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EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

monthly on the **1st Wednesday**
9.30 am; Feb to Nov. TBD

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DIARY DATES 2018-2019

Mon Dec 3	Re-Enrolment for 2019 Begins- ELC (see Page 3)
Mon Dec 10	New Enrolments for 2019 Begins ELC
Wed Jan 16	Committee Meeting (on 1 st Monday from Feb – Nov)
Tues Jan 29	Office Open at BNCC
Wed Jan 30	Office Open at BNCC
Thur Jan 31	Training Session for All Tutors and Reps, BNCC
Fri Feb 1	Classes Begin

We Wish Everyone a Happy and Safe Holidays
Whatever you may celebrate
See you in the New Year



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 3 for more information

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



benefit of your efforts for some time to come”.

First and foremost I would like to thank Jack Engwerda for his work as President of U3A Ballarat during 2017 and 2018. Jack brought a different approach to the role, an approach built upon his career in business. Even if that was his only attribute as President, it was indeed valuable for the Committee and the broader U3A Ballarat. As it turned out, Jack did bring other valuable attributes to the role. If we might select one or two of those as examples; his emphasis on caring for other members and promoting the advantages of caring for other members, certainly enhanced the social cohesion of U3A Ballarat. His coordination of the Ballarat History classes at M.A.D.E. / Eureka Centre and consequential development of the good working relationship between M.A.D.E. / Eureka Centre and U3A Ballarat was also highly valued. So to Jack we say, “many thanks, and we hope to have the

Congratulations to those who were elected to the Committee for 2019. Welcome to new members Lee Albert and Graham Hawley; we look forward to the benefits of their considerable expertise. Welcome back to Jack Engwerda, Blake Gordon, Denise Grant, Jeff Langdon, Mary Maloney, Ros McArthur, Nina Netherway, John Olsen, Anne Ottrey, Helen Slater and Elena Tomasi; thank you very much for your previous work and, needless to say, I look forward to working with all the Committee members. In some ways the Committee is similar to a U3A class; the members of classes and members benefit by learning and social contact, and subsequently enjoy what is being done. I suspect Committee members enjoy making it possible for classes to operate successfully.

Most importantly, thank you to the Tutors, Class Representatives, Class Members and Volunteers - and, yes, by the way, the use of capital letters for those people is deliberate, befitting the importance of those people in U3A Ballarat activities. The Committee and myself look forward to working with the Tutors, Class Representatives, Class Members and Volunteers in the course of 2019.

The immediate tasks involve ending the classes and activities for this year, and re-enrolling or enrolling members ready for the 2019 year. The enrolling process is a big task; we hope we have planned everything to ensure an efficient process, but if the unexpected happens and the process slows, the next best strategy is to enjoy the social contact between the members, volunteers and committee members. It might be a good chance to get to know someone new.

Finally, all the best for the coming months (only about sixty more sleeps until classes start again in 2019). Depending on which calendar is followed, please “choose the relevant greeting”; I wish members either Merry Christmas, and/or a happy festive season, and/or a pleasant break, and a happy Australian New Year.

Phill Grant
grantphillip@hotmail.com



It's Enrolment Time!!

You can enrol for 2019 classes from **10.00am** on 3rd December 2019 by:



1. Going **online** to our website – u3aballarat.org.au – and clicking on the yellow MyU3A button on the home screen.

- Then click on the blue 'Member Login' button. You will need your members ID and your password to continue.
- At the bottom of the screen there is a 'Renew membership 2019' button.
- Select *Full member*, or *Associate* (see Membership costs below) and click in the statement re agreeing to membership.
- Click 'Proceed'
- Check **VERY CAREFULLY** your personal details especially your phone number/s and email.
- Click Commit
- Then select the PayPal button and proceed to follow the instructions.
- Make sure you return to MyU3A after filling in the PayPal details so you can select the classes for 2019 you wish to re-enrol in.
- Print a copy for your records – and you are done!



