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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barbara Brown

With Christmas only weeks away I am looking forward to our Christmas Lunch and also the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Gvu3A.

A small group has been working on gathering a record of the past 10 years to add to "The Score of Our Years" book. In keeping with the changing times, we will celebrate our 30th Anniversary with the launching of an online history of the past 10 years in December. We are mindful that not everyone has access to a computer and a limited number of hard copies will be produced. There may be a small cost.

Please come along and enjoy the day. Further details can be found in the newsletter.

Tuesday 4th December at 11.30am U3A Christmas Lunch

The U3A Christmas Lunch will be held at the U3A Hall. I invite you all to come along and enjoy a social time together. Some groups may like attend as a group to end the year. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Murph's Roving Roast will cater for the luncheon. Doug 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 Walmsley or myself. The cost is \$30.00 per person.

Please get your money in by 28th November so that numbers can be finalised.

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Although I was unable to attend the Cup Day Luncheon I heard that it was a fun afternoon and that many of you dressed for the Fashion on the Field event. Thank you to all those that helped to make the event a success.

Defibrillator Training

Gvu3A now have 15 members who have completed the training this past week with Tunya Jarvis. This was an excellent response. Thank you to all who attended learning something new and useful. Tunya has encouraged participants to continue practising the skills, although we hope we won't have to use it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONT.)

Reminder:

Please check that all doors and gates especially the outside side gate to the garden is closed if you are last to leave U3A. It has been reported that the side gate has been left open on occasion.

As this is the last newsletter for the year thank you to all those who have led the many varied courses U3A during 2018. Our Course Leaders under the guidance of Course Facilitator Greg Barnes continue to ensure that "our brains won't retire" as they challenge, enthuse, share ideas and skills, and provide enjoyable activities throughout the year. There are many other volunteers who help to keep GUV3A running smoothly – too many to list. For example, welcoming new members, catering, running special events, checking the library and those unsung members of the Newsletter Committee who produce the Newsletter each month to keep us up to date. The newly formed gardening group have transformed our outdoor areas and continues to improve the back garden. Many thanks to everyone for their contributions this year. Best wishes for a joyous Christmas with family and friends and following New Year and a break GUV3A will be ready for an exciting 2019 activities.

ART CRAFT AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Our Art, Craft and Photography Show was successfully held on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of October. The U3A hall looked splendid decked out with Paintings, Photography and Craft displays.



Many visitors spoke of their amazement at the standard of the exhibits and the wide range of techniques employed by the various artists. The show certainly displayed a range of abilities of our members ranging from the very new artist through to the people who have been honing their skills over a period of time.

It was very interesting to see how each artist and photographer have developed their own unique styles and techniques. The show certainly gave us an opportunity to compare and appreciate these

individual styles.

For the first time we were challenged with inclement weather on the Saturday morning. However our master chefs and caterers cheerfully overcome this problem as we retreated to the comfort of the tables set in the hall.

Our caterers worked throughout the weekend and cannot be thanked enough for their efforts. Due to their work visitors were supplied with endless morning and afternoon teas commencing at 10am through to 4pm each day. Amazing!



My thanks to all the many helpers who arrived at the hall on Thursday to set up the stands for the exhibitors and worked quickly in spite of some initial confusion and discussion. It was great to be part of a cheerful and capable group. It only took us 1 hour to set up and 3/4 hour dismantle. Well done and thank you all. Major thank you to Ian Brown who travelled to Cobram to collect the extra stands.

Thank you to all who were involved with the preparations behind the scenes especially our advertising expert Meredith, our raffle organiser Mary, our photographer Lex and our fellow organiser Gael who sat out the whole weekend. A huge thank you also to all those who supplied the delicious slices.



I cannot conclude this report without stating my appreciation to my Art group who individually answered the call, in March 2018, to have at least 10 paintings ready for this display. Amazing talented, very friendly and helpful people. My humble appreciation to you all. Luv yu.

We can consider this a successful event due to the fact that we will probably have gained several new members as a result of opening up our facility to the public and have added at least \$1000 to our coffers.

Carole Trotter

Art Show Raffle results

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| 1. Glen Burdekin | Quilt donated by Betty Brown |
| 2. Salli Bardi | Painting donated by Gwen Dixon |
| 3. Helen Moylan | Wall Hanging donated by Gael Thompson |
| 4. Gayle Pa | Bowl donated by Perry Bullock |
| 5. Christine Wilson | Travel Blanket donated by Ngaire Rikys |
| 6. Graeme Sinclair | Platter, recipe books donated by Carol Evens. |

Sincere and grateful thanks to all members who donated such magnificent prizes and congratulations to all successful winners. Well done!

