

# Goulburn Valley



**GOULBURN VALLEY University of The Third Age**  
(For active semi-retired or retired persons of mature age)

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(Entries close on 21<sup>st</sup> of each month)

Welcome



*'I admire people who get up and keep going after the storm has passed'*

I think many of you would agree with the above quote after two years of lock down with Covid restrictions. I know I admire many of you for your persistence to keep many of the courses going over that time.

Many thanks to Liz Lee and her committee members whose sterling efforts help to bring members into the world of " ZOOM". and to keep us connected through some of the courses. I'm sure we will see many changes in the technological world after the impact of Covid.

Many of you will have had some contact with the programs and courses you have selected for the year. It is wonderful to hear such a buzz around the hall as people begin to venture out and catch up with friends you may not have seen much of over the past two years.

I would like to thank all the volunteer course leaders under the guidance of Greg Barnes, for their time, their willingness to share skills and to encourage others to join in and have fun, At present there are 409 registrations, many members have not renewed their membership or filled in a membership form for 2022, if you are one of these, please check because you may miss out on receiving the newsletter.

At our March AGM our quest speaker Keith Twigg entertained us with his time on the Nullabor as a fox shooter and each month the committee hopes that we can continue to bring entertaining and informative speakers to our social mornings, along with jokes, and a mystery prize for those members who wear their name badge.

With the uncertainty of many conflicting rules for going forward with Covid, the committee has decided to follow local council rules that; "masks are recommended to be worn and that you still need to adhere to social distancing." We now have covid testing units and that we ask all members to sign in when you enter the hall.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the year and will endeavour to come along to various course sessions to get to know you as members of U3A If you are unsure of what you can get from U3A, please do not be afraid to try a new course, you never know what hidden talents you may discover.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be your president for 2022 and may we have an exciting, informative and fun year.

Rita

## MEMBERSHIP for U3A

### MEMBERSHIP FEES - MUST BE PAID BY MARCH 31st

Many members from our 2021 list have still not paid for 2022. If you intend to remain members then payment MUST be received by the end of March. Fees are \$60 and can be paid by direct debit (details of our account are on the bottom of this newsletter). Please place your name in the reference line, you can also pay by cheque or cash. Place your cheque/money in an envelope with **YOUR NAME** on it and place in the white box by the office door.

**People who have not paid by April will be removed from our newsletter list and will not receive the next newsletter.**

The following people have paid the 2022 fee but have not completed a membership form. If these people are in your course please alert them to the need to complete a form. The newsletter cannot be sent to them as we have no details:

**Roslyn Limbrick, Brian Parker, Suzanne Conboy and Patricia Crane.**

I am still chasing a Person who paid via direct debit on 24/1/2022 through Bank First. No name was included in the reference line. Please make sure you collect your receipt from the box on the table at the front door of the hall. All course leaders are required to record the receipt number of people attending their course to show they are current members.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Kerrie Midgley (Treasurer and Membership Officer) 0439 511 929

### SCIENCE MATTERS

There will be no science class on Easter Monday, April 18. The next class will be on May 16 when we will follow our series on the science inspired by the Murchison Meteorite with a presentation on Meteor detection and retrieval of meteorites.

Allan Wilson (0427 399 648) and Derek Poulton

### CREATIVE CRAFTS

It is great to see members returning to Craft for a chat and to share the projects being worked on.

A special mention to Lois McCrabb who has been asked to have one of her paintings in an ABC production. Let's hope we get a good look at it.

New members are always welcome. Do you have a skill or technique that you would like to share with the group?

Looking forward to seeing you all through April.

Gael Thompson - mobile 0458 215 794

## WALK AND TALK

### Walk and Talk Kyabram Discovery April 13

Meet at the U3A carpark at 8.45am leaving for Kyabram at 9.00am where we will meet at Edis Park Oswald Street for morning tea. Then on to the Mural Picnic Area, walk to Allan St and back to Edis Park for lunch. Bring your lunch or you can buy it at the Kyabram Bakery or Subway. After lunch we can visit the Kyabram Fauna Park which is open until 5.00pm, cost per person with a concession card or a senior card is \$14.00. There is a reduced cost for a group of 10 or more so please let me know by Wednesday 6/4/22 if you intend going there.

