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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2017

- Mon March 5 Dr. Lynne Broughton Speaker, 2 pm Ballarat
North Community Center (see article for
details)
- Wed March 7 New Members' morning tea and tour, Eastwood
Leisure Centre, 10.30 am
- Wed March 14 Melbourne Walk Meet at Train Station (see
article for details) 2-4 pm, Container Art Mobile
Gallery
- Wed March 28 Film Luncheon 10:00 am Regent Theatre (see below
for details)



BALLARAT U3A FILM LUNCHEON

Wednesday 28 March 2018. Cost
\$20.00 for Film and Lunch

We will be viewing *Film Stars
Don't Die in Liverpool*, starts @
10:00am

Please be at the Regent before 9.45am.

Starring Jamie Bell, Annette Bening, & Julie Walters

Based on the British actor Peter Turner's memoir about his
relationship with the Hollywood luminary Gloria Grahame,
which began in 1978 (when she was fifty-four and he was
twenty-six) and lasted until her death, in 1981.

There is a minimum of 40 and a limit of 80 places, so it is first
in best dressed.

.....will be attending the
U3A Film Lunch on 28 March 2018.

Please allocate me _____ tickets @ \$20.00 per person

Total \$

I enclose Cash or cheque for the above amount.

This return slip, in an envelope, can be handed into the U3A
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Dr. Lynne Broughton, Speaker
Medieval History and Architecture
Monday 5 March 2018 at 2:00 pm
Ballarat North Community Center (Corner Armstrong & Walker Streets, Ballarat)

At the age of ten Lynne migrated to Australia from England with her family. She grew up in Melbourne and attended MacRobertson Girls' High School before studying at the University of Melbourne, where she obtained her BA (Hons) and PhD degrees. In 1984 she married an Englishman and moved to Cambridge, where she has lived ever since (with frequent forays back to Melbourne). She has lectured at the University of Cambridge and Lincoln Theological College; in recent years she has very much enjoyed her engagement in Adult Education teaching. She has published books on Lincoln and Ely cathedrals.



Melbourne Walks – Melbourne Geography Tour

Wednesday 14 March, 11:30am at Federation Square

This two hour walking tour of Melbourne is open to all U3A members and will cost each member \$20, to be paid on the day. There are still a few places so if you are interested contact Anne Ottrey immediately.

We will travel to Melbourne together on the 9:18 train (9:12 from Wendouree), arriving at Southern Cross at 10:40. The walk commences at Fed Square at 11:30. May be time for a quick cuppa in there? After the walk we can have lunch together before returning to Ballarat, or people can go their own way. All participants pay their own train fare.

The tour is led by experienced guide, historian and author Meyer Eidelson who is a very interesting, engaging and informative walk leader. You will be standing and walking for 2 hours, so need a reasonable level of mobility and fitness.

The tour includes

- The Basalt ledge or Yarra Falls that instigated the City.
- Geographic influence on Indigenous Society and the Dreamtime creation stories
- Fauna and Flora
- Architecture e.g. the influence of materials: wood, bluestone, bricks, iron, gold.
- The geological record
- Changing technologies to respond to the geography.
- Changes to community.
- Living on higher and lower grounds
- Impacts of flooding and waterways
- Maps over time.

If you want to join the walk, email Anne Ottrey at ottrey@ncable.net.au or phone 0422 963 985. Please provide a contact phone number and email (if available).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



A very sincere and warm welcome to all our new members, and a big thank you to everyone for your kind wishes. It's a real privilege to be president of an organization with so many caring members.

As you can see, in the left-hand corner of this page, there is a photograph of two handsome men, one is Phill our hard-working vice president, and the other is my good self. We have placed this photo here, so you will know who we are when you meet us.

An enormous thank you goes out to our immediate past president, and our class coordinator for the successful and well organised start to the year. We are now in many various locations in Ballarat, and I would ask all members to realize that we are all ambassadors for U3A and treat these our allocated classrooms and activity centres with respect and not take them for granted, this includes the people who manage the various locations. I really

believe that the more we interact with the community, and promote U3A, the more doors will open for us.

Although the tender for the renovations at B.N.C.C. closes at the end of February, [Just a little late] we are assured that we will re occupy a rejuvenated Ballarat North Community Centre in July of this year.

