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Next issue deadline::

August 6

Diary Dates**July 20 Cappuccino and Chat at the Boat Shed 11:00-12:00****July 21 New Members' Morning Tea 10:30-11:30****August 26 AGM please note****Word Diversion**

BIBLIOPHILES would be loving this cool-ish weather – it's an ideal time to settle down with a good book. Indeed, Aunt Jessie must have known what was coming, as far as the weather was concerned, as that word was the solution to her scrambled word. (Though it appeared that an 'I' felt bashful and hid behind another of the letters. Two of Warwick's three solutions came from 'between a rock and a hard place', both making reference to 'stone'; the solutions were MILESTONE, LIMESTONE and LEMONIEST. Congratulations and any amount of kudos to Tricia Elliott and Margaret O'Neill for successfully tracking down the solutions.



Will we have enough to keep brains warm and active for the next few weeks? Aunt Jessie has suggested that G I C I N S A T I N F might at least crack the ice.

Warwick has scrambled together a graphic with two known solutions, so that should keep us warm until time for brunch.

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M	E	S
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CIMOEHSSO

Once the solutions have been found, any of them, jumping out of the bath and shouting "Eureka" is not quite enough. Solutions please to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com

Prizes include warm glows, kudos and the adoration of all those who couldn't find a solution (well, I think that is one of the prizes).



I have never been a news junkie and prefer getting my news through brief headlines. So, when I find myself searching the Premiere's latest statement and downloading the latest restrictions you know how serious I am about trying to get things right for U3A.

It is a daunting task interpreting the restrictions. Where does U3A fall? Yes, we are educational, but we meet (mostly) at Community Centres so must meet those guidelines. And to be honest, the rules just don't make sense. Why could funerals have 50 and weddings 10? I know what the explanation was, but it still didn't make sense.

Why were there 300 people allowed in a sports stadium? Oh, and by the way there was a 50 person group limit? How does that work? Why could you eat dinner at a restaurant with 20 people, but you couldn't have those same 20 people to a barbeque at your home? If we changed our name (and purpose) to The Church of U3A Ballarat, or even more ridiculous, The U3A Ballarat Brothel we could have had 300 people in a venue. And how do you maintain a density quotient of one person per 4 square metres at a brothel? Let's not think about that!

So back to U3A. With the latest easing of restrictions, we are basically back to where we were before the last lockdown. We are still limited by the one person per 2 square metre rule which is what it was before. The only change is that everyone must check in with the QR Code, or someone must do it for those who are unable to check in with their device.

The event for the official opening of the lunchroom at Ballarat North went very well. A huge thank you to Carolie Kerry, Ros, Anne Ottrey, Barbara Burnett, Fran Hanrahan, and Colleen Noonan for all their help in catering. Thank you too, to Blake, Chris and Nina for setting up and running the presentations. The music by the recorders and Barnecoyle Group of the Celtic band was excellent! Congratulations once again to Blake and Anne for their well-deserved Lifetime Membership awards.

We are planning the AGM for 26 August at 2 PM at BNCC so please mark your calendars. We will also be having a Zoom (Webinar) option for those who can't or don't want to attend. We don't know what restrictions will be in place then but if they are similar to what they are now we can have 100 people in the hall at Ballarat North and about 25 or 30 others in the rest of the building (blue room, red room, kitchen, and yellow room). That is our needed quorum but since we are unsure of what could happen between now and then we want everyone to have the option of attending, either in person or online. More information will be announced in next month's Bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Hut48. We are well stocked now with everything we need. It is nice to know that you actually read my report and that so many were willing to help out.

There was a wonderful group of 15 at my last Cappuccino and Coffee. We had some wonderful conversations and hopefully those who were there met some new people. Thank you for not letting me sit there alone. My next C&C will be on a Tuesday this time (I am alternating between Monday and Tuesday) in two weeks' time, on 20 July. I am also trying a new venue: The Boatshed, just down the street. Please join me for a relaxed cuppa and a chat.

This year seems to be racing by and it is hard to believe that the third term is about to start. I hope you are all excited about getting back to classes once again and everyone is enjoying their classes as much as I am. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we don't have any more lockdowns and that as more people get vaccinated we will have fewer cases and outbreaks of Covid.

Elena
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Nina's Administration Report

Hard to believe it is July already and we are beginning to talk about August/September! Let's hope we have a more stable time for our class gatherings.

