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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



GVU3A Annual Trip: The newly formed trip committee of Glen Burdekin, Denise Leffler and Kevin Jordan are working on information for the 2017 annual trip. When this information has been finalised they will ask for expressions of interest. Watch the noticeboard for further details.

Social Morning: The guest speaker for our social morning on Tuesday July 5 will be Chris Hazelman from the Ethnic Council.

Course Coordinators: The position has now been filled. Madeline Dyer is the behind the scenes organizer, Allan Wilson will plan the timetable and organise the course descriptions and I will handle all general enquiries. If you want to be a course leader, conduct a pop up course or wish for a change in the timetable please contact me. I would like to thank Jan Maude for the great job she did over four years and Barbara Brown for filling in over the last six months.

GVU3A Christmas lunch

This year lunch will be held at the Pepper Mill Hotel on Tuesday December 6th. The cost will be \$30 per head for a two course meal of roast dinner and plum pudding. We will be asking for expressions of interest shortly.

A meeting is being organised with **Latrobe University Shepparton** re allowing GVU3A members to sit in on lectures, being made aware of guest speakers and the availability of short courses. There is plenty of enthusiasm from Latrobe's point of view for this to happen. Did you know there is already a public lecture program? We will try to include the times of these lectures in future newsletters.

Book Club Ideas In the Guardian there were suggestions on different ways of conducting book clubs. One was a walking book club that works on the premise that it is easier to talk to some people whilst walking another was a knitting book club and yet another was to watch an adaptation of a book on DVD and then discuss it. If you want more information about these ideas let me know.

The number of GVU3A members has now reached 332.

SANDRA'S KEEPSAKES

On Tuesday 19 July members have the chance to spread some happiness around. The project for this gathering is illustrated in the accompanying photo. It is a wooden sign that says CHOOSE HAPPINESS. For \$22 members will receive the wooden words, paint and paper to complete the project. If you would like to make the sign please ring Sandra on 58219231 by Tuesday July 12 so she can order the necessary materials. Then you just need to turn up at 9 am on the 19th and make this great item.



ENJOYING LITERATURE

Our group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 2pm (public holidays permitting) to discuss any and all forms of literature. Our next meeting is 27th June when we will take along a favourite Australian short story to share with the group.

In July (11th and 25th) we plan to explore Graham Greene's writings. Whilst we are a small group there is always room for one more if you would like to come along.

Helen West 58214802 0411 457 462

NATURAL RESOURCES

Friday July 1, 10am U3A Hall

GUEST SPEAKER; Claire Miller, Manager Policy Strategy Dairy Australia

SUBJECT; The water situation in Northern Victoria has changed rapidly over the last 15 years. State and National reforms, drought, floods and climate change are all playing a role in this dramatic transformation. In this presentation Claire will unpick the complexities of the new world, and what it all means for the farmers and communities in the Goulburn Valley.

Friday July 8, 10am U3A Hall

GUEST SPEAKER; Guy Tierney, Statutory Planning and Floodplain Manager, GBCMA.

SUBJECT; Guy will give an overview of the recently released Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy and what it means for our catchment community.

DOOKIE COLLEGE INDIGENOUS SEED BANK BUS TRIP FRIDAY AUGUST 12

Departs Ford's Bus Depot Telford Drive Shepparton 9.15am returns approx. 12 noon

COST \$10

Money required by August 5 Natural Resources Meeting

John Dainton 58213881

INDUSTRY TOURS

The visit to Dhurringile Prison on Thursday 14 July is fully booked but there may be a cancellation given the long lead in time so I have put a "wait list" form in the lobby .

There will be a 21 seater bus departing from Ford's Depot, Telford Drive at 9.15am.

The cost is \$13.00 per person. Please bring the money to the July social morning if possible, otherwise pay on the bus. Fords have revised their price downwards so the three people who have already paid me so are due a refund of \$5.00 each.

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WALK AND TALK

On Wednesday July 13 we will be going on a Guided Walking Tour with an accredited Professional Tour Guide on a 2 kilometre walk around Shepparton's most significant historical features to see the hidden gems and historical points of Shepparton. After that we will find a place for our morning coffee. Meet at U3A for a departure from there at 9am, (then park in Marungji Street), or at 9.30am at the Visitor Information Centre at 33-35 Nixon Street, Shepparton. New members will be welcome as usual. Please wear suitable footwear and clothes suitable for the weather of the day. Our June Treasure Hunt walking around the streets of North Shepparton was enjoyed by 11 members, finishing for morning tea and scones in a warm room as shown in Marg Clark's photo.