Pinarc has made us feel very welcome in our classroom and the rejuvenated shed at what we called G Place, and we are looking forward to a long and happy relationship. The staff at Eastwood street have also been very helpful in accommodating many new classes, and we are very grateful for their enthusiastic support. We also acknowledge the staff at M.A.D.E. who also make us very welcome and are now offering discount lunches to our members after classes.

We wish the staff at M.A.D.E. a secure and happy future, and we sincerely thank all other Ballarat facilitators of U3A classes and activities.

It may be helpful for members to know how Ballarat U3A is managed and structured, as every U3A operates differently.

In the first instance we have an executive committee, consisting of a President (pictured left above), Vice President (Phill Grant pictured right above), Treasurer, Secretary and immediate past president, plus 10 members. The 15 members of our executive committee are appointed to various subcommittee's which meet once a month prior to a general committee meeting, the appointed subcommittees report to the general [executive] committee which meets once a month, and makes recommendations which the executive committee discusses, implements, or rejects, along with Policy and U3A direction issues.

The Sub committees are: Finance, Technology, Administration, Events, social activities, Accommodation, Publicity and promotion. If there are members who have the background or experience, and can contribute to a subcommittee, you are most welcome to contact our vice president Phill Grant.

Remember, we are all U3A ambassadors

Jack Engwerda, President 53412118 Jackpam1@bigpond.com

U3A BALLARAT - OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Eastwood Leisure Centre, , 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

HOW TO ACCESS THE BUDDY BOARD

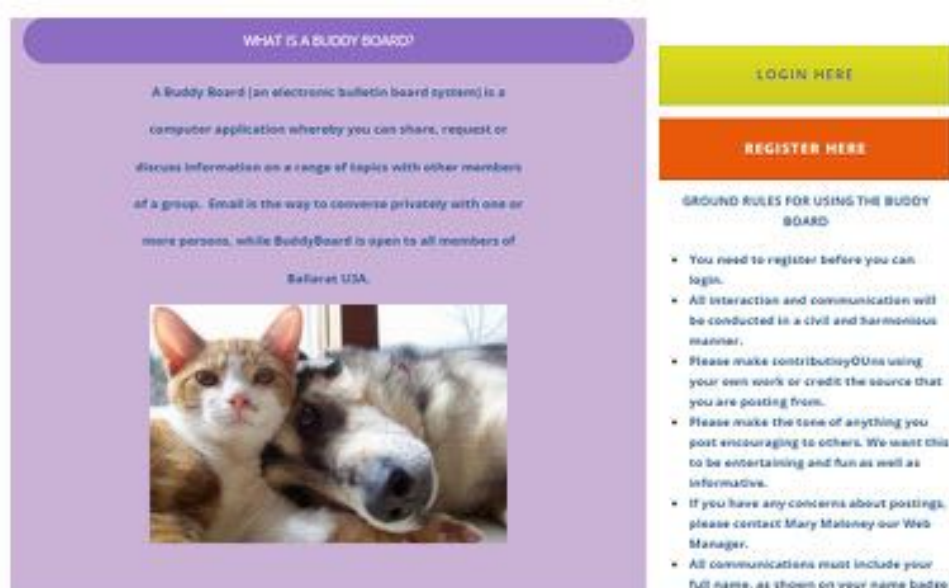
Changes have been made to the Buddy Board to make registering and logging in easier.

