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Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30

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Thursday 1.00 – 3.00

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BNCC 9:30 am

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Next issue deadline:

October 7 2022



Seniors Month at U3A Ballarat

Visit a Class – October 3 – 7

Timetable of classes willing to have visitors available on our website u3aballarat.org.au

All welcome

Tour of Government House – Tuesday October 11

Members Only - Bookings at office essential

Celtic Band Sing-a-long – Thursday October 13

*Come along to BNCC at 2.30 to sing along with the Celtic Band.
Afternoon Tea. All welcome*

Art Display at Hut 48 – October 6

10.00 – 1.00. All welcome

Display by our Art groups.

Stall at Ballarat Saturday Market at North Gardens – October 8 – 9.00 – 12.30

All must be vaccinated to attend any of these activities



This is my first report at President – and I feel a lot different to writing my report at Administration Sub-Committee chair! Firstly, I would like to reiterate what I said at the AGM – Thank you for having the faith in me to lead you all for the next two years. I feel very proud to be leading such a vibrant, active membership. I cannot do it without the support of the terrific committee. That is the problem – it is such a terrific committee that no one wants leave!

Unfortunately, when they do, they leave very big shoes to fill. I would like to say a huge thank you to these members for the wonderful service they have given – Blake joined in 2010 and has been president and then accommodation wonder person since the end of his presidency, John joined in 2005 and has also been President as well as conducting Genealogy and Ballarat History classes and being our Grants expert and our wise counsellor on Committee. Tricia has been a member since 2017 and as well as being on Committee for the last three years as Office Manager is also taking a Book Group. Thank you so much for what you have done for our Ballarat U3A. We would not be as strong as we are without your valuable input.

I want to also thank **Elena** for the tremendous leadership she has given us over the two difficult years. As we all realise it has been two very strange years with classes on, then off, masks on, cleaning done etc and Elena has guided us through the myriad of Government statements about what we should and shouldn't be doing – very difficult when U3A doesn't fit into any category listed. She will be very relieved not to have to be travelling from Beaufort for meetings as often!

I am hopeful that with this strong committee we will be able to lead U3A Ballarat for the next two years. Our accommodation requirements will give us some challenges and our new shed will be an exciting addition. As will the ELC development when it eventually happens! Our social activities will continue and be enlarged with the inclusion of other classes, such as the dancing classes, showing what they can do. Music Soirees and talks will also continue to give these groups an opportunity to perform. Hopefully if there is the interest more tours will be organised.

I was reading about classes in a Melbourne U3A doing and enjoying Walking football – perhaps there is someone in our membership who could lead such a class? We are now in the process of compiling the class information booklet for 2023 so we are looking for new tutors and hoping our current tutors continue their classes next year.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to a long serving French tutor Ron Verso. He has been taking French classes since at least 2012 and helped so many members with their French.

Our popular silversmithing tutor, Steve Walsh, received a well-deserved Life Membership at the AGM. Congratulations, Steve.

We are having a planning day on our October meeting day when we will be looking at the tasks that need to be done. For example, Blake's role in Accommodation will be split into two parts as this is a very large and diverse role. Each Committee member will be taking on an area of responsibility so there may be some changes. These changes will be reflected in the October Bulletin.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the members, who support us so well. It is really gratifying to hear or have someone write and say the Committee are doing a good job. We then know we are on the right track. It's even better when we hear praise for a particular class and its tutor. We can only operate with the support of our Tutors and Class reps – without them there would be no U3A – and we are so lucky to have so many skilled and enthusiastic leaders.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your support to the Committee and just hope I can do justice to this position.

Nina ninan06@bigpond.com

U3A BALLARAT
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



Get your class together to form a team or come as an individual. Put on your thinking cap and have a laugh or two. Small prizes will be awarded.

Wine, punch, cheese and nibbles will be served.

