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Next issue deadline:

January 13 2023

Cappuccino and Chat

Well, it's not exclusively cappuccinos - Kath at the Selkirk Stadium Café has a range of drinks and delectable carbohydrates; indeed everything necessary to ensure friendly conversation..



Now, to get to the other important details; the next Cappuccino and Chat will be:

Thurs 10 November

10.30 am

Selkirk Stadium Café

[\(989 Norman Street\)](#)

The café is cavernous, airy and we usually have the space to ourselves (ie it's as covid safe as we can make it) You can even bring your own cup or mug if you would rather not use the disposable cups. There's no need to RSVP, just 'rock up' and join in with the chats between U3A Ballarat members and the President Nina..

Word Diversion 4 November 2022

Wet weather and puzzle solving are correlated. I suspect that staying out of the wet weather is also conducive to some creativity. The evidence for that includes the discovery of a word that wasn't on the list of solutions – congratulations to Wendy for pulling 'BOTANISER' out of the garden. The listed solutions were EXTRADITION for Aunt Jessie's and BARITONES, OBTAINERS, REOBTAINS and TABORINES for Warwick's words.

That means barrow loads of kudos for Patricia Martin, Tricia Elliott, Bill Vincent and Wendy Gottlieb.

Now for November. Will the words be able to compete with 'getting out in the garden'? Aunt Jessie suggests A L A I N S E C O while Warwick has cobbled together another spreadsheet.

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Solutions please to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com and this time we'll have to include some free time at the vegie patch in the prize list, as well as the usual kudos, congratulations and self-satisfaction



We are rapidly coming to the end of our U3A year so this will be the last Bulletin for the year! What a year it has been – we have had to keep to COVID rules and regulations, then they were lifted and we really didn't know what was the best way to keep safe – I suppose wearing a mask and social distancing is the best. However, we have come through all this just as strong as before COVID – mainly thanks to the wonderful tutors who have kept classes going – by email contact, face to face classes or by Zoom. I thank them so much for all they have done to keep us together as a strong U3A Ballarat.

We have had a busy month starting with Seniors Week. During this week we had:

- a. A Market Stand at the Saturday market at the North Gardens which, despite the cold weather was very successful in that we had over 40 people come and talk to us about U3A.
- b. Our Visit a Class did not fare as well although there were some visitors to those classes which had very kindly been opened. My grateful thanks to those classes.
- c. The Celtic Band concert was a huge success despite the terrible weather.
- d. The Art Show did not draw the number of visitors the group had hoped for – but those who came greatly enjoyed it.

We have had two really interesting trips – to Cranbourne Gardens and Government House. Both of these, from what I have heard, have been hugely successful. Thanks to Ros and Elena.

We had the Le Conservatoire concert where six singers performed individual solos. They were very brave as it was their first performance – so thank you for the enjoyable concert.

A Regional Network meeting via Zoom was held during the month. This gave an opportunity to talk with other U3As in our Region – all of which are much smaller than Ballarat in numbers and therefore have different needs particularly the limited number of tutors they can attract. There was a lot of talk on how we could share classes – by Zoom, by video etc. If any class is interested in following this up, please see Helen or myself.

I visited the Mosaic Class on Friday and was amazed at what they were doing with their mosaic creations! They are also doing some plaques for the Smythesdale area and have applied for a grant to assist them. What a wonderful project! I look forward to seeing the results.

The choirs have started their Christmas carol singing providing music for several nursing homes and the Celtic Band are also into the Christmas mood with outings to play for other groups. The Recorder Ensemble have again been asked to play at the Cathedral of Christ the King during their Service of the Nine lessons and Carols. It's great that we can share our talents with the community.

Information on next year's classes is available on the website now. Unfortunately, we have had several longstanding tutors retire and our grateful thanks go to Brenda Beck and Yfke van Riel for the years they have run their classes.

Printed copies of the Class Information Book will be available later this month – it is at the printers now. Information re dates of membership renewals and class selection is elsewhere in this Bulletin. Please be aware that everyone goes onto a Wait List. You will receive notification re your success at getting into a class via email.

The Committee is recognising all the members who have volunteered in some capacity during the year by having a lunch on Thursday 17 November. I hope all those who have received an invitation are able to attend as we want to say 'thank you' to these members who give extra time in making our U3A run smoothly. In closing, I wish you all a very happy, safe and COVID free Christmas and New Year and we look forward to another good year in 2023.

Nina ninan06@bigpond.com

ADMIN MATTERS....



Enrolments for 2022 have now ceased.

2023 enrolments commence on Monday, 5 December.

Dates and Times for enrolment: Monday 5 December and Tuesday 6 from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wed 7 December morning only

A word of advice Monday 5 will be very busy, so we suggest you don't rush to be here on that day.

Office Training: There will be an office training session for office volunteers on Wednesday 16 November 10.00 – 12.00.

