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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



A representative from the Shepparton Police **Crime Prevention** Department will be talking about crime statistics and current tactics at the next **Social morning**.

If you are interested in personal safety at GVU3A you can read our **Health and Safety Policy** displayed in the hall.

I have heard that the **trip to Broken Hill** was a wonderful event and was glad Kevin Jordan did not have to quote the usual line after a footy trip 'What happens on the bus trip stays on the bus trip'. So thank you Marie O'Hare and Kevin for organizing such a successful event.

If you are still thirsting for more knowledge or are finding it difficult to attend some U3A classes try the web site **U3A online**. On this site there are 52 courses which can be studied individually or can be used as a basis for our local U3A courses.

Anti Alzheimers trial. The Florey institute is appealing for seniors with normal memory to participate in a clinical study to assist developments of anti-Alzheimer treatments. They are trying to reduce the impact of beta amyloids forming plaques on the brain. See our notice board for more information.

On Wednesday April 13 from 4.00 to 5.00 pm David Muir, Derek Poulton and I ran a training session at the hall on how to use the **overhead data projector**. 17 attendees hopefully learned enough to make their courses even more enlightening than they are now. If you were unable to attend that day and want to learn the hidden secrets of the back box let me know and I can organise another session.

There is a **lawn mowing roster** on the notice board near the kitchen. Please add your name to this list if you wish to help.

Griff Foley, author of "Learning in Social Action and Strategic Learning", says since WW2 an alarming **dumbing down of our public culture** has occurred. It is not an exaggeration that many Australians are both ill informed and manipulable. U3A can present educational opportunities in our retirement years so we can be more informed and less manipulable.

SANDRA'S KEEPSAKES



The project for the month of May is this Mag Holder. For \$28 you receive the timber kit, the paint, paper, embellishments and the necessary instructions to enable you to make your Mag Holder. Please ring Sandra on 58210231 by May 10 so she can order the kits. The project will be made on May 17 with the class commencing at 9 am at the hall and you will be finished by 12 noon.

BIG ISSUES FROM SCIENCE:

Monday May 16th 1.30 pm



This month we continue our series on the Big History of our Civilization with information on **The Origins of Our Solar system and Earth**. Earth is uniquely positioned at just the right distance from the sun and composed of the wide range of elements needed for life. Its formation is the fourth threshold of increasing complexity in this course. How did it come about and what is the importance of plate tectonics? And where did the moon come from?

BIG HISTORY PROJECT / SY 2015-16 / UNIT 4 GUIDE 2

Allan Wilson 58221474

ENJOYING LITERATURE

Our small group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 2pm to discuss any and all forms of literature.

At the moment our theme is Australian literature, so having completed our reading of "The Summer of the Seventeenth Doll" we have moved on to discussing the life and poetry of Judith Wright.

What will follow? Perhaps members may bring along a favourite Australian short story to share with the group?

We are not all intimidating and welcome new members!

Helen West
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WALK AND TALK



Our April walking group was small because some members were on the Broken Hill and other trips.

Tony, Bev, Ted and myself are in the photo. The natural colours and beauty of Autumn were uplifting as we did the Eurobin Falls walk, passing the charming Ladies Bath on the way.

The Canyon walk along the Ovens River was an easy walk, with us crunching through those russet leaves. Ted then gave us a guided tour of Bright including the Historic Cemetery Tour and the Buckland Valley Bridge.

We had a great day. Thank you Ted and Tony for driving.

Maria Hartel.

On May 11 our walk will be in the Barmah Forest where we hope to have a guide from the Heritage Centre.

Meet at the U3A car park at 8.45am for a 9am departure in shared transport. Bring your own morning tea and lunch and wear suitable shoes and clothes for whatever weather we might encounter.

Christine Wilson 5822 1474 Mob. 0428 399 648

BIRD WATCHING

Our May 18 outing will be at Cussen Park Tatura. Please meet at the U3A Hall at 9.00 or at the shelter Cussen Park Ross St Tatura at 9.30

Please contact Don Roberts T58252404 M0448889224 or Marg Clarke M0429350875.

CANINE CAPERS

1st Monday of each month

Walks from the cafe end of the lake will resume at the 10am time for the autumn and winter. We finish with coffee at the cafe and the staff provide water for the dogs who sit on the covered balcony with us afterwards. Those with walking difficulties can wait at the cafe while we walk their pawsons (Att: Audrey). We have not seen three of Hannah's puppies who reside in Tatura and they had their first birthdays in March. Jeanette organised a birthday party for the event here and will organise a trip to Tatura so we may meet with these 1yo puppies. 'Phone Jeanette for details of trip 0438 214 808, We will car pool where required.

