

The U3A Ballarat Committee
extends to all
A safe and happy Christmas and New Year to all who
celebrate Christmas
and
A safe and happy vacation and New Year to all who
celebrate otherwise



'Life is an amazing journey'



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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2017

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

DIARY DATES 2018

Wed Jan 17	U3A Committee Meeting. BNCC 9.30 am – 12.00 pm
Wed Jan 17	Deadline for February Bulletin articles (to Elena Tommasi <i>elena.U3a@gmail.com</i>)
Tues Jan 23	New Tutors Information Meeting. Pinarc Room 2, 10.00 am

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another very big year for Ballarat U3A is ending, and as Ballarat North Community Centre is unavailable for classes for the first half of next year, alternative accommodation for classes and activities conducted there needed to be found. Believe it or not, all classes and activities for 2018 now have a home. When the renovations at Ballarat North are completed we return there to four classrooms and, of course, the magnificent hall. It's also great to have another classroom available at what we call GPlace and, of course, the shed for a multitude of activities.

During the year our membership increased to well over a thousand and it was a real pleasure to introduce our one thousandth member at our recent A.G.M. (By the way, thank you all for your wonderful support in attending.) We are looking forward to our Tutors and Rep's lunch on 30 of November, giving us the opportunity to thank them for the magnificent contribution they make and being the backbone of our organization. No wonder our membership is growing. Thank you, as you are all **WINNERS**.

The time has come for re-enrolment, class selections and of course new members enrolling for 2018. PLEASE, PLEASE don't leave it too late and miss out on classes you wish to attend. Many Tutors have class limitations, for various valid reasons. The relevant dates are published in the Bulletin and are available on our website. Our first enrolments commence on 20 of November for existing members renewing their membership for 2018, including classes in which they are already enrolled.

At this time of year, I would encourage all class members to participate and join in the end of year class breakups. Enjoy the company of your friends old and new, and celebrate the past year and the opportunities it presented in learning, participating and most importantly forming new friendships.

There is so much to look forward to next year, in returning to a rejuvenated B.N.C.C. and many new and exciting classes, including of course, some very keen new Tutors.

As this is my last correspondence for this year, I wish all our membership a safe, healthy and genuinely happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the company and love of your family and friends, and next time you look in the mirror say to yourself, "I am a terrific person because I am an important member of U3A." Be aware of those that are needy and remember sharing doubles the joy.

Thank you all for your ongoing support

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
Thursday 30 November	10.00 am - 12.00 noon



CHANGE of Bulletin EDITOR

This will be the last Bulletin that I edit. May I sincerely thank all those who have contributed to the various editions of the Bulletin. Without contributions, the Bulletin would not exist. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have undertaken the role; it was certainly a very good way of keeping in touch with what was happening in U3A Ballarat.

The January 2018 and subsequent Bulletins will be edited by Elena Tommasi. In preparation for her role as editor, Elena has requested; “Beginning with the first newsletter in 2018, Class Notes will be used ONLY for information on upcoming classes, that is where and when a class will be meeting (such as the Dining Out Group, Cycling or Hiking Group, etc.). We will also publish any SPECIAL things a class has done. We will no longer just publish a list of classes or what you have done in your regular scheduled class. If you feel you have something special to report you can send it to the editor (elena.U3a@gmail.com) and it will be at her discretion, and space permitting, if it gets published. If you would like to talk about what you have been doing in class you can publish it on the Buddy Board. For example the Book Club can write a review of their book and post it to the Book section on the Buddy Board. We are trying to keep the newsletter informative and interesting, yet concise for everyone. Suggestions are welcome.

Elena Tommasi, your new U3A Ballarat Bulletin editor.”

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

The LIBRARY at North

Get Your Holiday Reading!

The library at North will be packed up some time in December in readiness for the building work next year. You are invited to take home some books now for your Christmas holiday reading. Books can be returned when the centre reopens (mid 2018) or passed on to others to read.

