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MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

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

Bulletin Editor Elena Tommasi:
Please send submissions by Sept 4
to elena.U3A@gmail.com.

DIARY DATES 2019

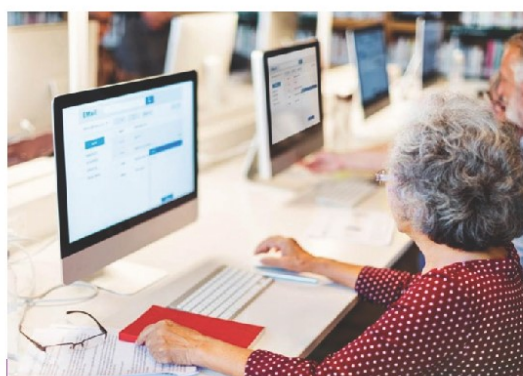
Tues Aug 13	Cappucino and Chat, Yacht Club 10:00
Wed Aug 14	Cappucino and Chat, Yacht Club 10:00
Wed Aug 21	New Member Morning Tea 10:30—11:30 am ELC
Thur Aug 22	AGM 2:00 pm BNCC
Thurs Aug 20	Be Connected Meeting 1:30 BNCC
Sat. Oct. 12	Maker's Market

U3A BALLARAT 32nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22 August, 2:00 pm Ballart North Community Centre

We need a quorum of 120+ members, so all members are urged to attend.

Entertainment will be provided by the Celtic Band hot off their successful 10th Anniversary performance at the Art Gallery. Reports and voting are also on the agenda and a nice afternoon tea will be provided.

The official announcement and Nomination Form are on page 3.



Learn New Online Skills

Ballarat North Community Centre,
702 Walker Street, North Ballarat

Thursday August 29 at 1.30pm

- Ballarat U3A, in conjunction with the Australian Government's *Be Connected* program, invites you to attend an information session on how to better use the online space to help you in your everyday activities.
- The session is free and an afternoon tea will be provided after the session which will be about one hour in length.
- Individual post-session support will also be offered to those who want to follow up this introductory session.

For more information contact Jeff Langdon on 0411 552 862

Be Connected is an Australian government initiative committed to increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians. *Be Connected* aims to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday technology to enable them to thrive in our digital world.

Be Connected
Every Australian online.

U3A BALLARAT
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



May I suggest that members have absolutely nothing to fear from attending the **Annual General Meeting, to be held on Thursday 22 August at 2.00 pm, at BNCC?** Of course that is a rhetorical question, so let's be a bit more definite. There is no need to fear being asked to fill any position, as all people who might take up positions will have been nominated beforehand. All members have to do is be entertained and informed, oh, and vote, and that is only if there are more nominated people than positions.

Indeed, there is a lot to be gained by attending the AGM. Firstly, the Celtic Band, fresh from its tenth anniversary performance at the Art Gallery (an excellent and very enjoyable performance, by the way) will perform. Secondly, only the interesting bits of information about U3A Ballarat's activities will be given in a few short speeches. Of course, it is also another good opportunity to chat with other members and the Committee Members.

Because the AGM will be entertaining and interesting, I highly recommend and will warmly welcome your attendance.

While we are on the topic of warm welcomes, there will be two cappuccino and chat sessions this week. The reason for two sessions is that it has been suggested that members who have classes on a Tuesday cannot attend other meetings on that day. The sessions will be on **Tuesday 13 August, 10.00 am at the Yacht Club, and Wednesday, 10.00 am at the Yacht Club.** Choose a session, or, if, as I do, you like chatting over a cappuccino, come to both sessions.

Recently I have had the privilege of reading two books written by two members of U3A Ballarat. One, set in war-torn Europe, told of the survival and escape of a mother and two children. The other was a compilation of poems written in French. In many ways it is not surprising that U3A Ballarat members have put pen to paper to create remarkable textual material. I strongly suspect there could be many more remarkable stories among our members, stories just waiting to be told in some text form or another. Indeed the various writing classes have provided good evidence of that over many years. I wonder, could we as a U3A, do more to make public a greater number of member's stories?