Open our Website www.u3aballarat.org.au

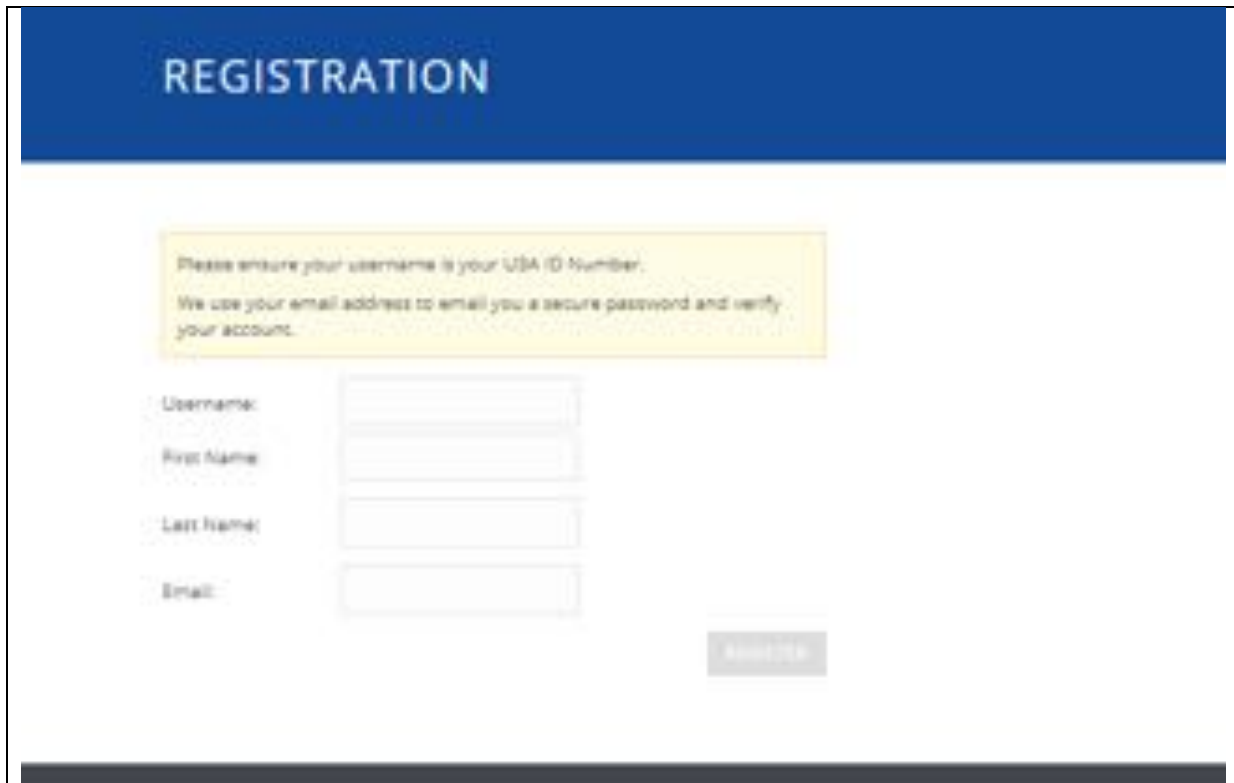
Click on the purple BUDDY BOARD button.



You will see the page pictured below. Please read all of it.



If you would like to register, click on the **orange** REGISTER HERE button and you will see the REGISTRATION PAGE. (See below)



The image shows a web page titled "REGISTRATION" with a blue header. Below the header, there is a yellow box containing the text: "Please ensure your username is your USA ID Number. We use your email address to email you a secure password and verify your account." Below this box, there are four input fields labeled "Username:", "First Name:", "Last Name:", and "Email:". To the right of these fields is a grey button labeled "REGISTER".

If you have already registered click on the **yellow** LOGIN HERE button and you will be taken to the LOGIN page. (See below)



The image shows a web page titled "Log In" with a yellow header. Below the header, there is a yellow box containing the text: "On boarder! his forums were found here!". Below this box, there is a login form with the following fields: "Buddy Board Member?", "Login here using your USA ID number", "Username:" (with the text "Moomoo" entered), "Password:" (with the text "moomoo" entered), and a checkbox labeled "Keep me signed in". To the right of the checkbox is a grey button labeled "Log In". Below the login form, there are two links: "My Account" and "Log Out".

MEMBERSHIP

At their first meeting, the newly named Administration sub-committee made the following decisions – in consultation with the General Committee

CLASS YEAR

1. The Ballarat U3A class year begins on the 1st of February each year and the last class should be held on or before 30 November. **If classes wish to meet outside these dates, the Class Co-ordinator needs to be advised.**
2. There was some confusion this year as we had set the dates for a school year – not ‘our’ year! Classes held outside these dates will not appear on the roll in MyU3A, so paper rolls will need to be kept.
3. We do have access and have paid for some venues from the 1 January to 31 December, therefore it is easier for classes in those venues to start early or continue into December. Please check with Denise.
4. Insurance. Please be careful in the classrooms – particularly with bags etc on the floor. Our insurance policy only covers the Tutor and Class Rep. However, venues also need to have insurance before we can hire them.



We now have over 1000 members! A wonderful achievement for so early in the year. Thank you to everyone for the way you coped with the enrolment time. Considering the number of people to process and the few difficulties we had, we were very happy.

