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BALLARAT NORTH CAMPUS, BNCC

Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30

Wednesday 10 – 12:00

Thursday 1.00 – 3.00

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BNCC 9:00 am

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What's on in June.....?

Wed June 14: Armchair travel to Moscow at Meadow Gardens !0:00-11:00, with Rita Holt**Thurs June 15:** Cappuccino and chat with Phill and Nina, Selkirk Stadium, 10:00-11:00

Save these dates!

Thurs 27 July: Oldies Dance time, BNCC, 4:00-6:00 pm**Tues October 3:** Bus trip to the Tesselaar Tulip Festival



We are nearly half way through the year – doesn't time fly when you are having fun at U3A! Quite a lot has happened this month – we got all excited because the slab was to be laid for our Shed last Wednesday and Thursday – but of course the rain put a dampener on that but hopefully it might be done this coming week. We live in hope.

We had a most enjoyable concert from the Choristers which ended with us all singing the Vegemite song! Another concert by the Ceilidh group proved to be very toetapping. They had a good audience considering the concert started at 9.30am! It is interesting to see the range of instruments in the group and how versatile members are at playing several different instruments. I think the washboard player the most fascinating with her gardening gloves on!

A talk by Uniting Agewell was interesting as we found out what services could be obtained prior to nursing home care. A plea for volunteer drivers to drive people to medical and other appointments was made also. It is not until you hear people from these agencies speak that you realise how many services there are available if only you knew how to tap into them.

The story of how the early squatters found land and settled on it was told by Glen Lake at her talk on Thursday. This is a remarkable story of the Scott family who settled at Mt Buninyong and gives deep insight into how they selected land and what distances they had to travel in unbelievable circumstances.

It has been pleasing to hear that some of our music groups have been entertaining outside groups – the Ukuleles played at the BAFA May social function and I received a very nice report saying "What a hit they were and what a great way to capitalise on the talents of those we share our Hut 48 space with". The Recorder Quintet played at the dinner at Craigs for the Ballarat Historical Society Book Launch recently. They were very well received as their music wafted down the stairs for the guests arrival. The Celtic Band recently played at CresFest and I am sure it would have been a toe tapping performance. It's wonderful that our talented musicians have opportunities to entertain other groups.

Committee have started planning for 2024. With the AGM coming up in August we need to think of how we want to move forward. Our membership has been climbing steadily throughout the year and we have to prepare for an even greater membership next year. We have a small group looking at statistics regarding age, demography, transport etc and generally analysing our current members and prospective members. I recently analysed the statistics from MYU3A of where we all lived – there were 90 different suburbs and towns and our membership extended to around 100 +kms from Ballarat. We are doing this for several reasons – one is to enable us to apply for grants as our membership fees are the only income sources we have. The other reason is so we can attract new members and be better able to hold onto our present ones. You may be asked to fill in a form to help in this planning.

Along with that, could you start thinking whether you would be willing to take a class next year or a short session or two for our Summer School in January? Our organisation thrives on our wonderful tutors – but we would like more wonderful tutors to cope with the interests of our members. There are many aids to assist if you feel hesitant - there are online courses which provide the content and you only have to lead the session. (We call the leaders of classes 'tutors' because the database accepts that as a leader's title – many of us 'lead' a class rather than 'tutor') Please consider this, as it is really rewarding: you get more out of it in the end than you put in!

This is also the time of the year when people flee north or overseas – so don't worry if classes become small suddenly – the flying birds will come back!

Enjoy the term break in a couple of weeks and stay safe and well. Nina ninan06@bigpond.com

Admin Matters - June

Welcome to our latest group of new members for 2023.

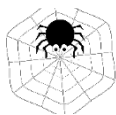
Jennifer Jones, Gina Lyons, David Pudney, Frederick Simms, Anne Marie Power, Joe Bolza, Jennifer Mu, Jenny White, Alison Thompson, and Jan Maher.

We now have 1160 members!

If you enrolled online, you may not have received your badge and new member notices. You can collect them from the office during office hours. We hope you enjoy your U3A classes and the other enjoyable activities we offer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: *During Term 3 the office will not be open on Wednesdays.*

Office hours will remain the same for Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Website If you have any photos of class activities or things class members have made you can send them to me to put up on the website. Here is the Wine Appreciation group at Best's in Great Western.

