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1st Wednesday, Feb to Nov**BULLETIN** LEE ALBERTu3aballaratbulletin@gmail.com

Next issue deadline:

March 4 2022

Diary Dates**Wednesday February 16:**

New Members' Morning Tea, BNCC, 10:30-11:30 am

Word Diversion

Kudos and congratulations are wending their way to wonderful word un-wobblers Michelle Parker, Alice Mills, Ian Egerton and Wendy Gottlieb, as a reward for submitting solutions REITERATE (from Aunt Jessie's word) and OPTICALLY (from Warwick). Two other solutions to Warwick's word that remained hidden in the aether were TOPICALLY and ALLOTYPIC.

What other collections of syllables are wafting around in the quintessence, just waiting to ooze into everyday life?



Well, Aunt Jessie suggests that LIC TTE YICER might be ready to poke its head around the corner, while Warwick's word(s) have been corralled into the spreadsheet shown.

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ELRAATTNS

Absolutely fabulous prizes, which aren't on offer anyway, pale into insignificance in comparison with the kudos and self-satisfaction to be gained on unravelling the unruly letters. Nevertheless, solutions should be sent to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com.



Welcome back everyone. I hope you have enjoyed your first week of classes and are settling back into your routine. I had a very nice, much needed break, and was eager to start up again in January. The Committee has dealt with a few beginning-of-the-year challenges, and we are off to a good start.

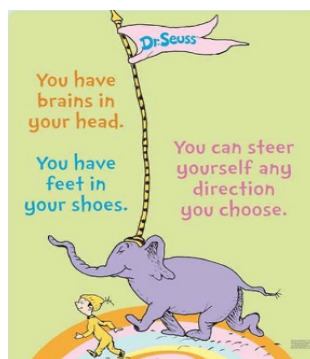
I feel confident that, despite the number of Omicron cases, and whatever new variant is around the corner, this year will be better. We are planning several social activities that I hope will be able to go ahead. I know how important the social side of our group is to all of us. Our classes are fantastic, but we hear

repeatedly that it is the social interaction that everyone enjoys and has missed so much over the past two years.

As the new year begins, I would like to remind everyone to please **wear your badge**. Your badge is important for several reasons. The first, so that your fellow students know your name. I know I am not alone when I say that it takes me a lot longer now than it used to, to remember people's names. Second, it has important emergency contact information on the inside. If you haven't filled that out, please do so before your next class. Third, it has your vaccination sticker on it, so we know you have been checked.

I would also like to ask everyone to please **wear a well-fitting mask**. I have seen many people with drooping masks that don't even cover their mouths, much less their noses. If your mask is falling down put a knot in the elastic so it is tight or get a new mask. We have all heard that cloth masks are not that effective. I wore a KN95 mask for a while, and maybe it was just the brand that I had, but I found it uncomfortable. It hurt my ears (which is why they are tight fitting) and it rubbed under my chin. I have gone back to my more comfortable cloth mask, but it does fit me well. I know many people who have had Covid (many U3A members) and many more will get it, but let's do as much as we can to stop the spread and stay safe.

To finish I'll leave you with two quotes. An author I have read and loved since I was a child is Dr. Seuss. It has always amazed me what messages he can send with just a few simple rhyming words. So, here's the first:



And this second one is dedicated to all those who are struggling with new technology:

**They say I'm
old-fashioned and live in
the past,
but sometimes
I think progress
progresses too fast!**

-- Dr. Seuss

Would You Like to Take a First Aid Class?

If there is enough interest, the Committee will organize a First Aid Class. U3A will subsidise some of the cost. If we do not have enough interest for a full class we will consider subsidising individual classes. If you are interested in taking a class, please let me know (elena.u3a@gmail.com).

Nina's Administration Report

Thank you to all those who have enrolled and are now enjoying their classes. We had two successful enrolment days in January, although we probably didn't need to be open as much as we were.

If you enrolled online and are new, please call into the Office to collect your new members' information. We have our first **New Members Morning Tea** on Wednesday 16th February 10.30 – 11.30 at Ballarat North Community Centre. (Cnr. Walker and Armstrong Sts, Ballarat North).

If you are unable to attend this one, the next will be on March 16 at the same time and place, so come then. It's great to meet other new members and committee members and chat about U3A and classes and see around BNCC and have a cuppa!

Office is operating at the usual hours. Please do not come early as the office volunteers are setting up. The office times are:

Tuesday	9.30am – 11.30pm
Wednesday	10.00am – 12.00pm
Thursday	1.00pm – 3.00pm

I hope everyone has their COVID sticker on their name badge by now. It is important to keep our distance and wear a mask and sanitise the chairs and tables of the rooms we use.

Members have had difficulty accessing their own data on MyU3A. Unfortunately, there are passwords to remember!

You will need your ID which is the number you have on the printout of your enrolment.

Member: 3839 Fred Nerk
2022 Full member

Your password would have been sent to you on enrolment if you have an email address.

Then go to the Website – u3aballarat.org.au

Click on the yellow Myu3a button and then the **Member Login** button

Member Login

Then enter your ID and password

Member ID Enter your member ID
Password If you have forgotten your password

You can now Update your Profile by changing any details, ie phone numbers, emails etc. You can add classes or delete a class. You can also log in an absence from a class.

Please note: This page covers only membership. Click a Classes button below for class information.

If you want to enrol in 2022 classes click the **Classes 2022** button.

If you will be absent from class, put in an apology.

Absence from: Date(d/m) to: Date(d/m)

Hope that helps. All the very best for the rest of the year.