Tutors and Reps lunch: Thursday, 17 November. Make sure you have replied to Elena.

January office hours: The office is open for enrolments and queries 2 weeks before classes start on Wednesday February 1, 2023.

Opening times in January

Tues 17 and Tues 24: 9:30-11:30
Wed 18 and Wed 25: 10:00-12:00

There will be no New Members' morning teas this term, but new members are invited to attend Phill's and Nina's Cappuccino and Chat - the next one being on November 10 at Selkirk Stadium at 10.00am.



Conductor: Constance Lemke
Accompanist: Mary O'Driscoll

Tuesday November 29
2.30 to 3.30 pm
Ballarat North
Community Centre Hall
Afternoon tea provided

Calling All Swap Tables People

We have not forgotten you!!!

Let's meet again at 10:00 am at BNCC on 4th February 2023.

All the usual fruits, vegetables and plants together with the fantastic Jams, preserves and pickles, in fact any product you have grown or made.



CLASS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The Course Guide for 2023 is available on-line and the printed version will be available shortly.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to two more tutors at the end of 2022

Brenda Beck who has conducted the Science class for the past 10 years and Yfke van Riel who has conducted the Paper Craft, are retiring from tutoring. The U3A Committee would like to thank them for their generous time and efforts in conducting their classes and wish them both well.

The Committee has proposed that photocopying at the U3A office be made FREE for TUTORS. This is on a trial basis for 6 months and is for U3A material only. Your password to use the photocopier is your U3A ID number.

The tutor 'expo' day proposed for THURSDAY DECEMBER 1 has been CANCELLED. There was insufficient interest to make the day viable, but thank you to all those tutors who were willing to come along.

Just another reminder to all tutors to take a copy of your class attendance roll before November 30 if you want the names of returning students for next year.

TUTORS NEEDED

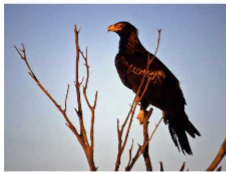
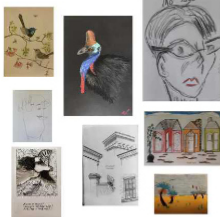
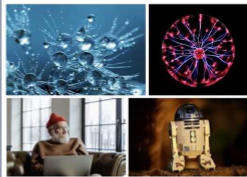
Chris Cullen, tutor for Walkers and Coffee group, was telling me recently that there is a need for another similar group or groups to form. Because his walking group completes their walk by going to have coffee together, the group is limited to the number of people you could reasonably fit into a coffee shop, and he is not able to accommodate the number of people who would like to join. We are looking for anyone who may like to organise walks around Ballarat/Buninyong/Creswick. The walk and coffee usually take 2 hours.

Item from U3A Network

Network supports U3A members to have a go at running a new class at their U3A by providing guides to popular U3A courses. These course guides have step-by-step instructions on how to run the class, including discussions, slides and links to resources. Mentoring, including demonstration of activities and teaching tips, is also available to Members wanting to run the course at their U3A next year.

Mentoring programs will be run in May for the following course guides:

Education- Course Guides Mentoring (2023)

First Nations 	Understanding Friendship in Later Life 	Scribblers 	Curious About Science 
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If there is someone at your U3A who might like to participate in course guide mentoring, early next year, they can **register their interest** at <https://forms.office.com/r/xT487dNWdK>

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I would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to consider one of these courses, in particular the Science course, as we are currently not running a science program. You do not have to wait until the mentoring program in May to express an interest.

I look forward to seeing all the Tutors and Class reps at the lunch on Thursday November 17 at 12:15 in the BNCC Hall. Please reply to Elena Tommasi by November 15.

Helen Slater, Class Co-ordinator

CLASS NEWS

LITERATURE

Our class will be winding up a most interesting year of reading and discussion for 2022.

The book for December is "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell. Our tutors Margaret Joy and Frances McPhee-Allan will lead the discussion.

Members are reminded of our end of year coffee morning on Thursday 24 November.

Robyn McKnight, Class Representative

BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES HAVE MOVED TO CRESWICK

Ballroom dancing classes have moved to Creswick for the rest of this year at least.

We are very sorry to leave after bringing happy dance Mondays to U3A Ballarat for the last eight years.

We need an affordable venue with the opportunity for offering classes across the year. At the moment, U3A Ballarat is out of options. We'll see what we can all do for a return next year.

There was space available at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) which we grabbed before it was snapped up by someone else. This, and the costs of the current venue is why we have made the decision to move now.

Membership is through U3A Creswick or the CNC.

Class times are published in the CNC Term IV brochure.