Our membership continues to grow as was shown by the enthusiastic attendance at the last "New Members" morning. It was wonderful that some experienced members also attended. We were able to have our first gathering in the new "Tea Room". Don't forget that we hold these morning teas each month on the third Wednesday 10.30 – 11.30 in the 'Tea Room'. All are welcome. The next one is on July 21.

The photocopier continues to be well used by a number of Tutors and Class Reps and accounts will be sent out very soon. Tutors and Class Reps can also email their file to be printed to accounts@u3aballarat.org.au and head into the office. Saves you bringing your device! Now that's service!

A wonderful group led by Barbara Burnett is now producing the paper copies of the Bulletin on the photocopier and in reviewing the costings, it is a great saving. Thank you to the Bulletin Group.

AUSOM INC



During June I have been involved in a series of Zoom sessions with AUSOM (Apple Users Society of Melbourne) who are investigating synergy between AUSOM and U3As. Network is also involved. It was interesting to hear how many computer classes are being run by U3As – particularly on iPads. So, I have decided to give it a try and run an iPad class! See Class Co-ordinator's notes.

AUSOM meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month and I attended this month via Zoom. The guest speaker spoke on the construction of their new website using WordPress – the same software used on our website. Then, in one of the break-out sessions focussing on iPads, we were shown how the app "Find My" could be used to track devices, people and other objects. By that time I was Zoomed out!!! Topics of other break-out sessions were Digital Photography, Garage Band (Making music), FileMaker (Database), General Help, Genealogy, iPhone and several others. A full day!



Some unclaimed badges which have been requested are pinned on the board in the office awaiting collection. New members be sure to ask for your badge – especially those members who enrol online.

Once we work out how to use it we will have an EFTPOS terminal in the office ready to accept card payments for functions and enrolments. This will make life a lot easier for office staff and members.

We are gearing up for the end of year and the need for tutors to decide whether to run their class next year or not and for members to think about whether they would like to share their knowledge of something they are interested in and run a class! Think about it as it is a very rewarding thing to do.

Keep warm and safe and wear a mask!

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Membership /MyU3A
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One new class is being offered this month: iPad for Beginners

This will be an eight-week course for those wanting to find out more about using their iPad. Do you know how to organise your mail and your contacts? What can you do with your 'Books' and 'Notes' app? Do you use 'Calendar' or 'Pages'?

The class will be a combination of face to face and Zoom sessions.
You will need to bring your iPad to class charged up.

Tutor: Nina Netherway

Venue: Airport Hut 48

Time: 2:00 - 3:00

Day: Monday

Dates: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13.

For information contact Nina Netherway 0417 371 783

Tutors,

Please start giving some thought to classes for 2022. Forms requesting information about continuing and new classes will be sent out during Term 3. It is also important to let me know if you have decided not to continue your class into the next year.

Many thanks

Helen Slater

Class Notes

DINING OUT GROUP Ian McKee class rep, Glenda Cipolato facilitator



The August 15 lunch will be held at the Alexander Gordon Hotel, 92 Main St, Gordon, on Sun at 12pm. Please advise your intention to attend no later than Thursday 12 August to Ian McKee anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au or

Glenda grc184@bigpond.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

FILM MUSICALS CLASS 1pm on 2nd 4th and 5th Friday during school terms at 1.00pm

The films featured for term 3 are as follows There are 3 or 4 spaces in the class if anyone would like to join us. Could they please contact Bob Whitten on 53013480 or 0431431970 if they are interested.

23/7/21 23/7/21 --- Phantom of the Opera, 25th Anniversary (2011) Ramin Karimloo, Sierra Boggess. (160 min)

30/7/21 30/7/21 --- GI Blues, (1960) Elvis Presley, Juliet Prowse. (99 min)

13/8/21 13/8/21 --- Love Never Dies. (2012) Ben Lewis, Anna O'Byrne. (121 min).

27/8/21 27/8/21 ---Yesterday. (2019) Hamish Patel, Lily James. (116 min)

10/9/21 10/9/21 --- Boy Choir. (2014) Dustin Hoffman, Kathy Bates, Debra Winger. (99 min)

LITERATURE CLASS Robyn McKnight Class Rep

Our class will resume for the second semester on Thursday 1st July.

Our tutor for two sessions will be Wendy Abraham whose selection is Arthur Miller's play "The Crucible".

