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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

DIARY DATES 2019

Thurs Mar 14	Dr. Lynne Broughton Speaker 2 pm BNCC
Wed Mar 20	New Member Morning Tea 10:30—11:30 BNCC
Mon Mar 25	Being a U3A Tutor 3-4 pm BNCC Yellow Room
Thurs Mar 28	Film Showing Dalkeith 2 pm BNCC
Sat Mar 31	Swap Table 10 am BNCC
Fri Apr 5	School Holidays Begin
Tues Apr 23	Term 2 Commences

Being a U3A Tutor

U3A Ballarat Tutors come in all 'shapes and sizes'. Mmmm ... perhaps that could be misunderstood. What is meant, is that the role of tutor can be handled in all sorts of ways. We have 'experts' among U3A Ballarat Tutors. We also have 'organisers' or 'people who make things happen'.

Tutors in different U3A classes or activities use different strategies. Experts can just tell people what they know. Of course, they usually do that in all sorts of imaginative ways, ways that make learning in U3A classes and activities interesting, enjoyable and sociable. Organisers might arrange for others to teach, or might share the responsibility for learning activities among class members, or might ensure that class members have the opportunity to 'do things'. Organisers also make learning or involvement in U3A classes and activities interesting, enjoyable and sociable, quite often in collaboration with class members.

The common characteristic of all tutors is that they are willing to share an interest in or a passion for their topic or activity. Now, in this article, this is where we wonder if there are other U3A Ballarat members who would be willing to share an interest or passion, or who have ever had the thought, 'why isn't such-and-such a topic or activity in the U3A Ballarat list?'

The next opportunity to have a chat about being a tutor or running an activity will be:

Monday 25 March, at 3.00 -4.00 pm in The Yellow Room at BNCC

See you there? It's a chance to find out a bit more about being a U3A Tutor. By the way, there are 'no strings attached'; it is an information session, not a recruitment drive.

Bulletin Editor Elena Tommasi: Please send submissions by April 3 to elena.U3A@gmail.com.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The enrolment process has finally started to slow down, I'm sure to the relief of the volunteers and committee members who have been spending time in the Office to enrol members and new members. Due to the continued demand for enrolments during February the office hours were extended; that certainly helped make the process a bit more 'civilised'. Many thanks to all involved; the work of those people is very much appreciated.

With many of the enrolments being new people, including people new to Ballarat, it was not surprising that there was quite a large attendance at the first New Members' Morning Tea. Many thanks to all who attended and to the committee members who welcomed the new members; it was a very pleasant opportunity to meet and chat. The next New Members' Morning Tea will be on Wednesday 20 March, 10.30 to 11.30 at the Ballarat North Community Centre (BNCC).

Given the increasing size of U3A Ballarat it is important that new classes and activities are created. Of course, we are dependant on people suggesting new classes or activities and who are willing to become tutors. In reality, it is people who are willing to share an interest in or a passion for a topic or activity, who will become tutors. Being knowledgeable about a topic or activity is just one way of being a tutor, but it is not the only way. Many classes and activities run very successfully by sharing the role of tutor, or by collaborating with each other, or simply by 'doing things' together. All it takes is an organiser.

Having the different ways of being a tutor in mind, the next session for those who would like to chat about the idea of being a tutor will be held on Monday 25 March, 3.00 to 4.00 pm in the Yellow Room at BNCC. Please see the article below for further information about that session.

In addition to new tutors, classes and activities, an increasing membership also requires venues. At the moment we use about seventeen venues scattered throughout the city. One of the main venues, and now the site of the Office, BNCC, is still being set up in newly renovated facilities. Some works remain to be completed; the car park will be done in March and over the Easter break the roof will be replaced. Consequently a little bit of flexibility will be needed while those works are underway. The results so far, and those expected, are worthwhile and we certainly appreciate the successful relationship between the City of Ballarat and U3A Ballarat.

Now, to mention something totally different to enrolments and tutors; there are two projects underway, for which we have received limited funding from the Victorian U3A Network. One, coordinated by Ros McArthur, is looking at the facets of U3A Ballarat that are valued by members. There is a survey to complete and it would be of immense value to the research if every member completed the survey, either online or as a paper copy. The second project, coordinated by myself, seeks the help of language tutors to develop ways of helping language classes. About a quarter of U3A Ballarat's membership is involved in a language class and it is expected that results of this project will also be relevant to other classes or activities.