Thursday, September 15

4:00–6:00 PM

BNCC

Please RSVP with numbers to Elena at elena.u3a@gmail.com

Administration Notes:

The Administration Sub-Committee met recently and made the following decisions:

End of year enrolment times:

Dates and Times - Mon 5, Tue 6, Wed 7 (am) December, 9.00 am– 3.00 pm

We are not having alphabetical listing but please do not all come on Monday!

There will be an office training session for office volunteers on Wednesday 16th November 10.00 – 12.00

The office will open for enrolments and queries 2 weeks before classes start on Wednesday 1 February

1. Tue 17, Wed 18, Thur 19 January
2. Tue 24, Wed 25,
3. Tue 31

Tutor Information Day - December 1 will be a day when tutors will be available to talk about their class. More information about this in following Bulletins.

There will be **no New Members morning teas** this term, but new members are being invited to attend Phill and Nina's Cappuccino and Chat - the next one being on September 15 at Selkirk Stadium at 10.00am.

“Visit a Class” in Seniors Week October 3–7 2022

The classes listed have offered to have visitors during Seniors Week – Monday 3 to Friday 7 October 2022.

The Tutors have listed what they will be doing on that day. Some would prefer you to notify them if you are going to attend their class – others are happy for you to come in at any time during the class.

Please be thoughtful of the members of the class and tutors when you attend a class. Try not to interrupt what is happening – save your questions to the end of the class.

Remember – you **MUST** be at least double vaccinated to attend ANY class. If you are not a U3A member you may be asked for proof of vaccination. A reminder – if you are a U3A member, please wear your nametag.

Venues: (for maps see our website)

BNCC – cnr Walker and Armstrong Sts
(702 Walker St)
Ballarat North

Hut 48 – at the Airport
Airport Rd – 2nd turn into airport from Airport Rd. It is well signposted and you will see cars parked in front of Hut 48.

ELC – Eastwood Leisure Centre, Eastwood St.
Behind Woolworths in Eastwood St.

Selkirk Stadium – cnr Norman and Dowling Sts, Wendouree

Victorian Railway Institute (VRI)
Lydiard St, Soldiers Hill (just north of Ballarat Station)

Ballarat North Neighbourhood House 6 Crompton St, Soldiers Hill

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ninan06@bigpond.com

Day and Class	Comments
MONDAY 3	
Current Affairs	Normal class lesson
Roman History	Normal class lesson
Poetry	Contact Alice Mills prior to attending.
Beginners Ukulele	Normal Practice session
Ballroom Dancing - Beginners	Meet and talk to our Beginner Dancers. Find out how they feel about learning, either from scratch or after many years' break.
TUESDAY 4	
U3A Choristers	Normal Practice session
Latin 5	Translating from either Caesar or Cicero and discussing them. Copies of the text and its translation will be made available.
Beginners Latin	Normal class lesson
Linedance - Level 1	Observation only
Linedance - Level 2	Observation only
Latin	Normal class lesson
Belly Dancing	Gentle exercise and lots of laughs with Becky.
Preserve your memories	Normal class lesson
Italian Intermediate	Normal class lesson
French 3	Normal class lesson
Genealogy & Family History	Topic – Finding Scottish Records
U3A Chorale	We sing a wide range of song styles in four-part harmony and visitors are welcome to listen or join in."
Wednesday 5	
Tai Chi - Beginners	Exploring two styles of tai chi, Yang and Sun, also some Qi Gong exercises. Comfortable clothes and flexible, non slip shoes.
Cryptic Crosswords	Provides alternate way of clue solving by interpreting clues using a glossary of hints and techniques. Always fun.
U3A Cycle Touring Group	9.30am at Lake Gardens Business Centre, Saint Cedars Grove, Lake Gardens. The ride: About 10km through Lake Gardens and Victoria Park. What you need: A bike that is roadworthy (brakes work) with tyres pumped up and a cycling helmet.
Thursday 6	
Australian History	Topic – Tingle Trees
Ceilidh Class	A normal session when we play tunes (mostly Irish) from the book 'Begged Borrowed & Stolen'
Mahjong	Come along and find out what Mahjong is all about
Painting Group	We will be painting, sketching, drawing. Water colour, acrylic, oil, pencil. Observation only.
Afternoon Drawing/Painting class	A self-paced group of painters and drawers who use a variety of media. Some experience an advantage as there is no tutor.
19th Century Colonisation of Central Asia	Topic - Rustification of Central Asia
Friday 7	
Rapt in Singing	Normal Practice session
Jazzasize with Jen	This class introduces easy dance steps and low impact exercise to fun music and lots of laughs and much enjoyment
Recorder Ensemble	Normal Practice session
Wine Appreciation	Normal class session
Music Appreciation	Members share favourite music usually on a given theme
WEEK 2	
Dance 4 Fun	Come and watch us dance. Some participation if you desire