Anne Ottrey

Photographs: Robin Philip
Top right: Bushwalking
Bottom right: afternoon tea





Welcome to...

BUDDY BOARD

- Do you use email as a method of communicating with your friends?
- Would you like to join a larger group of like-minded U3A members to discuss, question and write communications among themselves?
- Maybe you are housebound and find going to U3A classes too difficult
- When you join you will then find you have a choice of about eight Forums - some very undemanding like talking about your Dogs or Cats, or about your Garden, or about being an Armchair Traveller.
- Other Forums are perhaps a little more demanding, for example, Australian History snippets or Current Affairs. Forums, such as Books, Film and TV, Music and Music Making, probably occupy the middle ground.

Our Buddy Board link will be found on the Home Page of our website.

- Click on the purple Buddy Board button
- This will take you to Welcome to Buddy Board and an explanation of Buddy Board
- To enter, you will need your U3A ID number and your email address.
- The first time you use Buddy Board, click Sign Up →
- The Username is your U3A ID number.
- A password will be sent to your email address. Use it first, then change it if you wish.
- You will then be asked for your First Name and Surname.
- Anything you put up on Buddy Board or reply to will use this name
- We do not use nicknames as members who join Buddy Board would like to make friends.

Log In

Please Login Using your U3A ID number

Username:

Password:

☐ Keep me signed in

LOG IN

Sign Up >

Please ensure your username is your U3A ID Number.

We use your email address to email you a secure password and verify your account.

Username:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

REGISTER

Zelda Martin

MEMBERSHIP



By the time you receive this Bulletin, membership renewals will have begun. When you renew your membership – and we hope you do - please make sure that you also re-enrol into the classes you were in this year, if you want to continue in them of course.

The **timetable and course information** is now available on the web, and also the course information booklet in hard copy is available at the office. Due to its size, cost of printing and postage, we have not had enough printed for everyone – but if you want one, please come and collect it.

Likewise with **the printing of badges**. It was decided that, as the badges remain the same and there were so many unclaimed badges last year, we would only 'print on demand'. So if you would like a new badge and/or lanyard and holder, please ask at the office.

This year we have been given the use of an EFTPOS machine so we can take credit cards etc. at the office. This has been done by courtesy of the Buninyong Branch of the Bendigo Bank. It is not costing us anything as the bank is donating the fees also. We are very grateful and I am sure those members who avail themselves of this service will be also.

A couple of reminders:

1. PLEASE make sure when you book into new classes that you contact the relevant Tutor or Class Rep first.
2. Please have patience with the office volunteers; we are not (yet) professionals!
3. Have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat if you have to queue and wait, when enrolling.
4. Make sure you know the correct name of your class – it makes it easier for the volunteer, eg. Introductory French or French for Beginners etc.

TUTORS and CLASS REPS

Thank you all so much for your attendance at the recent briefing. It was great to see so many of you; I don't know whether it was the scones that did it but I suspect it was because you are a very dedicated group. Thank you also to those who apologized.

Don't forget that if you have any problems with *MyU3A* we are only too happy to help you. Do not be afraid to ask.

All the very best for your classes in 2018; we hope the beginning of the year with new venues goes smoothly, as I am sure it will.

Nina Netherway

Membership Secretary/MyU3A Support
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INTERNATIONAL U3A NEWSLETTER – U3A SIGNPOST can be found online at
<http://worldu3a.org/signpost/index.htm>

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Correction from October bulletin.

Geoff Parr-Smith will be running his **Reading Sheet Music for Musicians who Can't**. See *MyU3A* or the Class Information booklet for details.

Other 2017 Classes News

U3A Sharing the Journey Garden Programme

Chris Dickenson and Terry O'Brien.

The Garden Programme has attracted more people and more gardens than we can fit into our timeframe. The programme involves a presentation by the garden owner about how the garden has evolved, followed by an afternoon tea where everyone can share their experience of the garden. Because of the high interest and limitation on numbers it is hoped that the program can run again next year.