Finally in this report; the U3A 'morning coffee sessions'. The next session will on Tuesday 12 March at 10.00 am, in Café IneXterior, at the corner of Doveton Street North and Mair Street. Thereafter the sessions will be held on the first Tuesday in each month starting on Tuesday 2 April, at the same time and the same venue.

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Class News and Changes

1. Lori Hutton will run a new **Beginners Yoga** class in Term 3. People on the current wait list will have first choice.

2. **History of the English Language** with Alice Mills. Alice is going to start a repeat course in Semester 2. The course looks at the development of the English language from its origins to nowadays.

Please enrol on MyU3A either online or at the office if you would like to secure a place in the Semester 2 group.

3. **Lead lighting** classes at Pinarc will commence on May 8th. Enrolment is open now on MyU3A or at the Office. Please contact Karen Cane kc30lives@gmail.com for details of equipment requirements before the class starts.

4. French Novellas is now called **Read in French**. Check out MyU3A if you would like to read and translate French with like-minded linguists.

5. From Tuesday 19th March, and also next Term, **Introduction to iPads** classes will change to Ballarat North Community Centre in the Red Room. The Gatehouse Café at the cemetery will be closed.

6. "Fourth Thursday Book Group"

Meets at the Bunch of Grapes Hotel in Pleasant St at 10.30 on the 4th Thurs. We get our books from the Library who have a great selection available - some quite surprising. If you want to read an eclectic range of books, we have a vacancy. Very minimal cost. Current Book, 'Animal, Vegetable, Miracle.' Contact Jean Laing - 0438534818 or jeanlaing@hotmail.com

7. There is also a new **Painting** class which is to be held on Thursday afternoons, but the class is already full with people from their wait list.

8. Likewise, in Term 3, there will be another new **Geopolitics – Prisoners of War** class, but it is also full with people who were on the waitlist for the original class.

It pays to have your name on the wait list for classes in case a duplicate class is commenced.

WHAT IS THE WAIT LIST AND WHAT DOES BEING ON THE WAIT LIST MEAN?

We have had some confusion from a few members, who thought that because they enrolled into a class and were listed on the Waitlist, that they were automatically accepted into the class. All classes have a class limit i.e. how many people the tutor feels they can comfortably teach in their class room. Once that class limit is reached during enrolments, anyone else who enrolls goes onto the Waitlist for that class. Once you are on the Waitlist, you cannot attend the class unless the tutor contacts you to say that you have been accepted into the class. It is embarrassing for both the waitlisted person and the tutor when someone who is not in the class turns up to attend the class. It puts everyone into a difficult situation, so please DO NOT attend a class unless your receipt says ENROLLED. When you receive your enrolment receipt, it will tell you whether you are **enrolled or on the Waitlist**.

Being on the Waitlist may mean that you do not get into the class for 2019, or you may be lucky that people have left the class, and the tutor can accept new members.

Some tutors may invite people on the Waitlist to attend for a month or two during the winter holiday period when a number of people go north for the winter with the understanding that when the class member returns, the invitee must return to the Waitlist.

NEW CLASS

GENETICS with Karen Cane. Starts on 4th June and runs for 8 weeks. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 11.15 at Pinarc.

The tutor

Karen Cane studied as a mature aged student at Monash University graduating with first class honours in genetics; subsequently she undertook a doctorate, again specialising in genetics. During her time at Monash (1993-2004) Karen gained extensive experience demonstrating in practical classes, tutoring and assisting in postgraduate study courses.

The course:

Conversations around genetics and guided discussions on genetic topics

The course will be a combination of conversational topics driven by interest and queries raised by the students themselves about genetics, and at other times the tutor would introduce an area of genetics that might be of interest to students; for example, the genetic code, genetic engineering, genetic fingerprinting and DNA analysis. There may be some interest in current high school genetic studies from parents or grandparents. Student queries could influence the direction of future discussions.

Enrol now at the Office or online on MyU3A

TERM 1 HOLIDAYS

6th April to 22nd April.