Mary Maloney Membership Coordinator.



Editor Lee says: And you can send them to me at:

u3aballaratbulletin@gmail.com



Cappuccino and Chat, and New Members

Imagine watching the weather from behind towering floor to ceiling windows. In the warm company of U3A Ballarat members, that imagination can become reality at the next Cappuccino and Chat.

Thursday 15 June, 10.00 am onwards (arrive when it is convenient and simply join the conversation)
Selkirk Stadium (989 Norman St., Wendouree – car parking at the front door)

Basically, it's a chance to just chat in a warm environment with other friendly members. Just 'rock-up' sometime after 10 am, grab a coffee/tea and perhaps some carbohydrates, stay for as long as you like, and there is no need to RSVP. President Nina will be there. The venue is a cavernous café, which we generally have to ourselves – it's as virus-free as we can make it.

Phill Grant

grantphillip@hotmail.com

The traditional **New Members' Morning Tea** has been deferred to the Cappuccino and Chat session.

Class Co-ordinator's Report

Derek Wallace is a member of the Geelong U3A.

He is offering to include U3A Ballarat in his zoom course on the **History of China**

The course is in two parts. The attached is part 1.

Derek is thinking of doing this in the fourth semester 2023. Maybe Tuesday afternoon, say 2pm on Zoom. It doesn't need to be a big class. His Lecture goes for 90 minutes.

If this works out he could do the second part in first semester 2024

Chinese lecture, Part 1 of 2 parts

Part 1 covers the Qing dynasty to modern times.

Looks at the Forbidden City, selection of concubines, polygamy, the many Emperors, the V.O.C company, Opium wars, Eunuchs, the Great Wall, Various rebellions, Treaty Of Nanking, Imperial examination system, Taiping Rebellion, Self Strengthening Movement, Yellow river floods, Empresses Dowager Cixi, Boxer rebellion, Yuan Shikai, Emperor Puyi, Sun Yat-sen, Chiang Kai Shek, May the Fourth movement, Mao Tse Tung, Long March, Rape of Nanking, Korean War, Hong Kong, Xi Jinping, Chinese congress

If you would like to be included in this class, can you forward your name and email address to ClassCoordinator@u3aballarat.org.au I will then forward this information to Derek.

Ballarat's Military History and its Characters

Neil Leckie, manager of the Military Museum, offered this course this term but only received one interested student. Neil is prepared to offer the course again in fourth term, but this time it will be held at the Military Museum

Monday 9:30-11:00 8 weeks 9/10—27/11

PAT McCARTHY

I have recently learnt that Pat McCarthy, our pole walking tutor, suffered a fall towards the end of last year which has impacted on her ability to lead the group. Pat introduced our U3A to Nordic or Pole walking back in 2012 and has been the group tutor since its inception. U3A Ballarat wishes to thank Pat for the enthusiasm and energy she devoted to establishing a program that many of our members have found worthwhile and enjoyed for many years. It is sad to know Pat can not continue but her keenness will live on in the group she created. Thank you, Pat.



Helen Slater, Class Co-ordinator



Invitation to all Senior Citizens in Ballarat

Ballarat North Seniors Club cordially invites all interested Seniors to **Memories of Ballarat Past** presented by John Olsen.

When: Thursday 22nd June 2023, 2:00-4:00pm

Where: Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker Street, Ballarat Nth

Afternoon Tea provided

RSVP: Friday 16 June. Email: ballaratnorthseniorcitizens1@gmail.com or Mobile 0408 353 671

OLDIES DANCE

Thursday,
July 27, 2023
4 to 6 PM
BNCC



Op Shop Theme

Come alone or with a partner and dance to DJ Lance's music of the Oldies from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Wear clothes from the Op Shop for your oldies outfit. Prizes will be awarded for:

- ☐ Most Elegant Lady
- ☐ Best Dressed Man
- ☐ Silliest Outfit
- ☐ Best Accessorized—Hats, Belts, Jewellery, Scarves and Shoes
- ☐ Best Outfit from the 50's, 60's or 70's

Oldies dress optional and no booking required.