New Classes for 2018 which were proposed this month

U3A/ FBBG (Friends of Ballarat Botanical Gardens) Course 2018

Coordinated by **Terry O'Brien**. This extended program is for those who want to learn more about Ballarat Botanical Gardens and will be available to members of U3A as well as Friends of BBG.

Reflections on the Life of the Spirit

Anne Goodfellow. This course will look at the meaning of spirituality in a modern world using the Baha'i writings as a springboard for conversations on the topics of spiritual growth, the power of prayer and life after death.

The Elements of Music

Bill Stewart. Get more out of your listening by developing a practical knowledge of aural skills. Improve communication skills when in a conversation about music, centred around aural skills through the elements of music.

"The Big Lap???"

Bruce Campbell hopes to be able to inspire people to take off for an independent adventure after providing them with some thoughts and ideas about when to go, where to go and how to travel. Most importantly, he would spend some time helping people to decide whether or not they should even attempt such an adventure. It is clearly not for everyone.

Alice Mills has decided to have two Poetry classes

Poetry.

This year we shall be beginning again with the origin of English poetry, Old English and mediaeval verse.

Poetry of the 50's and Beyond

This is a short course for those who wish to explore poetry written in English in the last seventy years.

Studio Drawing Class

Julie Mahnken will provide structure and guidance in an informal, supportive environment allowing for self-directed work. Information and support will be given on materials, paper, techniques and styles. Classes will not be overly technical and would suit beginners or others wishing to keep up their drawing skills.

Walking Basketball

Mark Valentine. Basketball Ballarat would like to offer Walking Basketball to the U3A Program in 2018. It would be staged at the *Mars* Minerdome on the corner of Grevillea Road and Dowling Street, Wendouree. The facilitator will introduce the game to participants and referee the games.

Cities of Vesuvius, Pompeii and Herculaneum

Paul Webster. For people who have been, to relive the moment, and for people going or who have never been, to gain a greater understanding of this event.

Further details about all of the following new classes are available in the 2018 Class Information booklet and on *MyU3A*

Venues for 2018

The venues for 2018 are hopefully completed, although there could still be some changes. There are no classes at Ballarat North Community Centre next year until further notice, while the building is being completely renovated.

Check the timetable and *MyU3A* carefully for the location of classes.

Our main venues will be:

Eastwood Leisure Complex, Eastwood Street, Ballarat. Most classes which were located at Eastwood this year will remain in the same rooms again next year. The exceptions are Science and U3A Writer's Workshop, which have been moved to Pinarc.

Please note the change in names for rooms at Eastwood.

Rooms 1 and 2 are now called Training Rooms 1 and 2. The Canteen is called Meeting Room 4. We will also be using Meeting Rooms 2 and 3, the Activity Centre, the Multipurpose Room and the Basketball Stadium for Ballroom Dancing.

Many other classes have been moved to Eastwood for 2018, particularly those which were previously located at Ballarat North Community Centre. Tutors and Class Reps. have been informed about these changes.

Pinarc; located in English Street, Golden Point

Pinarc has purchased our GPlace, and they have very generously allowed us to continue to use the Community Shed. We also have the use of what we used to call Room 2. Many classes that were previously at Ballarat North Community Centre and many of our new classes will be located in Room 2. We will enter via the entrance next to Room 2 at the back of the building (i.e. the same end where the Community Shed is located). We will have our own key safe with code and security code once we enter the building. Classes are encouraged to use the tea-room to make their tea/coffee, then take it back to Room 2 for consumption. The room will be fully equipped with all the usual technology. It has been requested that we don't use the main entrance at the front of the building.

Other venues.

As usual we use many other venues around Ballarat and Buninyong. Most of the classes who used these venues in 2017 will continue to do so in 2018. See the website for location maps and details if you are new to classes. You can always ask at the Office or ring our information number 0431 859 315 if you have any doubts about where to go.

From January 2018 the U3A Office will be located in Meeting Room 2 at Eastwood.