As well as writing books, U3A Ballarat members continue to be active. To give a few examples; the Celtic Band played at the Art Gallery, the Performance Choir performed to a packed hall last Sunday and a group planted well over one hundred trees along the rail trail. Many thanks to all members of the music groups as well as their conductors, musicians and class representatives. Many thanks to Alan Walker for his organisation of the tree planting; in effect, the activity also added a new dimension to the working relationship between the City of Ballarat and U3A Ballarat.

Committee Members have been preparing for the AGM, and for entertainment attended the opening of the Ballarat Sports and Events Centre (BSEC), where some of our classes will be housed. Aspects of technology and communication are also being developed, including safe and effective use of social media and the use of *BeConnected* grants. The Committee also settled down to an afternoon of intense discussions about the future of U3A Ballarat. The results of those discussions will help ensure that we, as an organisation, can manage the continuing increase in the number of members, and do so with a shared vision for the future. Oh yes, I know that sounds as if it is 'administrative jargon', but it does help us 'get on with the task'. Many thanks to members of the Committee.

Phill Grant
grantphillip@hotmail.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 22nd August 2019

The Annual General Meeting of U3A Ballarat, will be held at Ballarat North Community Centre (Corner of Walker and Armstrong Streets) at 2:00 pm on Thursday 22nd August 2019

All U3A members are invited to attend. All current committee positions will be declared vacant at that meeting and nominations are called for Officers and Ordinary Members.

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER

ORDINARY MEMBERS*: A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10

*Note: The Immediate Past President is included as an Ordinary Member of the Committee, making a maximum of 15 members on the Committee. The duties of Ordinary Members vary from year to year, but can include Webpage Manager, Bulletin Editor, Publicity Officer, Class Co-ordinator, Social Convenor, Membership Officer, U3A Network Representative, Catering Co-ordinator, and Equipment Officer. Sub-committees for Finance/Grants, Accommodation/Operations, Administration, Communication and Technology meet and report regularly to the U3A Ballarat Committee.

NOMINATION FORM, UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE BALLARAT INCORPORATED Reg. No A 13304K ABN 33713445856

Nominations for the positions listed above should be forwarded NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 19th August 2019 to:

The Secretary U3A Ballarat Inc.
P.O. Box 2058, Bakery Hill, Vic 3354
info@u3aballarat.org.au

I nominate for the position of
.....on the committee of U3A Ballarat Inc.

Nominated by (Member)

Signature

I hereby accept the nomination for the above position

Signed(Nominee)



Celtic Band's 10th year anniversary performance at the Art Gallery

CLASS COORDINATOR'S NOTES

Class changes

Laughter Yoga is cancelled until next year. The tutor would like to fine tune his lessons before proceeding.

Classes for next year – Planning forms have already been sent to tutors and class reps. If you haven't received your form, please email Denise Grant deniseu3a@hotmail.com or there are copies of the planning form and the instruction letter at the Office.

You can either email the form to Denise Grant deniseu3a@hotmail.com or there are boxes at Pinarc (on the bookshelf), the Eastwood kitchen (on the top of the U3A cupboard in the kitchen) and at BNCC (on the table in the foyer) for submission of completed forms. Forms can also be handed in to the Office.

CLASS PLANNING FORMS FOR 2020, CURRENT CLASSES AND NEW CLASSES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 27TH SEPTEMBER please.

New Classes for 2020

If you would like to duplicate a current class or start a completely new class, then please fill out the 2020 Class Planning form. You can obtain a copy of the Planning form from the Office. New classes will be discussed for approval at the October Committee Meeting 2nd October so please submit by the 27th September.

Classes that will not be available at this stage next year:

Imperial Roman History

Ballarat History

The 18th dynasty of Egypt

Introduction to Book Folding

Current classes – There are still vacancies in many current classes so it isn't too late to enrol for Term 3 and 4. Check MyU3A.

