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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

Thurs Oct 25 Annual General Meeting 1:30 Midlands Golf Club
Thurs Nov 29 Tutors, Reps and Volunteer Thank You Lunch
Mon Dec 3 Re-Enrolment for 2019 Begins- ELC (see Page 2)

**Tutors, Reps and Volunteer Thank You
Luncheon
Thursday, 29 November
Midlands Golf Club**

If you are a tutor, class rep or volunteer mark your calendar for Thursday, 29 November. You will be receiving your invitation soon and **MUST** let us know if you will be attending or not. Due to the renovations at BNCC this year it will be held at the Midlands Golf Club.

U3A Ballarat could not operate as well as we do, with all the courses and event we offer, without you. We appreciate all you do for us and hope you can join us for this small thank you.

**Re-Enrolment for 2019
Mark the Date**

Dec 3 – 7, 10am – 3pm re-enrolment for current members

Dec 10 – 12, 10am – 3pm new enrolments and enrolments in new classes

See Nina's notes on page 2 for more information

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MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION NOTES



To new members:

Sandy Anderson, Lee Albert, Maria Kerin, Stuart Robinson, Ian Lawrie, Andrea Slater, Julia Dawn Downey.

This month we have 1136 full members. We were very sad at the loss of our only Life Member, Nan Haydn who passed away recently.

Enrolment 2019



Planning for enrolment time is well under way. Re-enrolment begins on December 3 at 10.00 either at the office or online.

1. December 3 – 7 – the office at Eastwood will be open from 10.00 – 3.00 for members to re-enrol in their classes. You can still re-enrol after December 7, but you will have missed the Priority Time.

2. December 10 – 12 – the office will be open to enrol new members and for present members to enrol in a new subject.

3. From December 12 until the office opens in late January re-enrolment can ONLY be done online.

Even though you are in a continuing class you MUST re-enrol in that class when you pay your membership. It does not automatically happen as many people decide they want different options.

Any queries re enrolment to:
Nina Netherway,
5334 4836,
ninan06@bigpond.com

TUTORS AND CLASS REPS

When the information about your class appears on the web, please check it carefully and if there are changes contact either Nina Netherway at ninan06@bigpond.com or Mary Maloney at moomoo@southernphone.com.au.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



What a busy, productive month it's been. Ballarat North is looking fantastic, and we won't recognize it when we move in and recommence activities in 2019, both Blake, Phill and John are doing a great job ensuring U3A gains maximum benefits from the renovations, and I am sure Blake will report in more detail.

We have also had numerous discussions with Ballarat Group Training regarding the Barkly Street Campus, as they now have secured a 5-year lease from the Victorian Education department. The decision to move some of our classes and activities to Barkly Street needs to be a unanimous one by all members of our committee as it is a change in direction for the future, and is dependent on

many factors, including class sizes, accessibility, etc. The committee has decided not to make a commitment at this point in time, realising the facility is available for future U3A requirements.

Having said that, we have a feast of facilities available for 2019, and it's fair to say that a lot of doors are opening for us thanks to the efforts of past presidents and committee members. We should make the most of our current situation.

Our Class coordinator is doing a fantastic job at the moment and has most classes for next year bedded down [135 classes and 100 plus tutors to accommodate] what a winner! Our upcoming A.G.M is again wonderfully organised thanks mainly to Ros and her articulate eye for detail. I am really looking forward to our life membership presentations, and of course the performances by our Choristers and Recorder Group.

Nina, Helen, Ros, Mary plus other committee members and volunteers are preparing for next year's enrolments, and 2019 will be a fantastic year to look forward to.

Sadly, Nan Haydon our first president, and the foundation member of Ballarat U3A passed away recently at the age of 96, Nan conducted her inaugural classes at the school of mines in Ballarat in 1987 with some 86 members. Up until last year Nan was a regular at our annual general meetings. We are in debt to Nan for her foresight, and fantastic initiative, and she will not be forgotten. Another U3A stalwart Ilona Takacs, (Illy) passed away last week, a past Treasurer and hard-working committee member for many years, she will be sadly missed for her feisty contribution.

As this is my last president's report, I wish to take the opportunity to thank our committee. There are some members who I do not always agree with, but who I respect for their opinions, and I am always mindful that the good of U3A is paramount for all of us. All in all, a very hardworking and productive team of wonderfully dedicated people, just look at the results!