Class	Time	Venue	Tutor	email
MONDAY 3				
Current Affairs	10.40 - 12.10	Selkirk Stadium	Ros McArthur	rosmcarthur@icloud.com
Roman History	9.00 - 10.30	BNCC	Anne McKee	eekcma@gmail.com
Poetry	2.15 - 3.45	BNNH	Alice Mills	eikral105@gmail.com
Beginners Ukulele	1.00 - 3.00	Hut 48	Jacqueline Cleverley	cleverj@bigpond.net.au
Ballroom Dancing - Beginners	11.30 - 12.30	VRI Hall	Elizabeth Howard	elizabethhoward@outlook.com
TUESDAY 4				
U3A Choristers	2.00 - 3.30	BNCC - Hall	Constance Coward Lemke	ccowardlemke@gmail.com
Latin 5	11.00 - 12.00	BNCC	John Poliness	twopols@bigpond.com
Beginners Latin	9.00 - 10.00	BNCC	Anne McKee	eekcma@gmail.com
Linedance - Level 1	12.45 - 1.45	BNCC - Hall	Bill Handley	handleystb@gmail.com
Linedance - Level 2	9.00 - 10.30	BNCC - Hall	Bill Handley	handleystb@gmail.com
Latin	9.00 - 11.00	BNCC - Blue Room	Ian McKee	anneianmckee@ozemail.com.au
Preserve your memories	1.00 - 4.00	ELC	Irene Warfe	iwarfe51@gmail.com
Italian Intermediate	12.30 - 2.00	ELC - Room 1	Glenda Cipolato	grc184@bigpond.com
French 3	9.15 - 10.45	ELC room 1	Heather Tellis	rheathertellis@gmail.com
Belly Dancing	2.00 - 3.00	ELC	Becky Newland	beckynewland@ymail.com
Genealogy & Family History	10.40 - 12.40	Hut 48	Miriam Peck	mim851@gmail.com
U3A Chorale	11.00 - 12.30	BNCC - Hall	George Walpole	george.walpole@gmail.com
WEDNESDAY 5				
Tai Chi - Beginners	10.45 - 11.30	ELC	Pam O'Neil	pamelaoneill@bigpond.com
Cryptic Crosswords	12.20 - 2.50	Selkirk Stadium	Mary Chappell	marry.chappell@bigpond.com
U3A Cycle Touring Group	9.30am		Brain Harrison	brianharrison1950@gmail.com
THURSDAY 6				
Australian History	1.30 - 3.30	BNCC - Blue Room	Nina Netherway	ninan06@bigpond.com
Ceilidh Class	10.00 - 11.30	BNCC-Hall	Ros Cole	greystreet4@bigpond.com
Mahjong	1.00 - 3.00	Selkirk Stadium	Elena Tommasi	etommasi53@gmail.com
Painting Group	10.00 - 12.00	Hut 48	Hugh Lees	steg1@bigpond.com
Afternoon Drawing/ Painting class	12.30 - 2.30	Hut 48	Pam Tobias	pptobias7@gmail.com
Nineteenth Century Colonisation of Central Asia	9.30 - 11.30	BNCC -Blue Room	Jill Blee	jillblee1@gmail.com
FRIDAY 7				
Rapt in Singing	9.15 - 10.45	BNCC - Hall	Alison Round	alison.round5@icloud.com
Jazzasize with Jen	11.00 - 12.30	BNCC Hall	Ann Forster	annmarieforster@icloud.com
Recorder Ensemble	9.30 - 12.00	Hut 48	June Johnstone	hedukesbb@bigpond.com
Wine Appreciation	1.30 - 3.30	BNCC	Elaine Maberly	egm154@me.com
Music Appreciation	2.00 - 4.00	Selkirk Stadium	Janice Cook	janicecook152@gmail.com