Check with your tutor for class arrangements during this break. Most classes do not run, but some do continue during the holidays. Tutors please contact Denise Grant to confirm your class arrangements. Special negotiations need to take place with the managers at Eastwood and Pinarc.

Remember that roof works will be taking place at Ballarat North Community Centre and that the building won't be available.

Easter

We do not have classes on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Denise Grant

Class Coordinator

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Wanted - Library Volunteer

Our wonderful library volunteer of the past few years has retired from the position, and we are seeking a replacement. The task involves shelving, tidying and occasionally weeding the library collection at Ballarat North Community.

This would suit someone who loves reading, and who lives nearby or attends classes at Ballarat North Community Centre

If you are interested, please contact Anne Ottrey 0422 963 985 or ottrey@ncable.net.au

Pinarc Garden at English Street

U3A no longer does any gardening at Pinarc (the old GPlace). Pinarc took down the fence and rejuvenated the garden beds. PLEASE DO NOT PICK any of their vegetables. As we get into autumn, the area around the big oak tree in front of the Pinarc Community Shed is drying out putting the tree under stress. PLEASE DO NOT PARK UNDER THE OAK TREE so that damaging compaction to the soil and root system does not occur.

Did Your Know -- what has been ... and is happening at BNCC?

- 1 Three TV's have been installed and tested in the Blue, Green and Yellow rooms respectively. You can tune each of them to receive the news, sports or just what happens to be on. Tutors and reps have been using the HDMI / VGA cords to connect laptops to the screens. You Tube is up and running on the Blue and Yellow rooms; permanent WiFi should be installed by Telstra this week.
- 2 The library is sorted and operating again at the east end of the hallway adjacent to the red room! Borrowing is easy – just pick out a book or two, take them home, and bring them back when you finish!
- 3 Thanks to Meryl McLeod's generous donation we now have her personal library in the red room. It is presently being sorted and shelved (she also donated 5 white shelves!) A small working party led by Denise Grant managed the moving project in less than 3 hours!
- 4 A new urn has been purchased and installed in the kitchen – so that now there is a white 50-cup urn at each “roller door” window. Please have one / two of your group serve the tea / coffee thru the window. Biscuits and cakes can be served in the hall or thru the window into either the blue room or hall. After finishing please put your cups in the dishwasher. Also sweep up any spills or crumbs so that the next group doesn't have to tidy your mess. Try to leave the rooms better than you found them.
- 5 Got time between classes at BNCC? Just drop into the green room, have a bit to eat, or just have a read or look at the news on tv or music on the radio / cd.

Big Projects at BNCC in the next few months

- A. Starting on Tuesday 12 March the car park is being renovated so that water drains away rather than seeping under the building. This will take two stages – the installing of drainage and blue metal – and 2 weeks later - sealing of the whole parking lot with hot mix bitumen. Our entrance and exit thru the new electric glass door WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. But you will need to park in Armstrong or Walker Street and walk a bit further to class.
- B. Over the Easter / School Holiday the old roof (put on in 1973) will be removed and replaced with new steel panels matching the roof at the west end of the building (stage 1 – 2 years ago). NO classes, bingo, cards, bowling or church services will be held during this time. All should be back in working condition on the Tuesday 23 April. The two old noisy evaporative coolers will be replaced with new units as part of the renovation project.

New Venue for U3A

In late April the U3A executive will get a look at the spaces that could be available for your classes and events at the huge Ballarat Sports and Event Centre (BSEC) – just west of Eureka Stadium – on Norman Street. Some classes will have the opportunity to move to into this state-of-the art facility in third term! Watch this space for pictures in the next Bulletin.

Inaugural Swap Tables Meeting 23rd February 2019



Many thanks to all the U3A members who made our first swap table meeting such a pleasant affair. There were nearly 60 members in attendance, and we learned that from 10.00am to 11:00 is all we need. We also learned that if you want a wide choice of products, get there early. We had an abundance of delicious plums and nectarines not to mention basil and most of the summer herbs. Jams, pickles and home-made sauces were snapped up quickly as were the rhubarb muffins. The plant and seedling table was also well patronized, and many went home with gardening to



keep them busy for the weekend.