Please check your information on the MyU3A to ensure telephone number, email addresses and postal addresses are correct. Several Bulletins have been

returned because the incorrect address was given.

We were thrilled with the use of the EFTPOS machine on loan from the Bendigo Bank in Buninyong and will definitely try to obtain it for enrolment time this year,



Many thanks to the Office Admin volunteers for the time given during enrolment days. We could not have coped without their input. Some days were very quiet and we thought maybe we could finish early – but then a rush began!

We would like to remind members that coming to the office the first day of class and expecting to get enrolled straight away is not a good idea! It takes ten to twenty minutes at least to enroll a new member and select classes – and there is often a queue!

Anyone who requires a new badge or lanyard, please call into the office and one will be made for you.



U3A PHONE

The U3A mobile phone is in the care of a Committee member who is not always at home to take your call! So when leaving a message please state your name very clearly and the reason for the call. The messages are very hard to hear properly. Some tutors use the office number on the website rather than their own, so if you ring to apologise for a class or to speak to a tutor, it then involves several calls. If you state that you wish to speak to a specific tutor the call can be put through directly to the tutor.

Please DO NOT leave text messages.

Mobile office number is 0431 859 315

The number 5332 7825 is **not** operational as it is the landline at North and there is no one there while renovations take place.

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Technology session for tutors and class reps.

There will be a tutorial/practical demonstration of how to use our equipment and technology in your classrooms. The tutorial will be conducted by Chris Hindhaugh and Blake Gordon on **Wednesday 7 March from 2 – 3 pm at Eastwood, Training Room 1.**

Meeting for tutors and class reps. for updates and discussion, plus how to use MyU3A to maintain your class lists and mark the roll.

Tuesday 6 March at 2 pm in the Hall at Ballarat North Community Centre. (We still haven't had to move out of BNCC, so we can set up our meeting in the Hall as usual.)

Come along with your problems and questions, and we will endeavour to solve them. Afternoon tea will be provided after the session.

Problems or changes with your class venue

If there are any problems or changes of venues for classes, can we please encourage U3A members to contact Denise Grant, and not to approach the venue managers? Marita at Eastwood for example, should not be contacted directly. Marita is the Eastwood manager, and her job does not include supervising U3A and answering all of our individual problems, nor should she have to direct people to their class rooms. Marita already has a huge job, so can you please contact Denise Grant deniseu3a@hotmail.com or ring 0439321250 if you have any problems with this venue or indeed at any of the venues.

PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMITTEE BEFORE YOU COMMIT TO SPENDING ANY MONEY ON BEHALF OF U3A

This includes booking a venue which has not already been approved for extra classes and buying new equipment. All payments need to be approved and to be recorded by our Treasurer before you make any commitment to spend extra money on our behalf.

Classes that have been removed or will finish soon.

Poetry for the 1950's

Board Games (Paul Duggan has joined the Computer class as a tutor)

Reflections of Faith with Anne Goodfellow.

Book Folding Introduction finished this past Friday.

There are also several short six-week long courses that will finish soon, such as The Big Lap, Memory Atlas, Introduction to Ipads, and Life Drawing.

New Class

Lead lighting has started weekly on Wednesdays, and will run for six weeks. If you are interested in joining this class, then please contact Peter Glover, the tutor for further information at pbgllover@tpg.com.au or ring the Office.

Walking Basketball at the MinerDome is going well, and participants are really enjoying the experience, but new members would be very welcome. Contact Denise Grant deniseu3a@hotmail.com. if you would like to join the class.

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

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND FEDERATION UNIVERSITY CLASSES?

Ballarat U3A Members have been invited to attend (sit in on) classes at Federation University. For now, it is only definitely Business Faculty classes, but if there is a request to attend classes in other Faculties, then we hope to arrange attendance at these too. Classes are held at the Mt Helen campus.

We can attend without paying anything, and we do not have to pass exams or submit work. Some of the subjects which are available are various Accounting classes, Investments and Portfolio Management, Comparative Economic Systems, Principles of Responsible Business, quite a few Law subjects, a variety of Managerial subject and International Marketing are just a few examples.

If you are interested then contact Denise Grant deniseu3a@hotmail.com, and you will be emailed the full list of subjects. At the moment the times of classes are not available, but will be given to us when we know the specific classes that our members would like to attend.