We could not function without our dedicated volunteers working in our office, helping at events etc. etc., you are appreciated, and play such an important role in our organization.

Also, a huge THANK YOU! to our tutors and class reps, the absolute lifeblood of our wonderful Ballarat U3A just consider, 135 plus classes!

There is just so much to look forward to in 2019 with new accommodation, many new classes, new, and enthusiastic, tutors and a new forward looking and caring president Mr Phill Grant.

LIFE BEGINS AT THE END OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Jack Engwerda 53331654

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

No classes at Eastwood on Ballarat Show Day (Friday 9th November).
Classes at other venues will go ahead as usual.

Planning for 2019

The timetable and class booklet have been completed to draft stage and thanks to Nina Netherway and Mary Maloney the data is now being entered onto MyU3A.

Tutors and class reps can check on MyU3A to see that the information provided for their classes is correct. You have also been sent a draft copy of the Class Information booklet and the timetable. Please check all of your entries carefully, and if there are changes or mistakes, contact Denise Grant at deniseu3a@hotmail.com.

THE DEADLINE FOR ANY CHANGES/EDITING WILL BE 7PM, FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER.

Please note that both of these documents are first drafts and will be edited once all changes have been received.

NEW CLASSES FOR 2019

Lino Cut – Print Making - Stephanie Patterson

The course covers basic lino cutting principles, using hand tools. Each person is free to follow their own ideas and skills – however, each week a new skill will be introduced.

There will be a charge of \$10 - \$20 at the beginning of the year for materials. Later you will buy your own so that you can work at home and meet your own interests and desires. Sharing skill and ideas will be encouraged.

Le Conservatoire - Danielle Lacroix

"Come and enjoy discovering your voice, using a technique which will enhance both your range and colour. Anyone can sing! This is not a choir; the sessions may be from individual singing to duets. We start with melodies, then classical arias. We sing mostly in Italian, English, French...we could add other languages."

Danielle was trained in operatic technique in Paris. She later graduated from Latrobe University in Melbourne.

PowerPoint for Tutors and other presenters – Nina Netherway

This is a class for those competent computer users who wish to know how to use the facilities of PowerPoint to make presentations to their class or supplement a talk or lecture.

Participants will need to bring their own laptop loaded with PowerPoint. They will need a fair understanding of the use of word processing ie. Word, Pages etc.

The course will include, inserting pictures, sound, film, use of text and fonts, layout and templates. It would be hoped by the end of the course participants would have created a presentation to be used in a class or talk they are to give.

ANY IDEAS FOR NEW CLASSES?

We have requests for cooking classes and bird watching. Are there prospective group leaders who are willing to develop these suggestions? We welcome any new ideas and offers. Our numbers are still growing and some classes are no longer running in 2019, so contact Denise if you would like to start up a new class in your special area of interest, whatever it may be.

New walking groups are always welcome and if you teach beginners French please contact Denise.

New Class for 2019. Managing Your Share Portfolio (advanced) Wednesdays 2:15

Following on from the successful introduction of the 2018 course, 'Managing Your Share Portfolio' it has been decided to continue this course as 'Managing Your Share Portfolio (Basic)' and add an advanced course for 2019.

The advanced course will only open to those who have successfully completed the basic course or at the discretion of the tutor.

"If you want an adventure in the share market, then this course is for you. Andrew shares personal experiences in his goal to build his own portfolio and gives mentally stimulating sessions geared to both novices and experienced traders alike. Highly recommended." Susan

Enquiries: Andrew Parker 0418 562 977

Please note: the tutor, Andrew Parker has no qualifications to give financial advice and therefore subjects discussed will be general in nature and will not take into account your personal situation. You should consider whether any information discussed is appropriate to your needs, and where appropriate, seek professional advice from a financial adviser.

YES, WE ARE INTO SOCIAL MEDIA

Yes indeed, we know that many U3A Ballarat members use Facebook to keep up-to-date with the activities of children and grandchildren. Some of those members contribute to the discussions, while others are happy just to read about the exploits of others, occasionally 'liking' a post or two.

