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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BNCC 9:00 am

1st Wednesday, Feb to Nov

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Welcome back to U3A Ballarat for 2023! We look forward to a happy and enjoyable year – both in our classes and in the general activities we have planned for all members to enjoy!

The Committee has started 'work' and have been busy planning and organising how we are to best cater for our large membership. As most of you probably realise we are the largest regional U3A in Victoria. This is a big responsibility for our wonderful Committee.

One of the concerns is that we have many members unable to be accepted into their desired classes because of our numbers. So, we are looking toward membership for help!!

We need more tutors!! Helen is an expert at finding venues and fitting classes into a timetable but we just don't have enough tutors. Many are already realising they will have to run two classes to fit everyone in. This is wonderful but we don't want to wear our tutors out! After all we are supposed to be retired!

So, we are asking if you have a topic or interest you would like to share with others for a short course – could be 2 hours, 2 sessions, 1 term - it does not have to be ongoing, we would love to hear from you. I don't know who Charlie Mung is but he left a good quote "The best thing a human being can do is to help another human being know more."

The Social and Catering Sub-Committee have lots of activities planned for the year including film lunches, visits, speakers, music soirees..... and of course, their famous morning tea scones, savoury or with jam and cream, and afternoon tea slices!

This is a short Bulletin as we will be having the February one very soon, but it will help us all to get back into gear for 2023. I have had to emerge from the mire of researching for the first topic for my class – one of the rewarding things of being a tutor of history – once started it's hard to stop with all the 'rabbit holes' you can go down! However, it kept me occupied during the hot days!

Now we are back to a new year, new classes – are you trying something different?? I hope to if I have time! Remember - never stop learning because life never stops teaching!!

P.S.

We had a wonderful response from members regarding December enrolments – you read and did what we had requested by staggering the times you came to enrol! This meant waiting times were reduced, office volunteers were kept busy and we were all very happy! Thank you! As of Saturday we have 871 members!

New Members' Morning Tea Feb 15, 10:30-11:30 at BNCC

Each month we hold a New Members' Morning Tea where new members are welcomed, find out a bit about how our U3A is run, meet Committee members, meet other members and have a chat about classes and have a cuppa and something to eat! It is a wonderful opportunity to get the 'feel' of being a member of our U3A. These morning teas are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at BNCC (Ballarat North Community Centre) from 10.30 – 11.30am. If you can't make it this month – then come the next month! Although they are called "New Members Morning Tea" old? members are welcome also!

Nina ninan06@bigpond.com



Admin Matters.... Mary Maloney. Admin and Membership coordinator.



to all our 'old' members and a special welcome to the 80 new members for 2023.

871 people have enrolled or re-enrolled and we expect more to do so in the next couple of weeks before classes begin.

This year we are offering 130 classes thanks to 73 tutors who so generously offer their time and skills.

January office hours. The office is open for enrolments beginning January 17. If you are a new member and have not received your name badge and membership information please call into the office to collect them.

Opening Times January

Tue Jan	17, 24, 31	9.30 – 12.00
Wed Jan	18, 25 & Feb 1	10 – 12.30
Thurs Jan	19, 26 & Feb 2	1.00 – 3.30

Normal Office hours will resume after that:

Tuesdays	9.30 – 11.30
Wednesdays	10.00 – 12.00
Thursdays	1.00 – 3.00

New Members' morning tea will be held at BNCC on Wednesday, February 15, from 10.30 – 11.30.

I think we have a great year to look forward to. Enjoy your classes and keep well and safe.

Class Co-ordinator's request:

TUTORS and CLAS REPS:

All tutors and Class reps were sent an email last Tuesday. If you have not yet read it, could you please do so as I require important information from you.

There are **38 classes** who have not let me know their maximum class numbers for the year and if they will have a representative at the **TUTORS and CLASS REPS MEETING on MONDAY 30th JANUARY at 9:30 at BNCC**. This is our annual meeting to catch up on any changes of which there are a few this year, and for yourselves to have a chat together over our traditional morning tea of scones jam and cream. So, please if I have not heard from you in the last week can you email the information, I need ASAP. Thank you

NEW CLASSES/EXTRA CLASSES

I have been asked if we could run classes in:

Auslan Harmonica Science Walkers and Coffee Native orchids Dance or Fitness

If you have an interest in running one of these classes or **any** new class please contact Helen Slater, Class Co-ordinator at ClassCoordinator@u3aballarat.org.au

What's coming up?? Advance notice.....

A great afternoon's entertainment with our **Recorder Quintet**, followed by a delicious afternoon tea at BNCC, **on Feb 23 at 2:30**

Swap Tables at BNCC Saturday March 4 at BNCC 10:00-11:00

Marvellous Melbourne Walk

Tuesday 7th March

Journey along the 'The Golden Mile' of Collins Street and experience 185 years of iconic Melbourne places. Explore iconic architecture from the 1850s gold rush to the 1880s land boom to the 2000s.

When visiting writer George Sala coined the term 'Marvellous Melbourne' in 1885, the 'Queen of the South' was the biggest and wealthiest city in the British Empire after London. Terms such as *New Gold Mountain* and the *Land of the Golden Fleece* described a city only 50 years old yet bustling with palaces of commerce, theatres, hotels, vaults, cathedrals, galleries, banks, artists, and stock exchanges.

The tour is led by experienced guide, historian and author Meyer Eidelson. You will be standing and walking for 2 hours, so need reasonable fitness.



Meeting Point: Tuesday 7 March, 10:45am at the corner of Spencer and Collins St outside Southern Cross station. The tour finishes near Parliament House near the corner of Spring and Collins St.