I have put in a request for History subjects, and Brewing but if you know of other classes that interest you, please also contact Denise.

LOST AND FOUND

An earring was found on the floor in Room 2 at PINARC. It was left on the shelf next to the TV, so if you've lost an earring while attending a U3A class at PINARC, you can find it there.

THE DIVERSION FOR FEBRUARY



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



Pinarc Disability Support is seeking a volunteer to enable people with a disability to learn to sail on Lake Wendouree as part of the Sailability Program. We need people with a boat licence to act as a spotter and take out the motorboat in case anyone gets into trouble. The commitment would be for a few hours once a week or fortnight. We are currently in a 6-week program on Fridays mornings 9.00-12.30, but with additional support we hope to extend this.

We can guarantee that you will be rewarded with smiles like the one in the photo every week! If you would like more information, please ring Neil Bowman, Volunteer Coordinator on 5329 1338.

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline:
Wednesday 21 2018 to Elena
Tommasi, PO Box 2058, Bakery
Hill, 3354 or
elena.U3A@gmail.com (Please do
not use the old email address
previously published.

NEW POLICY FOR CLASS NOTES



Editor's Note: As I mentioned in the last Bulletin I am making a few changes to the Class Notes this year and only want to publish information on **UPCOMING** class information and not on what has been done in the past. I am however, amending my policy **SLIGHTLY**. **IF**, and I repeat, **IF** there is room and **IF** what you submit is **SHORT**, I will publish it. There are options to publishing your class summaries, as you will have read earlier in the Bulletin the Buddy Board is now easier to access and is a great resource for your class information. We will also be setting up a Class Notes Page. If you have a blog, as I know several classes do, I am happy to publish the blog

address and everyone can access what you've been doing. Finally, I have been asked to include a picture of me, I did not do it because I'm vain but so you will know who to complain to if you're not happy with the Bulletin!

BOOK CLUB 2 *Rhonda Gray, Facilitator. Helen McDowell, Class Rep'.*

This month we reviewed, *And the Mountains Echoed*, by *Kahled Hosseini*.

A story of stories involving families living in, fleeing from and returning to Afghanistan, before, during and after the Russian invasion. A kind, mostly positive book, universally enjoyed by the group. Recommended reading. Satisfaction rating, 8/10.

Our next book is *Band-Aid For a Broken Leg* by *Damien Brown*.

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

Walks for March

March 8 **EDGING UP MT HELEN**

A walk from Buninyong township edging around the north eastern flank of Mt Helen towards Federation University. Walking poles handy for the climb up Henderson's Lane. 8.50 am meet in Buninyong at rear of BP Service Station. Park in Forest Street. Distance 8km. Alternatively meet at Llanberris Netball Courts Car Park 8.30 am

March 22 Walk in Melbourne

Circuit walk from Flinders St Station, Melbourne, via Botanic Gardens.

Co-leaders: John Maguire, Lynne Fenton, 10.5 kms, Rating: B

Bring lunch, although lunch can also be bought at The Terrace Café in the Gardens.

Transport – Train to Southern Cross (8.01 from Wendouree or 8.18 from Ballarat)

Meet in front of the toilets at Southern Cross Station.

Then train to Flinders St, where we will commence our walk.

March 29 Lake Burrumbeet. We'll follow the scenic Lake Walking Trail. This is mostly flat and easy, but there are some overgrown and very uneven sections, and a couple of slippery hills. For that reason, please wear long trousers and good walking shoes. A pole could also be handy. About 6km. Level B. Bring lunch and water, and a folding chair or

picnic rug.

Meet as usual at Llanberris, (8.50 am) or join us by 9.25 at the Burrumbeet Caravan Park. (We'll park near the Public Toilet. Turn into the Caravan Park, drive ahead towards the water and then follow the toilet sign a short distance to the left.)

Leader: Shirley 5331 4408 or (on March 29 only) 0431 455 603.