New Tutors Information Session

Tuesday 23 January Pinarc Room 2 at 10.00 am

Denise Grant –Class coordinator
email DeniseU3A@hotmail.com

ODDS AND SODS FROM THE COMMITTEE and OTHERS

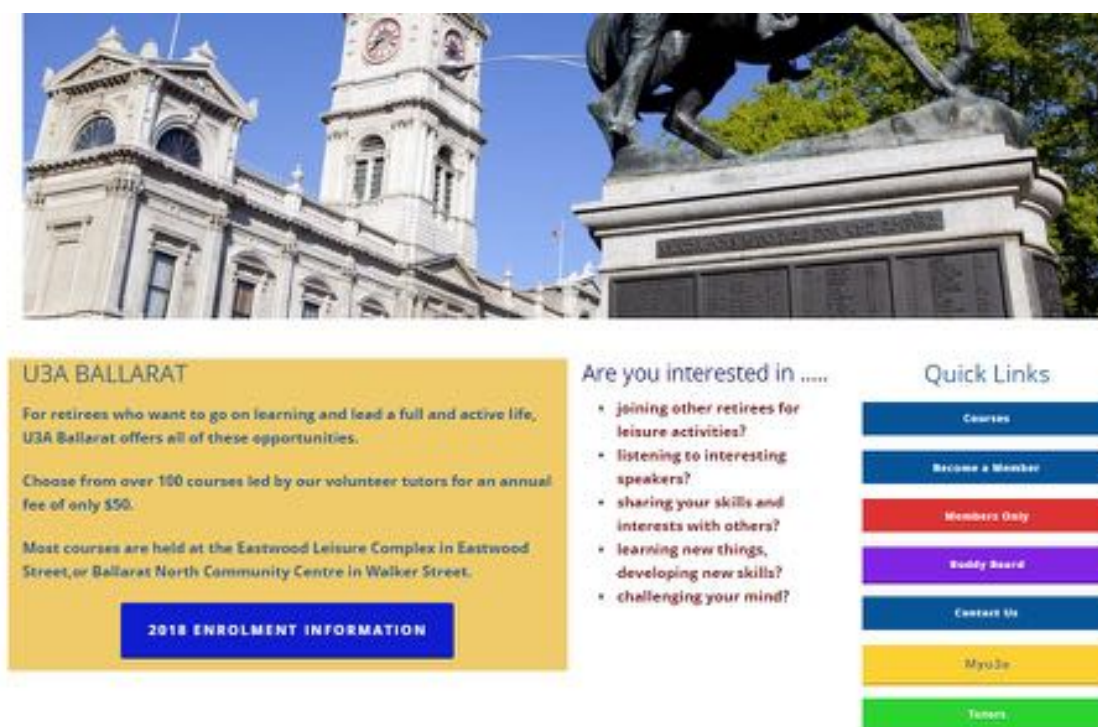
- * The U3A Choristers is dependent on the presence of both an accompanist and a conductor. The choir needs understudies in case of ill health or trips away. Possible expansion of role. Interested? Please contact George Walpole 0427661699.
- * Class members would be most pleased if, when you are ill, 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 there will be a 'car-boot' sale at BNCC on 2 December?

U3A BALLARAT WEBPAGE



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Please note that there is a blue button on the front page that links to the Membership page where you will find the latest information about enrolments for 2018.



The Members' Area now has a copy of the **2018 timetable**. Course information can also be found by clicking on the **Courses** button on the front page.

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

U3A Accommodation for 2018

With enrolment starting this week, our accommodation arrangements have fallen into place and are now reflected in Denise's detailed and comprehensive timetable for 2018 classes.

