

Goulburn Valley



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

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Christmas Greetings to Members.

What a challenging year 2020 has been for everyone in the entire world. Australians will be able to celebrate Christmas with some cheer having overcome the worst, we hope, while our friends and relatives elsewhere in the world are enduring harsh lockdowns and cold weather.

At U3A we have another online social morning planned for December 1st. The committee is taking the opportunity to conduct a brief special general meeting with as many members as possible, to vote on reducing the fees to \$40 for 2021. Thank you to all the members, unable to attend, who have sent proxy votes to our secretary Anne. If you haven't yet voted to reduce fees and would like to do so, please contact Anne or myself.

Current restrictions limit the size of large gatherings in our Hall at Esson Street because of social distancing and we are not yet able to use the kitchen facilities. Hence the need to continue to hold the social mornings online.

Some of our groups are returning to the U3A Hall and we hope this will continue in the New Year.

Some cards and board games will also be returning so check with your course leaders for updates of "if and when". Our library remains closed for borrowing.

The committee knows that many members will be anxious about the virus and remain cautious about returning to the hall. We have provided sanitising equipment throughout the hall for our members to use. If attending any group, the course leaders have all been instructed on how to adhere to the health requirements.

Our February 2nd Enrolment day social morning will be held at the Hall and the committee is busy planning how we will manage this safely. More details in the January Newsletter.

Merry Xmas and Stay safe,

Liz

You are invited to the online
U3A Special General Meeting and

Christmas Social Morning

Let's get together again and vote on reducing fees, share some entertainment and a few laughs in the new way. Your online invitation will arrive November 29th, and is also in the newsletter, asking you to join the meeting via clicking on

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89334693569> link Meeting ID: 893 3469 3569

WHERE: U3A Zoom at home **WHEN:** Tuesday 1st December **TIME:** 10.00am



Writing4Pleasure

The next WRITING4PLEASURE meeting is on **21st January 2021**. Closer to the date I will advise by email, where we shall meet. Our January 2021 topics are:

1. **HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?**
2. **THE CAFE**

On behalf of WRITING4PLEASURE GROUP, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all. May 2021 offer many of the things we had to put on hold in 2020. Take care.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

"THE MOST VALUABLE OF ALL TALENTS IS THAT OF NEVER USING TWO WORDS WHEN ONE WILL DO." _ **THOMAS JEFFERSON**

Contact: Lyn Austin. (Phone: 0468 312 602)

Creative Crafts

Great news! Creative Crafts will commence again this Tuesday. All COVID19 requirements are still in place but it will be great to see Crafters again and catch up on all news. Bring some show and tell. Bring your own cup. coffee/tea, sugar, etc.

Contact: Gael Thompson (0458 215 794)

U3A Walk and Talk

The Walk and Talk group will finish the year with a BBQ at Goulburn Weir. Meet at U3A Hall on Wednesday the 9th December at 9.00am for a 9.30am start. Note, if the COVID19 restrictions are lifted we may be able to carpool. We will drive to Nagambie for morning tea where you can buy a coffee or bring your own then a walk along the lake boardwalk. We will then drive to Goulburn Weir for our BBQ lunch.

Please note bring you own meat / salad etc David the master chef will be doing the cooking for the group. Hats with a Christmas theme must be worn. Also I will be looking for the group members to plan walks for next year.

On Wednesday 11th November, the Walk and Talk group with 7 members met at Kids Town. for a walk to the Mooroopna War Memorial where we spent 30 minutes before going to Chinaman's Gardens for morning tea then walk back to Kids Town via the Flats track. Thanks to Bobby Dohnt for transporting our bags to Chinaman's Gardens and back to Kids Town

David Taylor 0412802427

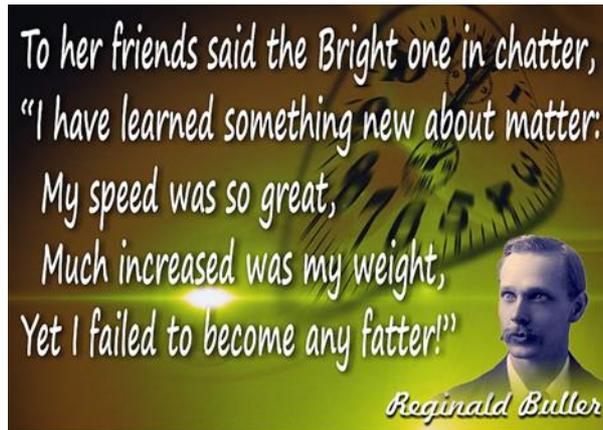
Morning Tea at Chinaman's Gardens.



Science Matters

Our last meeting for 2020 will be a BYO lunch in the U3A garden on Monday December 7th beginning at 12.30. There will be no formal science talk, but perhaps plenty of chatter. This is open to any U3A member. (Can you solve the riddle in the verse attached?)

Contact: Allan Wilson 0427 399 648



More science quotes at Today in Science History todayinsci.com

Strength and Balance

Our last class for 2020 will be November 30th and we will resume Monday 11th January 2021. It has been a difficult year, as we all know, with restrictions and fitness centres and exercise groups being some of the hardest hit.

When we have been able to exercise it has been a pleasure to be outside in the garden at U3A. Well done to Ray and his helpers. Some suggest it is so much nicer to be outside exercising when the weather is so nice. I agree.

No doubt January and February will be hot, but the air conditioning in the building makes for a pleasant room to exercise in, so come along and give it a go. We will be starting at 8.50 for a 45-minute class on Mondays. If you would like more information about what we do please give me a ring on 0402 019 552. You just need a pair of light weight shoes and a willingness to improve your fitness.