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Science: Big History of Earth and Human Civilization

Monday July 18 1.30 pm

In July we continue our series of Big History Talks based on video clips from the world renowned BHP program. This month is about **US: *Homo sapiens***: How we evolved from early primates about 7 million years ago and how through the development of symbolic language and collective learning early Homo adapted to many climates and food sources and spread around the world. The science information to support our current knowledge on this topic comes from many sources including Archeology, Anthropology and Primatology, but also increasingly from Molecular Biologists with their DNA sequencing. We carry information about our origins within our own genome.

Note: The August presentation will be delayed 2 weeks to Monday 29th. This will cover the development of Agriculture, which led to massive population growth, cities and trade.

Allan Wilson 5822 1474

WRITING4PLEASURE

We had a very successful and entertaining meeting this week and the stories are getting even more diverse and better. Joan Giuliani introduced a guest speaker and we just listened to Cheryl Phillips' stories in awe.

There are several new members and we would encourage anyone to come and join the fun. Writing topics for next meeting (21st July) are; 1 Patience, 2. Childhood Friend or 3. Power in the Playground.

Mary Heneghan 58316997 or Bridgette Brisbane 58271316

BIRD WATCHING

Our July 20 outing will be at Jordans Bend off The Boulevard Shepparton. Please meet at the U3A Hall at 9.00.

Please contact Don Roberts 58252404 0448889224 or Marg Clarke 0429350875 for further details.

MONDAY LUNCH GROUP

Monday lunch group July dates. 5th Park Lake, 11th Cellar47, 17th Peppermill 10.30 start, concert and lunch, 25th Terminus

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GARDEN CLUB



Violet Town Garden

The trip to Violet Town to visit Barb Ramage's garden was a great day out in spite of the poor weather. Barb showed us her collection of mosaic sculptures and wall hangings on display throughout the many "rooms" in her interesting garden. We also visited her friend Sheryl Taylor's lovely garden nearby. Afterwards, to warm ourselves up, we went to the Pub for a hearty lunch!

23rd June Echuca Garden Tour

On the fourth Thursday of June, please meet at 9.15am at the U3A car park. There are 3 garden visits planned.

1. Travel to **Marg Orso's garden** at 89 Mitchell St, Echuca. Marg is a keen herb enthusiast and will show us her garden while talking about the various herbs and their uses. Marg is a member of the Echuca Herb and Cottage Plant Club.
2. Onto the **Echuca Moama Botanic Garden** for a guided tour with Nancye Smith, one of the original members who started the Botanic Garden. She has an enormous amount of knowledge about this garden project off Perricoota Road, Moama. We can enjoy lunch at the Sportsman's Club beside the Gardens, if members choose. After lunch at approximately 1.15pm, Nancye will lead us around the Botanic Garden and then take us onto her home which is nearby.
3. **The Autumn Garden** Nancye has 2 acres of established garden with beautiful trees, natives and shrubs. Nancye's beautiful garden features in the Autumn/Winter Echuca Moama magazine

26th July meeting to be advised in next newsletter

Claire Blake 0402308858

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 633 108 Account number 1277 42898

Trip account: BSB 633 108 Account Number 1298 96049

The Moon and the 'Night Cart' Man

I can still remember, the time,
When the moon, was a mystery to us,
But one man, took advantage,
And completed his work, with no fuss.

He worked, as our '*night cart*' man,
Guided, by the light of the moon;
Sometimes, he seemed quite happy,
And you'd hear him, whistle a tune.

As regular, as clockwork,
He came our way, once a week;
You'd hear the truck stop, out the front,
Sometimes, you'd take a peek.

You could smell him, before you saw him,
Brown rags, he wore as clothes,
His steps were quick, along the path,
"*Phew*", you had to hold your nose.

The trip down the yard, was brisk and fast,
No weight, on his shoulder yet,
Out with the full can, in with the new,
No job satisfaction, I bet.

As he hoisted, our "*weekly offerings*,"
On his shoulder, high and strong,
"*Blimey, he should slow down a bit,*
He's created a terrible pong".

So from house to house, he travelled,
With a clean can, always ready,
A really hard job, he had to do,
To keep the full can, so steady.

We heard tell, of a 'night cart' man,
Who balanced full cans, on his head,
Most cans were strong, but one gave way,
Poor man, nearly ended up dead.

And so I salute, our 'night cart' man,
Such a difficult job, I must say,
Do you think the job, would be taken,
By any of the youth, of today?

So the moon and the 'night cart' man,
Have been friends, for many a year,
When he finished his tiring round, each night,
He saluted the moon, with his beer.