Last Friday's (17 November) meeting with the architects and the City of Ballarat at the Ballarat North Community Centre proved the old saying 'its never over until its over'. The latest news is that the extensive renovations will commence in late February or early March. The end date for the project is still 30 June so that third term classes will be using the new meeting spaces at BNCC. Projects that will NOT be completed by 30 June are the replacement of the roof, the second half of the hall floor and the resealing of the carpark. During the 2018 renovations classes have been efficiently transferred to Eastwood Leisure Complex, Ballarat South Senior Citizens' Centre, and Pinarc (Room 2 and Community Shed at GPlace). Our Committee - particularly John Olsen, Jack Engwerda, Ann Ottrey, Denise and Phill Grant - has been meticulous in making these arrangements so that a smooth transition to the new venues can be made in December and January.

The packing up of our office at BNCC, transfer of chairs, tables and a-v gear to Pinarc Room 2 (120 English Street – the old GPlace) will require a few working bees to accomplish. Already Ann Cato, Anne Ottrey and Elena Tommasi have started sorting out the kitchen at BNCC in cooperation with the Ballarat North Seniors and Eureka Chapel. These efforts are an example of how well our partnerships have worked and are producing collaborative outcomes for our growing membership. If you can help with the shifting of some furniture and packing up gear in December /January, please contact Blake by phone or email.

Our new partnership arrangements with Pinarc have been approved by the Committee at the 15 November meeting. This insures our 2018 classes at the community shed and Room 2 at the 120 English Street site will start in February. This exciting development, coming after disappointment of missing out on the purchase of GPlace in August, is exactly the 'silver lining' that will benefit members into the future, without the added burden of U3A ownership.

Next week we will see tenders and 2018-2019 building plans for the Ballarat Sports and Events Centre (BSEC) at Dowling Street (the old Wendouree Netball Centre). Our U3A future depends on your committee continuing to look for and secure suitable and inexpensive housing for our ever-expanding list of classes (now over 120 for 2018 and growing). Watch this space for developments at BSEC, Lucas Community Hub and the continuing saga at Barkly Street.

*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:

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

U3A Choristers:

- 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



Unfortunately nobody identified the building in the photograph as the Law Courts in Melbourne.

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?**

Solution to Phill Grant

grantphillip@hotmail.com



CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 17 January 2018
to Elena Tommasi, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
elena.U3a@gmail.com

ART *Rob Petrie*

For our second November meeting, our group was addressed by Gary Johnston of Johnno's Artwork. Gary delighted our group with examples of his original Australian Oil Paintings. Gary demonstrated techniques of drawing, including working with line and rubbing. He also showed us his work with Australian primordial rock. The photo shows Gary (right) enjoying a cuppa with group member Ron.



BATES METHOD OF VISION IMPROVEMENT

Rita Danko, Tutor.

Short course. Class held every Wednesday starting 11.45 am, 30 January 2018.

Eastwood Leisure Complex, Training Room 1.

In the last two classes held at the Complex, everyone improved their eyesight depending on personal circumstance. The new class in 2018 will also include Brain Training (vision being in the brain) and some Anti-Aging activities as well as the usual Eye Exercises, Relaxation and Nutrition. Class limit is 20, waiting list after second Wednesday as each session builds on the other. Photocopy Notes available but bring pen and exercise book.

Maintaining Perfect Vision book is available in class for \$15.

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

This month we reviewed *The Goldfinch*, by Donna Tartt.

For those of the group who managed to finish the book, over seven hundred pages, it proved a relatively good read that we felt would have benefited from the excision of large sections of repetitive and confronting description relating to drug and alcohol abuse.

Despite this, the characters are well established and take the reader on a journey full of tragedy, loyalty, kindness, betrayal and self discovery, centred around a painting, *The Goldfinch*, by 17th century Dutch master Fabritis, which actually exists and hangs in the Mauritshuis museum in The Hague.

The group enjoyed lively discussion around the main protagonists, their situations, life choices and consequences.

Our next book, in February, is *And the Mountains Echoed*, by Kahled Hosseini.

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

Walks for November, December and January

30 November: Werribee Gorge Circuit walk: Leaders: Gordon Talbett and Alan Pittard
6.0 km, Grade C+, many ascents and descents on stony tracks, including one long steep ascent, walking poles will be useful, bring lunch.