Hope to see you in 2021.
Lyn Davidson

Bolivia

Bolivia has returned as of 19/11/20. We meet each Thursday at 1pm until 4pm in the U3A Hall.

Welcome back to all past members and any new players.

COVID19 rules must be observed: **BYO** drink, food, utensils, mask etc. All tables, chairs, cards will be disinfected at the end of the afternoon. The kitchen cannot be used.

I'm hoping to see as many of you as can make it, it's been a long time between games.

Pat Commons (0458 939 747)

Historical Studies

Monday December 14, 10am U3A Hall

Presenter John Dainton

SUBJECT, "Personal Recollections of Early Victoria" written by Albert Alexander Cochrane Le Souef

Albert Le Souef was the son of William Le Souef Manager of the Murchison Aboriginal Protectorate from July 1840 until July 1843

Albert Le Souef was occupier of Tallygaroopna Sheep Station along with Sherbourne Shepherd and William Atkins from July 1854 until July 1857.

He was a Board member for the Protection of Aborigines in Victoria for almost 30 years and Secretary and Director of Zoological and Acclimatisation Society from 1870 until 1882. In 1882 he was appointed Director and Secretary of Melbourne Zoological Gardens where he took up residence and where he remained until his death in 1902.

John Dainton 5821 3881 or mob 0417 549 508

Mah Jong

We will recommence playing Mah Jong on Tuesday December 1st from 1pm to 3.30pm.at the U3A Hall.

COVID rules must be observed: **BYO** drink, food, utensil's, mask etc. All tables, chairs, tiles and boards will be disinfected at the end of the afternoon. The kitchen cannot be used.

It will be great to see as many of you as possible. It's been a long time between a throw of the dice.

Cheers

Kerrie Midgley (0439 511 929)

Monday Lunch Group

People have gathered each Monday at the Peppermill for an enjoyable lunch throughout November. For the month of December i.e. Monday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th I have made a group booking for 10 people to meet at The RSL at 12 noon. It will be necessary for people to ring me to let me know if they are coming. The first 10 people to book in will make up the group. For the month of January i.e. Monday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th I have made a group booking at The Sherbourne Hotel at 12 noon for 10 people. People will need to ring me to let me know if they are coming. In 2021 I hope we will be able to return to our normal planning and visit a different venue each week but we will have to see how the dreaded virus behaves.

Contact: Gail Jelliff - 0400 531 856 or 5821 1315

Book Group Number One

When we meet on Thursday November 26th to return our books and get the new one which covers the December/January period, I will have the new membership forms for 2021 that need to be filled in and a payment of \$50 that needs to be paid. You can give me the \$50 in either cash or a cheque made out to Goulburn Valley Regional Library. I will take all the forms and money and pay in bulk at the library. If you prefer you can take the form and money to the library yourself.

Contact: Gail Jelliff 0444 531 856 or 58211315 if you have any questions.

Art Group

The group has finally made a very welcome return to "Art in the Hall". Leading up to this, small numbers of the group have been able to reconnect with their fellow artists over lunch. This has been a great "catch-up" and has enabled them to stay connected in some way. The latest outing was for lunch at the "Billabong Nursery and Cafe" just last week, when there was a great turnout. It was a lovely lunch, with lots of chatter, and was enjoyed by all. Our second week back in the hall saw many more "happy painters" in attendance, so hopefully it will not be too long before the group is back in full. The photos were taken on Wednesday 18th Nov, and shows everyone hard at work, showcasing the great diversity of their talents.

Happy days –

Contact: Judi 0448813930



Top row: Glenys using a new technique with oils, Gwen working on florals with acrylic, Mary painting her brother,
Centre row: Brian, using oils, Rob – fishing using oils, Mary -Solitude – pastel, Terry playing with oils
Bottom row: everyone being industrious.,

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 633 000 Account number 127742898

Trip account: BSB 633 000 Account Number 129896049

Rudolph the Red

One Christmas eve, Pete and Jane were driving their Russian friend Rudolph back to his house. The weather outside was frightful. Jane asked Pete, "Do you think that's sleet or rain out there?" "It's rain, Jane" said Pete. "I think it's sleet, Pete," said Jane. Rudolph chimed in, "It's definitely rain, Jane." No, I really think it's sleet, Rudolph" said Jane. "Don't argue with the expert, Jane," said Pete. "What do you mean, Pete?" asked Jane. Pete replied, "Rudolph the Red knows rain, Dear."

Christmas Decorating

I wanted our street to have the prettiest decorations in the neighbourhood, so I strung lit coloured balls from house to house, all the way down the block. I did all the electrical wiring myself.

If you'd like further information, just drive down Moorpark Street in North Hollywood. We're the third pile of ashes from the corner.
- Bob Hope



Grandma's Christmas Strategy

One Christmas, a mother decided she was no longer going to remind her kids to send thank you notes. Consequently, the kids' grandmother never received any thanks for the Christmas cheques she sent to the kids.

The very next Christmas, all the kids stopped by in person to thank their grandmother for their cheques.

When asked by a friend what caused this change in behaviour, the grandmother replied, "Simple. This year I didn't sign the cheques."

Rudolph

One Christmas, a mother asked her young daughter if she could name two of Santa's reindeer.

"Rudolph and Olive," replied the young girl confidently.

"Rudolph and Olive?" said the mother, quizzically. "Are you sure?"

"Yes, mommy, Rudolph and Olive. Like in the song."

"The song?" asked the mother. "What song?"



The girl sang, "Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glows. Olive the other reindeer...."