2. **Filling in a membership form** (download from website or collect from office) and mail in your membership form and \$50 with the current classes you wish to re-enrol in, to:

Membership
U3A Ballarat
PO Box 2058
Bakery Hill 3354

To download a membership form from our website:

- Type u3aballarat.org.au into your browser search bar.
- Click on the blue 'Become a Member' button
- Scroll down to the bottom of the yellow box on the right and click on the 'Membership form 2019' button.
- Print out the form, fill it in and post it!



3. Coming to **the Office** located in Room 2 at Eastwood Leisure Centre (where we have been holding classes). There will be signs to help you.



Membership costs \$50 per person and \$25 for Associate members who belong to another U3A – proof of membership for 2019 required.

Payment at the office may be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS. (We have a loan of an EFTPOS machine courtesy of the Bendigo Bank)

Office hours: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm Dec 3 – 7. – for current members re-enrolling in current classes attended during 2018.

Office hours: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm Dec 10 – 12 – for new members and current members to enrol in a new class.

January: The office will be open again at Ballarat North on January 29 and 30 from 10.00 – 3.00.

Online enrolments can be done at any time after 10.00am on 3rd December.

Nina Netherway

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CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Timetables, MyU3A and printed Course Guides are ready for enrolment.

For tutors and class reps. to discuss problems or find out more information about how to access buildings, use MyU3A or anything else you need to discuss about classes, Denise Grant will be available at Eastwood in the enrolment room,

Monday 3 December: 1.30 - 3.00

Tuesday 4: 10.00 - 3.00

Wednesday 5: 10.00 - 3.00

Thursday 6: 10.00 - 12.30

Friday 7: 10.00 - 12.00

Tuesday 11: 10.00 - 3.00

Last classes for 2018 will be on Friday 30th November.

First classes in 2019 will commence on Friday 1st February.

Please check MyU3A to find out when your class commences.

CLASS NEWS

For the moment all information about classes is up to date, except for two new classes that have been proposed this last week.

1. Mixed Media Jewellery class with Elena Tommasi

This is not a new class but a late entry. Elena decided after several requests from current class members to reinstate the class for next year. The class is on all timetables and MyU3A, but it is not in the Course Guide. The details are the same as for last year, and the class will continue to meet at the Gillies St Hockey/Tennis clubrooms at the same time. See MyU3A for further information.

2. Bird Watching with Ian Ashton

This class will take place in November. Details about the class will be added to MyU3A in the first week in December.

Meeting frequency: Weekly for 4 weeks. Weds 6th (Classroom), Weds 13th (Field), Weds 20th (Field) & Weds 27th (Field) November 2019. Time: 3.30pm – 5.00pm.

Tutor/Group Leader: Ian Ashton - ianandamanda2010@hotmail.com

The Ballarat bird list contains over 280 species and during this proposed series of afternoon outings we will explore how to see and identify some of them.

We will start the first session indoors where we can explore how to choose the right binoculars and field guides. The next three sessions will be out in the field, meeting at different sites each week, all within a short drive of the CBD.



2019 Committee Members

Sitting (left to right) Helen Slater, Treasurer, Elena Tommasi, Vice President, Phill Grant, President; Ros McArthur, Secretary, Denise Grant, Class Coordinator
Standing (left to right) Nina Netherway, Jack Engwerda, Jeffrey Langdon, John Olsen, Blake Gordon, Mary Maloney, Graham Hawley, Anne Ottrey and Lee Albert

VALE

Liz Fitzpatrick

Members of the Latin VI class and their tutor attended the funeral service for Liz Fitzpatrick on November 8th. Liz joined the Latin class when it began nearly twenty years ago and left us recently when her health deteriorated. She had been an active member of U3A throughout those years, had served as secretary and had attended classes in creative writing and several histories, as well as Latin.

She will be sadly missed by her U3A friends.

