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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

monthly on the 3rd Wednesday
9.30 am; Feb to Nov. ELC
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DIARY DATES 2018

Fri May 25	Trivia Night, Prince of Wales Hockey/Tennis Center, 4:30 – 6:30 pm
Wed Jun 6	New Members Morning Tea, ELC 10:30 – 11:30

PLAN NOW FOR THE U3A MAKER'S MARKET SATURDAY, 13 OCTOBER

We know it is early notice but we are letting you know now so you have time to prepare.

All U3A classes that produce “products” are invited to sell their products - art works, jewellery, folded books, mosaics, knitting, sewing, woodwork, etc. In addition, any individual member of the U3A can sell their hand-made products even if not made in a U3A class. There will be a small charge for each table selling products. Members and the general public will be invited to attend and do some early Christmas shopping.



Bulletin Editor: Elena Tommasi: Please send submissions by 20 June to elena.U3A@gmail.com. Please do not use the old email address previously published.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Ballarat Art Gallery was the setting for a wonderful Sunday afternoon's entertainment by our very own Celtic band in conjunction with the Saint Cecilia singers. At least 200 people filled the annexe, with standing room only 10 minutes before the entertainment began. Congratulations to both Corrie and John for a warm, entertaining and enthusiastic presentation, the contribution by the Saint Cecilia singers was also much enjoyed.

The U3A choir is singing at Hailey House this week, and it's fantastic for our musical groups to share their enjoyment of making music [and singing] with the wider community. **Well done.**

The pursuit of accommodation at the Barkly street campus is continuing. The B.G.T. organization are having ongoing dialogue with the minister for education, Geoff Howard and Jaala Pulford to try and reach an agreement that is financially viable, and as mentioned previously, as soon as an agreement is in place, U3A will be offered classrooms and facilities for 2019. **Watch this space.**

Our Events subcommittee is currently working very hard organising our upcoming Trivia night on Friday the 25th of May at the Prince of Wales Hockey/Tennis centre from 4.30—6.30pm. With a gold coin donation, you will be spoilt with wine, cheese, nibbles, dips and fantastic entertainment. We encourage classes to make up a table to participate, making new friends and just having a great night, **all are welcome.**

Major renovations are now taking place at our Ballarat North Community Centre, and these will be completed by the end of 2018. This means the facility is out of bounds for all activities until the beginning of 2019 when we return to our upgraded home, giving us 2 extra classrooms, additional office space, updated/new toilets etc. etc. The only item on our wish list not being completed is the addition to the kitchen, a lunch/coffee facility where we can socialize, share a cuppa, have a chat and make new friends. Council stated [when contacted] that there was no more funding available, **but we are working on it.**

The Ballarat and District History class enjoyed a trip to Clunes via Creswick, Andersons Mill [Smeaton] Berry No1 Mine site, Clunes for lunch, and then to the Australasia No 1 and 2 Mines, the site of Australia's worst mining disaster [22 miners died] arriving back at 3.00pm. Some 60 people, **filling the bus** were entertained by the most informative and entertaining commentary by both Doug and Marion making it a great experience for everyone. We are so fortunate to have so many people sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm with us. **A fantastic group of classmates.** The Ballarat history class also conducts historic walks each first and fourth Wednesday of the Month, led by Doug and Marion. Some 40- 50 people participate, and all U3A members are welcome to participate in exploring Ballarat's history.

As mentioned in last month's Presidents report, we have a vacancy on our committee. The pay [remuneration] isn't much, but the intangible rewards are many, take the opportunity to participate in the growth and management of our Ballarat U3A, and be rewarded by the pleasure and opportunities it offers to so many people in our community. If you can contribute, please contact a committee member or myself.

Terry O'Brien's class: **U3A friends of the botanical gardens** has some vacancies at the moment, offering the opportunity for members to participate in this wonderful learning experience.

The Science class is enjoying some great field trips, the musical cinema and musical appreciation classes are buzzing, and the bushwalkers are starting to rug up. **Please don't forget your flu shot!!**

If you share your activities with others, it's twice the enjoyment

Jack Engwerda, President 53331654 Jackpam1@bigpond.com

UPDATE ON BNCC

Construction and renovation works have started at BNCC. No entry to the building site is possible until January 2019.