See: <https://creswicknc.org/>

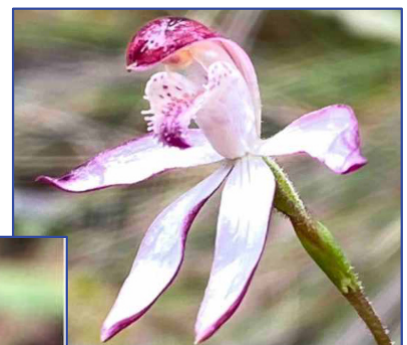
Elizabeth: 0402 777 852

Andrew: 0427246278

If you want to keep on dancing through the holidays, contact Lance Jewell on 0491 737 338

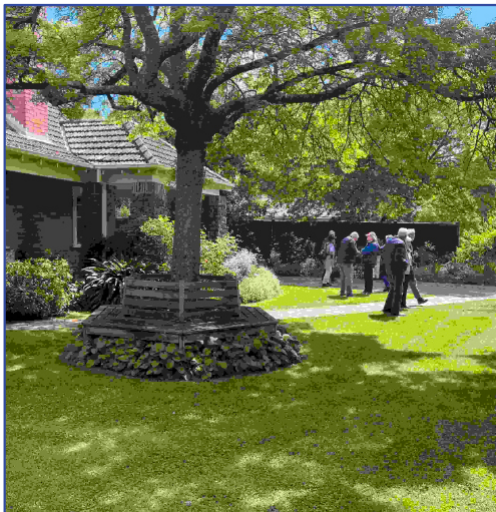
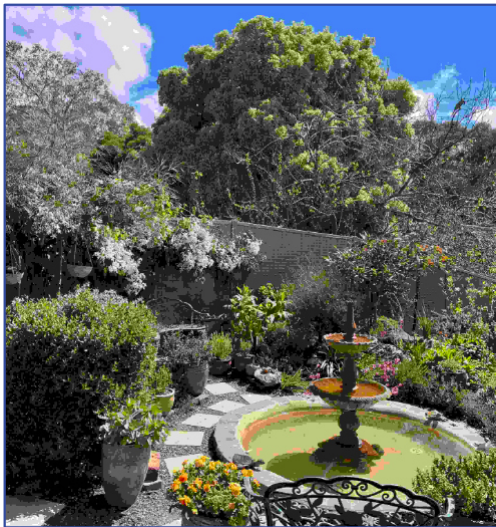
NATIVE ORCHIDS CLASS IN OCTOBER

Once again, our class met in less than ideal conditions, but for orchid traggies, that is no reason to cancel. So, brollies in hand, we visited Enfield and Union Jack, once again being rewarded for our efforts. Attached, proof of our dedication, and a couple of the gems that we saw; the scented caps and the purple beard.



THE **SHARING THE JOURNEY OF YOUR GARDEN** group has had to contend with some erratic weather but that hasn't deterred the keen gardeners! So far, five fabulous gardens of our members have been visited. Here are three of them.

Many thanks to organiser, Carrin Greenbank and to the hosts for sharing their garden stories.



POSITION VACANT

A person, or some people, to **supervise** setting up the hall at BNCC.

The main role is to ensure the hall is set up and packed up in the correct manner. A coordinator need not do any heavy lifting, just ensure, for example, that the chairs are suitably set out before an event. In most cases, the audience helps pack the seats away at the end of the performance, but someone is needed to ensure that the packing up is done correctly.

Please contact Phill (grantphillip@hotmail.com) or Nina (ninan06@bigpond.com) for further details or if you are interested.

Ever thought about volunteering?

Another way of being involved with U3A Ballarat is to help with some of the organisational tasks. Doing so certainly has social benefits. The Cappuccino and Chat sessions are a good way of finding out more about such opportunities.

SONGS FOR THE SEASON

The festive season is almost upon us, so we have put together a collection of Christmas music, but with a few other songs too, for those who would prefer to pretend that the year is still young!

Ballarat U3A Chorale



Tuesday 8 November
BNCC Hall
11am

We hope that you will join us.
Refreshments, kindly provided by the U3A Catering Committee, will follow.

Recorder Ensemble & Beginners Ukulele Christmas Concert

Hut 48 at the
Airport
Friday 25
November 2022



10.30 - 11.30 am
Refreshments following the concert
All Welcome

U3A Ballarat Music Soiree

Network Partners with nbn for Scams Awareness Week

U3A Network Victoria in partnership with nbn, as part of Scams Awareness Week, will be hosting an online presentation via Zoom on Tuesday, 8 November at 3:00 pm.

The presentation is timely and relevant considering the recent cyber attacks on major Australian corporations.

Join this 90-minute session to learn how to identify a scam and protect yourself from becoming a victim.

The session will be presented by Rebecca Moonen, Security and Privacy Cyber Safety Outreach Manager, nbn.

Network encourages you and all your members to attend as this will be an informative and opportune session. Please note that you must register in advance to be able to attend this session:

<https://u3anetworkvictoria.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZltcuGvqzgpGtJaAhqiNCnqMDnXd2zu53lY>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

