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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barbara Brown

The year seems to have sped past faster than ever and Christmas is nearly here.

Tuesday 5th December, 12 noon U3A Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 5th December we will hold the U3A Christmas Lunch at the U3A Hall. I invite you all to come along and enjoy social time together. Some of you might like to attend with your group from the year.

Murph's Roving Roast will cater for the luncheon. He will provide a traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. He will also look after any of you that have special dietary needs. Make sure you list your dietary needs when you put your name on the notice on one of the doors of the Hall or contact Sue Warmsey or myself. The cost is \$30.00 per person.

Please get your money in as soon as possible so that numbers can be finalised.

Highlights of the Year

It has been a busy year for the Goulburn Valley U3A. There have been several improvements to the building with new carpet, trolleys for the tables and an energy audit that will improve the hall temperatures through the year and reduce our energy costs. The council also improved car parking with metal discs and black and yellow guides to help us park safely earlier in the year. Many other U3A's are envious of the support that we have our own facilities and that the Council supports our requests.

At the last meeting there were 330 members. All of us have enjoyed one or more of the wide range of activities available. A number of new courses have begun including several short courses that have proved popular. Our hardworking committee, especially the catering committee have successfully run events such as the Trivia Night and the Melbourne Cup Lunch.

Thank you to all of Course Leaders for the time, energy and enthusiasm they put into their roles and to Greg Barnes who oversees the Course Coordination. My particular thanks to the Committee who have supported me so well during the year and who have taken up numerous roles to ensure the smooth running of our U3A.



Finally, I would like to comment on the wonderful session we had with Climate change specialist, David Karoly hosted by the Natural Resources and Science groups. On this occasion it was decided to open the session to others. U3A members invited friends and a pleasing number attended. I expect there will be some new members as a result as it gave them a first-hand experience of what U3A is all about.

Wishing you all season's greetings and a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Course Co-ordinator

The Singing for Pleasure class would like to start singing again but don't have a Course Leader at the moment. If anyone knows of a singing teacher or someone with a music background that would be able to lead this group please let me know.

At the last U3A Regional meeting in Melbourne the regional rep from U3A Hastings told us that with the help of Deakin University they ran a U3A summer school over four days in January. This school was popular as many members were at a loose end over the long Christmas break. If anybody would like to be involved, provide classes and/or has any bright ideas on what could be done during this time please let me know.

We are at the moment planning for next year's courses. If you know of anyone that would like to take a course or if you have ideas for new courses let me know and we will see what we can do.

Greg Barnes

CREATIVE CRAFTS

As usual, the members of our friendly group have produced, and are continuing to work on, many high quality individual projects. Everyone is very happy to share their knowledge and advice. Our group will be celebrating the end of the year/Christmas Season with afternoon tea on Tuesday the 12th of December. Members are requested to bring a small plate of food. We will recommence on the second Tuesday (9th) of January, 2018.

Co-ordinator Sonja Muir

HISTORICAL STUDIES

On Monday 11th December at 10.00 am possible topics for meetings during 2018 will be discussed, and if possible finalised before an informal celebration of the season! All welcome

All welcome Contact John Lawry irlawry@bigpond.com or 041715933

WALK AND TALK

Our final walk for 2017 will be on December 13 from Aquamoves to Jackson Park and on the way back we will have lunch at a surprise venue. Please meet at the south end of the Aquamoves car park at 9am. Bring your own morning tea and lunch which might include some Christmas treats to share.



On our November walk at Ulupna Island we saw several koalas high up on young eucalypt trees, but it took the cameras of Jan and Marg to reveal the secret this koala was hiding from us standing below.



NATURAL RESOURCES

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1, 10 AM U3A HALL

GUEST SPEAKER; HILARY GRIGG, Waste Education Officer, Strategic Waste COGS.

SUBJECT: Food waste film, "Let's Eat It"

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 10 AM U3A HALL

GUEST SPEAKER; JAN DEANE, Senior news journalist ABC Shepparton

SUBJECT; Metro & Rural Journalism

John Dainton 58213881 mob 0417549502

ENJOYING LITERATURE

We have had an enjoyable and varied program this year discussing many forms of literature and considering the question, "What is good literature?".

Our final gathering for this year is Monday November 27th. We are meeting at U3A at 12.30 for a shared lunch so please bring along a small plate of finger food to share. At 1.30 we will conclude our viewing of Jane Eyre.

Please feel welcome to come even if you have not been able to attend recently.