For U3A Ballarat members who have Facebook accounts, it may be of interest to know that there are a number of Facebook pages maintained by U3A Ballarat classes or activities. For example:

U3A Ballarat; U3A Ballarat

U3A Ballarat. Dutch Class

Genealogy; Ballarat U3A Genealogy

Digital Photography; U3A Ballarat Digital Photography Group

Hiking; u3aballarathikers

Cycle Tourers; U3ABallaratCycleTourers

To find the pages, type the name of the page (the bit after the semi-colon in each case) into the search field at the top of your Facebook page.

VALE

We were sorry to hear about the passing of both Nan Hayden and Ilona Takacs.

Nan Haydon was the Foundation President of Ballarat U3A and for many years a tower of strength in supporting the further development of our organisation. She attended every AGM and anniversary up until the 25th and was always interested in our progress.

Ilona Takacs was, for many years, a committee member and Treasurer who zealously guarded the U3A coffers and curbed any expenditure which she deemed as extravagance (which was most things). She had a great sense of humour and a ready wit.

Maker's Market

Our first Maker's Market was considered a success by all, more successful for some than others but all agreed they enjoyed the market, socialized with many people and some had enquiries about joining their class. And once again, a huge thank you to Anne Ottrey for all her hard work in organizing the event.





The following are not U3A Events but might be of interest to our members.

Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dogs need your help in finding loving homes for our puppies.

Seeing Eye Dogs is the national provider of specially bred and trained dog guides for people who are blind or have low vision.

The puppy caring program requires volunteers to care for a puppy in their home from the age of 8 weeks until they are approximately 12 – 15 months of age, before entering the training program.

Carers need to:

provide a loving home to a Seeing Eye Dog puppy

walk and socialize the puppy in everyday situations (e.g. shopping centres, cafés, on public transport

teach basic skills such as toilet training, to sit and to walk nicely on a lead

Seeing Eye Dogs provide all the equipment, food, training and support needed through regular home visits from a Seeing Eye Dog Puppy Development Trainer, group training days and socialization days.

To apply: Call 0428 010843 or email sedavolunteer@visionaustralia.org

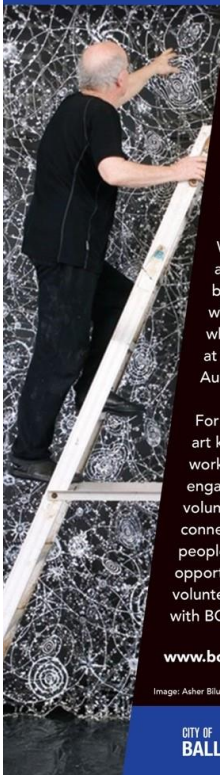


**BOAA
ART**

BALLARAT 21 Sep - 6 Nov 2018

**Volunteers
TASK FORCE**

WE NEED YOU!



Our Task Force is the life blood of the BOAA Art festival. They are the smiling faces that greet our visitors, they answer questions, assist artists, help install exhibitions.

We need volunteers who love art, but don't think you need to be an expert just be someone who wants to meet new people, who are committed to the job at hand and who want part of Australian art history.

For students expanding their art knowledge, part time worker seeking community engagement, corporate volunteering, a retiree connecting with interesting people, BOAA is rich with opportunities. We need 150+ volunteers to connect Australia with BOAA Art 2018 so join us.

www.boaa.net.au/task-force

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Contact
Tas at: volunteers@boaa.net.au | boaa.net.au



For full details, prices and bookings go to

<http://www.theatreroyalcastlemaine.com.au/met-opera>

DIVERSION FOR NOVEMBER



No one identified last month's photo of the steel Spire in Dublin, Ireland.

To win the pleasure of solving a puzzle, the question for November is: **where in the world is?** Answers can be sent to Elena Tommasi at elena.u3a@gmail.com

ANOTHER DIVERSION FOR NOVEMBER

Firstly, congratulations to Sandy Johnston, Michelle Parker, John Garner, Bill Vincent and Theresa Dawson for re-assembling the out-of-order word for September. They were all very quick off the mark to identify the word as 'protected'

Congratulations also to Michelle Parker and Sandy Johnston for unscrambling October's well-stirred-word to reveal 'humiliate'.

Our word-wobbling wizard has re-sorted another word to form the puzzle for November - many thanks to our wonderful wordsmith. Indeed, what is N I P C L A P E A when it is 'at home' in the dictionary?