BALLARAT U3A Art Show



U3A ART CLASSES ART SHOW

Where - Hut 48 at the Airport

When - Thursday October 7

What time - 10.30am - 1.30pm

Watch the artists at work, view examples of their work. Talk to the artists. There will be some works for sale.

Artists above - Brendan Beck and Margaret McCarty

The *Painting Groups* are putting on an Art Show at the Hut – please try and visit and support them as there are some really beautiful art works being done by these class members.

The *Celtic Band* is performing on Thursday October 13 at 2.30pm – that will be a good opportunity to 'Sing-a-long'!



COME AND
SING - A - LONG WITH
THE CELTIC BAND

Where: Ballarat North Community Centre (BNCC)

When: Thursday October 13

Time: 2.30 - 3.30

Afternoon tea

Free Entry - All Welcome

U3A Ballarat Soiree



On **Tuesday 11th October**, 25 lucky members of U3A Ballarat will have the opportunity to tour the State Apartments of Government House Victoria as well as the Peace and Prosperity Kitchen Garden. The Tours are led by the Governor's husband, Mr Anthony Howard AM QC or a high-ranking member of staff. You may take photographs during the tour but no movies.

Time: 10:00am till 11:30am (You need to arrive 20/30 mins earlier to allow for security checks)

Getting there: VLine train to Flinders Street Railway Station, walk or tram to Police Memorial stop then 100 m to Government House Drive and 100m to the main gates of Government House. (Seniors Month means that free passes are available for all seniors) You may choose to travel any way that suits you and meet at the main gate at 9.40am.

When your tour is over, there are a host of Melbourne attractions nearby; Botanic Gardens, NGV, or perhaps just a leisurely lunch.

Please contact Ros McArthur on 0409 241 115 or rmcarthur@inet.net.au before 19th September to book your place. We need to advise Government House of your names **10 days before our visit**, so make sure of your place by booking early.

Cappuccino and Chat

All are welcome at the next opportunity to chat over tea/coffee with a random and friendly group of U3A Ballarat Members will be:

Thursday 15 September, starting at 10.00 am
Selkirk Stadium Café
(989 Norman Street, Wendouree – for your sat-nav)



There's no need to RSVP, just 'rock-up', order a cappuccino (or similar) and perhaps even a muffin, and start chatting at the 'table in the sun' that has been reserved for us. Nina, our new President will be there, as will goodness knows who else.

The venue has been chosen for its inherent COVID-safe characteristics – it's airy, spacious and deserted (except for our chatty table). If you want to, you can even bring your own coffee mug to use, to avoid using a disposable mug.

Phill Grant grantphillip@hotmail.com

Thinking about being a U3A Ballarat Volunteer?

Well then, you would certainly be welcome to find out more about what is involved, by joining the merry group at the Cappuccino and Chat session. Actually, you could even have a secret desire to be a volunteer – and join the chat session just to find out more without having to divulge your secret. Part and parcel of being as volunteer is to socialize.

As an example, just in case there are people interested in doing such things, some volunteers to 'set up and put away' the venue on occasions such as guest speakers, trivia sessions and U3A-wide meetings are being sought.