WALKERS AND COFFEE Tutor: Chris Cullen Class Rep: Ruth Nunn

Ph: 5339 2027 Mob 0419 518 50

Walks Start 10am sharp 1st and 4th Wednesdays 10 - 12 noon

28th July Ballarat Special School Norman Street, Ballarat North

4th August Drive Cafe, Grant Street (intersection Barkly Street)

25th August Cafe Al Nord, Simpson Street, Black Hill.

1st September Cafe Eau verte, at Roundabout, Burnbank & Cardigan Sts

22nd September Sebastopol Bowling Club, 213 Albert Street, Sebastopol



WANTED ACCOMPANIST FOR THE U3A CHORALE

Experience of accompanying choirs is welcome but not essential.

Please contact Judy D'Ombra 0421 339 439 or
George Walpole 0427 661 699
for more information.



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QR code tip!

If you have a phone with a camera which refuses to load QR codes, try this: instead of clicking first on your camera icon, click on the Service Victoria icon in your app list.



It will load the code and give you the check-in screen!

And if you haven't yet got the Service Victoria app, get it on Google Play for Android phones, or the App Store for iPhones. <https://apk-empire.com/service-victoria/au.gov.vic.service.digitalwallet.citizen>

Ballarat North Neighbourhood House
6 Crompton Street Soldiers Hill - Ph 0491753307
Quick Course Guide July- Sept 2021

COURSE	DATES	TIME	M	T	W	T	F	COST
TECHNOLOGY SKILLS								
Affinity Photo	20 July 16 sessions	1.00-3.00pm		✓				\$80.00
Affinity Publisher	22 July (16 Sessions)	10.00-12.00				✓		\$80.00
iPad Beginners	22 July – 12 Aug	1.00-3.00				✓		\$40.00
Family Search	16 July 13 Aug & 10 Sept	10.00-12.00					✓	Free
Pro Create (Next Step)	21 July – 18 Aug	9.30-12.00			✓			\$55.00
Digital Age of Social Media	27 July -14 Sept	10.00-12.00		✓				\$55.00
Digital Legacy saving passwords & more	20 Aug – 27 Aug	10.00-12.00					✓	Free
Scams & Safety Online	3 Sept	10.00-12.00					✓	Free
Family Search Online Tools	23 July	10.00-12.00					✓	Free
Introduction to Pro Create	12 Aug & 19 Aug	10.00 -12.00				✓		Free
Photos – Name File & save to iCloud Apple devices	10 & 17 Sept	12.30-2.30					✓	Free
Photos – Name File & Save PC based	30 July & 6 Aug	10.00-12.00					✓	Free
ART								
Water Colour	15 July -5 August	10.00-12.00				✓		\$55.00
Pro Create & Watercolour	12 Aug – 19 Aug	10.00-12.00				✓		\$25.00
Design your own fabric on iPad	26 Aug -16 Sept	9.30-12.00				✓		\$40.00
Drawing	24 Aug – 14Sept	1.00-3.00		✓				\$60.00
Be CONNECTED								
iPhone	13 July	9.30 -11.30		✓				Free
QR Code and how to download	20 July	10.00-12.00		✓				Free
MyGov & Vaccination Records	27 July	10.00-12.00		✓				Free
MyGov & Vaccination Records	19 Aug	1.00 -3.00				✓		Free

Time to Celebrate!

Our celebration went well!

Elena conferred Life memberships on two of our most outstanding and committed former Presidents:

Anne Ottrey and Blake Gordon.



And the entertainment by the Recorder Ensemble and the Barnacoyles was enjoyed by even the youngest attendee.



The newly opened lunchroom is already being well-used and approved!



Some new videos to watch

As was mentioned in the last Bulletin, some U3A Cycle Group members participated in a mountain bike ride along the Mawson Trail in the Flinders Ranges. The links are to the videos on the U3A Ballarat YouTube channel. To get to each video, the link can be simply clicked, or, if preferred, the links can be copied and then pasted into the address field of the browser. For those reading the Bulletin as a hard copy, the links will have to be carefully typed into the address field of the browser.

Part 4 is the longest and most comprehensive of the videos (about 20 minutes); a cuppa or cappuccino in-hand before watching might be a good idea.

<https://youtu.be/ZSvOjoFfUlo>

Parts 1, 2 and 3 are each about 10 minutes long. Some of the video clips have been repeated and there are more scenery shots.

