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1st Wednesday, Feb to Nov**BULLETIN EDITOR**LEE ALBERT
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Next issue deadline:

March 4 2021

Diary Dates

17 Feb: New members' morning tea 10:30-11:30 BNCC

27 Feb: U3A Swap tables 10:00-11:00 BNCC Hall

Word Diversion

'Enlightening, but masochistic' is how the last set of word puzzles were described. I suspect that might please Aunt Jessie and Warwick. Be that as it may, Marjorie O'Donnell, John Elischer and Tricia Elliott succeeded with ENLIGHTEN from Aunt Jessie. Warwick's puzzle was solved by Malcolm Mackinlay, Brenda Baxter and Tricia Elliott, extracting MASOCHISM and MACHISMOS. Another solution, MACHOISMS, remained elusive. That, of course, means that any amount of glory, status, kudos and adulation may be claimed by those successful word un-wobblers.

Can we stand more brain bending? It's not certain that Summer has arrived yet; consequently we may be indoors and may want an accompaniment to the morning cappuccino.

Aunt Jessie has burrowed into her bottomless bag to find
A C O R N T A I N T S
and Warwick has stirred his spreadsheet to suggest

E	S	N
M	L	I
S	A	E

ENMALSIES

Solutions please to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com

There will be a choice of prizes this time. The usual glory, status, kudos and adulation are offered, or 'wordwright wizards' might like to choose an imaginary sheep station.



February 2021

I hope you have all enjoyed getting back to classes this week and meeting up with friends as much as I have. Though I have to say, it has been an exhausting week after spending so long doing very little.

And just as we were getting started, another change comes through from DHHS. At least it is minor, back to wearing masks, and hopefully it won't last long.

We are having a few teething problems with our Covid cleaning protocols. Some Tutors or Reps are taking the buckets, moving the buckets or hiding buckets and QR codes when they leave. If you are in a space where you are sharing the room with others, the bucket must remain there, hopefully in an unobtrusive place, so that all classes in that space can use the cleaning supplies. Information has been sent on where the buckets are at ELC. We will do our best to keep all supplies topped up but we need you to help us as well. This is all new, so it is expected that we will encounter some problems. Please be patient.

Thank you to Nina, Denise, Chris, Mary and Tricia for all their help in organising and running the Tutor and Reps meeting and enrolments. I would also like to thank Nina, Lee and Chris for the time they have all spent working on Hybrid classes. We are offering help to set up your class for the first time; just let one of us know.

We are back to producing one Bulletin a month. We are only sending the Bulletin to those without email addresses. If you have an email address, your Bulletin will be emailed. Copies will also be available at the office during office hours. And even though we are not producing the eBulletin anymore, we welcome and encourage member contributions.

As Tutor of the Mahjong class I would like to thank Kathleen Chapman and Ian Moore and Rita and Rick Holt for donating Mahjong sets to our group. I would also like to thank Henk Rem for the beautiful Mahjong racks he made to go with the sets. It is this wonderful attitude of cooperation between members that makes U3A what it is.

Let us hope that these latest restrictions will ease soon and we will be back to enjoying our classes in a Covid Normal situation. In the meantime, let's appreciate what we can do.

Elena Tommasi
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NINA'S ADMINISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A most successful Tutors and Reps meeting was held at the end of January when a briefing was given on the COVID issues we are facing. Tricia Cosgriff is the COVID co-ordinator and has distributed a bucket with cleaning materials for each room or venue.

Please do not remove these as they are for the room, not the class. A QR code and sign in book were also distributed for each venue. Again, please do not remove them.

Please do not use the wipes for the tables and chairs, use the paper towels. The wipes should only be used for light switches and door handles.

As various changes occur to the COVID rules, your Class Rep, with the Tutor, will make decisions re the class and communicate them to class members. Obviously wearing of masks is now mandatory in classes – even the Scottish Dancers were dancing beautifully with masks on today!

Enrolments have been going very well – we now have 1077 members. That means some classes are becoming very full and have waiting lists. Tutors, please keep checking your wait lists as new people are joining and maybe selecting your class.