Renovations are also occurring at ELC. Please do not attempt to park in the car park for the last 2 weeks of May. Those car parks adjacent to the site will reopen in June. Meanwhile please park on Eastwood Street or Short Street in the 2 or 3 hours parking zones.

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

A request from Denise Grant, the Class Coordinator.

If tutors make any changes to their time, venue or class leaders, would you mind please letting Denise know? There have been a couple of changes recently which Denise has discovered by chance. It is important that we keep the timetable and information on MyU3A up to date. A quick email to Denise at deniseu3a@hotmail.com is all that is needed.

Clogging

We are sorry to see that Clogging has ceased for this year, and maybe indefinitely. A big thank you to Val Kerr for taking the class this last few years. We enjoyed seeing their performances. If there are any class members who would like to start the class again either in Semester 2 or next year, please contact Denise Grant.

Queen's birthday

There will be no classes held on Monday 11th June. Eastwood and Room 2 at Pinarc are not available on that day. If you meet at other venues, you may perhaps be able to make your own arrangements.

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

U3A BALLARAT - OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Please be aware that while BNCC is being renovated our office is operating out of Eastwood Leisure Centre. We DO NOT have any office staff at Pinarc. You can reach us by phone or come by ELC during the office hours listed below.

Eastwood Leisure Centre – Ballarat North
Office Telephone 0431 859 315

Day	Time
During Term Time	
Mondays	10:00 am – 12 Noon
Thursday	1:00 – 3:00 pm

THE DIVERSION FOR FEBRUARY



No one guessed last month's diversion but when I mentioned this Nina Netherway said "I know where it is" and correctly identified it as being on Mair Street above Stockade Cellars opposite Civic Hall.

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

SENIORS WEEK

Seniors Festival will be celebrated again this year over the month of October, with free public transport available during the second week, from 7th – 14th October. This year's theme is Let's Get Social.

Library Expo: We will hold a U3A Expo in the Library again, but library staff have requested some changes for this year.

- The Expo will run for 2 days only on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th of October.
- We will have an information desk with people rostered to handle enquiries.
- We are asked to run all activities as workshops or with some element of audience participation, eg dance/fitness group performs then invites spectators to join in and try some simple steps; Celtic Players perform and invite members of the audience to join in with a percussion instrument; craft group has a simple craft activity for people to make; language group offers a session teaching the first 20 words or phrases you will need when you arrive in France, Italy, Germany etc.
- All sessions will be held in the adult area, to the right as you enter the library. The childrens' section will not be available.

The library program needs to be finalised by mid-June to meet a publication deadline. Please get in touch now if your class would like to take part.

Makers Market: We are planning to hold a U3A Makers Market as part of the Seniors Festival on Saturday 13th October, at a venue yet to be decided. All U3A classes that produce "products" are invited to sell their products, eg art works, jewellery, folded books, mosaics, knitting, sewing, woodwork, etc. In addition, any individual member of the U3A can sell their hand-made products even if not made in a U3A class. There will be a small charge for each table selling products.

Members and the general public will be invited to attend and do some early Christmas shopping.

Are you or your class interested in taking part? Discuss this in your class and let me know how you would like to be involved. Anne Ottrey ottrey@ncable.net.au or 0422 986 985

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U3A BALLARAT CYCLE TOURING - SOCIAL RIDES.

Actually, all rides are social, but in the 'in-between' weeks we have started riding shorter distances - just long enough to earn a tea/coffee.

The social rides are less than fifty kilometres and always involve at least one café. The pace is casual, with stops for chats, photos or any other excuse. The routes are on quiet, traffic free roads. They are held on weeks 1 and 3 in each month, usually on a Friday, but sometimes on a Wednesday or a Thursday. The rides are advertised by email; people wanting to participate may join in for any of the rides that seem interesting.

The social rides are suitable for those who might like to return to cycling, and gently and pleasantly increase their cycling stamina. Members interested should contact Phill Grant to have their email addresses included on the email list.