NATURAL RESOURCES & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7 10 am U3A HALL

GUEST SPEAKER: Rebecca Woolstencroft, Chair Goulburn Valley Health

SUBJECT: Draft strategic plan for Goulburn Valley Health. Rebecca is looking for community input on whether the plan addresses the needs of the community for the future.

This will be the last speaker for the year, have a happy xmas and I look forward to catching up with you all again in February 2019.

John Dainton ph. 58213881 or mob. 0417 549 502

OPERA APPRECIATION

Samson and Dalila [not a spelling mistake and it's pronounced differently throughout the opera] is still to screen this month at Wangaratta on Sunday November 25. This is a huge production. Then on December the 9th, again always on a Sunday, La Fanciulla del West, an opera in 3 acts by Puccini, based on the play The Girl of the Golden West- could this be the original " spaghetti western"? Look forward to a mysterious but handsome villain and a gun slinging heroine.

If you're interested ring Madeline on 0417580025



GARDEN GROUP

This month the garden group is visiting the bright and colourful garden of Veronica Kelly in Nathalia. We have set the date for Friday 23rd Nov. By meeting at the U3A hall at 9.30 am, we can car pool and we welcome any U3A members who would like to join us on the day.

There is an article in the Shepp News today Thursday 15th about Veronica Kelly and her mosaics studio.

The year is drawing to a close.

Thank you members who joined in during the year and especially those who assisted in our U3A hall garden clean up! We are all grateful to Ray Watt who has been on hand to take many loads of rubbish away and to provide a new watering system to the new plants .

Jan Vibert.

HISTORICAL STUDIES

There will be no meeting of the Historical Studies group in December 2018 as the program was completed in November. The 2019 program is under development with some very interesting papers on offer. Details will be announced in January 2019.

Contact: John Lawry jrlawry@bigpond.com or 0417150933

SOCRATES CAFÉ

Work on the 2019 program will be confirmed in January 2019, with topics selected from about 60 suggested topics still on the list compiled for 2018.

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ITALIAN

The Italian classes will go into recess for December and January. Both classes will start again on the first Thursday in February - the Beginners' class at 9am and the Intermediate class at 10am. Buon Natale to all!

Enquiries to Christine Wilson 5822 1474.

CREATIVE CRAFT

The Craft Group ladies will hold their final meeting with afternoon tea on Tuesday 11th December and everyone would like to welcome anyone who has attended throughout the year to come and catch-up. Anyone attending is asked to bring a small plate to share, and a gift to the value of up to \$5 for Kris Kringle to add a bit of fun.

Also there will be a trading table for people who want to offer goods for sale.

This will be our last get-together for the year until our group re-starts on 8th January 2019 when it is hoped everyone will join in again.

Remember there will be not craft group on 4th December because it will be Xmas Lunch time.

LUNCH DATES FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Our lunch group will continue to eat out at various venues during December. Mark these dates in your diary so you'll know where we will be.

December 3rd at The Last Straw.

December 10th at The Vic Hotel.

December 17th at The Shepp Club.

December 24th will be at The Sherbourne Hotel followed by the Sherbourne again on December 31st.

People may be busy on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve but the hotel is sure to be open for those people who are around.

During the month of January we have still met each Monday so we'll continue that tradition in 2019. The Sherbourne Hotel will be the venue every Monday - the 7th, the 14th, the 21st and the 28th. Then we will meet at other venues once the U3A year officially begins.

Ring Gail on 58211315 if you have any queries.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

To be held on Tuesday 4th December in the Hall at noon. 2 course "Roving Roast" meal. BYO drinks, glasses and bottle opener. \$30 per head to be paid by 28th November - please put your cash or cheque in the box by the office, and put your name on the sign in the Hall.

Come along and have a great time.



COMMUNICATING WITH COMPUTERS

There are two more days left for computers:

Mondays: 3rd and 17th December

Sessions 12:30 - 2:00 / 2:00 - 3:30 / 3:30 - 5:00

David Muir

WRITING4PLEASURE

Where has the year gone? I hate to say it but it is only five weeks to Christmas!!!

Topics for January are ; 'Weeding' or 'Christmas in Retrospect'.

Next year, Lyn Austin will be running WRITING4PLEASURE and I will be retiring but will certainly remain an enthusiastic member of our group.

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

Mary Heneghan. 58316997, or Mobile; 0400573985.

SCRABBLE

Scrabble has finished for 2018 and will re-commence on Friday 4th January at 1.00 and thereafter on the first and third Friday of each month.

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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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