The last three days of January enrolment time went very slowly, so we have recommended that only one day be held at the end of January for enrolments next year.

A very big thank you to the Office Volunteers for their work over enrolment time – both at the end of 2020 and during January. We could not do it without these willing volunteers.



We have run out of lanyards and badges, so please do not come to collect a badge until the new supply arrives – which should be very soon.

The new office hours are

Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30

Thursday 1.00 – 3.00



*Remember:
Morning tea for new members!!*

**Wednesday Feb 17: 10:30-11:30
BNCC Hall**

Open to All members of Ballarat U3A, Ballarat North Senior
Citizens and Genesis Church For info 0409241115 (Ros)

U3A HOME PRODUCE SWAP TABLES

Held at the Ballarat North Community Centre on the last Saturday of the Month

2021

Sat 27th February

Sat 27th March

Sat 24th April.

Between 10:00 - 11:00am



Excess Products may
include :

Vegetables/Fruit

Seedlings/Flowers

Herbs/

Potted Plants you have
struck.

Jams, Preserves

Pickles and Relishes

Marmalade or Sauces

Excess eggs if you have
chooks.

BRING SOMETHING

TAKE SOMETHING

NO MONEY INVOLVED.

BALLARAT NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE NEWS

We hope you are enjoying the sunshine. Letting you know we have added some new short sessions online for the month of February: **Smart Devices, Online Banking and Beginners Family Search**. Please have a look on

<https://www.socialplanet.com.au/at/ballarat-north-neighbourhood-house>

If you would like to attend any of the classes please click on the class and register.

Please note we update this page every week, the link is also at the bottom of my email.

Reminder the Neighbourhood House is currently closed to the public, so please contact via 0491 753 307 if you have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

Alison Demuth: Co ordinator

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Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

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CLASS NOTES

The Gardening Interest Group had its first event yesterday.

Here is the Blog for those that are interested.

<https://u3agardeners.blogspot.com/2021/02/event-1-2021-ballarat-botanical-gardens.html>



DINING OUT GROUP We look forward to welcoming members to our next lunch to be held at - BROWN HILL HOTEL 385 Humffray St N, Brown Hill VIC 3350 at 12.00 on Sunday 21st March 2021.

As usual, please advise Ian McKee at anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au or myself at grc184@bigpond.com of your intention to attend (or register an apology) no later than the Thurs prior - 18th March.

With regard to the Covid situation, this venue advises that customers can register using either the QR code on their phone, or paper and pen as supplied. In addition we will continue to be guided by the Dept. of Health and Human Services healthalerts@dhhs.vic.gov.au and the U3A committee re any changes that might impact the hospitality sector. See you there - Glenda Cipolato

ReBuild a Bike

There are a few vacancies remaining in the *ReBuild a Bike* activity. This activity will be starting on Wednesday 10 February, at 2.00 pm, at the Community Shed at Pinarc.



The idea is for each participant to gain a huge amount of satisfaction from re-building a bicycle over the course of about six weeks. The bike might be one gathering dust in a garage, or it might be one chosen from the collection at *YMCA ReCranked*. It doesn't matter whether

or not participants have tackled such a job before, as there will be ample opportunity for sharing skills and expertise and it will be recognised that there are often multiple ways of doing various tasks. At the end of the course, when it will be possible to marvel at sunshine glinting off a shiny machine, an optional 'tour by shiny old bike' will be offered.

For more information, please contact Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com or Ian at iancrook500@gmail.com , or simply enrol through the *U3A Ballarat - MyU3A* website u3aballarat.org.au

CHANGES AT ELC AND PINARC



The key safe at ELC Training Room 1 is now screwed to the bookcase. The 2-3-1 key box has two keys, one to the TR1 classroom lock (Yellow) and the storeroom (black) where the data projector/ computer/etc are stored.



The cleaning supplies are in the cupboard just inside the door.



At Pinarc, we are requested to only enter by the back door, near the shed.

We are NOT to use the hall to reach the toilets. Walk around to the west door and enter there.