This two-hour walking tour of Melbourne is open to all U3A members and will cost each member \$25, to be paid on the day. Places are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first in basis.

We will travel to Melbourne together on the 8:44 train (8:38 from Wendouree), arriving at Southern Cross at 10:11am. There should be time for a toilet stop and quick takeaway coffee before gathering at the meeting point. After the walk we can have lunch together before returning to Ballarat, or you can go your own way. All participants pay their own train fare.

If you want to join the walk, email Anne Ottrey at ottrey@ncable.net.au or phone 0422 963 985. Please provide a contact phone number and email (if available).



Followed by.....

A great movie lunch opportunity!!

The Regent Cinema is offering us "Living" with Bill Nighy, on March 22

Peter Bradshaw reviewed the film in "The Guardian."



The terrible conversation in the hospital consulting room – that final rite of passage – is the starting point for this deeply felt, beautifully acted movie from screenwriter Kazuo Ishiguro and director Oliver Hermanus: a remake of Akira Kurosawa's 1952 film *Ikiru*, or *To Live*.

A buttoned-up civil servant works joylessly in the town planning department; he is a lonely widower estranged from his grasping son and daughter-in-law. In the original, he was Mr Watanabe, played by Takashi Shimura. Now he is Mr Williams, played by Bill Nighy.

Approaching retirement, his supposed reward for a life of pointless tedium, Mr Williams receives a stomach-cancer diagnosis with one year to live. And now he realises that he has been dead until this moment.

After a mad and undignified attempt at boozy debauchery in the company of a louche writer (Tom Burke), Mr Williams realises there is one thing he might still achieve: forcing the city authorities to build the modest little children's playground for which local mothers have been desperately petitioning and which he and his colleagues have been smugly preventing with their bureaucratic inertia.

Through sheer force of will, and astonishing his co-workers with his deeply unbecoming new urgency and baffling desire to help people, Mr Williams is determined to get the playground built before death closes in.

To get a seat, email u3aballaratbulletin@gmail.com

To SECURE your seat, pay \$24 at the office.

NB: Arrival time is 12:00, screening time is 12:15



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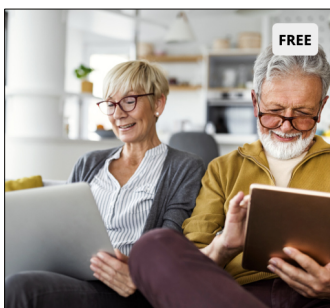
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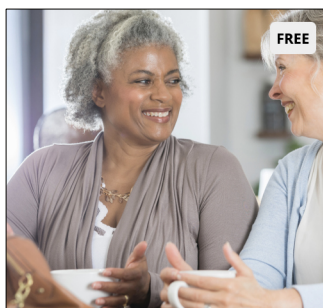
SOLDIERS HILL
Gardening
THU, 2 FEB, 2023

Enjoy gardening? How about starting your own kitchen garden? No green thumb needed to join this course.



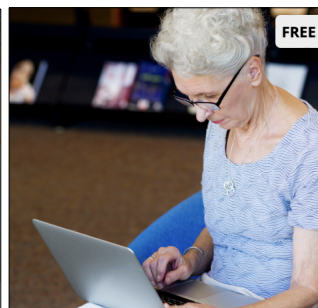
SOLDIERS HILL
Internet Cafe with Support!
FRI, 3 FEB, 2023

Need support accessing MyGov, applying for a rental property or a job online? Not confident using computers or the internet? Come



SOLDIERS HILL
BNNH Chatty Cafe
FRI, 10 FEB, 2023

If you are wanting to connect in with your local community, come along to our Chatty Cafe session. Have a cuppa and meet with others



SOLDIERS HILL
I.T. Tutoring One on One for People Aged 50+
MON, 13 FEB, 2023

Want to develop your computer/digital skills with a one on one session with a tutor?

Could you share an exotic destination you have visited, with other members?

Some place most of us will never have the opportunity to visit?

So we can be armchair travellers?



We'd like to arrange some armchair travel talks for interested members, to be held at Meadow Gardens Country Club in Delacombe, where they can supply us with a big screen AND afternoon tea!

Don't worry if you don't know how to put your photos into a presentation: we can help you with that.

So if this idea appeals to you, message u3aballaratbulletin@gmail.com

VALE DULCIE BROOKE

Dulcie was born on February 8, 1927 and from the time that she joined U3A Ballarat in 1995 we have been blessed with her friendship. Dulcie had wide ranging interests and a keen intellect, and after her many years as Librarian at Ballarat College of Advanced Education in all its guises, she was an avid reader and researcher. We at Current Affairs enjoyed her company and contributions and Maree who drove her to class really misses the chats they had.

VALE PATRICIA PRENDERGAST

Sadly, on Sunday, 9 January, our dear friend and colleague, Patricia, passed away. She would have turned 102 on Friday, 13th January. Patricia had many interests and contacts in the community, U3A being just one of them. With her formidable musical background, she first joined the recorder group, then moved on to the Celtic Band. As an honorary member of U3A, she maintained these contacts right to the end. When she could no longer play recorder she taught herself to play the glockenspiel. The engineer for the Celtic Band CD and myself travelled to the John Curtin Nursing Home to tape Patricia's glockenspiel contribution to the CD. Many times, Patricia organised for the Celtic Band to entertain the residents at John Curtin and she continued to attend our concerts when able. She was a much loved and highly respected member of the Celtic Band and the wider U3A community.

Our condolences and prayers go out to her extensive family and friends.

Corrie Olsen