Phill Grant

Ballarat Choral Society Pops Up at the Library



Ballarat Choral Concert will perform some of its favourite songs just for fun at Ballarat Central Library on Sunday 11 September at 2.30pm.

It will be a short, free and informal concert to air some of the shorter pieces the choir has been working on. It will include a world premiere of "Kakadu", a song adapted especially for the choir by Darwin composer Paolo Fabris as well as classical favourites such as "Locus Iste", "Ave Verum Corpus" and "Sweet and Low".

TAC L2P Program

The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) L2P Program is a community-based program developed to assist eligible young Victorian learner drivers between the ages of 16 and 21 years (and in some circumstances, up to 23 years) who do not have access to a supervising driver, or an appropriate vehicle gain driving experience required for a probationary licence.

[Volunteer mentors](#) are an integral and highly valued part of the TAC L2P Program and we always welcome enquiries and applications. To be considered as a volunteer mentor you need to meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ☐ Be over 21 years of age
- ☐ Hold current full Australian driver's licence
- ☐ Have satisfactory driver license history report
- ☐ Be medically fit to drive (we may discuss this further through the application process)

Additionally, as part of the application process, you will be asked to provide*:

- ☐ a valid (volunteer) Working with Children's Check
- ☐ a satisfactory National Police Check

* Your local TAC L2P Coordinator can assist with these if required.

To find out more or make an enquiry about volunteering for the TAC L2P Program, please visit the [volunteer opportunities](#) page.

Class Co-ordinator's Report

FAREWELL TO RON VERSO

Merci à Ron!

Après 22 années de bons et loyaux services enseignant le français à de nombreux étudiants, Ron Verso prend une retraite bien méritée.

Un grand merci à Ron de la part de U3A Ballarat et ses nombreux élèves reconnaissants

U3A Ballarat is indebted to Ron for his 22 years of wonderful service tutoring in French. Our thanks and best wishes go with you, Ron.

COURSES FOR 2023

Deadline for course details for 2023 is next SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18th. If all tutors could have their information to me by then it would be appreciated.

FIVE FANTASTIC FILMS

The last series of films Make Mine More Music
Enrolments for this series opens on October 10th

ELC CLASSES

A reminder to classes at ELC that due to VCE Drama Exams there are no classes at ELC on OCTOBER 14th, 17th and 18th

Helen Slater

**Cranbourne Botanical Gardens Tour
Tuesday 20 September 2022
Spaces Available**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to reschedule our planned trip to Cranbourne. We now have some vacancies to join this amazing tour. If you would like to join us (non-members also welcome) let me know (email address below). Cost is \$28 without the guided tour, \$34 with the tour. We are still working on details regarding lunch, but it may be pack your own lunch for a picnic.

We will be meeting at BNCC at 8:15 for an 8:30 departure. If you would like to join us, please email me as soon as possible.

Elena
elena.u3a@gmail.com

Class News

DINING OUT GROUP SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

VENUE: Captain's Creek Vineyard

ADDRESS: [120 Kangaroo Hills Road, Blampied 3364](#)



DIRECTIONS:

Head out the Midland Highway through Creswick and Newlyn towards Blampied.
Turn left slightly before The Swiss Mountain Inn which is on your left.
Follow the signs turning left again into Kangaroo Hills Road and you will then turn left into Captain's Creek Vineyard.

DATE: Sunday 18th September, 2022

TIME: Noon

MENU: If you would like to view the menu and prices (which have changed since our last lunch) it can be viewed on the internet by searching for Captain's Creek Menu.

BILLS: Split bills are to be arranged by the table so cash would make life a little easier.

R.S.V.P : Email Roz Wilkie at rosalind.wilkie49@outlook.com by the Thursday prior to the lunch.

Brian Harrison Tutor, U3A Cycle Touring Group

Helen Harrison of the U3A Cycle Touring Group is organising a series of short rides every Thursday morning for 6 weeks for anybody who is daunted by long rides or hills.