NEXT SWAP TABLE SATURDAY 30th MARCH



FREE workshop
Friday April 5
9.30am-4.30pm
Ballarat Community Health
12 Lilburne St, Lucas

We welcome:

- Women
- Gender diverse and non-binary folk.
- All sexualities
- People living with disabilities
- Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander peoples
- CALD peoples

Financial Capability

A workshop for community members over 50

- friendly learning space
- money basics
- financial confidence
- your rights
- where to get help
- lunch provided

To book, contact Lou
on 8326 7114 or
lfranklin@wire.org.au
RSVP 29/03/19

Ballarat Community Health
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any woman any issue

Melbourne Walks – On Top of Melbourne – Friday 26 April



ADVENTURE to historic high points of Melbourne, to discover hidden places, forgotten stories and rare views from high places. Access is often by mysterious routes, such as atriums, art deco buildings, galleries, car parks, attic studios, hotels, rooftop bars, office blocks – or wherever we can get to on the day.

The tour is led by experienced guide, historian and author Meyer Eidelson – we did this walk some years ago, and it is back by popular request. You will

be standing and walking for 2 hours, so need average fitness, capacity to climb some stairs, and tolerance to lifts. This tour, not surprisingly, may not be suitable for height sensitive people. Regrettably this tour is not wheelchair accessible.

Meeting Point: Friday 26 April, 10:50am Bourke Street Mall in front of the GPO corner Elizabeth St.

This two hour walking tour of Melbourne is open to all U3A members and will cost each member \$25, to be paid on the day. Places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first in basis.

We will travel to Melbourne together on the 8:18 train (8:01 from Wendouree), arriving at Southern Cross at 9:39am. There should be time for a toilet stop, cuppa and tram to the meeting point. After the walk we can have lunch together before returning to Ballarat, or you can go your own way. All participants pay their own train fare.

Dr. Lynne Broughton Ely Cathedral Talk to U3A Thursday, 14 March 2019 at 2:00 pm BNCC Hall



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



New U3A Classes offered with Mt Clear College Languages Centre

The following additional classes are to be offered commencing Term 2 with the assistance of Mt. Clear College.

If you are interested in any of them, do not go through the website, myu3a or the U3A office. See below on how to register your interest. Three of the courses are being offered in the College Language Centre in Olympic Avenue, with its wonderful teaching technology and tutored by trained, native and English-speaking teachers.

1. **Traditional Tai Chi (Baduanjin)** – 8.00 to 8.45 am Wednesday. All year*. Weekly. Commencing Term 2.
Venue - Mount Clear College Language Centre, 59 Olympic Ave. Mt Clear. Maximum class size 15. Baduanjin (also called Eight-Section Brocades) is one of the forms of traditional Chinese exercises which has a history of more than 1000 years. It is characterized by interplay between symmetrical physical postures and movements, mind, and breathing exercise in a harmonious manner. Baduanjin is comparatively easy to learn with less physical and cognitive demands because it only contains eight simple movements created based on the traditional Chinese medicine theory.
2. **Traditional Tai Chi (Baduanjin) by the Lake** – 8.00 to 9.00 am Saturday. All year*. Weekly. Venue - near Pipers by the Lake. To commence as soon as possible. No limit to the group size.
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3. **Chinese Mandarin Language for Beginners**. 3.30 to 5.00 pm Wednesday. Weekly*. Venue – Mt. Clear College Language Centre, 59 Olympic Ave. Mt Clear. Maximum class size 15. To commence Term 2.
Mandarin is a group of related varieties of Chinese spoken across most of northern and south-western China. The group includes the Beijing dialect, the basis of Standard Mandarin or Standard Chinese. Because Mandarin originated in North China and most Mandarin dialects are found in the north. Mandarin is often placed first in lists of languages by number of native speakers (with nearly a billion).
Mandarin is by far the largest of the seven or ten Chinese dialect groups, spoken by 70 percent of all Chinese speakers over a large geographical area, stretching from Yunnan in the southwest to Xinjiang in the northwest and Heilongjiang in the northeast.
4. **A Visitor's Guide to China**. 3.30 to 5.00 pm Thursday. Short Course weekly for Term 2 (A 6-week course commencing Thursday 2 May concluding 6 June) Venue – Mt. Clear College Language Centre, 59 Olympic Ave. Mt Clear. Maximum class size 15.

