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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barbara Brown

After an enjoyable trip to New Zealand it's back to normal. New Zealand was lushly green with many snow-capped mountains and as picturesque as all of the photos I'd seen before visiting. Roads and gardens were lined by flowering trees in pink and white and dozens of waterfalls rushing down the mountains into Milford Sound were spectacular. New Zealanders, however, were fed-up with constant rain and wanted it to stop. While here, we are crying out for rain. It's funny world these days!

Natural Resources Special:

David Karoly, a world famous professor of Atmospheric Science at Melbourne University, is visiting Shepparton on 10th and 11th November. John Dainton has arranged for him to speak at the Natural Resources course on Friday 10th November at the changed time of **3.45pm (NOT 10am)**. This is a session not to be missed and John is encouraging U3A members who may not attend his course to come along this time. He will speak about climate science for a past and future perspective. It's not often we get to have an internationally recognised expert to Shepparton. I hope a number of you can take this opportunity to attend.

Reminders:

Tuesday 7th November: Melbourne Cup Luncheon (see details in the newsletter)

Tuesday 5th December: Christmas Lunch at the U3A Hall. Cost is \$30. Please pay Carole as soon as possible to confirm numbers.

Vice-President:

The U3A Committee is still seeking a Vice President. If you or someone you know in U3A is interested I encourage you to contact me on Mob. 0409 178 091.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY FESTIVITIES

Unfortunately the numbers for Melbourne Cup Day on November 7th at U3A are quite low and unless more people put their name on the list it won't be viable for the day to go ahead.

We need definite numbers by October 31st to make a decision.

The Cup Day details:

\$10 per person.

Arrive at 11.30am for a 12.00 noon lunch.

Surnames from A - M to bring a dessert, N - Z to bring a salad. Everyone to BYO drinks, glass and opener.

Big screen TV showing all the races, plus sweeps of \$2 and \$1 for the big race - please bring gold coins.

Lucky door prize, competition prizes and fashions on the field for both men and women.

So, if you are considering attending PLEASE pop your name on the list at U3A by Oct 31st or call Kerrie on 0439511929.

We hope to see you there for a fun day.

SOCRATES CAFE

On Monday 27 November at 10.00am John Hetherington will introduce the discussion on "A Problem Free Life. We would all like that; but in the final analysis none of us can. How then do we stay positive about life?"

All welcome.

Contact John Lawry - jrlawry@bigpond.com or 0417150933

NATURAL RESOURCES

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3, 10AM GUV3A HALL

GUEST SPEAKERS; JOINT SAMPSON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, LAURA BRADLEY & LANA YOUNG

SUBJECT; Lana Young "Disney's approach to leadership excellence."

Lana will be sharing her learnings from a course she attended at the Disney Institute, Orlando, Florida USA.

Laura Bradley; "The importance of science in making informed planning and policy decisions."

Laura was awarded the scholarship to help her work towards the completion of her Agriculture degree.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 10, 3.45PM GUV3A HALL - NOTE CHANGE OF TIME !!!

GUEST SPEAKER: PROFESSOR DAVID KAROLY.

David is Professor of Atmospheric Science in the School of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne. He is internationally recognised expert in climate change and climate variability. He was heavily involved in preparation of the Assessment Reports of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) over the last two decades.

David Karoly was heavily involved in preparation of the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released in 2007, in several different roles. Professor Karoly was Chair of the Premier of Victoria's Climate Change Reference Group during 2008 and 2009. At present, he is a member of the Science Advisory Panel of the Climate Commission, the recently established Climate Change Authority, and the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists.

SUBJECT: The talk will include an overview of global and regional climate change over the last hundred years, what is expected to happen to the climate over the next hundred years and what we can do to minimize the impacts of future climate change, both mitigation and adaptation.

John Dainton 58213881 or mob 0417549502

HISTORICAL STUDIES

On Monday 13 November at 10.00am John Lawry will review some recent important changes in various sources of evidence relevant to historical studies, in particular archaeology.

Following this introduction the group will discuss the reliability of various sources of evidence used in historical studies.

All welcome.

Contact John Lawry - jrlawry@bigpond.com or 0417150933

INDUSTRY TOUR

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER. NUMURKAH OIL SEEDS (aka Graincorp or Riverina Oil Seeds.)

Bus will depart Ford's depot, Telford St at 9.30 am. Return approx 12.30 pm.

Cost: About \$15 pp depending on numbers. You must wear closed shoes. Other protective clothing will be supplied. Come and see what happens to all that rapeseed which decorates the landscape in late spring. I will be at the Nov. social morning; money then would be helpful. There is a list in U3A foyer.

John Hetherington 0419 319 339.

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BIRD WATCHING

Our November 15th outing will be our last for the year and will be a morning walk around Ern Miles Reserve Kyabram, only a short walk from the Fauna Park where you might like to have a cuppa and a cake after the walk. Please meet at the U3A Hall at 9am or at the Kyabram Fauna Park at 9.45am Contact Don Roberts 58252404 M 0448889224 or Marg Clarke 0429350875.