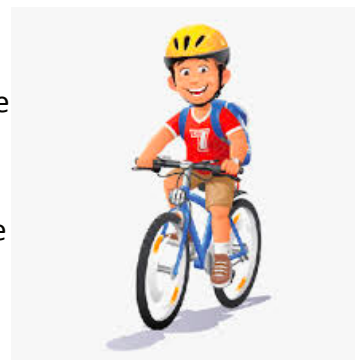
You do not have to join the cycle touring group.

They will be of between five and ten kilometres on fairly flat off road or very quiet back streets.

These are aimed at anybody who hasn't ridden for awhile and would like to get back on the bike. Coffee and chat after each ride.

The first ride will be on Thursday 8 September at 10am. Start at Lake Gardens Business Centre, St. Cedar's Grove, Lake Gardens. Plenty of free parking.

Requirements: roadworthy bike with pumped up tyres, helmet, unbridled enthusiasm."



The Native Orchid class has been finding some of the late winter/ early spring orchids in the Grampians and the Brisbane Ranges. Despite cloudy weather and a few showers, here is the group getting up close and personal with some slaty helmet orchids (*Corybas incurvus*).



And here are two more of the dozen or so different orchids we've seen so far: the blue caladenia or Eastern blue fairies (*Caladenia caerulea*), and the trim greenhood (*Pterostylis concinna*).



We're hoping for somewhat warmer and sunnier conditions for the rest of the year!

The Haddon Recorder Group was formed from a U3A class for beginners which first came together under my tutelage in 2018. They had never played an alto or bass recorder before. Both instruments were tutored because the fingering is the same although the size is not. I am very proud of the progress and commitment of the members who are still with us. They have mastered a demanding and temperamental instrument. Learning the notes and fingering is easy compared with learning different tonguing and breathing techniques. They have also learnt to coddle and warm the instrument so that it plays in tune. All members have had to learn the vagaries of their own instrument, to tune to each other and play together in an ensemble of three or four parts, each with its own melody and function as part of the whole.

We have a flute player, familiar with Sibelius, who can transpose parts for bass and for his alto flute on the bass line. The sounds of flute and recorder blend well. This gives us three basses which adds to the richness of our ensemble.

We enjoy the camaraderie of playing together and meeting every week. Cheryl's guide dog greets us every Thursday and while we can 'wing it' after a poor week of practise, relying on our sight reading, Cheryl must memorize and play every day to keep up with an expanding repertoire.

We performed on 27th May with the Big Group Recorder Ensemble and appreciate their support with our separate program. Mary Melcherts

Word Diversion

What a great pleasure it is to offer congratulations and wheelbarrow loads of kudos to Michelle Parker, Tricia Elliott, Patricia Martin, Wendy Gottlieb, Helen McDowell and John Elischer for unscrambling our tortured typographical terms. Some of the words were not discovered, but looking at them I suspect an extra strong tea or coffee would have been needed to kick-start extra brain cells. The solutions were EXPECTATION, ARSENITES, IRATENESS, RESINATES, STEARINES and TEARINESS.

The next challenge is casually to 'drop' each of those words into a sentence next time you are having a coffee with friends – though the reactions might be either (a) your friends will agree with you despite having no idea what they are agreeing to, or (b) be so impressed they will pay for your coffee, despite having no idea why they are paying for your coffee. (Or they may just laugh because they already knew the meaning of the words and realize you have just learned the meanings.) Then again – it could be that everyone else in the world already knew the meaning of each word, and I was the only one that had to resort to a dictionary.

Be that as it may, what are the next challenges?

Aunt Jessie has put **G O N S G I E R N S** on the coffee table,

E	I	A
T	T	E
V	T	N

while this is Warwick's spreadsheet.

Bucket loads of kudos are still available, as are self satisfaction, smugness or even delusions of grandeur for those who would like some. Solutions please to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com

And weren't Ian and Linda great at the AGM?

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Thanks to
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