Phill Grant, grantphillip@hotmail.com 04127 51327

U3A ADMINISTRATION

Membership figures:

Honorary	16
Life	1
Full	1077
Associate	7
<i>Total membership</i>	<i>1101</i>

Information for Tutors and Class Reps

1. Please check your class rolls for people attending your class who for some reason have not paid and tell me so I can follow up. Often it is a PayPal problem and they have actually paid.
2. A new feature has been added to the data base in that the member and tutor are now being notified if the member has been accepted into the class from the Wait List. This is causing some confusion as some members have received emails long after they have been attending classes.

SO Tutors and Class Reps need to enter new members or those they take off the wait list as soon as possible. Please do not rely on paper rolls for a term before filling in the electronic roll. If you have problems with this, please send me the changes required and I will do it for you!

It's been terrific to see so many Tutors and Class Reps using the on-line roll and keeping it up to date. This is much appreciated as it gives us statistical information such as:

- volunteer hours given by the tutors – 2534 hours to date,
- total class enrolments – 2167 – which is an average of 2 classes per member.

All this information helps when gaining grants and making submissions to the City Council.

The Office has been quite busy over the last few months with new enrolments and queries. There are many queries re why can't I get intoclass. We try and handle this as best we can but it is a difficult task. I would urge Tutors to check their class lists frequently and accept or delete waiting list people. The office needs to know if your class is absolutely full so we don't add new members to it. If you can take a few more members, let us know that also. It is best to put this information in an email.

PLEASE let us know if a member of your class has passed away – it is embarrassing for the family if they keep receiving Bulletins for their loved one because we did not know the situation!

ALSO – please let us know if you have changed your email address – if you are not receiving the Bulletin, or the notices we send out, it means your email address is incorrect or your mailbox is full!

Nina Netherway, Chair, Administration Sub Committee

LEARNING FRENCH IN NEW CALEDONIA

French Liaisons is a Doncaster based group who have been organising French language learning trips to New Caledonia, specifically for U3A groups.

Accommodation is in a hotel. The (optional) French classes are held in the hotel. A typical day involves a one-hour French lesson in the morning, then an excursion in the afternoon. The French classes are formed based on your ability in French. There is also a full day excursion.

The cost is about \$2990 per person (with a slight bonus for booking before the end of May). Non-French-learning partners may also travel and be involved with the various excursions.

An electronic brochure and application form are available from Phill Grant.

grantphillip@hotmail.com

By the way - previous U3A Ballarat French classes have attended French language classes in New Caledonia. For example, Ken Gittins organised a trip, using the CREIPAC organisation. That organisation runs intensive French language classes, with the option of home-stays.



One

Free Ticket









VS



@ 12pm



VS



@ 2pm

OR









VS



@ 12pm



VS



@ 2pm

Doors Open 30mins before first game

Terms and Conditions:

This offer is valid for 17/6/18 or 23/6/18. This offer is to be redeemed on the door on game day. This offer provides FREE entry for one person.

For more information please call 5330 7604

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 20 June, 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.

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

This month we reviewed, *The Little Paris Bookshop*, by Nina George.

Responses to this book were varied, though all agreed it didn't quite live up to expectations, there being no little Paris bookshop, for a start. It was, however, an engaging story with interesting characters drawn together by personal loss, who embark on a journey of grieving and healing through love and friendship. Quite readable. 7/10

