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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BNCC 9:30 am

1st Wednesday, Feb to Nov**BULLETIN LEE ALBERT**u3aballaratbulletin@gmail.com

Next issue deadline: June 4

Diary Dates

Tuesday 18 May: Cappucino and chat 11:00 am at the Yacht Club

Wednesday 19 May: New Members' morning tea 10:30-11:30 am

Wednesday 19 May: Office Training for new volunteers 2:00 pm

Friday 21 May: Free lunch and build your digital skills, see p 7

Word Diversion

Isn't it marvellous what a difference a letter makes? After sending out the news that one of the letters from Aunt Jessie's puzzle had escaped, but later returned, there was a flurry of emails with solutions. The internet was subsequently awash with kudos and glory making their way to our worthy word watchers. Aunt Jessie's solution was CONFECTION (and many experienced a sweet sensation on sucking the solution). Warwick's solutions were MECHANICS and MISCHANCE (two words not normally associated with each other).

So, the glory and kudos went to Tricia Elliott (all three words), Michelle Parker (all three words after extra coffee), Brenda Beck, Margaret O'Neill, Suzanne Coutanceau, Pauline Quirk (two words), Alan Walker (who translated his solution), Dee Quinn, Marion Littlejohn, Malcolm Mackinlay, Janene Bawden, John Elischer and Jocelyn Reid.

Now, can we contain any urges for letters to 'make a break for it' this month?



Aunt Jessie has suggested S E D R E Y A T Y will be on its best behaviour, while Warwick's spreadsheet suggests

G	E	O
R	S	R
E	M	A

AORMSERGE

As usual, solutions please to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com and we'll see what colours of kudos and glory can be made available.



Term 2 seems to have started off very smoothly. Almost all classes are running, and everyone seems to be quite content. If my calculations are correct, we have 138 classes and a membership of 1158. I am still amazed by what a great organization we have and what a wide range of classes.

For those of you who have taken a peek into the new eating area at BNCC, it is already looking great and will be a wonderful space to enjoy a cuppa before or after class. They have also redone the lights and put plasterboard in the blue and red rooms and the difference is remarkable - so light and bright.

We will be having our first post Covid social event on June 24. It will be at BNCC to show off the new work that has been done. We will formally acknowledge the two Lifetime Memberships we awarded at the virtual AGM, and three of our music groups will perform. We will be sending out more information soon but please be aware that we are still under Covid restrictions and will be strictly enforcing the number of people who can attend. We are still working out the details, but you will not be allowed to enter unless you have RSVP'd or have a ticket (whatever we work out). Watch for an email with more details. We are also planning our Trivia night a little later in the year.

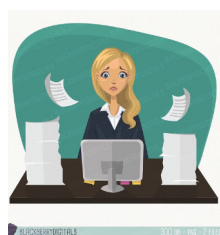
Don't forget the Cappuccino and Chat at the Yacht Club on May 18 from 11:00 until noon(ish). I would love for you to come by and say hello.

The Committee is working hard to keep everything – classes, the office, events, accommodations, and equipment - as they should be. We are planning for the future as well with a Committee "retreat" on Wednesday to analyze our sub-committee structure.

I'm sorry this is so short but, for once, I don't have much to say. Feel confident that we are working hard and things are going well. Hope you are all enjoying your classes.

Elena

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A note from your Editor

This month it was so good to receive items from members about their activities with U3A Ballarat and I encourage more of you to do so.

Please note that we do not publish fund-raising requests, however worthy, or articles which may be deemed political.

Some points to save your editor's hair from being torn out:

- Send files in docx form, not PDF
- If you are able to do so, send your photos as **small** file size jpegs. (I can reduce file sizes if you cannot do that yourself)
- Be aware that the final Bulletin file for printing is a multiple of 4 pages, ie, 8, 12 or a maximum of 16 pages. So really long articles are not very practical given the other pages which must be in every issue.
- If you do have a really long article to share, it can be put on the webpage, subject to the requirements of the site. Lee Albert u3aballaratbulletin@gmail.com

Nina's Administration Report

Our **membership** keeps growing! We had twenty seven new members last month giving a total of 1,153! These members are now able to join more classes as numbers appear to drop off after Term 1 – I think we are all getting busy again and find that we have overdone U3A courses! Don't forget to tell your Tutor if you decide a class is not for you, then new members can be brought in.

Bulletin: We have only been posting the Bulletin to those without an email address. This is due to postage costs. However, if you really want a paper copy you could collect one from the office or if that's impossible email me and I will put you on a special list I am creating. We do want you to read the Bulletin so you know what is going on. We are now printing the Bulletin "In House" and Barbara Burnett and her team of helpers are learning how to do it. We thank them very much for taking on this task.

Office: As reported last month we are now opening three days a week

Tuesday Morning 9.30 – 11.30

Wednesday Morning 10.00 – 12.00

Thursday afternoon 1.00 – 3.00

Come in and have a chat or come in to find out what is happening or to change, add, subtract courses.