Helen West 58214802, 0411 457 462

INDUSTRY TOURS

Sorry to end the year with a fizzer. The manager of Numurkah Graincorp told me at 7.30 am on "the day" that he could not accommodate our tour. I will try to put it on again next year because I know that several people were looking forward to it and were disappointed by the cancellation. I had intended anyway to avoid the worst of the heat and to recommence tours in March so I will try to reschedule it for then. Watch this space!

Thank you for all the appreciative comments made about the tours of 2017. I hope we can resume where we left off in 2018

John Hetherington

COMPUTERS

COMMUNICATING WITH COMPUTERS

Thanks for the great work put in by all participants during the year. There have been lots of challenges (most solved) and lots of learning by all (definitely including myself). The final computer session will be Monday December 4th. I have, thanks to funding organised by Benalla U3A, just completed a couple of training sessions at Benalla TAFE on using Facebook. If there are people who are interested in learning about Facebook, let me know and I'll run some sessions next year. We will reconvene in February next year. If any issues occur during the break I can be contacted to offer some advice and perhaps a solution!

If there is anyone with computer skills who feels they can also assist in 2018, it would be greatly appreciated.

David Muir 0414881269

WRITING4PLEASURE:

We have had our last meeting/ Christmas breakup which was very enjoyable. Our meetings will resume in January and we intend to continue in the same way as this year. This year was very 'fruitful' in that we have, between us, produced a lot of material. Thanks to everyone who contributed and it will be great to see you all in next year.

We are always looking for new members so think about it over Christmas and maybe join us in the New Year. Have a wonderful festive season and come back refreshed.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month, 1pm to 3.30

Mary Heneghan. 58316997.



OPERA APPRECIATION GROUP

On Sunday December 10 we will be travelling to Wangaratta to see Thomas Ades's new opera *The Exterminating Angel* inspired by the classic Luis Buñuel film of the same name. Hailed by the *New York Times* at its 2016 Salzburg Festival premiere as "inventive and audacious ... a major event," *The Exterminating Angel* is a surreal fantasy about a dinner party from which the guests can't escape. Tom Cairns, who wrote the libretto, directs the new production, and Adès conducts his own adventurous new opera.

Please phone us for information about time and transport. Christine and Allan Wilson 5822 1474 or 0428 399 648



DANCE AND LEARN

Dance and Learn will be in recess until February. Those of us who have attended Linda's classes have really moved on and gained confidence in our approach to learning new routines. We had quite a positive response to our initial introduction of this course, but it hasn't translated into robust numbers for Linda. However, she is willing to continue with us next year, commencing in February so watch your newsletter for a starting date.

If you have any queries please contact Jan Maude on 0429597794.

CANINE CAPERS

After the debacle and disappointment of the phantom pregnancy I decided to buy a dog. He is a Tibetan Spaniel from a puppy farm so will need a lot of attention to integrate to a home life and not a run. That said he is a dear little boy and hopefully he doesn't fire blanks. It means I won't have to monitor the girl's oestrus so closely. Being a spaniel he does not bark as much as a terrier. He was unnamed so I chose to call him Charlie as he seems to be a Charlie to me. He is so cute and has learnt to walk on a lead and wags his tail and dances in excitement for his dinner as the others do. He is still wary of actual human touch so we have to corral him to pat him but he is improving on that score too. So we will have true designer dogs from Hannah and Katie, God willing, for companions for the elderly and one young one if she lifts her game with her school work. One will be saved for her especially.

Monday walkies 4th December at the "café" end of the lake at 8:30 am.

Dogs are not our whole life BUT they make our lives whole.

Janiene 0409 337 520



SOCRATES CAFE

In December 2017 and January 2018 Socrates Cafe will be closed. The open discussion of topics of general interest will resume in February. The topic for discussion will be announced in the January newsletter

Contact John Lawry - jrlawry@bigpond.com or 041715933



iPAD CLASSES

The iPad classes have run smoothly since March, with a number of new people taking part both then and as we commenced the second semester in September. Although some have come and gone during the year there has been a fairly consistent group of six or seven people who have been keen to learn more about their iPads. Our classes are quickly coming to an end for 2017, with the LAST CLASS on November 24th.

I will be saying farewell as the class facilitator, as I find the commitment too difficult now. I have enjoyed the experience and wish all my class members, both past and present, “Happy iPadding” and also a very Merry Christmas and a special New Year 2018.

Fond regards, Carmel Naughton.

LUNCH DATES

DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2018

During the month of December the lunch group will meet at The Terminus Hotel every Monday at 12 noon. For the month of January the group will meet at The Last Straw at 12 noon every Monday.

For the rest of 2018 the group will rotate through a list of favourite venues which will be advised in the newsletter each month. All U3A members are welcome to come and share a meal and a chat with this friendly group.

Gail Jelliff

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