*Classes to be held weekly except for school holidays

Registration of Interest

Contact John Olsen on 0409372200 or email olsen44@bigpond.net.au to register your interest for any of the classes by Monday 25th March 2019.

U3A GROUP VISITS ART MEETS NATURE EXHIBITION

A group of 12 people representing Ballarat U3A Painting and Drawing Group navigated their way to Wingeel, near Inverleigh to visit the Exhibition **Art Meets Nature**, at Lucy McEachern's delightful gallery. The exhibition has attracted artists working in a wide range of media, all supporting WAMA.

WAMA is a project to establish, in the Halls Gap area, a world-class botanic gardens and gallery to feature art inspired by nature. To raise awareness of the project WAMA regularly organises exhibitions, workshops, and schools programs at the site and in other locations. **Art Meets Nature** was such an exhibition.

Our party started the day viewing the garden and the lovely outlook to the Otways to the far south east. Lucy's garden is decked with sculptures of birds mostly made from aluminium – pelicans, hawks, swans, etc. The crane is an absolute delight to see.

Next on the agenda was morning tea – Lucy supplied tea, coffee and hot water. Margaret McCarty and Linton Horsfield kindly provided delicious cakes and scones.

After Morning Tea we adjourned to the gallery, a wonderful, spacious area where Lucy and co-host Vida Pearson explained the workings of WAMA. It was Vida, accomplished artist, local gallery owner and WAMA exhibitor who first recommended the U3A group visit the exhibition. Lucy then demonstrated how the large bird sculptures are constructed, in large separate sections. Favourites of mine were the Finches by Steve Morvell, the delicate works of John Wolseley, the owl of Mali Moir and the finely worked beetles on vellum by Dianne Emery.

Testing our navigational skills again we concluded the day's events by heading to Inverleigh for a tasty lunch at The Inverleigh Bakery. Delicious pies!!

We offer our sincere thanks to Lucy McEachern for opening the gallery to us, for her guidance and advice and her sincere hospitality. Thanks too to Vida Pearson for her participation in presenting the exhibition. And thanks to the U3A drivers of the cars and to the folk who attended. Such external ventures by our group expand friendships, enlighten us to the wide and varied world of art and encourage us to keep painting and drawing.

You are invited to the Ballarat Speakers Club Luncheon

Where: City oval Hotel (Cnr Mair and Pleasant Sts)
When: Thursday 14th March at 12pm
How Much: \$40 per person (\$15 goes to charity)
RSVP: Call/text Anthony on 0458 312 533 by Tues 12th March
or Google Ballarat Speakers Club



Roller Derby enthusiast Xavier Anderson is a young person living in Ballarat who identifies as a transgender person. As you can imagine, Xavier's life has not been an easy one and they (Xavier's preferred personal pronoun) have been receiving support from Youth Worker Gabrielle Evans through Headspace. Xavier will tell us about their life and has agreed to answer our questions. This will be a frank and eye-opening talk and a rare opportunity to learn about the life of a trans person.

CLASS NOTES

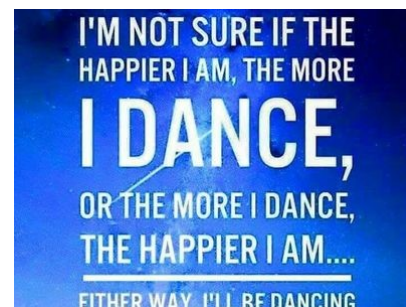
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Wednesday 3 April 2019 to
Elena Tommasi, PO Box
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BALLROOM DANCE *Lorraine-Amour Chambers, Class Rep*

The BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES, both Beginners and Improvers, are very happy with our move to the VRI hall, due to the parking, lively floor and excellent acoustics. A big thank you to Denise, the Committee and VRI staff for making this possible.

The year has stepped out with great enthusiasm, The Tutors and participants are absolutely delighted with the atmosphere, fun and challenge that Ballroom Dancing brings.

Please note. The Beginners Class is NOT taking any new enrolments this term.