It is pleasing to see Tutors and Class Reps using the photocopier during our extended hours.

When paying for membership or special events at the office it really helps, if you are using cash, to bring the correct amount as we do not hold cash at the office.

New Members Morning Tea will be held on the third Wednesday morning May 19th, 10.30 – 11.30. Even though a small number attended in April we had a good chat and it was most enjoyable. So come along and join in – you don't have to be a new member!

Swap tables will not be held over the winter months but will resume again in September. The last one was wonderful with so much produce brought and taken, so much chatting about what to do with medlars, what colour plants were, what sort of tomatoes are these etc, etc. It was great to see so many members and also members of the Seniors attending and joining in the fun. Remember – next one is on the last Saturday of September.

There will be a **Training session** for new office personnel on 19th May at 2pm. More information will be sent to those involved.

Committee had an information chat with Jenny Sherriff from the Council at its last meeting. Jenny told us how Microsoft Teams can be used – and we now have to decide which parts of it would be useful to us. This is a 'work in progress' as Teams is such a huge package and can do so much in the storage and organisation of data and communication between members of Teams.

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New Courses

One new course is on offer for May

FIVE FANTASTIC FILMS - MAKE MINE MUSIC

A short tour across select music performances:

the jazz band

the concert

the orchestra and opera

gospel, country and western

and musical comedy

Starting May 24th at 1pm for five consecutive Mondays

Enquires: bryanmeganpictures@gmail.com

COURSE DATES.

There is apparently some confusion arising with classes that are held fortnightly, monthly or on specific days. The course booklet states the classes are held on e.g. the second Monday of the month or the third Thursday of the month NOT Monday Week 2 or Thursday week 3 which could be a completely different day. The on-line information gives you the dates for each class in each course as does everyone's individual membership receipt. Please check these if you are unsure.

PINARC

Those members who have classes at PINARC are reminded to please wear a mask when you are moving around inside the building eg from the classroom to the toilet block, thank you, Helen

Class Notes

New Chums Course - Monday Group

With Doug Bradby & Marion Littlejohn

This *Photo Essay* documents in photos, the first 4 walks undertaken by the class.

8 February Walk: 1851 Poverty Point to Golden Point

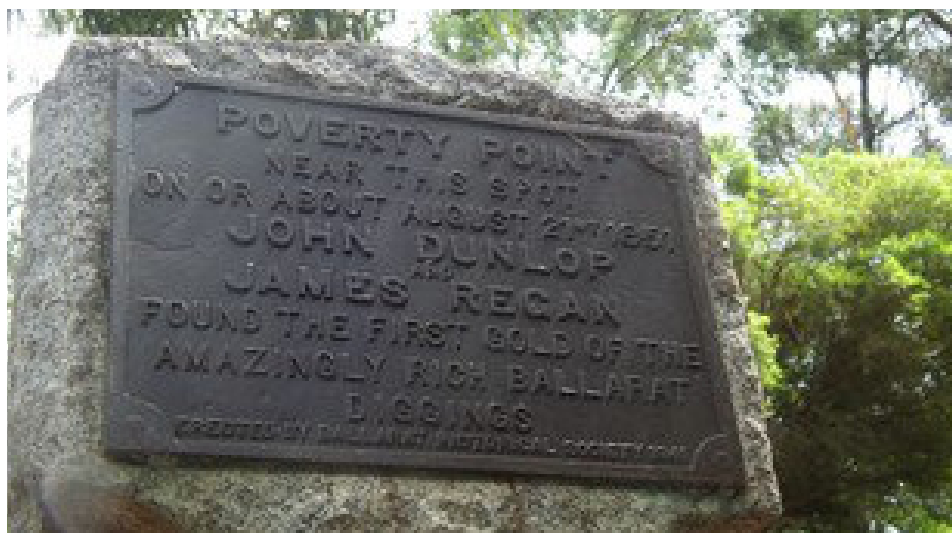
22 February Walk: 1853 the largest Monster Find, Canadian Gully

8 March Walk: 1854 Eureka & Specimen Vale: Diggers & Taking a Stand

22 March Walk: 1856 & Beyond, Ballarat East before the 'East'

The *Photo Essay* starts as follows:

Near Clayton Street, where it intersects with the Canadian Creek, stands an obelisk, which records when (possibly not where) gold was first discovered in Ballarat. Doug had already told us in his first talk, the previous week, how John Dunlop and James Regan had come to be here at '*Ballarat*', the sheep station of A Yuille Esq:



That was the beginning of our walk into history.

A complete copy of *Photo Essay* is available in the Members' Only Area of the U3A Website .

Dale Dumpleton

LITERATURE Robyn McKnight Class Rep

Our May class will be reading *The Yield* by Tara June Winch with tutors Fran and Margaret Joy.
Our June class will be reading *Here We Are* by Graham Swift led by tutor Helen Nethercote.

