

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

Greetings to all,

What a glorious spring we have been having this year. Lots of sunshine and our gardens looking well loved. Have you planted your tomatoes yet? Friday 22nd we will be back to having visitors in our homes. Won't that be wonderful.

Almost all our members are now fully vaccinated which means we can have 30 members at one time, in the Hall next week. Can you please carry your vaccination certificates with you so they can be checked? Either a hard copy or on your phone. If one member in the group is not vaccinated, we can only have 20 in the Hall. Social distancing, QR check in, masks and sanitising are still required.

Full COVID vaccination may be a condition of membership for U3A next year, but the committee has yet to vote on this. Terms and Conditions of membership are being updated this month, as are our Health and Safety policies.

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION. David Muir is still hoping for more entries for the GVU3A Virtual Exhibition which has been launched on our website. Have a look! Please email your entries to David at gvu3aweb@gmail.com – it's not too late.

Our U3A back garden is looking splendid, thanks to Ray Watts' work and members are free to use it for their groups.

XMAS: The committee has planned a Xmas function to be held as a lunch on Tuesday 7 December. Lunch will be \$20 per head and catering will be done by Julie and her committee in a covid safe way. A list will soon be placed in the Hall for members who would like to come. More about the Xmas lunch to follow next month.

Stay safe,

Liz

VIRTUAL EXHIBITION

Thank you to all contributors to this year's Virtual Exhibition - online now. That being said, it is not too late to submit items. If you still have something (and I'm talking mostly to the men who have created something this year and not had time to submit a photo), please send it to me (with details) and I'll put it in place. Find it at: <https://www.gvu3a.com.au/copy-of-exhibition>

David Muir

Digital COVID Certificate – Smart Phones

For those of us who have one, we all have to use the Services Victoria App on our smart phones when we check in to any venue. It may also come to the stage where we may be required to present proof of COVID vaccination.

The Services Victoria App has now been up-dated to allow a digital copy of proof of vaccination.

This requires an ability to access the MyGov site. It also requires access to Medicare which has been linked to your MyGov account. This **must** be done to have the vaccine certification on your phone.

There are issues for those who have an android phone that is more than five years old, or for those with an iPhone not operating on ios 11 or beyond – it just won't install onto the phone, so those owners will have to sign in to every shop/venue as well as carrying a printed copy of your immunisation History.

The basic steps are:

1. You **MUST** have set up online access to your MyGov account
2. You **MUST** have linked your Medicare to your MyGov
3. You **MUST** have the latest version of the Services Victoria App installed on your phone
4. Click on the link from the Services Victoria App to take you to MyGov via the browser on your phone
5. Once into MyGov, scroll to the Link 'Proof of Vaccination – Go to Medicare'
6. Click on 'View History'
7. Scroll to, and click on 'Share with check in app'
8. Click on Share with Victoria Services App and agree to the rest of the following screens.

To have an offline copy of your vaccination certificate, it can be done using the above steps, using 'Add to Apple Wallet' (if using an iPhone).

[For those with an Android phone, I think there is the ability to save it to Google Pay]

If you have the Medicare Express Plus app on your phone, it can be stored here as an offline item.

A useful website for this: <https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au>

Centrelink will also assist in setting this up (appointment needed)

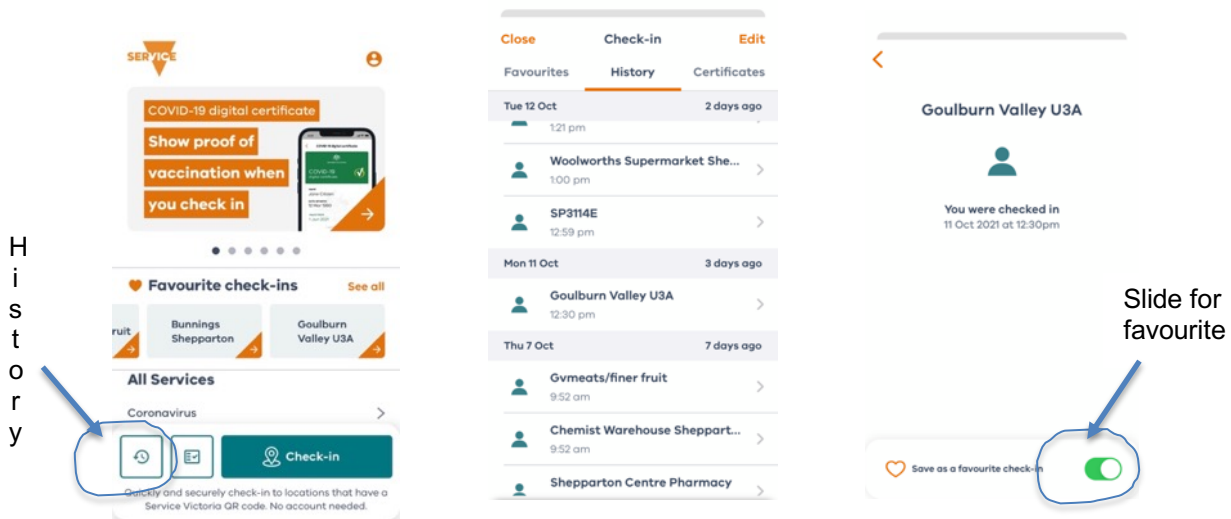
I am prepared to assist members in having this set up. It would mean working with small groups of 4-5 at a time. Because we are all at different stages of being set up I would need to