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

11th April. Walk around Clunes, the most original and intact of Victoria's gold towns. View historic buildings, mining remains, outlooks over surrounding areas, parks and creeks. Distance 7km, code B (few hills), bring morning tea/lunch, car pool \$5. Opportunity to buy coffee at morning tea break. Led by Anne Ottrey and Theresa Dawson.

25th April. Walk to Eatons Dam from St Georges Lake. The walk is 9 - 10 kms mostly bush, 2 hill climbs and gently undulating. Code C, B/L, Car Pool \$5

Note- 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*

Band Practices began in earnest this year on February 4th, when we welcomed a new Fiddle Player to the Band. Monday practices involve practising new & well known tunes from which concert programs can be compiled..

The Band accepts regular invitations to play at concerts at a variety of venues. This year the Band has, so far, been invited to play at Concerts until August.

Last week we played at two Concerts, the Hospital Chaplaincy Fundraiser at Wendouree Uniting Church and Wendouree Ladies Probus Group. The audience on both occasions responded enthusiastically and bought several of our CD's.

This year the band celebrates being together for 10 years. To celebrate this landmark, the Band has been invited to play at the Ballarat Art Gallery on July 28th.

CLASSIC CINEMA *Kerren Thorsen, Class Rep 5338 2607*

April 9. Chaos and hilarity develop when two charming older ladies are found to be poisoning their gentlemen visitors. Arsenic and Old Lace, USA 1944, Dir: Frank Capra. 118 mins. Please be seated ready for a 1.30 start.

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

Dining Out Group. There will be no meeting on the 21st April as it is Easter Sunday and also in the school holidays. The next meeting will be on the 19th May, venue to be advised.

HIKING GROUP

During Term One the Hiking Group are hiking the 90km Lerderderg Track in six stages. The Lerderderg Track runs between Daylesford and Bacchus Marsh.

The group previously completed the Lerderderg Track from Daylesford to Bacchus Marsh in 2017 and are now hiking it in the other direction.



On Thursday the 21st February the first stage was completed stage between Bacchus Marsh and Mt Blackwood.

7th March Mt. Blackwood to O'Briens Road

21st March O'Briens Road to Blackwood

4th April Blackwood to Nolan's Creek Picnic Ground

18th April Nolan's Creek Picnic Ground to Specimen Hill

2nd May Specimen Hill to Blackwood.

In September 2019 members of the group are completing a seven-day hike in the Saxon-Switzerland National Park in Germany

This group currently has 38 enrolled and has two vacancies.

The Hiking Group have a website that has walking resources that can be accessed by all U3A members. For example, there is a Word Document that can be downloaded which has full descriptions of Melbourne Urban Walks using Melway Maps and references (courtesy of Gordon Talbett) There are also accompanying links to these routes on Google Maps (Andrew Parker) <http://canadianlodge.wixsite.com/u3a-ballarat-hiking/hike-maps>

READ IN FRENCH (formerly 'French Novellas'), *Warren Clarkson, class rep*

This class is self-generated with students providing short articles for reading aloud and translating in class. We meet in Room 2 at the Eastwood Leisure Complex on Wednesday mornings 9am-10.30am.

During the class, each student takes turns reading and translating from a wide range of different articles that provide us with a comprehensive view of all aspects of French culture, its various regions, food and wine, history, personalities and politics.

So far we have looked at Medieval foods enjoyed by the aristocracy, monks and peasants; the origin of '*poisson d'avril*'; the Fairmont Banff Springs in Alberta, Canada; the '*panier*' district of Marseilles; the difference between '*le rhume*' and '*la grippe*'; the *Opinel* knife, its history and manufacture; the transformation of Paris under *Georges Eugène Haussmann* – and even Brexit! These topics not only provoke discussion about France, but help improve our reading, pronunciation and translating abilities.

If you feel confident in reading and translating French – and would enjoy further practice in a lively atmosphere – please contact our Class Representative, Warren Clarkson on clarksonwarren@yahoo.com.au.

Walkers and Coffee, *John Elischer, Class Rep 0421 341 288*

Meet 10.00am	1st & 4th Wednesdays
6th March	Desoza Park Buninyong
27th March	Racers Cafe Lake Wendouree
3rd April	Dyson Road Lucas - Front of Safeway
24 April	Midvale Shopping Centre - Front of Coffee shop

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