<https://youtu.be/8EI4MwiULdk>

<https://youtu.be/J0KpM2ZB2U>

<https://youtu.be/aDhbFzzL-48>

Yes, U3A Ballarat has its own YouTube channel. It's an internet site where short videos made by U3A Ballarat members can be placed for other members to watch. Any tutor or class representative can publish a video on the channel. Please contact Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com for details.

The videos might be for class use. For example, Ros McArthur has already published videos for class use. Videos might describe what U3A Ballarat classes or activities have been doing. For example, the Cycle Touring Group has published videos of its activities.

Please note that other U3A Ballarat groups also have videos on the YouTube site. For example, the Celtic Band and the Hiking Group have published videos.

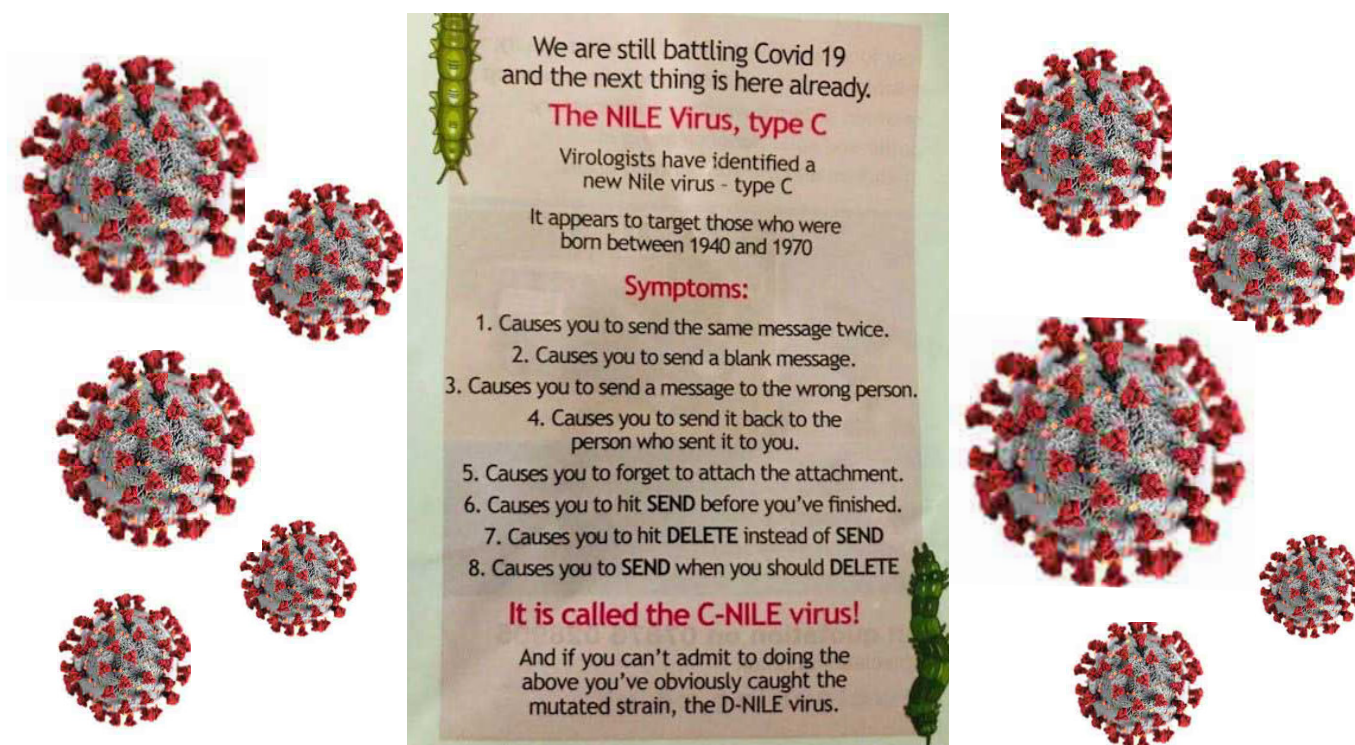
To get to the videos, links that appear in the Bulletin can be simply 'clicked-on'. Links may also be sent to class members in an email from the tutor or class representative. Another way is simply to type "U3A Ballarat" into the address field of the internet browser. The resulting display will show videos published by the Celtic Band, the Hiking Group and the U3A Ballarat channel. The U3A Ballarat channel has the symbol of a grey circle in which is the letter "U"; to see all the videos in that channel, simply click on the circular symbol.