Please Note: Due to hot summer weather meeting time will be 8.50 A.M (to leave 9 A.M) at Llanberris Netball Courts

For walk details and photos from past walks please go to our Blog at:

<http://bushwalkersu3aballarat.blogspot.com.au>

CELTIC BAND *Corrie Olsen, Tutor, Ros Cole, Class Rep*

We are all looking forward to starting up again after the long break. For your information and interest, the following concerts are planned in the near future:

Thursday, 1st March, 2.00 pm , Kelaston

Tuesday, 27th March, 2.00 pm, Avoca Senior Citizens, Avoca

Tuesday, 17th April, 2.00 pm, Kiralee

Friday, 27th April, 1.30 pm, Creswick Senior Citizens, Creswick

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

CHORISTERS OF U3A NEED A CONDUCTOR AND AN ACCOMPANIST (two separate positions) *Currently to occasionally fill-in due to health or trips away. Possibly with a view to taking on a role full time. Please contact George Walpole 0427661699 if you wish to discuss what's involved.*

CLASSIC CINEMA *Shirley Faull, Tutor. 5331 4408*

March 13. The introduction of sound brought new limitations and challenges for cinematographers. However, musicals became very popular, often with lavish visual effects. GoldDiggers of 1933 (USA, Dir: M. LeRoy, 96 mins) is a splendid example of the creativity of Busby Berkeley.

Also, please see if you can bring some "spare" DVDs for our new swap box.

COMPUTERS *Tutor, Kerry Daniell, 0412 700 986*

Our group started off the year with the total number of folk enrolled plus a small waiting list. We welcomed 3 new members and Paul who will help those who come along with their challenges. Paul joins with Fran, Geoff, Dot and myself to help those in our group. We meet on the 2nd and 4 Fridays of the month at the Eastwood Leisure Complex and Marita [at the ELC] sure makes us welcome. If you are unable to join with us any Friday could you please contact me with an apology. I can then contact the next person on the waiting list and offer them a "one off" space for that week. We look forward to helping you folk at the Eastwood Leisure Complex on our allotted days.

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

Welcome to new and old members. Our next meeting for the year will be on Sunday 18 March at the Wallace Hotel, Wallace. The time is 12.15 to 12.30. Please let us know if you can or cannot come by Friday 16 March so we can finalise numbers. Contact us on either anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au or ring 0403 079 216. Please wear your Name tags.

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

The essays to read for March are:

The Oxford book of Essays 12 Mar, pages 63 to 76 inclusive

26 Mar, pages 77 to 93 inclusive

The Best Australian Essays 12 Mar, *Review of John Kinsella's Drowning in Wheat* by Gregory Day

26 Mar, *Introduction to Ford Madox Ford's The Good Soldier* by J M

Coetzee

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

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

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

During March we will be walking along the Canadian Creek and into the Canadian Forest area. Meet at 10.00am, parking adjacent to the small playground corner of Hocking and Hermitage Ave, off Geelong Rd.

RECORDER GROUP *June Johnstone, Tutor*

A group from the U3A recorder ensemble will be performing at the Community Garden Harvest Festival, Dyte Parade. 1.30 pm on 4 March.

Ballarat U3A Recorder Quintet were invited to make music in the Buninyong Botanical Gardens as the crowd gathered for "As You Like It", this year's Shakespeare in the Gardens.'

Our repertoire consisted of music from the Elizabethan period, dance songs such as the Galliard, the Almain and the Courante.

We want to express our thanks to the U3A members who came to listen and all our keen followers of the recorder who sat on the lawn to applaud and affirm us.

U3A FRIENDS OF BALLARAT BOTANICAL GARDENS *Terry O'Brien 4310 6708, 0438 459 504*

This short course is on Friday mornings from April 20th to June 8th and will be held at the gardens in the Robert Clark centre. There are still vacancies in this class. The class covers the history, the development and the ongoing challenges for these gardens. A range of speakers (Garden staff, Friends of Ballarat Botanical Gardens Guides and outside experts) each week will focus on particular topics and some of the following questions will be answered:

Who is involved in these gardens?

Is the concept of a Botanic garden changing?

How are the trees and statues managed and conserved?

What impact will climate change have on these gardens?

How are the designs developed for the bedding and conservatory displays?

What are collections?

WALKING BASKETBALL

Walking Basketball meets at the Minerdome on Tuesdays 11-12 and we need more members to join the class. No experience is required and the hardest skill to master is WALKING. Basketball rules are modified so everyone gets lots of exercise walking, throwing, catching, dribbling (bouncing the ball!), laughing and shooting goals. It's not too late to enrol and get started. U3A members combine with City of Ballarat's Active Aging for an active morning of fun.

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