Our next book is: *Fighting Hislam*, by Susan Carland

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

May 31st---Domino Trail. Trentham to Lyonville. Led by Terry O'Brien and Warwick Sellens, this walk starts at Trentham and goes to Lyonville . There is a park here with a playground where we will have lunch. Approx 12 km. The walk is flat-ish through trees etc. Code A-B. Car Pool \$8. B.L
June 14th. Tipperary Springs Daylesford. Circuit walk from Lake Daylesford to Tipperary Springs via local streets and return along the creek. 8km Code B. Bring morning tea/lunch. Car pool \$8
June 28th Bungal Forest walk, led by Steve Walsh And Warwick Sellens. We will meet at the usual time and place, but can collect Buninyong people at the car park behind the service station at 9:45 then drive in convoy to Clarendon, then Lal Lal, then the picnic ground at the Blast Furnace site near the Bungal Dam. (The track down the hill is quite passable now).We will walk back up the hill on the road track and then stop at the "grave of the shepherd's daughter". We will then follow a bush trail through old mine diggings before returning to the gravel track. Approx 6 kms Grade B. Bring a walking pole if you have one. Take water and lunch on the walk. There are no tables at the picnic ground, so we'll find a suitable lunch place along the walk. Or, go to the Lal Lal Falls pavillion, if preferred. Car Pool \$5

Note--Meet at Llanberris Netball Courts parking area at 9.20 A.M for 9.30 A.M departure
Code A-- easy, approx 5 to 7kms mainly flat. Code B-- medium, approx 7 to 10 kms undulating. Code C --hard, steeper ascents and descents. B/L bring lunch.

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*

On May 6, the Band played for an afternoon Concert at the Ballarat Art Gallery, along with the St. Cecilia Singers. Around 200 people came to watch the Performance.

Corrie had created a varied program with many opportunities for the audience to become involved. They did so with enthusiasm.

John Olsen, who hosted the Concert, kept the audience informed about the history of tunes while also naming singers & musicians who featured in particular pieces.

Members of the Band would like to thank the many people who attended the Concert as well as the Art Gallery for the invitation to perform.

CLASSIC CINEMA *Shirley Faull, Tutor. 5331 4408. Kerren Thorsen, Class Rep 5338 2607*

May 29 In Rear Window (1954, USA, 112 mins. Dir: A Hitchcock), a possible murder is seen within a colourful array of apartment buildings. (Note this is no longer a Film Only Session.)

June 12 Neo-Realism emerged in post-war Italy, with location shooting, naturalistic visuals and powerfully empathetic stories of the struggles of every-day people - just like the civil servant in Umberto D. (1952 , 89 mins. Dir: Vittorio de Sica.)

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

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 17 June at Seymours on Lydiard, corner of Lydiard St North and Seymour Streets. The time is 12.15 to 12.30. Please let us know if you can or cannot come by Friday 15 June so we can finalise numbers for the hotel. Contact us on either anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au or ring 0403 079 216. Please wear your Name tags.

HISTORY OF THE ART GALLERY

If you have wondered about joining this U3A class you might be interested in attending a talk entitled 'Highlights of the Collection' to be given by Curator, Julie McLaren, on Tuesday 12th June from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It is free, and will be held in the McCain Annexe where you will be greeted with a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits before the session starts.

Register your interest in attending by emailing Alison Steel at alison.steel3@bigpond.com before June 5th.

LITERATURE *Robyn McKnight, Class Rep*

Our class will be reading "Music & Freedom" by Zoe Morrison as our June selection. Our tutor is Helen Carrucan.

SHARING THE JOURNEY OF YOUR GARDEN – 2018

Last year 10 people offered to share the journey of their gardens with other garden owners. This year we are hoping to repeat the program by seeking gardeners of any sized garden or location who would like to participate. Size is of no importance.

The intention is to run a weekly Friday afternoon program beginning in late October and finishing in early December. The length of the garden presentation is at the discretion of the owner. The presentation is followed by afternoon tea supplied by the garden owner but with assistance provided where required.

If we have 15 participating garden owners there will be the opportunity for 10 others to join the group. Everyone is welcome to seek a place in the group but it is obviously contingent on people offering their gardens.

Please contact Chris Dickinson if you have any queries or would like to express your interest. c.a.d.invermay@gmail.com 0402040421

WALKERS AND COFFEE

Meet 10.00am

6 June DeSoza Park Buninyong

27 June Midvale Coffee Shop Mt Clear

4 July Minerdomo Sports Club cnr Dowling St & Grevillea Rd, Wendouree

25 July Brown Hill Swimming Pool Humffray St Nth Brown Hill

Facilitator: Chris Cullen

Information & Apologies: John Elischer 0421 341 288