Phill Grant

And here is the link to the latest U3A Ballarat Hiking Geoup video of their hike in the Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park.

<https://youtu.be/E4IWOT0jRow>

More COVID-19 News: two new variants to watch for!!



Volunteers wanted:

Miriam Fathalla | Volunteer Program Manager

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Instagram [@ballaratfoto](https://www.instagram.com/ballaratfoto)
Facebook [ballaratfoto](https://www.facebook.com/ballaratfoto)

Good afternoon -

I'm looking to recruit groups of volunteers to take on particular sites or days within the Ballarat International Foto Biennale to staff as volunteers – making the day or venue their own and enjoying the shared experience within their own group of mates. Is this something that the Ballarat U3A may be interested in?

If so, please don't hesitate to get in touch! Group volunteers get priority for role and schedule rostering ☺

Free Online Course “Understanding Dementia”

In response to the need for accessible evidence-based education, the **University of Tasmania’s Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre** offers a **free online course – The Understanding Dementia MOOC (Massive Open Online Course)**. The course focuses on the brain diseases that cause dementia, how these brain changes result in cognitive, behavioural and other symptoms, and the latest evidence about what constitutes high quality care.

To enrol, go to dementia.mooc@utas.edu.au



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 26 August 2021

The Annual General Meeting of U3A Ballarat, will be held at Ballarat North Community Centre Cnr Walker and Armstrong Sts at 2:00 pm on Thursday 26 August 2021

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. Members are required to serve on at least one sub-committee in an area of interest to them: Administration, Accommodation & Equipment, Communications, Events and Catering, or Finance.

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 FRIDAY 20 August 2021 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)

U3A BALLARAT

NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible, a nominee must have been a member of, or have had a close association with U3A Ballarat Inc., for at least 10 years and during that time rendered sustained and conspicuous distinguished voluntary service.

Instruction:

- Please print clearly.
- Attach additional information or supporting evidence if required.

Criteria which need to be addressed:

- i. A minimum of at least 10 years membership of, or equivalent association with U3A Ballarat.
- ii. An exceptional contribution in positions or responsibilities held over an extended period. (It is essential here, that a nominees' *conspicuous distinguished voluntary service* is **specifically and clearly identified**.)
- iii. A demonstration of the extent to which a nominee has worked actively and positively in the best interests of other class members and/or the broader membership of U3A Ballarat.
- iv. The extent to which the nominee has contributed in an exceptional manner to the growth and public perception of U3A Ballarat, over an extended period.
- v. The nominee will have provided outstanding leadership at the class, function or wider organisation level.
- vi. The nominee has represented U3A Ballarat with distinction on a range of community groups.

Privacy:

These personal details are being collected by U3A Ballarat Inc. for the sole purpose of assessing the nominee's eligibility for Life Membership. This information will be disclosed to the U3A Committee for the same purpose. These details will not be disclosed to any third parties and you have the right to access the information held about you by U3A Ballarat Inc.

This Nomination for Life Membership of U3A Ballarat Inc. is being made on behalf of:

Name of Nominee:

Proposer: Proposer's Signature:

Seconder: Seconder's Signature:

Nominee's Personal Details: Nominee's Full Name:

Male/Female (Please Circle)

Summary of Nominee's sustained and conspicuous distinguished voluntary service

In the space below, please summarise the nature of the Nominee's sustained and distinguished service, using the criteria as outlined on the previous page.

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Nominee	Proposer	Second
Recommendation of S/c	Affirmative/Negative (circle)	Date
Resolution of U3A Committee Affirmative/Negative (circle)	President's Signature	Date

Completed Nomination Forms to be handed to U3A Committee Secretary by Monday August 2, 2021.

Tired of reading bad news? Like to read some good news for a change?