CANINE CAPERS

Four people and three dogs from Kilmore U3A joined us for our Walkies this time. They were surprised that we only walked half way around the lake as they usually walk 6 km themselves. We all had morning tea at Miller Park café.

Next walkies will be at the lake, caravan end, at 8:30am because I presume it will be too hot by 10am.

Janiene 0409 337 520

OPERA APPRECIATION GROUP



On November 19 we will be able to view Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute) as our next opera in the 2017-18 series of Live in HD performances from the Met. We plan to travel in shared transport to Wangaratta Cinema for this opera. Please contact us if you are interested in joining our group for this opera viewing.

Christine and Allan Wilson 0428 399 648

Wrting4Pleasure

OMG, it is almost the end of the year. Where on earth has it gone?

You are welcome to join our very friendly group at any time, but if not this year, think about it for 2018.

Our topics to choose from next month are; 'The Letter', or "'A Garden'.

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

Mary Heneghan. 58316997.

THROUGH MY LIFE by Lyn Austin

I was going home from Primary School,
And plucked a Honeysuckle flower,
I swished the nectar around my mouth,
Then believed I was full of power.

I was going home from Secondary School,
A teacher I wanted to be,
But money was tight; so I started work,
A new path laid out for me.

I was going home from work one day,
It was soon to be my wedding,
Each month I added to my 'glory box',
But I only had one set of bedding.

I was going home from my tiny flat,
To catch up with mum and dad,
A barbeque with laughter and talk,
My life didn't seem so bad.

I was going home from a trip abroad,
So many stories to share,
I returned to work and saved like mad,
Needed money for another fare.

I was going home to surprise the folk,
Because dad was very sick,
To see my family brought untold joy,
But dad passed away too quick.

I was going home from a welcome birth,
But my baby too small to take,
Took baby home at seven pounds,
Breast feeding; no piece of cake.

I was going home three kids now gone,
The last left for Uni. today,
Warm silent tears slid down my face,
Empty nest was on its way.

I was going home from a trip up north
Grey Nomad, my title now,
An amazing country to be explored,
Each day on offer a 'wow'.

I was going home to think and ponder,
On this life given to me,
I thank the stars for 'having aligned',
There's no place I'd rather be.

DANCE and LEARN

We seem to have got off to a rather disappointing start, possibly for a variety of reasons. There was considerable enthusiasm expressed by several members when we first announced our intention to run weekly dance lessons. It is easily understood that the early time slot we originally took up was just too difficult for some so we changed to a time later on a Friday afternoon. Again the response was positive, but has resulted in a low turnout.

Those of us who have attended all classes can now boast of our ability with the Box Waltz, Charmaine, Merrilyn and Carousel, while now working on the Queen of Hearts Rumba - all learned in just the past few weeks. This has prompted us to attend a couple of local dances and, indeed, even a ball! We have entered a whole new social environment.

Now, in fairness to Linda, our highly credentialed teacher, we need to question whether this class should continue in its current form. Your feedback would be appreciated. Should we try for just two hours - 4-6pm? That way the time would not encroach on mealtime or other plans for the Friday evening.

If you feel you can have some input please contact Jan Maude on 0428597794.

WALK AND TALK



On Wednesday November 8, our walk will be at Ulupna Island/beach. Be prepared to carry your lunch and hopefully our walk will take us to the sand of the Murray River in time to eat there. Please be at the U3A car park at 8.45 for a 9am start in shared transport. First stop will be at the Strathmerton Bakery for morning tea. As usual, please wear suitable clothing for the conditions of the day, including hat, and have water to carry.

Our walk in the Killawarra Forest in October was very enjoyable. Conditions were drier than last year, but we still found several orchids and enjoyed the patches of white fringe myrtle flowering as in Marg Clarke's photo attached. We would be happy to have new members join our group.

Christine Wilson 5822 1474 0428 399 648

SCIENCE MATTERS

Monday November 20th

Could the radioactive element Thorium solve Australia's baseload energy needs?

Professor Karoly from Melbourne University will be presenting his talk on Climate Change on Friday 10th November at 1.30 pm . I hope that all the science class can attend. Science Matters will then follow with a talk on Thorium as a low carbon energy source. Thorium can be mined in Australia and provides the opportunity for a nuclear based reactor with reduced nuclear waste and less ability to produce nuclear weapons than Uranium. India and China have Thorium nuclear projects under construction. The talk will be presented by Ray Pearson.

Allan Wilson 5822 1474

LUNCH GROUP

The following venues have been chosen for the month of November.

Monday the 6th of November - The Peppermill Hotel

Monday the 13th November - The Sherbourne Hotel

Monday 20th of November - The RS

Monday 27th Of November - Cellar 47

We hope to see you there to share a meal and a chat.

COMMUNICATING WITH COMPUTERS

Computer classes are back in full swing on Monday afternoons. Participants have been improving skills in creating photobooks, using Excel spreadsheets to work on budgeting, learning about emailing, Facebook, creating documents in Word, anti-viruses, using the internet to catch-up on missed TV programs, eBay, PayPal, backing up data and just generally how to make use of their computer. We all come away having learnt something new – often including the instructor!

David Muir 58214349 0414881369

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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.

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Trip account: BSB 633 108 Account Number 1298 96049