offered DVD players for the use of our class. Thank you

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

On Thursday 19 October the U3A Hiking Group completed stage two of the Burchell Track in the Brisbane Ranges. This hike marks the First Anniversary of the group which first hiked together on 21 October 2016. Over the last twelve months the group has hiked the Wallaby Track (Mt Buninyong to Daylesford); 90 km over six stages.

The Lerderderg Track (Daylesford to Bacchus Marsh); 80 km over six stages.
The Dry Diggings Track (Daylesford to Castlemaine); 60 km over five stages.

We have also enjoyed some one-off hikes including, The Beeripmo (21 km in the Mt Cole area), part of the Skipton Rail Trail (17 km), the Macedon Ranges Trail (15 km) and Sailors Gully/Welsh Village near Castlemaine.

The current hike is a three-stage 40 km hike covering the length of the Brisbane Ranges. Our group currently consists of twenty-three members but is open to reasonably fit people wishing to join.

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>



LANGUAGES

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

This year our French book club has had a great time reading and talking about: *Le Petit Prince*, detective stories starring Maigret, *Le Passe-Muraille* by Marcel Aymé, highly amusing stories about little Nicolas, and nineteenth century short stories by Guy de Maupassant. We cover a wide range of interest, and the books inspire interesting discussion about a range of ideas.

We have also had a chance to look at some French movies directed by François Truffaut, Louis Malle, Jean-Luc Godard and Agnès Varda.

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.*

The class is still reading *Am kürzeren Ende der Sonnenallee*, by Thomas Brussig. Recent classes have also looked at colloquial expressions in German, as a way of building a list of 'handy things to say'.

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. It's great that modal verbs effectively 'multiply by six' what one can say in German.

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

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

During November we will continue our walks from the Redan Wetlands – we have found some interesting, unfamiliar paths during the last month. **Meet at 10.00 am** adjacent to the pipeline on the extension of Humffray Street (heading towards the Ballarat South Water Treatment plant) just a hundred metres or so from Elsworth/Leith Street.

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

We are working our way through twentieth century American poetry. We looked at A.D. Hope on the 16 October. Alice, our tutor, is having a well-earned jaunt in warmer climes.

READING SHEET MUSIC FOR MUSICIANS WHO CAN'T *Tutor; Geoff Parr-Smith*

This was a six-week short course designed to introduce practicing musicians to reading sheet music. The course is to be repeated in term 1 of 2018.

“As I am a beginner to playing music, I was a little apprehensive about attending the ‘reading sheet music’ class. To begin with, I was overwhelmed and confused, but after a few classes, I gleaned that the art of reading sheet music opens a whole new world of communication and understanding. Whilst, it seems, many musicians and singers don’t necessarily want, or need, to read sheet music, I feel it adds tremendous depth to the experience of music making and even adds to the pleasure and appreciation of listening to music. Thank you Geoff for your time and preparation of class materials.” - Lucy

“Just a few words about Geoff Parr-Smith's music class. We began on August 18 and we were all warmly welcomed. Geoff explained all the notes to us and gently showed us bit by bit how they all fitted and what they all meant, and if we weren't too sure he would patiently go over it again. I personally learnt so much from Geoff, he was very thorough ... I do hope he will have many more classes for us. Very happy.” - Marie

RECORDER ENSEMBLE *Jacqueline Cleverly, Class Rep.*

This month, we provided background music for the U3A Art and Craft Show, at North Ballarat Community Centre. We seem to excel at this style of performance: playing while people are engaged in another activity! We managed it at the Ballarat Library, for Seniors' Week. I am of the belief that our playing is appreciated in the background because it is subtle and melodic, with some beautiful harmonies.

We will have a concert closer to Xmas where listening will be easier, and will also be taking part in the Anglican Cathedral's Carol Service on the 17 December. The acoustics there suit our style of music, as we play from the gallery and the high ceilings help the sound to soar.

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.

25 October; Meet at Court House Hotel, Smythesdale

1 November; Meet at Llanberris Reserve netball centre car park Eureka Street.

22 November; Meet at 'Zagames' car park. . Corner of Main Road and Elsworth Street.

6 December; Meet at Ballarat Leagues Club, 52 Humffray Street,

WEAVE YOU OWN STARS *Lidia Aitken, Tutor*

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

We meet on the third Thursday at 10 am at M.A.D.E.

It is an on going class and Lidia our leader is always coming up with new ideas for allowing our lovely stars to promote non-violence in the community. Members always welcome. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! You can contact me, Jean Laing.

YOGA (on Fridays) *Joy Whitten, Clas Rep.*

This class is full at the moment and there is no waiting list.

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