DINING OUT GROUP Ian McKee class rep Glenda Cipolato facilitator

We're looking forward to our first lunch for Winter 2021 to be held at TUKI TROUT FARM 60 STONEY RISES SMEATON on Sunday 20th June at 12pm. A little way out of town but well worth the drive, Tuki comes with the recommendation of one of our members. The huge open fire in the dining area creates a warm welcome, with the food including trout, lamb and beef all produced on the farm. Guests can even opt to catch their own trout for lunch if desired!

If you would like to join in the experience kindly advise Ian on anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au or Glenda on grc184@bigpond.com by the Thursday prior 17th June.

For your further information find here details of the property, menu etc. <https://tuki.com.au>

See you there – Glenda

PEPA (PLAYERS EN PLEIN AIR) U3A Ukulele Players Group.

The PEPA, Players En Plein Air ukulele group have been playing all through Term 1 in the bandstand in Pearce's Park, in Barkly Street on a Wednesday afternoon. The weather has been very kind to us and we have attracted attention from builders, dog walkers and families nearby. It has been great fun playing and singing together after so long apart. Zoom is great but not the same! The term culminated in a performance in the Sebastopol Library to promote their Libraries After Dark program.



Term 2, weather permitting, we hope to continue, either in Pearce's Park or Hut 48. As restrictions ease we are hopeful too of performing in aged care facilities or similar homes. We already have two "gigs" coming up. We perform a great variety of music, suitable for all ages. If any U3A members have contact with somewhere that might be interested, I'd be grateful if they could contact me, Sue McLachlan. (See the U3A courses site).



Eight well prepared cyclists left Ballarat for their mountain bike trek in the Flinders Ranges. We left with a packed itinerary, impregnable tyres, and the vital support of our spouses.

We lost one participant early on following a doctor's caution, but his bike did complete the trip in the support vehicle.

The rest of us confidently assembled at the mountain biking mecca of Melrose, aiming towards Wilpena Pound and beyond. We were to leave early on this track named for one of the explorer Douglas Mawson.

And we kept leaving until cinematographer Phil was happy with the camera angle, lighting and our performance generally.

We eventually arrived at Quorn that evening and were so impressed by the heritage buildings based around its railways' history. The riding subsequently took in Hawker, the spectacular Wilpena Pound, Blinman and then on to Parachilna. We traversed magnificent gorges interspersed with much evidence of overly optimistic farming practices by pioneering farmers.



Howard did more than his share of driving our support bus and trailer, and often managed to meet us with the kettle on the boil.

We looked forward each day to a happy hour thanks to Peter's supply of reds. Alan's trailer was a winner and his tethering expertise kept the bikes safe and undamaged despite the rugged terrain. Chris made sure we didn't miss any of the lookouts and heritage features on the way. Brian W took his affinity with rocks to a new level when he left a fair amount of DNA at some of the tricky creek crossings near Arkaroola.

The Blinman Hotel has its own take on intermittent feeding. Tour instigator and timekeeper Ian's preferred steak arrived late enough to serve as an early breakfast.

The seven days of challenging riding with great company made for a memorable experience.

Research help requested

Ph D Student at University of Melbourne, Louise Bouchier, is seeking people over 60 to complete an anonymous survey which aims to investigate how better to address the needs of older persons for advice on sexual health.

To access the survey, copy this link and paste it into your search engine: <http://go.unimelb.edu.au/td2i>

Ballarat Speakers Club lunch

13 May 12 noon City Oval Hotel

Brad Fernando, supported by friend Kate, will recount his journey from lively, bon vivant advocate for all things regional, especially wine and hospitality to dealing with surgery that cost him most of his jaw and part of his tongue. His friend Kate has been a major support during the past three years of treatment.

Cost: \$40 Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQVGY> or phone Anthony on 045831253

Flu-tracking: can you help researchers in 10 seconds each Monday?

Last year was a historically low year for flu. Many of us are already doing this survey: so quick and easy to help!

To join, use this link: <https://www.flutracking.net/join/AE/inv64>

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to help
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**You can apply for the \$250 payment
if you have one of the following**

- **A Pension Concession Card**
- **Veterans Affairs Pensioner**

**Get help applying for this \$250 payment at a special event
No bookings required. *takes 10 minutes of your time**

What do I need to bring?

- **Your concession card**
- **A recent electricity bill (not a reminder notice)**
- **Bank account details (name, BSB and account number)**

Friday 4 June 11.00am to 3.00pm

6 Crompton Street, Soldiers Hill Ph 0491753307



energy info hub

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on 21 May at BNCC, with lunch provided

to build on everyone's digital skills using phones, tablets or computers.

You are not expected to be a wizard or expert on how to use a device. We will give you the tools and confidence to know where to find the information you need to help you, friends and family members.

We will be using BeConnected website as our reference point <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

From this website you will learn the best way to help yourself and other people get online to do simple things like pay bills, access Centrelink, myGov or get in touch with family using Facetime. The opportunities are endless.

After the session you will be supported by our Lead Digital Mentor should you need further assistance.

To register your spot at the table contact:

Ballarat North Neighbourhood House

Ph 0491 753 307

Registrations close Wednesday 19 May