The walk passes through many geologically interesting areas and there are spectacular views into

the Werribee Gorge. We will not enter the Gorge and will not be rock hopping along the Werribee River.

14 December, Christmas Breakup: Our Breakup will be held at Buninyong Botanic Gardens this year. We will start at 11 am with a short local walk followed by a leisurely lunch! Please bring a plate to share and your drink of choice. Would you please also bring a folding chair or picnic blanket to sit on.

11 January, 2018: Lake Wendouree. Meet at Pipers 9.20 am for our first walk of the year, around the Lake then back for Coffee!

25 January, 2018: Eureka Trail. Led by Marlene and Ann. More details later on the Blog, and the next Bulletin

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.*

While practising for the CD Launch Concert, the Band has played at many and various gigs. The first was at the Library during Seniors' Week. People responded enthusiastically to the tunes which featured the diverse range of instruments in the Band. The following week we were invited to perform at the Ballarat Observatory. People in the audience, though small in number, were generous with their praise and hospitality. The buildings and surrounds made for a super venue.

The next performance provided background music at the Lydiard Street Uniting Church Fair. Several people chose to sit and listen to the Band and were keen to make known their enjoyment of the music. Once again it was good to play at such a super venue with Devonshire Teas after the performance. Later that day, we survived the cold and bitter wind while playing on the field alongside the Ballarat North Senior Citizens building for a *Containart* Exhibition. People in the audience and the Band donned coat hats and gloves and had fun listening to and playing the music.



Our most recent Concert was at the Creswick Senior Citizens' Club. People in the audience listened intently and were generous with their praise. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

And once again many thankyou's and much praise must go to Corrie for organising the Gigs so well and creating programs to suit the varied occasions. And now countdown time to the CD Launch Concert!

CHOIR *George Walpole, 0427 661 699, Tutor. Liz Bailey, Class Rep.*

ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

CONDUCTOR NEEDED

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY, *John van de Laar, Tutor*

This class will continue next year. Concentration will be on the fourth and fifth century. Main emphasis will be on the important role women had in that period on the development of Christianity.

CLOGGING *Val Kerr and Rina Cocking, Tutors*

A very busy year of fun and learning. We have three more Nursing Homes to attend before Christmas. Then it is time to relax with a Social and Christmas Lunch on 8 December. I would like to thank the members of the 2017 Clogging Group for their good humour, consistency and support.

I strongly encourage members and new members to give Clogging a go. There is only **one intake** for beginners at the commencement of each year so it is wise to enrol for Term 1.

Christmas Greetings to all U3A friends.

The CYCLE TOURING GROUP *Tim Bosher, correspondent*

Touring ride 14-16 November

Eleven members of the Touring Group departed Ballarat on 14 November for a three day ride in the Maryborough region, basically travelling back towards Ballarat on quiet country roads. Two rode their bikes directly to Maryborough, with the remaining nine using their travel concessions on *Vline*.

The group then rode forty-seven km from Maryborough to Avoca via Talbot, with the last twenty kms in temperatures hovering around the thirty degree mark. The milk shakes, ice-creams, air conditioned cabins and refreshing showers at Avoca were very welcome after this effort.

The following day the group rode eighty-seven kms to Ararat via Moonambel and Crowlands in much more temperate conditions, though the undulating terrain did provide some challenges.



Unfortunately the weather took an overnight downturn in Ararat and a somewhat reduced but hardy group completed the ride to Beaufort before catching the train back to Ballarat.

The tour was most ably organised by Sandra Lawrie with good riding, good company, accommodation and food. A further extended trip is planned for March 2018, when we will explore the East Gippsland Rail Trail over three or four days (including travel), though there are more trips in the offing and a ride calendar is being prepared.

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

The last meeting for 2017 will be at the City Oval Hotel which is on the corner of Mair and Pleasant Street North on Sunday 10 December at 12.30. Please NOTE; this is the second Sunday of the month not the third due to Christmas and holidays. Please let us know if you can come by Thursday 7 December, so we can let the venue know the numbers. Either email or ring.