Denise Grant
Class Coordinator
Deniseu3a@hotmail.com



A few of the U3A attendees at the BSEC grand opening.



U3A's Dance for Fun and Fitness demonstration at the BSEC grand

Seniors Festival Preview 2019

You are invited to a **Grandparents' Story Seekers** session! Bring your pre-school grandchildren to a fun session of stories, songs and play, followed by a U3A sponsored morning tea.

Venue: Lucas Community Hub, 10:30am – 11:30am, Tuesday 8 October. Enter it in your diary!



U3A Activities to enjoy or try out!

Many classes will be performing or offering introductory sessions for you to join in. U3A members and non-members are invited to attend the following:

Tuesday 8 October at Wendouree Library:

Preserve Your Memories scrapbooking class; U3A Recorder Ensemble performance; U3A Choristers performance in Stockland Shopping Centre.

Wednesday 9 October at Sebastopol Library:

Origami Card making workshop; Cryptic Crosswords workshop; U3A Performance Choir performance.

Thursday 10 October at Sebastopol Library: Sit & Stitch demonstration; Meet Japan talk and slideshow; Mixed Media Jewellery workshop; meet & chat with the U3A hiking & Biking groups. Full program details in the next Bulletin and the Library publication "What's On" Sept – Oct edition.

DINE OUT GROUP

I began the Ballarat U3A Dine Out Group early in 2001 when there were only a few hundred members. Originally it was my idea to have dinner one night a month, and then a Sunday lunch also once a month, but the dinner idea didn't continue for various reasons. However since then we have had 5 or 6 people take on the running of the group over the years and it has been very successful. We have been as far north as Talbot, I think the most southern town was Corindhap, east would be Gordon or Wallace, and west Brewster, the Wardlin Gallery. Also the funny old pub at Burrumbeet, years ago.

We also visited Hepburn and Daylesford a few times, I will never forget the beautiful day we spent at Lavandula. Of course Ballarat is blessed with plenty of excellent hotels and restaurants. We have never been to an expensive restaurant.

Now, with more than 1200 members in the U3A, sadly the Dine Out group is on the cusp of discontinuing. What it needs is more input from some of our younger members. Anyone under the age of 70 is young to me!

So if you have just a little bit of time up your sleeve and would like to explore our wonderful eating places, have a think about taking on the running of this group. It would be entirely up to you how it is run, even the name could be changed. Eating out is a lovely way to meet people and make new friends. Want to have a go?

Val Newman

If you would be willing to take this on please contact Phill Grant at grantphillip@hotmail.com or Denis Grant at Deniseu3a@hotmail.com.

ON THE ROAD...

One of our U3A Ballarat members was hit by a car recently. The cyclist was one of a group, not a U3A group, riding single file on a country road. The weather was clear. Flashing lights and bright clothing were the fashion of the day. After hitting the cyclist the driver continued, but was caught later by the Police. Fortunately the injuries sustained were not as bad as they could have been, however they were serious enough for almost a week in hospital and to necessitate the use of crutches and a severely curtailed lifestyle for the coming months.

Why is that relevant to us? The main reason is that we are all road users, some or other degree. As a road user we need to be constantly aware, considerate and respectful of other road users. Some people are vulnerable while on the roads. Although, apparently, cycle accidents are statistically less likely than car accidents, and cycle-car accidents are more often the fault of drivers, cyclists are clearly more vulnerable to injury as a result of an accident. So are pedestrians of all ages, and, for example, drivers of mobility scooters, especially when use of the road is necessary.



