

# Goulburn Valley



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

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(Entries close on 21<sup>st</sup> of each month)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello Members,

Our Virtual Exhibition is now live at our website at [gvu3a.com.au](http://gvu3a.com.au). To view it, click on the "Events" tab. The Virtual Exhibition is being held instead of our biennial art and craft exhibition, which we had to cancel because of COVID. It is fabulous and well worth spending some time looking at it. Tell all your friends; it's the best form of advertising. David Muir has been busy collating all the creative efforts our members have managed to write, paint, photograph, sew or make during our "Lockdown". Our members are an incredibly talented, creative group of people and the exhibition just shows how U3A is not just for "old nerds".

Our next Social Morning will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Melbourne Cup Day, and we shall be getting in the mood for the Cup by putting on our best Cup Day hat. There will be a prize for the most stylish hat as judged by pre-eminent U3A judges. There won't be any races until later in the day but we hope to entertain you with a few cup related stories. Our Trivia team are also planning to do a short session to get those grey cells energised.

We are investigating options for a Christmas get together, but no firm plans have been finalised apart from our Virtual Christmas Social Morning on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We are sadly unable to host the "Roving Roast" mainly due to social distancing rules for our Hall.

**STOP PRESS:** At our last social morning for the year on December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be having a Special General Meeting to vote on reducing the fees for next year by 33%. We would like as many members as possible to attend but if you cannot join us, please send in a proxy vote. See attachment for more information

Stay safe

Liz



## SOCIAL MORNING

You are invited to our third online

### GVU3A Social Morning

Please join us online for another enjoyable gathering to get in the mood for the CUP

**Where:** U3A Zoom at home

**When:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Dress:** Optional, but please wear a cup day hat.

**Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89334693569>**

**Meeting ID: 893 3469 3569**

## VIRTUAL ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

The art and craft show is now on line at our website [gvu3a.com.au](http://gvu3a.com.au). It is divided in the categories Painting/Drawing, Craft, Photography and Poem/Short Story. Our members have not been idle during the lockdown. Go and have a look. There is some fine work on display.

It can be found by going to our website ([gvu3a.com.au](http://gvu3a.com.au)). Click on the Events tab at the top. Then there is a link to the Exhibition page. This page has arrows to take everyone to the different categories. Click on the first photo to see enlarged images and information. Arrows on either side of the photos will move you through the exhibits.

Use the buttons to return to the top of the page or to go back to the Exhibition page to view the next category. If you like a particular item, you can click on the Heart button to register your appreciation.

There is still space for further entries. Please send photos of work completed during the COVID period to me at [muir51@optusnet.com.au](mailto:muir51@optusnet.com.au) Any questions, please contact me.

David Muir 0414881369

## COMMUNICATING WITH COMPUTERS

I have been able to assist those people who have contacted me with computer problems - some by phone, some by computer and some via home visits. If there's something you need to do that is computer related, please don't hesitate to contact me.

David Muir 0414881369

*[Have you heard the one about the runaway horse? It's a terrible tale of WHOA!]*

## WRITING4PLEASURE

The next WRITING4PLEASURE meeting is on 19th NOVEMBER. This will be our end of year breakup meeting. When details have been finalized, Writing Group members will be notified by e-mail, of the format for this meeting. Our ZOOM meetings during this unusual year have progressed well and kept the majority of our group together. (Well done Writing Group). We have no meeting in December, but will meet again in January 2021.

Our November topics below, have been provided by Pam. Thanks Pam.

1. A MR. BEAN MOMENT
2. WHERE TO FROM HERE

(Create a sentence to show the difference between Alternate and Alternative).

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: "WORDS ARE OF COURSE, THE MOST POWERFUL DRUG USED BY MANKIND". RUDYARD KIPLING.

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



*[A jockey is walking down the road leading a racehorse when he bumps into a friend. "What are you planning to do with that nag?" the man asks. "Race it," replies the jockey, surprised. "Well, by the look of it," the man says, "You'll win!"]*

## WALK AND TALK

Our walk and Talk on the 11/11/20 will be a walk from Kids Town to the Mooroopna War Memorial and return. Meet at the car park Kids Town at 9.00am bring morning tea which I will transport to Mooroopna for you then meeting the group along the walking track please note that this walk will be run under the Covid - 19 regulations at the time of this event.

Nine walkers met at the U3A Carpark at 9.30 with Covid - 19 regulations in place for a walk around Cussen Park Tatura meeting at the park for morning tea before our walk. The walk was about 2.5 km through wetlands past board walks and bird hides, bushland and open spaces of about 33 ha. We had a number of stops for bird watching our last stop was at raised lookout with a small lake and a view of the park ending the walk at the Carpark before heading home

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## BOOK GROUP NUMBER ONE

Our group will meet at the hall on October 29th at 10-30am to exchange books and hopefully have a discussion in the back garden. If it is raining it may just be a quick exchange of books under the covered entry area. The list of books with a selection of titles for 2021 is being passed around among members at the moment so we can make choices and submit them to the library shortly. Please ring Gail on 5821 1315 or 0400 531 856 if you have any queries.