know how far along the track you are – the online MyGov and Medicare links are essential, so if necessary I would have to help set that up before proceeding to the steps of linking to the Victoria Services app.

SETTING FAVOURITES IN THE VICTORIA SERVICES APP

Did you know you can save yourself a bit of time by setting up favourites in the check-in?

1. With the latest version of the app, there are three boxes on the bottom of the screen – History, COVID certificate and Check-in.
2. If you have recently visited a venue, click on the History Icon
3. Click on the Name you want to add as a favourite
4. On the bottom right-hand corner of the screen is a slider to select as a favourite – slide to show the green bar
5. Click on the back arrow (top left) and close to get back to the main screen.



6. You now have a link to click on to avoid having to go through the scanning process each time.

If you have a place that is not already in your History, you should now be offered the opportunity to add it as a favourite when you make your initial check-in.

If any members require assistance, please contact me and I will arrange sessions at the U3A hall. Sessions to commence after Monday, November 15 to allow MyGov setup beforehand if possible.

David Muir

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HISTORICAL STUDIES

Monday November 8, 10am U3A Hall

Presenters, John Dainton & Greg Barnes

John will discuss alterations to J.G.W, Wilmot's 1855 survey of the first Shepparton Street names. The discussion will lead us to the Crimean War.

John Dainton mob 0417 549 502

PHOTOGRAPHY

In the afternoon of Thursday 23rd September, a small number of the photography group met at Polly McQuinns. The weather was perfect for photographing the water spilling over the weir. Dave managed to capture this photo of the water. Here he is on location. Great effort Dave.

Our first meeting in October, Thursday 14th, saw four of us gathered at the Shepparton Botanical Gardens. A great variety of flowers were captured in the afternoon, although being natives and generally quite small, getting close and personal produced some great results. Here's a couple taken by Lex and Lorraine.

Don't forget the annual art show which will be online again this year. Please send up to 3-4 of your photographic creations to: gvu3aweb@gmail.com

Please have photographs in by Monday 25th October. The Exhibition will premier at the end of October.



500

Harry has recommenced "500" back at Esson Street at 3.30 on Tuesday afternoons at 3.30. This will continue until the Christmas break in early December. For more information contact Harry Lee on 0400 770 972

BIRD WATCHING

Our November 17th outing will be at the Lower Goulburn National Park - Reedy Swamp Shepparton, this will be a morning outing only, please meet at the U3A car park for a 9am departure.

Please contact Don Roberts 0448889224 or Marg Clarke 0429350875.

The October outing was a pleasant day in the Rushworth Forest where we observed 36 species, some of which were, Fuscous, Black-chinned and Yellow-tufted Honeyeaters. Sacred Kingfisher, Jacky Winter, Dusky Woodswallow, Red-capped Robin, White-browed Babbler, Brown Goshawk, Brown and White-throated Treecreeper, Black-faced and White-bellied Cuckoo-shrikes, Pallid Cuckoo and Grey Fantail



BEGINNERS and INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN

Ciao Tutti. A call out to any members who have a copy of "Living Language, Ultimate Italian" which they no longer use, as it is needed by a member who has not been able to purchase a copy. Please let Liz know. All Italian Classes are now back at the Hall, and we are looking forward to seeing members who were unable to Zoom.

Liz 0409 703 868 Meredith 0437 313 840

LUNCH GROUP DETAILS FOR NOVEMBER

In November the lunch group members have chosen to eat at The Groove Train which is near the Shepparton Railway Station and across the street from Officeworks. So on November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th we will meet there at 12 noon. If you have any questions please ring Gail on 0400 531 856.