David Taylor Mobile 0412 802427



### Dookie Rail Trail 9<sup>th</sup> March

Leaving U3A 15 walkers travelled to Dookie, meeting Bobby Dohnt our guide for the day at the CWA Gardens. After morning tea the group walked along the Rail Trail back toward Shepparton for about 3 km to the turnaround point. We then walked back to the CWA Gardens for lunch before half of the group returned to Shepparton. The rest of us travelled along Ryans Road to a car park and walked for about a kilometre along the start of the Mulana nin iyoga walking trail to Mt Major.

PS Thanks to Tony and Bev Palma and Bobby Dohnt for the running of the walk in my absence.

David Taylor

## TELL US A YARN

Just a reminder about the pop-up course ""Tell us a Yarn" on Thursday 31st March 10.00 am to 11.00 am where people tell funny stories true or otherwise, jokes and riddles. If you are a bit shy or don't know any jokes or stories you are most welcome to come and listen. Doctor Bill O'Hare reckons we all need a laugh during Covid.

Let me know if you can make it at 10 am Thursday 31st March.

Greg Barnes ([dngbarnes@hotmail.com](mailto:dngbarnes@hotmail.com))

## UKE U3A

Our regular Uke3A Program is delivered for Members (*and invited guests*) on Monday's, at the GUVU3A ESSON Street Hall Shepparton.

**(Currently outside space)**

**Time** : 12:15pm - 1:15pm

President Liz included an overview of our January 'Gig' (The St Georges Rd. Food Festival), on the U3A Network, Victoria Facebook site in February, many thanks Liz. Here's the link for those with Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/u3anetworkvictoria/> (**scroll to 18/2/2022**)

Our Uke3A Course Page, on our GUVU3A Website, has now been updated for 2022. (Thanks David for your assistance). Here you will find our Uke3A Booklet and simply, links to three folders.

*Program Videos, Program Photos and Taking Notes (General Information)*

*The Winners of our highly respected "Monthly Uke Award" for March were*

- *Barb for her Duet with David singing/playing "The Sounds of Silence"*
- *Janice for her "Walk Up" at Girgarre Jiggery Jammin' on Saturday.*

John Canty

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Mobile: 0407264504 (text preferred please)

## LUNCH GROUP

### APRIL LUNCH VENUES

The group have decided to go to The GV Hotel every Monday in April. So, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the 11<sup>th</sup>, the 18<sup>th</sup> (Easter Monday) and the 25<sup>th</sup> (Anzac Day) that's where we will be for lunch commencing at 12 noon. The hotel staff said they will be open on both the public holidays. Members have the choice on parking outside the hotel in High Street or parking at the back of the Hotel and walking through the venue to the bistro area. It is essential that you ring Gail on 0400 531 856 to reserve a place at the table. The numbers are rung through on the Friday before we gather, so names should be submitted by then. Many venues are short on staff at the moment and they try to roster on enough people to cover the number of people in the group so please ring through your names by then.

Gail Jellif Mobile 0400531856

## INDUSTRY TOURS

John Hetherington used to run the class "Industry Tours" where every now and then he would hire a bus and GUVU3A members would be taken to all sorts of industries around Shepparton. John is unfortunately is unable to continue on organising of these events, so we are looking for someone to take over. John will be able to advise the new course leader on what to do, where to go, etc. Let me know if you would like to do this.

I would like to thank John in helping make GUVU3A a great place to be.

Greg Barnes ([dngbarnes@hotmail.com](mailto:dngbarnes@hotmail.com))

## WRITING4PLEASURE

Our March meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> was in the G.V Library. It was wonderful to have fourteen members attend and present some diverse stories/poems.

Our 2021 end of year book, called “*Spilling The Beans*”, was distributed amongst our group. Congratulations to all involved; those behind the scenes as well as members who provided the stories and poems. It’s a great achievement.