## LUNCH GROUP

"It is time to try gathering again for lunch," said Gail with her fingers crossed. I have made a booking for a group of 10 people to meet at The Peppermill for lunch at 12 noon on Monday November 2nd, then the 9th, then the 16th, then the 23rd and finally the 30th. Our booking is for an inside table. The venue is large enough for groups to be spread out. People will need to have some form of ID with an address to be checked by the staff. The table is booked under the name of U3A. I will need to know numbers by the Friday before we gather so the venue can plan for our group. Please ring Gail on 58211315 and leave a message if she has escaped for a while and can't speak to you personally. Alternatively you can ring 0400 531 856 if that suits you better. It is important we support our local venues so they know exact numbers. I don't want to book for 10 and only have 5 people turn up. If our November bookings are successful we will begin rotating to other venues around town in the coming months.

## BIRD WATCHING

The November 18th outing the last for 2020 will be at Lower Goulburn National Park Reedy Swamp Shepparton. Please meet at the second car park off Reedy Swamp Road by 9am.

Please contact Don Roberts 5825 2404 M 0448 889 224 or Marg Clarke 0429 350 875



Sacred Kingfishers, Rainbow Bee-eaters (shown above) and Dollar birds have all arrived in the Shepparton area recently from the north for nesting.

## HISTORICAL STUDIES

The History group will meet on Monday November 9 at 10am most likely by zoom. John Dainton will outline the role of James Henry Dainton in developing the Goulburn Valley.

If you would like a zoom invitation contact John Dainton 5821 3881 or mob. 0417 549 502 or [johndainton@bigpond.net.au](mailto:johndainton@bigpond.net.au)

## Answers for October Brain Teasers

1. Half hearted, 2 Split personality, 3 Too funny for words, 4. For Instance, 5 Back to square one, 6 Top secret, 7 A cut above the rest, 8 The wrong end of the stick, 9 Side show, 10 Tickled pink, 11 Small talk, 12 Painless operation, 13 Get up and go, 14 Two left feet, 15 Downright stupid, 16 To err on the right side, 17 Middle C, 18 Shrinking violet.

## ART GROUP

Along with the arrival of some beautiful spring weather, is the renewed hope that it will not be too long before the Art Group can meet up again in the hall. Some members have been able to travel around a bit. Others have kept themselves busy with their art, or tending their gardens. Small numbers of our group are now enjoying lunch dates, which gives them the opportunity for a chin-wag and catch-up. Hopefully these meetings will also help keep their spirits up, as many are feeling the strains of isolation. Fingers crossed for some good news regarding the re-opening of U3A, in the not too distant future.

I hope this finds everyone in good health.

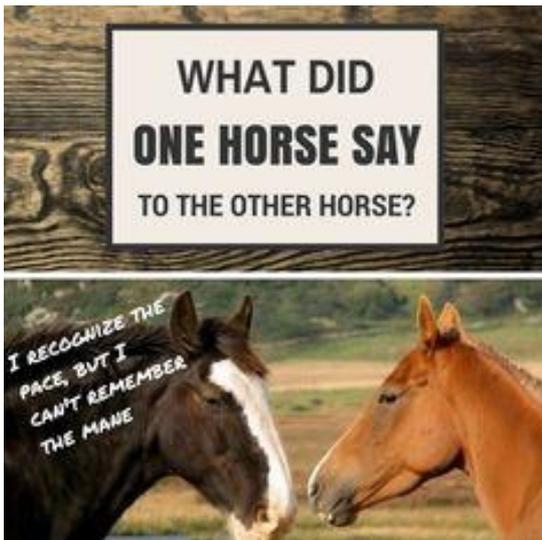
Kind regards, Judi Gillam 0448 813 930

## SCIENCE MATTERS

The Science class will meet again on Monday November 16 at 1.30. The topic will be **The Evolving Theory of Evolution**. It may be on Zoom or in person depending on the restrictions current on the day.

Darwin published his book 'The Origin of the Species' in 1859. Since then his theory of evolution has not only stood the test of time, it has become the foundation of most biological thinking. This is particularly so over the last 20 years when much research has turned from examining fossils to comparing sequences of DNA. Nevertheless there have been a few updates. For Instance, how does 'survival of the fittest' account for altruistic behaviour?

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When the Navy works from home



- *I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you get it*
- *You know what they say: feed a cold, starve a fever, drink a corona*
- *Finland just closed its borders. You know what that means. No one will be crossing the finish line.*