Enjoying Literature - Remains of the Day - DVD at hall

The Enjoying Literature class has read the book and has now decided to watch the film at the GVU3A hall.

The date of the screening is Monday 25/10/21 at 2.00 pm. The story is set pre and post World War II and is about a butler (Anthony Hopkins) reflecting on his life and his involvement with powerful men and women and with the staff. The film was nominated for eight Academy Awards (1994) and the book won the Booker prize.

If you are not a usual attendee of this class you are most welcome to attend, just send me an email if you wish to come because numbers in the hall are still be limited due to Covid restrictions.

Greg Barnes

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WRITING4PLEASURE

Once again our Writing Group meeting held on 21st October, was by ZOOM. Eleven members attended and presented some great stories/poems. Our November meeting will be our final one for 2021. Hopefully, we will all be able to get together in person and celebrate.

OUR NOVEMBER TOPICS – PRESENTED BY MARY ARE:

1. JUST ADD ALCOHOL
2. PRIVILEGE

WORD - PRECIPITATION

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

“YOU CAN MAKE ANYTHING BY WRITING”.

C. S. Lewis

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

ART GROUP

Members of the Art Group enjoyed a perfectly beautiful , sunny day this week. Spirits have really lifted with the arrival of the nicer weather, and the sight of all the gorgeous flowers blooming in the backyard of the hall. Some happy painters even had their lunch outside in the sunshine .

On behalf of the Art Group, I would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to David Muir for his generosity, and all the time he has put into the staging of yet another "virtual exhibition". Members of the Art Group have submitted many of their beautiful paintings, so be sure to show your support to both the artists and David, by checking out the U3A website later in October.

Kind Regards
Judi 0448813930

NATURAL RESOURCES & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Friday November 5, 10am U3A Hall

Presenter, John Anderson, President Shepparton Chamber of Commerce

Subject, John will discuss where the Chamber of Commerce came from and what it represents, its aims and objectives and some of the hot issues around town such as the CBD and parking etc.

Friday November 12, 10am U3A Hall

Presenter, Barry Croke

Solar energy has been and will continue to be the essential natural resource that makes movement possible. Barry will lead discussion examining the systems dependent on solar energy that we have used and will be using. After talking about carbo compounds, electricity and hydrogen, he will give reasons to seriously consider ammonia fuelled vehicles.

Hopefully discussion will check if he is on the right track.

John Dainton 0417 549 502 Barry Croke mob. 0488 058 231

SCIENCE MATTERS

The topic for the November 15th Science matters is “Inventions and discoveries that have changed the world”.

History is made not only by kings, queens, presidents, and generals, but equally by inventors and the technological powers their inventions and discoveries unleash. The talk will discuss the inventions and discoveries that have changed the world— from prehistoric times to the 21st century. Along with recounting famous inventions, such as the steam engine, the aeroplane, the atomic bomb and the computer chip, we will look at a number of surprising innovations, including beer, pagodas, indoor plumbing, and department stores. We will look at how early inventions were used to stimulate trade, fight wars, and create empires.

Next is how the world has been transformed by new forms of transportation such as railways and canals, new energy sources such as coal, steam engines and electricity, and new materials such as steel, glass and plastics.

Finally, it's on to the inventions that have shaped everyday life in the 20th and 21st century, including the Model T, domestic appliances, electronics, and the Internet.

Ray Pearson

COMMUNICATING WITH COMPUTERS

Computer classes are certainly covering more than just computers – We have been dealing with laptops, mobile phones (iphone and Android) and iPads. The last couple of weeks have seen been dealing largely with issues related to having a digital copy of COVID certificates onto phones. Computer classes will not be held for November 1 and 8 - Recommence November 15.

David Muir

CREATIVE CRAFTS

It has been great that we have been able to gather for the past couple of Tuesdays, although with reduced numbers. We have continued to stitch, knit, crochet and chat.

November sees us being able to have greater numbers in the hall and it will be good to be able to welcome more crafters. Bring along any items you have completed for a show and tell session.

Thank you to all who have contributed to the virtual Exhibition. David tells me the Exhibition should go live next week. If you have anything you would like to put on show, photograph and send to David.

Looking forward to seeing more crafters at our November gatherings.

Gael Thompson - mobile 0458 215 794



GV U3A COMMITTEE

Cordially Invites You to Our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WHEN: Tuesday 7th December

TIME: 12.00 noon

WHERE: 14 Esson Street
Shepparton

COST: \$20 per head



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