**THE WRITING GROUP HAS ABOUT 6 SPARE COPIES. IF ANYONE WISHES TO PURCHASE A COPY, PLEASE SEE MARY HENEGHAN AT THE ART GROUP ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING, U3A HALL. THE COST FOR THE BOOK IS \$20.00**

### APRIL TOPICS – PRESENTED BY MOYA ARE:

1. BACK HOME
2. TO EACH HIS OWN  
WORD - FLUMMOXED

### QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

*“I HAVE NEVER STARTED A POEM YET, WHOSE END I KNEW. WRITING A POEM IS DISCOVERING.”* Robert Frost.

**CONTACT: Lyn Austin. (Phone: 0468 312 602)**

## BIRD WATCHING



including these Red-browed Finches.

The first outing for the year was to be at Jordans Bend, Shepparton. When we arrived there it was still raining. Beris, who lives nearby, kindly invited us to her place for morning tea. Later when the rain had stopped some of us walked from her place along the edge of the river and through part of the Boulevard Bush Reserve. As we walked we observed and or heard twenty different bird species

The next monthly outing, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, will be revisiting Jordans Bend. We will meet at the U3A club rooms for a 9 am departure, as usual.

Marg Clarke

## NATURAL RESOURCES and REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Natural Resources & Regional Development is on again April 1 and April 8. After such a long recess I am hoping the Newsletter is able to give participants encouragement to be part of two good discussion mornings.

### Friday April 1 10 – 11.30am Climate Change – Local Implications

Presenters: Barry Croke, Sharon Terry (Manager Environment, Greater Shepparton City Council)

Shepparton municipality has been running a program which stated “have your say” to “work together to create a climate safe future” Check COGS website for details.

This spurred BC into writing COGS a 10 page letter. Essentially it argues the climate of the Shepparton region cannot be created nor made safe by locals, but there are many ways in which we may adapt to the varied conditions and in the medium term start to arrest our share of emissions driving climate change within acceptable economic bounds. This will be part of the discussion.

Sharron Terry will outline how our municipality is developing a local approach to the problem and the types of changes possible, both here and in similar regions.

Sharon and BC will want your opinions on the ideas provided.

### Friday April 8 10 – 11.30am Latest in Regional Mapping and implications to development

Presenter: Carl Walters, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

Our region is being reconsidered. What should be where and why? Carl will outline the current work being done at GBCMA; how base information is obtained, the attributes used to classify different areas and possible implications for future planning and policies that may re-shape our region.

Barry Croke 0488058231

## HISTORICAL STUDIES

The speaker will be Andrew Charles Crawford son of James Crawford who will talk about the Crawford family who were original selectors in the Toolamba district.

Andrew will know his subject as he is the speaker at the Crawford 150<sup>th</sup> reunion of the family’s arrival in Toolamba on Sunday April 3, the week before his U3A talk.

Contact John Dainton 0417 549 502

## PHOTOGRAPHY



A small but enthusiastic photography group have had two outings recently: to the Emerald Bank Car Museum and to the Tahbilk Winery. Whilst I'm sure the first was a great success, so was the visit to the Tahbilk Winery. After checking in we were given the run of the place at our own pace. Firstly, down the cellars, where our skills were put to the test due to the various lighting conditions. Afterwards, a stroll

around the gardens and old cottages culminated in a visit to the restaurant capped off a perfect day.

The photo attached is of the group in the cellars. If it looks a little blurry it's possible that we may have over imbibed down there.

This **Thursday, 24th March**, sees us off to the Echuca wharf area, and possibly the new bridge, where some interesting opportunities await us.

Allan Parker: 0418 1441 131   Lex Neville: 0467 083 480  
Kay Cowan: 0439 013 695

## **BOOK CLUB 3**

Reminder to members of Book club 3, our meeting is on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** in Room 3 at 11.45 -1.15

The book for discussion this month is "**The Island of the sea Women** - Lisa See.

Any queries to either Jan or myself. Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Jan Wallace 0439728155/Rita Bloomfield 0418580697

## **ASTRONOMY**

Many U3A members have telescopes and would like assistance in setting up and advice on how to use their telescopes. ASV and U3A members are meeting at the U3A hall 6.30pm Saturday April 9 to help members with set up and use of telescopes. All welcome.

Derek Poulton 0418559263

### **BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS**

Direct debit:

BSB 633-000

A/C no: 127742898

Name: U3A Inc

Please include YOUR name in the reference.