Uttarakhand has become the first state in India to grant women co-ownership of land, which has traditionally transferred down patriarchal lines. The landmark amendment gives wives and daughters equal access, and overnight, will affect over 350,000 women across the state. It's hoped other states will now take action too, after what activists are calling a "historic decision". [Times of India](#)

A group of workers in Ecuador have also made legal history, after winning the country's first case against modern-day slavery. After 50 years of labour exploitation, Afro-Ecuadorian workers decided to take action against their powerful agro-industrial employer. The judge ruled in their favour, ordering compensation and a full apology on the company's website and in local media, detailing every worker by name. [Reuters](#)

Colombia has granted legal status to almost two million Venezuelan refugees. The bold humanitarian gesture, made by President Iván Duque earlier this month, gives them temporary protected status for ten years, allowing émigrés to work and access public services such as health and education. In a world where nationalist sentiments have all too often been stoked against refugees and migrants, it's a remarkable example of leadership (smart economic move too). [UNHCR](#)

In Malaysia, new legislation has been passed mandating that drug addicts should be sent to rehabilitation rather than jail. The change of approach is part of the government's long-term plan to "put science and public health before punishment and incarceration" by giving addicts a second chance and helping them to reintegrate back into the community. [Free Malaysia](#)

The infant mortality rate declined again in Ghana in 2020, to 32.80 per 1,000 live births. A decade ago, it was 49.42 per 1,000 live births, a decline of around 40% in just ten years. Maternal mortality and under 5 mortality rates declined last year too, thanks in part to the country's universal health coverage, which exempts pregnant women from paying health insurance premiums. [Keoma](#)

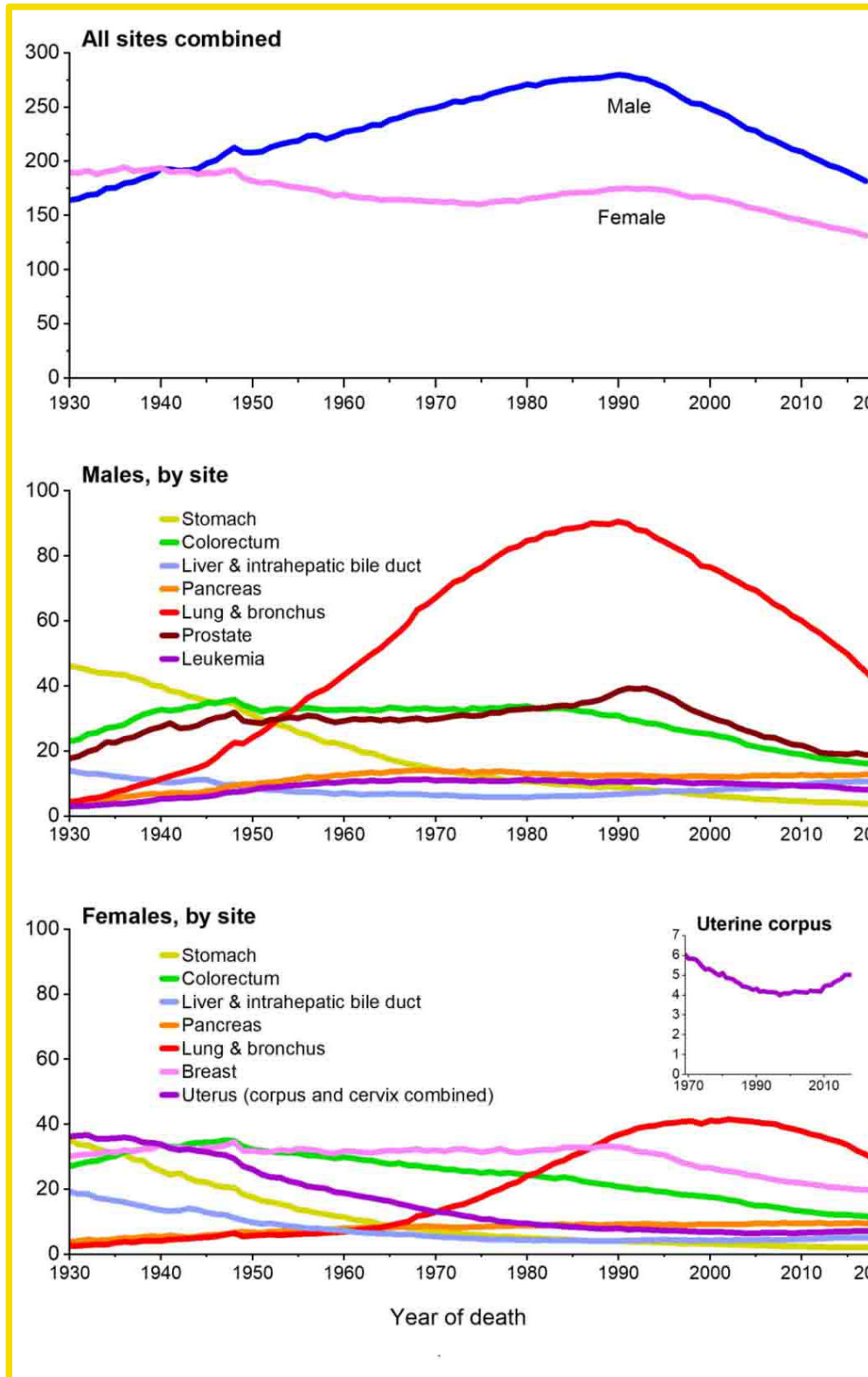
Virginia's lawmakers have approved legislation to abolish the death penalty, moving it a step closer to becoming the 23rd state to ban capital punishment and the first southern state to outlaw the practice. That's a massive turnaround for the state with the highest execution rate in America. Governor Ralph Northam is waiting to sign it into law. "It's time we stop this machinery of death." [CNN](#)