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Another reason it is relevant is that U3A Ballarat has a large and active cycle touring group, and also many members who are in hiking, bushwalking and walking groups, all of whom at some stage use the roads. Some of our members use mobility scooters. That means, many of our members can be in vulnerable situations on the road. For our cyclists, the enjoyment is not a matter of getting around in fluoro yellow or orange jackets, but rather in seeing new places, chatting and socialising with others and gaining the huge health benefits of being in the open while gently exercising. Some of our members are also using cycling to recover from such things as heart surgery, cancer and mental issues. We want our members to be safe whenever they use the roads, regardless of the activity in which they are involved.

At this stage, some may be inspired, or perhaps incensed, and want to comment. Comments and suggestions are, of course, certainly welcome. Might I suggest that instead of responding with 'cyclists, pedestrians, mobility scooters, and so on, shouldn't be on the roads anyway' - the fact of the matter is that they are on the road. A more practical response might be, for example, 'how can we encourage the community and the City to continue to improve infrastructure that enhances the safety of cyclists, drivers, pedestrians and all road users?'

What about the annoying cyclists, pedestrians and mobility scooters who do seem to block the roads unnecessarily, or do apparently silly things? Sorry, I've no good answer to that. Fortunately they are in the minority, as are annoying or hopeless drivers, and I suspect the only solution is to sigh, be patient, and realize that they are someone's sons, daughters, parents, or grandparents.

In finishing, the points to be made are that we are sympathetic to the member who was hit by a vehicle, are thankful that the injuries are not as bad as they might have been, and that we all need to be careful and considerate road users.

Phill Grant

U3A Tea & Coffee Supplies



At Ballarat North Community Centre, tea, coffee, sugar & milk are available for all classes to use. Sometimes they are hard to find – look carefully in the kitchen pantry cupboard and hopefully you will locate them.

At Pinarc – tea, coffee & sugar are available in the tea room, in the cupboard marked U3A. All supplies have been moved out of the classroom cupboard, as people couldn't find them there.

At ELC – spare tea, coffee & sugar are kept in the storeroom. If you run out in the kitchen, get the key out of the locked keybox in the kitchen and replace supplies from the storeroom.

All other venues: can pick up supplies when needed from ELC storeroom. Send me a text or email if supplies are low to remind me to restock. Anne Ottrey 0422 963 985 or ottrey@ncable.net.au

August 2019

VALE

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two U3A members.

Robert Wood

Robert was a member of the Philosophy class over many years and his always thoughtful and insightful comments will be missed.

Len Barlow

It was with much sorrow that the members of the U3A Celtic Band heard about the death of Len Barlow from cancer on Thursday 25th July at Gandarra .

At the age of 16 Len decided to be a guitarist and played in several rock bands in his early years. He was a very gifted musician and when he joined the Celtic Band he contributed a professionalism to the performances and to the technical side, being very knowledgeable about sound production. He also passed on his knowledge generously to other band members.

An off shoot of the band was Triptych a trio. Lately they were very fortunate to record several works in Lyndon Kriss's studio, one especially is an original composition by Len titled *Travelling With My Heart* which he wrote expressing his love of music .

DIVERSION FOR AUGUST



Congratulations to Carolyn Hall, Warwick Sellens and Marianne Kennedy for correctly identifying last months Diversion as Perito Moreno Glacier, Argentina.

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

WORD DIVERSION FOR AUGUST

'Well done' and congratulations this time to Warwick Sellens, Roger Darby, Michelle Parker, John Elischer and Marianne Kennedy, all of whom navigated and negotiated the largely uncharted depths of an ocean of nine letter words to arrive at NEGOTIATE.

With those erudite souls basking in the light of glory (however dubious that glory might be), we can gently introduce for consideration the scrambled word for August. It is

W O L F E S K A N

(which in its present form might be the Scandinavian name given to a medical check up for a lupine animal). However, it is the English unscrambled word that is sought.

Solutions please to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com

Soldiers Without Guns - An independent documentary film.

Regent Cinema, Sunday 8 September at 2.15 pm, as long as there are sufficient patrons. Booking a seat has to be done online; the details are below.