Park **only** on the North side or on the street

CLASS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Denise Grant

COVID BUCKETS, QR CODES AND SIGN IN BOOKS

As Elena has mentioned in her President's report, we have had some teething problems with introducing our COVID protocols. Every room at every venue, should have a bucket of cleaning equipment, a QR code and a sign-in book. There are a few exceptions to the rule, but for the majority of our venues, please leave your bucket, QR code and sign-in book in the room for others to use.

Exceptions to this are the Multipurpose Room, Activity Room and Hall at Eastwood, and the classes at BSEC. Those tutors who meet at other venues that are not under the control of U3A would also need to carry their own bucket, QR code and sign in book.

Training Room 1 and 2 at Eastwood, BNCC, Pinarc, Hut 48 at the airport should please leave all COVID equipment in the room, ready for the following classes. DO NOT TAKE THEM HOME. Much time has been spent this week by Elena and myself, retrieving COVID equipment from various people's homes and returning it to the venue.

If you need more supplies, please contact Tricia Cosgriff or go to the office on Tuesdays 10 – 12 or Thursdays 1 – 3.

NEW CLASSES RECENTLY ADDED TO MYU3A.

PETANQUE

BALLARAT U3A is offering a new Petanque class [Outdoor activity] for 2021.

This is to be conducted at the newly formed Ballarat Petanque club each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 10.00--12.00 am commencing in February 2021.

All boules and equipment will be provided.

300 Bradshaw street Golden Point. [Next to Ballarat North Bowling Club]

Class coordinators: Jeff Langdon 0411552862 Jack Engwerda 53331654

Jerome Nugent-Smith is a new resident to Ballarat, having just moved here from QLD this week. He would like to take some classes which offer some insight into economics and also the share market. Jerome brings the experiences of 49 years of China-Australia-Global Business, diplomat, economist, educator, author, USC Trojan to his classes.

Jerome has written for various media publications, has been a visiting commentator on national radio, and he is the international author of 25 eBooks available on Amazon-Kindle. His first book was "Common sense Marketing". He has also written 12 eBooks on Economics, including "Understanding Global Economics from an International Perspective."

Application of Global Economics to Everyday Life.

Mondays at Pinarc: 2:30 pm-4pm Weekly. Starts 15 February

"Everything that happens in the world has an economic impact, and will affect YOU personally, either directly or indirectly." The course simplifies economics plus integrates everyday topical material - examples, local case studies related-applied to economic principles with optimal class participation & discussion. For example: We are all impacted by COVID-19. Threats to Ballarat economy from COVID-19 are real, tangible: impact of loss of International Students on Tertiary & Secondary Sectors loss of revenues, unemployment, multiplier affects.

Boom, Borrow, Bubble, Beware or Bust: Profits & Pitfalls of Investing on ASX.

Wednesdays at Eastwood, Training Room 2: 2.15pm-3:45pm Weekly. Starts 17 February

Every Australian has an investment in shares on the ASX, either directly or indirectly via their managed superannuation fund(s), and therefore, a direct financial interest in what happens to their hard-earned money. The course simplifies plus integrates topical materials - examples, case studies related - applied to investing principles & on the ASX with optimal class participation & discussion. For example: Boom, Borrow, Bubble, Beware or Bust via impact of massive expansion of Money Supply (M3) by Federal Reserve Bank-Commonwealth Government in creating an ASX current Share Price "Bubble".

Some may be interested in this:

A meeting of the Ballarat Friends of the ABC will be held at the Lake, south of Piper's,
near the cannons and the rotunda

on Feb 15

at 2:00 pm

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Vale

PATRICIA EARNSHAW

Pat who was a much-valued member of the Scrabble class passed away just before Christmas. She had been a member of the Scrabble group for a long time, and was a lovely friendly lady, who enjoyed her games of scrabble, and had a wide knowledge of words, often presenting those elusive seven letter words.

Pat was a member of u3A for about seven or eight years, and also enjoyed attending the Cryptic Crossword and Poetry classes. She liked to tell stories of her childhood days, and her anecdotes were both Interesting and very wise.

We will miss her very much, and our sympathy goes to all her family and friends.