Six people who have served the U3A Ballarat community for many years, as committee members, tutors and volunteers were awarded Lifetime Membership at the Annual Meeting. We thank these people for their dedication and service to U3A Ballarat



Pictured left to right are: John Olsen, Janice Cook, Ruth Hawley, Ann Boag and Cath Taylor, Not pictured but also awarded a Lifetime Membership is John Poliness.



Recorder's performance at the AGM



Choir performance at the AGM

Ballarat and Creswick U3A Ballroom Dancing Classes Hold Joint Tea Dance

The much loved Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall put on a bright face on Saturday, 27 October, when folk came from far and wide to slip into their favourite dance shoes and waltz, foxtrot, tango and quickstep for a fantastic afternoon of great music, great food and loads of fun.

The Creswick Ballroom Dance group, as it does twice each year, transformed the hall into colourful splendour for a Tea Dance that is fast becoming Creswick tradition. The Group is working to raise money to restore the hall floor and improve its amenity.



The group members, made up of U3A Creswick and Ballarat ballroom dancers, volunteer their time to set up and decorate the hall, provide food and clean up afterwards. The U3A tutors provide ballroom dance training, the program and the marvellous music. Thanks go to Anne and Fay of Creswick U3A who volunteered long, hard hours working in the kitchen to make sure the luscious afternoon tea was ready on time and looking fabulous. What a team and they can all dance!

Local businesses and individuals generously donate raffle and door prizes to support the Group's efforts. The prize winners were all delighted. Thanks go to: Smokeytown Café, Red Fox Café, The American Hotel, The Farmers Wife boutique, Greenvale Quality Meats, Davies and Rose Hardware, Creswick IGA, Margaret Fullwood

for the magnificent floristry door prize, Helen Cook for amazing decorations and all the many others who made this such a successful toe-tapping, community event.

Save the date for our next tea dance: Saturday, 25th May, 2019. Enquiries: Elizabeth 0402 777 852

Tutors Brian McDowell, Elizabeth Howard and Andrew O'Connell



U3A RECORDERS

The U3A recorder group has been extremely quiet in The Bulletin this year. However, if you attended the AGM, you would have found out that we are still around. We did hear favourable comments and hope that we are no longer considered just background music.

In March, we accepted an invitation to take part in the Ballarat Community Gardens Harvest Festival and Open Day. It turned out that half the recorder players were in Canberra at a bass recorder workshop, so a small group of us, with the addition of guitar and drum, played music we thought suitable for a garden party. The whole event was delightful, with many keen gardeners sharing their expertise.

Since then, both the ensemble and the quintet provided entertainment at a fundraiser for the Ballarat Cops and Kids Charity. This program, for young children with cancer – and their siblings – funds camps and other exciting adventures locally.

In November there are three gigs: All Souls' Day at the Central Uniting Church; Christmas carols for the York Street Church of Christ's luncheon, and an end-of-year concert at Brown Hill Uniting Church, Humffray Street North – our practice venue. We will be joined at that concert, on Friday November 30th, by the Port Phillip U3A recorder players led by our member, Geoff Parr-Smith. Christmas will be the theme of the day; we have learnt some beautiful arrangements of three Welsh carols, and some old favourites.

DIVERSION FOR NOVEMBER

Congratulations to Elizabeth Howard, Garth Junior, Michelle Parker, Elaine Wesley, David Dawson, Blake Gordon and Sam Lynch who all correctly identified last month's picture as the Arch in St Louis, Missouri, USA.

No Diversion this month but look for a new one in the next issue in January.