Soldiers Without Guns (M, 92 mins) Directed by Will Watson ★★★★★

Twelve years in the making, the low-budget documentary focuses on how a New Zealand peacekeeping mission to Bougainville, led by now-retired brigadier Roger Mortlock, achieved peace through cultural understanding.

It is an inspirational tale of how the peacekeepers used guitars instead of guns to connect with the Bougainvilleans. Their mission was a surprise success as other countries had already made failed attempts to end the civil war - the largest conflict in Oceania since World War II with some 20,000 casualties.

To purchase tickets, please go to: <https://tickets.demand.film/event/8197>

- credit/debit cards are only debited once ticket sales have passed the threshold that allows the screening to go ahead, and
- as this is not a Regent Cinema film, there's just the one set price of \$19.95 per ticket (\$18.00 ticket price and \$1.95 per ticket booking fee). So any members who would ordinarily use a Seniors Card or Regent Movie Club Member card unfortunately won't be able to do so.

There is also a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1576611092473024/>

Twilight Talks Series Three 2019 Ballarat Mechanics Institute "A Focus on History"

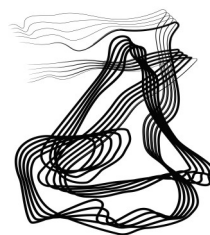
9 August	Peter Hiscock – LaTrobe and his horses: Testing times for horse and rider
16 August	Dr. Jeanette Debney-Joyce – The Stone Family Part Two – Jessica Stone 1906-1982
23 August	Neil Leckie – Creswick's War Through the Letters of S. Gordon Spittle
30 August	Caroline Hutterer – A Taste of Art Deco – the 20's and 30's – a time of innovation and excitement
6 September	Dr. Greg Young – Sex and Death in Ballarat
13 September	Dr. John Garner – Year with the Plague

\$6 for members and \$10 for non-members

Contact Rosemary in the BMI Library for information on 5331 3042



Performance Choir at Ballarat Central Church of Christ
(Peel St) singing to a packed house.



presented by Ballarat Mechanics'
Institute & Small Space Music

Music Workshops at the BMI

Presented by drummer/educator Ronny Ferella and special guests, the BMI Music Workshops are open to all ages and all musical styles. Each workshop will focus on a different element of musicmaking; theory, practice and a little bit of musical history all rolled into one. Bring your own instrument and come along and play or just soak up the info.

5.30-7pm in the
Hooper Room
\$10 per workshop

BallaratMechanics' Institute
117 Sturt St Ballarat
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Saturday 24th August
chords and melody with
Stephen Magnusson
Saturday 19th October
working the rhythm section
with Ronny Ferella
Saturday 30th November
ways to get better at reading
music with Ronny Ferella
Friday 31st January
developing your own musical
style with Fran Swinn
Friday 27th March
rhythms from different
cultures & styles with
Javier Fredes



CLASS NOTES

The next Bulletin deadline;
Wednesday Sept 4 to Elena
Tommasi, PO Box 2058,
Bakery Hill, 3354 or
elena.U3A@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB 2, *Yvette Nesire-McNeil, Facilitator 0434 630 456, Helen McDowell, Class Rep 0407 347 779*

This month we reviewed, *Commonwealth*, by Ann Patchett.

This well crafted novel begins at a family party with a kiss between a man and a woman married to other people. Patchett expertly explores the effect this action had on the four adults and six children involved, through multiple divorces and remarriages, issues with blended families and the dynamics of American life with the changing attitudes and social freedoms of the 1960s and 70s.

Influential events and people are strategically introduced, often retrospectively, creating an intriguing, layered effect to the story of these families over 50 years. The characters are credible, the writing insightful and the book is a most satisfying read. 8/10

Our next book is: *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doer.

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

August 22nd---You Yangs (near Geelong). Circuit loop led by Marlene and Ann G to the You Yangs Regional Park, through dry woodland, with granite boulders, waterholes, wildlife and evidence of Aboriginal habitation. Not included but extra walk can be done to Flinders Peak. It's a steep climb, many stairs but with great views. Toilets and good picnic areas. Approx 5 kms, Code B, bring morning tea and lunch. Car Pool \$8.