GARDENS: Sharing the journey of your garden. Terry O'Brien and Chris Dickinson

A big thank-you to the gardeners who shared the story of the development of their garden and to Chris Dickinson for initiating the program. From October to December on Friday afternoons we have toured a wide range of gardens – community, large country, small city, ornamental, formal, informal, cottage, productive, native and exotic gardens and enjoyed learning about the different approaches each of the gardeners has taken to create their garden space. Sharing of plants and plant narratives, helping with plant identification and gaining new insights into design etc and enjoying beautiful afternoon teas have all been part of this very enriching course.

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

Anakie Gorge

Six amphibious hikers walked the 12.6 km long Anakie Gorge - Ted Errey Nature Circuit in very soggy weather conditions. We started off from the Anakie Gorge picnic area and walked along a flat and pleasant path beside Stony Creek (dry), crossing and recrossing the creek bed by huge stepping stones. The gorge is short in length but has rocky bluffs and pretty bushland. I can't remember if it was raining already but for most of 12 km it poured, bucketed down, pelted, teemed, drizzled and finally, deluged until we were all drenched! Walking paths became small creek beds or ponds in places.

BUT, we were a resilient bunch and kept on in good spirits and enjoyed the Ted Errey Nature Circuit with its orchids, wallaby, flowering grasstrees, butterflies and varied birdsongs. At one of the lookouts we imagined the view of the Bellarine Peninsula (totally obscured by fog!) and thereafter gave lookouts a miss.

We had our morning tea and lunch at the end of the walk in a picnic shelter. Andrew was the envy of everyone when he pulled out a full set of dry clothes from his car and promptly changed into them. Meanwhile....we dripped.

The hike was a good mix of ups and downs and gentle bits and would be a good place to return to on a more clement day. Did I mention the rain?

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 F, Heather Wood, Class rep

As we did not have access to our usual class room on Friday 10 November, braving warm weather and sunshine, members of the French F group intrepidly made their way *à la rotonde du lac Wendouree* for our weekly session with J-J. Interrupted occasionally by the sound of *les tramways* rattling past we spent much of our time coming to grips with the complexity of French verbs, composing questions and answers in *passé composé* and practising speaking them out loud.



GERMAN A *Terry Baker, Class Rep.*

The class is reading and writing about *Am kürzeren Ende der Sonnenallee*, by Thomas Brussig. Planning for a visit to Vienna is the context that has been used to further develop the use of modal verbs..

GERMAN B *Ken Gittens, Class Rep*

This class continues their exploration in and around Vienna, as a context for the recent emphasis on the use of modal verbs.

LITERATURE *Robyn McKnight, Class Rep.*

Our class is winding up the year of reading magnificent novels by our team of dedicated tutors. Our last for the year is *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens led by Helen Carrucan.

Members are reminded that our end of year Coffee Morning to thank our tutors will be held on Thursday 23 November at 10.30 at Piper's Lake Pavilion. Please note change of venue.

Current members can re enrol from 20 November.

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

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

During December we will be continuing our walks along the Yarrowee Creek on the north side of the city. Meet at 10.00 am, parking above the cricket oval behind the Brown Hill swimming pool, off Humffray Street North.

We expect to be walking throughout January as well; check with Class Rep or Tutor for location/s.

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.

RECORDER ENSEMBLE *Jacqueline Cleverly, Class Rep.*

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.

Final walk for 2017

December 6; Meet at Ballarat Leagues Club, 52 Humffray Street, for walk at 10.00 am, then the annual Christmas luncheon at the Club.

January 25; Meet 10.00 am, Pipers by the Lake.

Walk leader Chris Cullen. Apologies to John Elischer 0421341288.



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Would you like to volunteer? Committee ☐ Office ☐ Tutor ☐ Sub-Committee ☐ Events ☐

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