As usual, there are no prizes, just the glory of solving a puzzle. Answers can be sent to Phill Grant at grantphillip@hotmail.com

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY U3A GROUPS

Here are the dates for upcoming performances by the U3A Celtic Band, some of which are open to the public.

- Sat, 27 October, 11:00am Buninyong Church Fair, Uniting Church, Buninyong
- Sun, 18 November, Refugee Concert Waller Ave., Newington

Here are dates for the upcoming performances by the U3A Choristers, your attendance is welcome and encouraged.

- Tues 20 November Rosebank Retirement Village performance
- Weds 5 December Hemsley Park Retirement Village performance
- Tues 11 December Carols in the Ballarat Central Library performance

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline:
Wednesday 21 Nov, 2018 to
Elena Tommasi, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
elena.U3A@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB 2 *Yvette Nesire-McNeil, Facilitator. Helen McDowell, Class Rep'.*

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This month we reviewed, *The Forgotten Rebels of Eureka, by Clare Wright.*

In this book Clare set out to expose, what she felt, was the lamentable lack of recognition of the role of women on the Ballarat goldfields and in the Eureka Rebellion.

Whilst it is an engaging, informative and comprehensive overview of the history of the era, except for a few minor revelations, much of its content can be found in publications of several decades before. This begs the question, "Were these women rebels and were they forgotten?"

Group responses varied from high praise to negative criticism. The book does give a taste of the feminist version of this history and is commendable for the depth of research; however, most of it could have been said in half as many pages. 7.5/10

Our next book is: *The Eye of the Sheep, by Sofie Laguna.*

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

November 8th. Barwon River Circuit Trail, starting at Barwon Edge Boathouse. Lunch at Balyang Sanctuary. Return to Barwon Edge. Optional Extra loop from Fyansford to Buckley Falls.

Led by John Maguire and Lynne Fenton.

7-8 kms (plus optional extra 3.6kms). Bring Lunch. Code: A/B. Car Pool: \$8

November 22nd. Creswick----La Gersche track led by Brian and Warwick. 7 - 8 kms grade B, gently undulating terrain. We will park cars at the tennis club and walk from there, and come back there for lunch. 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.

November 29th. Williamstown to Altona---A seaside walk in metropolitan Melbourne. Leader: Gordon Talbett and Warren Coutts

Approximate distance: 6km, Code A: flat and on good paths. Bring Lunch.

Leave Wendouree 8.01am and Ballarat 8.18am to arrive at Southern Cross 9.39am. We will meet at the ticket gate at Southern Cross and transfer to a suburban train. Please use the toilets on the train before we arrive at Southern Cross. We will return to Ballarat by 4.44 at the latest. Travel will be off peak.

December 13th. Breakup. Please refer to the blog for information after 15th November.

Please Note our planning meeting for 2019 walks will be held in the Mens' Shed at Pinarc (English St) Thursday, 15th November at 3.30 P.M.

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

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

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

Oct.30 Wendy and Lucy (2008, USA, Dir: Kelly Reichardt 77mins) is an engaging human drama about a young woman travelling to Alaska to find work.

Nov.13 Miss Hokusai (2014, Japan, Dir: Keiichi Hara, 90 mins). This animated film uses the works of the famous artist (and his apprentice daughter) as the basis for an unusual story, told through beautiful (and often startling) visuals. A most imaginative and entertaining way to end our year of studying the visual foundation of cinema. We'll also finalise voting for our favourite film of 2018 and enjoy a special afternoon tea.

Thanks, as always, to everyone for all the support, encouragement and practical help - and, most importantly, those interesting discussions.

(This class remains full going into 2019, and we don't keep a waiting list. If vacancies arise later on, we'll announce them in the Class Notes section of the Bulletin.)

FILM MUSICALS, *Bob Whitten, Tutor*

The films to be featured in the Film Musical class during term 4 are as follows.

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2nd November -- "West Side Story" (1961) 2 Hours 33 min.
23rd November -- "Bran Nue Dae" (2009) 1 hour 25 min.
30th November -- (1970) 1Hour 53 min.

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

The November lunch will be held at the Park Hotel, 1615 Sturt Street, on Sunday 18th November. Please let Anne or Ian know if you are or are not coming on either 0403 079 216 or anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au by Friday 16th November. Also please remember to wear your name tags.

Also note that the December meeting is on the 9th December, at the Lake View Hotel. Further details in the next Bulletin.

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