Wine, punch, crackers, cheese and nibbles will be served.

Please come and dance or just come and tap your toes to the music of your youth!



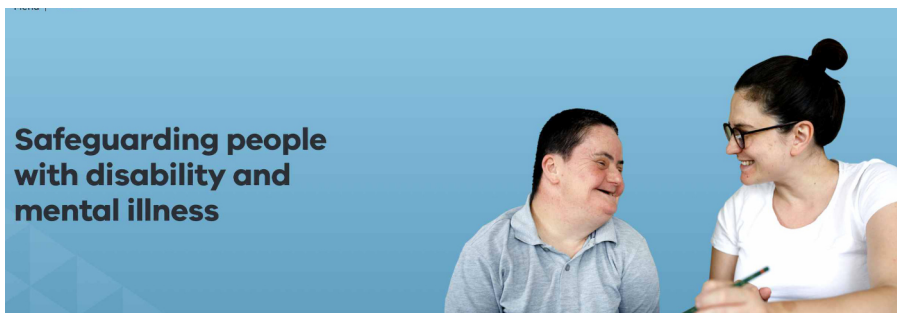
The Philosophy Class

Earlier this year the Philosophy class invited Joe McCracken, the Member for Western Victoria Region to attend their class as a guest speaker.

In his Members Speech to Parliament he reported:
“I was pleased to recently attend the Ballarat U3A ‘philosophy’ class as guest speaker. I was so impressed with the engagement and level of interaction of members – we spoke about a broad range of political issues and about the philosophy underpinning them, Every single member of the group was warm, kind, considered in their questioning, respectful, and showed great insight – something we can all learn from. I want to publicly recognise the philosophy class of Ballarat U3A and the great work they do, Thank you for having me and thank you for the valuable service you provide the community.”

That is high praise and congratulations to the class for earning it!





The Office of the Public Advocate is in desperate need for volunteers in the Ballarat area.

All volunteering would be done in the local area.

If you are interested, please contact:

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Word Diversion

‘True Believers’ have come to the fore again, with four wise word re-workers successfully solving what turned out to be rather tricky word puzzles. Congratulations to Tricia Elliott, Bill Vincent, Jenny Barton and Patricia Martin for their success in solving aunt Jessie’s puzzle to get OPPORTUNITY and/or Warwick’s CANONISTS and SANCTIONS.

Last month’s quip about ‘delivery systems getting washed out’ almost seemed quite close to reality, with the deluge experienced on Wednesday. That having been the case, we definitely need some word diversions to dry out brains and imaginations. Aunt Jessie has proposed T A R I M E T E N as a good drying agent, while Warwick has provided some silica gel with the following spreadsheet:

T	C	A
M	S	T
A	I	E

TCAMSTAIE

Solutions please to Phill at grantphillip@hotmail.com

Kudos and congratulations are on offer as prizes, and perhaps even a large and fluffy, but imaginary, towel, just in case further ‘drying out’ is necessary.

Vale

John Cheeseman

John Cheeseman died recently after a long illness.

He was a well respected teacher of Italian in education and later with U3A.

John represented the ideals of U3A. He had a passion for this subject.

He acknowledged the diverse interest of adult learners.

Italian brought us there, but John kept us there.

We learnt about the language and culture under his gentle leadership which created a friendly atmosphere in class.

To me this was just what I needed. As a person new to languages he was one who could teach me the grammar, vocabulary and culture from his personal experiences. These were skills much appreciated from someone intending to travel to Italy in the future.

Classes started with a saying or proverb, then to the 'bible' - "Ci Siamo".

This was the starting point of well prepared classes but leaving room to progress to real life experiences. Even break time was a very social event. With John leading the group, there would be lots of chatter over tables often groaning with food and delicacies. This social aspect continued with excursions to restaurants and at times, even to his own home.

As his illness progressed, John tired but continued with his classes.

His joy of working with us never waned and his cheeky humour remained sharp.

He finally acknowledged his need to close classes.

Later when in care, he remained in good spirits and was always pleased to see us.

John left us with many pleasant memories and the experiences that he helped us pursue.

We thank John for sharing so much of his time with us.

Steve Walsh and other class members