Janiene 0409 337 520

GARDEN CLUB

26th May (4th Thursday of the month) Violet Town Garden

Meet at the U3A car park at 9.45am. I have arranged a trip to Violet Town. Barb Ramage has kindly offered her garden. She has a collection of mosaics on display in her garden. Barb will put the urn on for us to have a cuppa but we will need to bring our own drinking mug.

INDUSTRY TOUR

Thursday 5th May. EQUINE HOSPITAL at Congupna.

12 seater bus will depart FORD'S DEPOT Telford Drive at 9.30 am.

Returning approx. 12 noon.

It is on our doorstep but the Shepparton Equine Hospital is known all over Australia for its treatment of horses.

We are fortunate that a party of twelve of us will be shown what they do.

A bit of walking. Wear closed shoes.

COST: \$13.00 a head. Payable to me at the May Social Morning.

There will be a list in the entry foyer. First in best dressed.

John Hetherington

HISTORICAL STUDIES

Monday 9th May at 10.00 am. Bill O'Hare's topic is **"A family History"**

Contact John Lawry at jrlawry@bigpond.com or 58231704

SOCRATES CAFE

Monday 2nd May at 10.00 am.

The topic for open discussion is " Our Common Humanity"

Monday 23rd May at 10.00 am

The topic for discussion is " The Search for the Positives in Australian Life"

Contact John Lawry at jrlawry@bigpond.com or 58231704

EARTH SCIENCES

Earth Sciences is of interest to anyone who wants to learn a little bit more about topics such as how the earth was formed, the structure and composition of rocks and minerals, mining and so much more. If this sounds interesting to you, then why not join us.

When: 10am – 12pm at the U3A Hall on 3rd , 4th (and 5th) Fridays. Occasional excursions take us away from the hall so it's best to phone one of us before joining the group.

Additional lectures at Notre Dame with Nigel Liggins occur ad hoc.

For further information contact Vonn Russel 0358 242 927 or Chris Morom 0428 997 150

IPAD CLASSES - Basics

A few changes with iPad classes: Carmel Naughton is now leading these, and there is now only one class on Fridays from 2pm until 3pm. However, as Carmel will be away for part of May, Kiki Passenheim will fill in for some classes.

We will also break for the winter months with the last class being 27th May. They will resume on 19th August.

Carmel can be contacted on 0458 216 818.

COMPUTERS

Computer classes are running well with participants involved in activities of learning Microsoft Excel and Word, emailing – the intricacies of organising, creating, replying, forwarding emails and adding attachments, dealing with photographs, creating Photobooks, registering for PayPal and then going on to buy/sell things on Ebay and simply just learning how to use their computer.

For the people who are wanting to work on Photobooks, it looks as though I'll have to try to fit you into one of my Monday sessions. It might be a bit squashy, but give me a call and I'll see where I can fit you in (class numbers vary from week to week, so it is often 'pot luck' as to how many I have in a class).

For the Class Coordinators who attended a recent instructional session on using the data projector/ media centre. This was really just to show you how easy it is to use. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time to allow everyone to actually do the hands on time with the equipment. Should you wish to have a go, please give me a call and I'll come in earlier on Mondays to give a hands-on experience.

Computer classes will continue until the end of May when Sonja and I hope to head for warmer areas of Australia for a couple of months. They will recommence sometime in September (if we don't come back earlier/later)!

David Muir

Ph. 58214349 mob. 0414881369

WRITING4PLEASURE:

Our writing subject for the next meeting is 'Neighbour'. I just know there will be some very interesting tales with this subject.

Once again I am urging any of you who secretly feel you have a good story to tell to come and share it. You will not regret it.

Time: 3rd Thursday monthly, 1pm-3.30pm.

Contacts: Mary Heneghan 58316997 or Bridgette Brisbane 582713.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Friday May 6, 10am U3A Hall

GUEST SPEAKER; Renae Ashmore, River Connect Project Officer Greater Shepparton City Council

SUBJECT; River Connect has been exploring and implementing opportunities to reconnect our community back to the rivers and their floodplains for 10 years.

They have had some big achievements during this time and once again are seeking input from our community and partners to help guide what is next for River Connect.

An overview of River Connect will be given in video format followed by a discussion on to where to next for River Connect.

Friday May 13, 10am U3A Hall

GUEST SPEAKER; Cathie Scott, Chairperson Goulburn Valley Water.