ANOTHER DIVERSION FOR NOVEMBER

Congratulations to Michelle Parker and Sandy Johnston, the two wobbled word unwinders who managed to identify Appliance as last month's, rather tricky it seemed, wobbled word

Will it be possible for the lovely letter larrikin to keep our scramble solving sleuths busy for the entire holiday season? The scrambled word for this month is T R I H A I R T S

As usual, the prizes are mythical, just the satisfaction of sorting out a solution. Answers can be sent to Phill Grant at grantphillip@hotmail.com

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

EUREKA! WOMEN GET RECOGNITION

Her Place Women's Museum Australia Exhibition

Eureka Centre, Ballarat — 14 November – 9 December

The Her Place Exhibition will be honouring the women who played an essential part to the Eureka Rebellion and takes the story of Australian women into the 20th and 21st centuries.

Salvation Army Gift Wrapping Volunteer Request

The Salvation Army Ballarat are seeking volunteers who have a knack for **wrapping gifts**, and who want to help others who are struggling this Christmas!

This engaging volunteer role plays an important part in helping the Salvos raise much needed funds for those doing it tough in our community this Christmas. Your time wrapping Christmas gifts for shoppers means the Salvos can raise money to provide services like 100,000 meals and 2,000 beds a week – essential services which need to continue over the busy Christmas period. Gift your time – apply today!

Wrapping commences **Monday, 17th December** and goes through until **Christmas Eve, Monday, 24th December**. Each volunteer will be inducted on site prior to the commencement of their shift. For more information about shift times and dates contact **Jeanette van Gaalen (Major)** at jeanette.vangaalen@aus.salvationarmy.org

Open invitation: Castlemaine launch of *A Body of Work* (set in Ballarat & Melbourne) by Janice Simpson (Hybrid Publishers)

Castlemaine-based crime writer, Annie Hauxwell, will launch *A Body of Work, set in Ballarat & Melbourne*, after an in-conversation with author Janice Simpson on Thursday 6 December, 5 for 5.30pm, Castlemaine Library, 212 Barker St, Castlemaine.

A Body of Work, Simpson's contemporary crime novel set in Melbourne and Ballarat, tells the story of socialite and author Deborah Dangerfield's murder at a Melbourne arts festival, and the subsequent police investigation which uncovers not only the murderer, but political corruption, organised crime and the damage done in dysfunctional families.

CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday 16 Jan, 2019 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'.*

This month we reviewed, *The Eye of the Sheep*, by *Sofie Laguna*.

This book is narrated by a young boy with Autism and we see his world, feel his feelings and share his anxieties as he deals with the difficulties of a household coping with a special needs child, alcoholism, domestic violence and the lack of social support mechanisms specific to their needs. It is extremely well written as the reader truly experiences what it is like to be Jimmy and gives a valuable insight into how those on the Autism Spectrum process information and situations. The book, unfortunately, stumbles towards the end, losing credibility and becoming somewhat predictable, but this doesn't detract from the fact it is an inspiring read. Recommended. 8/10.

Our next book is: *Bring Up the Bodies*, by *Hilary Mantel*, and will be reviewed in the March Bulletin.

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

December 13th---Meet at Kirks Reservoir at 11 A.M for our Break Up. Please bring a small plate to share for lunch, which will be after a short walk.

January Walks.

January 10th---Meet 9.20 A.M at Pipers, Lake Wendouree for circuit of Lake then back for coffee and catch up!

January 24th--- Yarrowee, led by Warwick Sellens and Steve Walsh. 8kms, Code A, Bring Lunch.

Note--Meet at Llanberris Netball Courts parking area at **8 A.M.** This will be the first walk with an early start till the end of March to avoid heat.

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>

January 31st will be a walk in Melbourne---see next Bulletin or Blog for further details.

WALKERS AND COFFEE, *John Elischer 0421 341 288*,

28 November Krooze In Cafe, Boak Ave and Geelong Rd, Mt Helen.

5 December, Ballarat Leagues Club, 52 Humffray St. Christmas breakup.

23 January, Pipers By The Lake,
Facilitator Chris Cullen

Geoffrey Blainey offers a presentation at the
Ballarat and District History Class on 24 October
at Eureka Centre.,



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