August 29th---Werribee Gorge, led by Trudie and Warwick. Refer to Blog for details.

Note ---Meet at Llanberris Netball Courts parking area **9.20 A.M** for 9.30 A.M start 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

On Sunday July 28th, the Ballarat U3A Celtic Band performed at the Art Gallery, Ballarat, to celebrate the Band's 10th Anniversary. The audience filled the room – the annexe and adjoining area – with many people standing in the aisles. John Olsen, who hosted the event, introduced the Band and the music began. The audience was fantastic, responding with enthusiastic applause. John, reading from a meticulously written script, provided for him, introduced each item, making mention of particular features of a tune as well as the soloists and instruments. Towards the end of the performance, Phill Grant, President of U3A Ballarat, spoke about how the Band was formed as well as the Band's 2 CD's and the many and varied Gig performances. On this special occasion it was important to remember the musicians who were pivotal in the formation and continued success of the Band but who are now no longer with us. People in the Band are grateful to the Art Gallery Women's Association for choosing to feature the Band at the last Sunday in July Concert. However the creation, continued success, popularity and togetherness of the band is due to the enthusiasm, creativity, dedication, encouragement and support of our Leader, Corrie Olsen. Thank you Corrie.

Classic Cinema All inquiries during July/Aug to *Shirley Faull, Tutor: 5331 4408*

Aug. 13 A Taste of Cherry (1997 Iran, Dir:A. Kiarostami, 98mins) focuses squarely on the "meaning of life". The leading character has decided on suicide, but needs to find someone to assist. It's an unusual and challenging film, which uses cinematic means to explore this most fundamental philosophical issue.

Sept. 10 Very entertaining and original, Supersize Me (2004, USA, Dir:Morgan Spurlock, 96mins) reveals the health implications of a fast food diet.

Final votes are needed for our 2020 theme today. Options are "Imagined Worlds" and "On Location". Ring Shirley on 5331 4408 by noon today, if you can't vote in person.

We do need **extra assistance** to move the chairs and tables before and after our sessions. Please come along to help at 1.00 if you can, or lend a hand afterwards.

****VACANCIES**** We now have three places available. You'll need to attend at least one of the four remaining sessions (Sept.10, Oct. 8 & 29, Nov.12.), and you'll also be able to continue into 2020. To give everyone an equal opportunity, you'll need to ring Shirley (5331 4408) only from 8am on Mon. Aug. 26. Please leave a message if necessary, as places will be offered strictly in the order received.

DANCE FOR FUN AND FITNESS *Rebecca Black Tutor 0488 661 317*

It's so much more fun to exercise when you don't realise that you are actually exercising.

This is why we are such a happy bunch of class participants.

What a great way to fill in a Monday afternoon and/or Wednesday morning, and to leave the class feeling so much fitter and happier.

LOST: A walking stick which was left behind at BNCC. Please, if anyone knows of its whereabouts, could you ring Bec on 0488 661 317.

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

The September lunch will be held at the Boatshed Restaurant, on Wendouree, on Sunday 15th September starting at 12 noon. 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 13th September. And please remember to wear your name tags.

A reminder that the August lunch will be held at the City Oval Hotel, corner of Pleasant and Mair Streets, Ballarat on Sunday, 18th August, names if attending by Friday 16th August.

Please consider taking over the role of organiser for this group as Anne and I will not be doing it next year.

LATIN

Did you know you use Latin words in everyday English ?

Every time you enter a shop, hall or theatre you see in green capital letters the word: EXIT. In Latin it means he or she goes out.

How about VIA by way of, There are lots more. Watch this space!

Meanwhile Latin 1 are just experiencing the destruction of Pompeii by Vesuvius,

Latin 2 are visiting a palace in Roman Britain to meet the king, Cogidubnus

Latin 3 are plotting to become the Roman Governor of Britain and King while the other classes are reading excerpts from actual Roman writers.