Nina

Many classes started their 2022 year last week. Our move to Selkirk Stadium was not quite as we had hoped. While I have had a number of reports on how lovely the rooms are and well sound proofed, the lack of electronic equipment and classroom storage have dampened our enthusiasm for the venue. Some changes have been made to Monday and Tuesday classes but all members will have been notified by their tutor.

TO TUTORS: please, if you have not accepted your class members from your waitlist, can you do so immediately. Members are wanting to know if they have or have not been accepted; even if your class is not starting for a few weeks can you attend to this today.

TO MEMBERS: When you are accepted into a class you will receive an email telling you so. If you have not received such an email, it means you are still on the WAITLIST and cannot attend that class yet. Everyone can check their enrolment status in each class by viewing their own membership on myu3a. The classes for which you are enrolled are listed and beside each class you will see either ACCEPTED or WAITLIST. If it says Waitlist, then you must WAIT until contacted.

To all Tutors and class members have an enjoyable year together, filled with friendship and learning.

Helen Slater

Class Co-ordinator

Class Notes

Dining Out Group Ian McKee class rep, Glenda Cipolato facilitator



A big welcome back to members for 2022. Our first lunch for the year will be held at the Western Hotel 1221 Sturt St Sunday 20th Feb at 12md. Please advise of your intention to attend (or register an apology) no later than Thurs 17th to

Ian anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au or Glenda grc184@bigpond.com

And a reminder that as with all U3A activities, attendees are required to wear a mask where possible, and show proof of vaccination x 2.

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

FREE ONLINE COURSE



Wicking Dementia Research & Education Centre <dementia.mooc@utas.edu.au>

Course details

- It's FREE and you can enrol today
- Course opens on Tuesday 8 February 2022
- Duration is 7 weeks, with an estimated effort of 3 hours per week
- You can study day or night, on your smartphone, tablet or computer
- Receive a personalised certificate on completion

Home Produce Swap Tables

Open to all members of U3A Ballarat,

Ballarat North Senior Citizens and

Members of Genesis Church

For further information, contact Ros on 0409 241 115

Ballarat North Community Centre, last Saturday of the month

Feb 26, March 26, April 30

10:00 -11:00 am

Produce can include anything home made or home grown:

vegetables, fruit, potted plants,

seedlings, flowers, herbs,

jams, marmalade, pickles, preserves, relishes, sauces and eggs

Bring something

Take something

No money involved!!





Oxford High Street



Oxford Corn Market

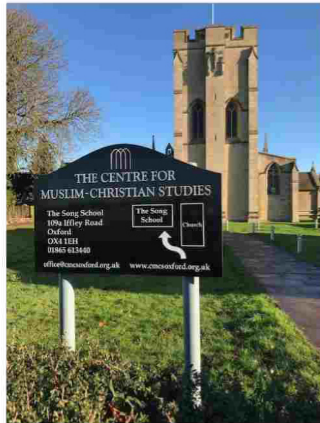
We have had an approach from U3A Oxford, to develop some formal and informal links.

Many of you will have visited Oxford and may do so again, and would perhaps like to get a local perspective from a U3A member.

There is more than the "gown" side to Oxford. It is also the home of the factory which made the famous the Morris Oxford, the Morris A 40 and the Mini-Minor. The Mini is still made here, but by Mercedes.

Oxford is very old. Romans and Vikings stopped there to ford a river, now known as the Thames.

Fortifications were built around the town centre. It supposedly holds the second oldest university in Europe, although some in Italy run it very close.



Former Church adapted to a Concert Hall.



The Cricketers Arms tribute to Don Bradman

Cardinal Wolsey built a large palace complete with an enormous church which is now Christ Church College and the city's cathedral. Royalists in the Civil War camped within its walls and reinforced them so well that some parts are still visible today.

Under Queen Mary's rule, three protestant martyrs were burned at the stake outside Balliol College.



Queens College Oxford



A modern Oxford Shopping Mall.

One of its pubs is said to have been a watering hole for Shakespeare on his way to and from Stratford.

Today, Oxford is an hour's drive from London, but its rail connections started very early and contributed to the influence of Oxford graduates on successive British Governments. Women could enrol from the 19th century and were accommodated in specially built colleges, but could not graduate with full honours until after the second world war.

Oxford has three U3As. They offer regular lectures and opportunities to join others in special interest groups. Each U3A draws on the skills, talents and networks of its community.

Oxford welcomes refugees. Some come as students, others as academics, but most as people searching for safety, stability and work. People flow through this city from all over the world. Some settle, others move on. Links with Commonwealth countries remain strong and there are large Pakistani, Indian and West Indian populations followed by more recently arrived Chinese, Syrian and Afghani groups.

Adapted from a letter from Michael Bosworth to Ros McArthur.

The big move from Pinarc's Shed has now been accomplished, thanks to Blake Gordon, Jeff Langdon, Steve Walsh and Mark Valentine, with the help of a hired moving van with a tail-gate lift. The clever stacking by Steve has even left a couple of metres of space in front of the stored items in a shed at the Farm School, where it is hoped we will soon have a purpose built shed for all our manual arts classes. Meantime, we are still searching for a temporary space to hold Steve's silver classes, so if anyone has clues about any empty sheds we could hire for a while, please contact the Editor at u3aballaratbulletin@gmail.com



A much esteemed member of the Silver Jewellery class, Ken McLean, has died. He was such a wonderful member of the class. His work was exceptional, but he was prepared to share his knowledge with everyone. Ken even invited us out to his place to tutor us.

Ken's decline in health was obvious, but he told Steve how much he enjoyed coming along to enjoy the company of the class and to show what he had been working on during the week.

Not only was he an exceptional jeweller, Ken was an exceptional man.

Always polite, calm and a true gentleman. Silver class members will miss him greatly.