A new study in Denmark has found that less people over the age of 70 are having fewer strokes and fewer people of all ages are dying from the disease. It's good news for global health; strokes are one of the leading causes of death and disability worldwide. Researchers say the decrease is due to improvements in stroke awareness and a drop in smoking rates. [Science Daily](#)

In China, coal-fired power plants fell to less than half the country's total power capacity last year, and look set to fall by a further 3% in 2021. This is big news. China is the world's largest emitter of carbon and by far the largest producer and consumer of coal. Meanwhile, 61.7% of new energy investments were spent on wind, solar and biomass, 20.5% on hydro and 7.2% on nuclear. [SCMP](#)

In the United States, the world's second largest emitter of carbon, renewable energy generated one-fifth of all electricity in 2020. After a record year for installations of both wind (17GW) and solar (19GW), zero-carbon energy sources, which also include hydro and nuclear, now make up 40% of the country's total electricity mix. [Greentech](#)

The American Cancer Society says death rates have fallen again. Its latest figures show a 2.4% decline from 2017 to 2018 – the largest one-year drop ever. Longer term, there's been a 31% fall in mortality rates between 1991 and 2018, translating to almost 3.2 million fewer deaths had rates remained at their peak. Its mostly thanks to declines in the four most common cancers: lung, colorectal, breast, and prostate.



Animal activists just pulled off an incredible bear rescue mission in China. Bile bear farming is beginning to feel the heat of world disapproval.



Fossil fuels and clean energy news

According to the latest estimates, the vast majority of new coal-power plants being planned around the world will not make back their upfront costs. Specifically, 92% of facilities proposed or under construction globally would cost more to build than the future cash flow they would generate. Pipelines? More like pipe dreams.

Case in point: since 2014, Chinese companies have financed 52 overseas coal projects, worth a combined \$160 billion. It's one of the worst investment decisions of all time. Only one plant has gone into operation, and 33 have been shelved or cancelled, with plenty more still to come. No new projects were announced at all in 2020.

Right on cue, China's biggest bank has dumped a plan to finance a \$3 billion coal-fired power plant in Zimbabwe, Japanese trading house Mitsui & Co has eagerly offloaded its investments into Indonesian coal, and South Korea's three big insurance companies will stop underwriting coal-power projects, thanks in part to some serious people power.

There's more. One of Malaysia's biggest banks, RHB, has announced a coal exit by 2022, in Bangladesh, regulators are scrapping plans for 10 coal-fired power plants in favour of renewable energy (that's another 8GW off the table, k thanks), and North Macedonia and Montenegro have become the first countries in the Western Balkans to announce coal exits, saying they will close their plants by 2027 and 2035 respectively.

Meanwhile, in Scandinavia, quiet, clean, and green are not words you would typically use to describe a construction site, but on one of the busiest streets in the heart of Oslo, there's something special going on: in a world-first, all the machinery used on site, excavators, diggers, and loaders, are now electric.

Canada has certainly seen the electric writing on the wall, announcing a ban on the sale of new fuel-burning cars and light-duty trucks from 2035, and there's been a rare bit of good news in our backyard too. In a bid to become the 'Norway of Australia' the state of New South Wales has unveiled a massive \$490 million package of new incentives, tax cuts and spending on fast-charging infrastructure for electric vehicles. Here's a list of the cars that benefit the most. C'mon Victoria.

If you like reading good news for a change, head to www.futurecrunch.com.au