LITERATURE, *Robyn McKnight, Tutor 03 5334 4753*

Our class will be reading "A Year in the life of Shakespeare" by James Shapiro. Our tutor is Greta Christie.

NORDIC (POLE) WALKING *Pat McCarthy, Tutor 0467 852 759 Mike Maloney, Tutor 5330 1334 / 0413 971 951*

During August we will walk along the Yarrowee river below Redan. Meet at 10.00am adjacent to the pipeline on the extension of Humffray St (heading towards the Ballarat South Water Treatment plant), just a hundred metres or so from the Elsworth/Leith St intersection.

PERFORMANCE CHOIR, *Judy D'Ombrian, Class Rep*

The U3A Ballarat Performance Choir had its first public concert on Sunday, 4 August at the Ballarat Central Church of Christ (Peel St). We performed to a packed house of 150+ people and the concert was extremely well received. The whole choir has been buoyed up by how well it went, so that has given us huge confidence & motivation for future performances! Many thanks to everyone involved - especially our conductor and solo artist Geoffrey D'Ombrian and our accompanist Val Coad - all the practice paid off! It was indeed A VERY Pleasant Sunday Afternoon. For video clips please visit U3A Ballarat Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/U3A.Ballarat/>

So now we are issuing an invitation: "If you enjoy singing & have good music-reading skills, then you would be most welcome to join our ranks. We are particularly interested in hearing from Tenors & Altos, although Sopranos and Basses would also be warmly received!" For more details please contact Geoff D'Ombrian 5374 0154 / 0411 167 240

Thanks again to all who came along and showed their thorough appreciation for our concert - looking forward to hearing from prospective choir members.

UKULELE

No holidays for ukulele players! All three classes, absolute beginners, more advanced beginners and players all met at the Bunch of Grapes on Wednesday, July 10th for lunch and a strum. Claire Lacey brought all the groups together with song contributions from each group plus a few "open mikers". Such is the enthusiasm of the members that they voted overwhelmingly to meet again next holidays! And a big thank you to the BoG for putting up with us!

Some Thoughts from Ukulele Players

I had no idea how much enjoyment I would get from learning to play the ukulele. Apart from meeting the nicest group of people and having teachers that are so generous with their time and expertise, I find playing the ukulele is the most wonderful way to make the troubles of the world disappear and bring so much pleasure. Marion U3A RED CLASS

Last year I enrolled in beginners ukulele class as I have never successfully mastered any musical instrument after trying many in my lifetime! I just love learning and am slowly improving. Our group is fortunate enough to have 2 fabulous teachers who make our classes fun. As well as learning I have developed a new set of friends which of course is part of the ethos of U3A and we all have fun! Clare and Peta go above and beyond for us even having extra session in the holidays with the people from the more advanced class. Shirley U3A Red Class

Would you like to forget the everyday stress of daily life? Then may I suggest you try a musical interlude on a ukulele at U3A! A moment of madness, brought Anne and I to just such a crossroad in our journey of life. Much to our delight, and subsequent surprise, we now have a new obsession. Dedicated teachers with a great sense of humour and participating classmates completes this experience. Try it you will love it! John Williams U3A RED CLASS

WALKERS AND COFFEE *Chris Cullen and John Elischer, Class Rep. 0421 341 288*

Chris Cullen and John Elischer, Class Rep: 0421 341 288
Walks Start 10am sharp 1st and 4th Wednesdays
7 August Cornerstone Cafe, 206 South Street at corner Skipton Street
28 August Pipers by the Lake, Wendouree Parade
4 September Sebastopol Bowling Club, 213 Albert St Sebastopol
25 September Eclipse Ford 15 Albert Street Sebastopol
2 October Goves Bike Shop, 524 Dveton Street Nth Ballarat

If undeliverable return to:

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