SUBJECT; Will give a brief overview of Goulburn Valley Water, highlight some of the major successes, focussing particularly on G V Water's Southern region and highlight where the future challenges and opportunities may lie.

John Dainton 58213881

MONDAY LUNCH GROUP

May dates:

2nd Park Lake Motel

9th Cellar 47

16th Terminus Hotel

23rd Pepper Mill

30th King City

JOY MARKEY PH 58216387.

2016 TRIP TO BROKEN HILL



Our destination is 800 km north west of the green Goulburn Valley, what will it be like? The thoughts of the 46 people were full of excitement as Ford's driver Malcolm Moore drove the bus out of the depot at 8am on Monday 11th April. Past patches of irrigation we went until Mildura and Wentworth where the Murray and Darling rivers seemed to be flowing freely until it was explained to us that the levels were held up with a weir. Richard Brown had good information to share with us about the water situation. But what a wonderful experience then followed- cruising on both these rivers while the sun set and as darkness came, seeing the white trunks of the gums lit up as we passed by, barely disturbing the sleeping birds at the water's edge.

Tuesday, further from home and a look at the true state of the Darling river, way way below the level of the heights experienced in floods and the little water there was, was that sickly green we had heard about. A long unsealed road was starting to give us the feeling of remoteness and isolation with lunch time sandwiches in the small Menindee town. How about the Menindee Lakes, are they really dry? Past where Burke and Wills had stopped under a tree long ago, we continued by several totally dry lakes until a surprise at Copi Hollow Lake where by some forethought, the available water had been collected in this small deeper lake. After all, Broken Hill needs some water so maybe we can still have a shower when we get there! Soon we saw what Broken Hill was all about - mining! A small mountain of rock - the Line of Lode we learnt to call it, some poppet heads, and a City - the only heritage listed city in the world with wide streets, and lovely old buildings holding historical and artistic information for us to peruse in the next three days and collectables to tempt us.

Wednesday. A taste of Broken Hill art at Pro Hart's gallery and what better place to buy silver jewellery than a jewellery shop in Broken Hill where silver lead and zinc have been mined since 1883. Then at White's, we heard what mining was really like then and now, and what the difference is between the heavy galena ore (lead) and the much lighter zinc ore.

Thursday, where was the silver first found? Better go to Silverton to find out. The brave and fit went down an old silver mine to get the feel of the back-breaking job those old Cornish miners did in cramped conditions. It was hard for us to believe how thriving their nearby town of Silverton had been in its hey day. Great for painters like Ross who travelled with us, and great for Mel Gibson and his mates who starred in Max Max 2 right there in that isolated place.

Friday, past more feral goats, emus and kangaroos, the bus took us to see the sculptures by international experts placed on a rocky hill top where eagles once made their home. But we mustn't miss anything back in Broken Hill! There were still visits to see more history in art, railway and migrant museums, and geology displays. We were feeling isolated by now but perhaps our greatest delight was our visit to the Flying Doctor Service. We felt so proud of the "mantle of safety" that the wonderful men and women and their flying machines give to the very remote areas of our vast country, all started by Flynn of the Inland and his determination to make it happen. Credit cards got a good airing there in the shop as we found quality goods and souvenirs to buy to help a very good cause.

Saturday, a long trip home. By now we knew a lot about this mining town which is running out of the precious ore, and we were back in the bus to retrace our steps through the bluebush, saltbush and mallee country that Allan Wilson had been educating us on our way through. Don Brisbane won the Australia quiz that Allan had prepared to help pass the time while we gradually came back to familiar country - still waiting for rain like everywhere we had been. We have lots of good memories of places and people we shared the trip with and give our sincere thanks to Kevin Jordan and Marie O'Hare for being the organisers of a totally successful trip into this very different and historical part of Australia.

Christine Wilson



TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 27

TABLES OF 6 DOORS OPEN 7 PM

QUESTIONS BEGIN AT 7-30

\$10 PER PERSON PAYABLE ON NIGHT

**BRING SOME NIBBLES TO SHARE WITH YOUR
TEAM IF YOU LIKE**

**LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED TEA, COFFEE
AVAILABLE ALL NIGHT**

**BRING SOMETHING TO DRINK, GLASSES,
BOTTLE OPENER**

**PRIZES FUN ACTIVITIES BETWEEN ROUNDS
GOOD TIME ASSURED**

RING GAIL ON 58211315 FOR MORE INFORMATION

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

If you want to pay your membership fees or trip fees through the internet please use the account numbers below and use your name as the reference.

General account: BSB 633 108 Account number 1277 42898

Trip account: BSB 633 108 Account Number 1298 96049