Goulburn Valley



GOULBURN VALLEY University of The Third Age Shepparton and District Incorporation Number A0016950Y (For active semi-retired or retired persons of mature age)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Social Morning: Thon Thon, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, will be the guest speaker at our social morning on Tuesday September 6th. Thon will most likely talk about his escape across the desert, FGM and life in Australia.

Melbourne Cup day at GVU3A Sue Walmsley has kindly offered to organise this event at the hall on Tuesday November 1st. Cost \$10 a head. Starting time will be 12.00 noon, lunch is provided (BYO drinks ,glass and bottle opener), the horse races will be on the big screen, a cup sweep will be run plus plenty of other activities. Sue will need assistance with planning and setting up at 4.00 pm Monday October 31 and on the morning of the 1st of November.

GVU3A Art, Craft and Photography Show: Saturday 15th and Sunday October 16th.

If you can help in the setting up prior to, during and/or after the art show please put your name on the roster in the hall.

Annual Bus Trip – The trip committee has counted the votes and the winner is a nine day trip to Tasmania. The plan is to leave early April 2017 but actual dates will depend on when the ferry can be booked. Cabins on the ferry will have their own toilet and shower. The approximate cost will be \$2,000 to \$2,100. To secure your place a \$200 deposit is required by the end of October. Deposits can be made either electronically into the GVU3A Trip Account: BSB 633 108 Account Number 1298 96049.

Or

placed in an envelope addressed to Denise Leffler and posted into the white letter box near the office door at GVU3A. Don't forget to include your name. For further information see Kevin Jordan, Glen Burdekin or Denise Leffler.

World War 1. A pop up history class about Sir John Monash, a First World War general will be run by Stephen Briggs on Monday August 29 at 3.30 pm following Big Issues in Science. All are welcome.

Course Leaders. Some clarification appears to be needed about Course Leaders. All of them, apart from one, are volunteers and are not being paid.

Latrobe University Shepparton. No progress in this area.

SANDRA'S KEEPSAKES



Calling all craft people who enjoy using ribbons in their craft work. On Tuesday September 20th at 9 am you have the chance to make this great ribbon box. It will keep your ribbons clean and untangled. The box holds 14 ribbons. If you are interested in making this box please ring Sandra on 58210231 by Tuesday September 13th so she can order in the necessary supplies. The class starts at 9 am sharp and will be finished by 12 noon. The cost is \$28. Please bring the correct money on the day. All you need to bring is a cutting mat, a knife and some glue. The timber box parts, the paper and all the decorations are included in the price.

World War 1 – The Monash Battles

On Monday 29 August Steve Briggs will be visiting the district and has agreed to give us a short talk on world war 1 history. The talk will focus on General John Monash, from his time in Gallipoli to his remarkable victories on the Western Front in France. Monash was the only General on either side never to have lost a battle. This was because he planned everything down to the smallest detail. Even Ludendorff recognised his victory at Mt Saint Quentin on the 8 August 1918, as the blackest day in German military history. This talk will follow after the big issues in science talk on the same afternoon. Not to be missed. All welcome. Derek Poulton 58254112

BIG ISSUES FROM SCIENCE:

Monday September 19th at 1.30 pm

Our Big History series continues with talks and video clips on the era of Expansion, Exploration and Interconnection of civilizations around the globe. This interconnection generated a massive movement of ideas, people, diseases, plants, and animals with dramatic outcomes for the development of modern civilizations. The linking of the different world zones in this period and the exchanges that this linking made possible transformed the lifeways of the people and civilizations involved. This is an overview of the forces that compelled our history forward into the modern world.

Allan Wilson 58221474

CANINE CAPERS

1st Monday of each month

Last doggie day was an absolute rain-out so none of us could attend. Hopefully Monday 5th September will be kinder to us and we can enjoy our jaunt with our pawsons. Meet at cafe end of Victoria Park Lake at 10am for walkies and play time with doggies. Not to mention talkies with persons over coffee.

Janiene 0409 337 520 or Jeanette 0438 214 808

GEOLOGY

The GVU3A Geology group is a small group that meets on the third and fourth Fridays of each month. This relaxed group works from books, DVDs and general knowledge. World geological events inspire our interest. We endeavour to broaden knowledge by travelling to local geological sites.

Bill O'Hare

Some of the information you gleaned from Geology can be absolutely fascinating. You will find out answers to questions like: why does the Matterhorn (a mountain in the Swiss Alps) have sea shells half way up and African rocks on top, and why does the top of Uluru have scars like it has been scarified by a gigantic plough? Come along and find out.

Greg Barnes

ENJOYING LITERATURE

We continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays at 2 pm.

Having completed our discussion of the writer, Graham Greene, and the interesting characters he created, we plan to return to play reading with a reading of the Norwegian playwright, Henrik Ibsen's well known play "A Doll's House". We will start that at our first meeting in September (12/9).

Prior to that, on August 22nd we will revisit the literature of childhood, sharing our favourite authors and the books that got us "hooked" on reading.

We can always accommodate a new member!

Helen West 58214802 0411 457 462

WRITING4PLEASURE

September 15. 1.00-3.30 pm.

The stories keep coming with lots of variety and originality. You never quite know what surprises are in store for you at our monthly meetings. There could be a story on family history, a change of life event, a war story, or something completely ridiculous that's not meant to be taken seriously. It's the best show in town for free entertainment! Do come and join the fun. No competition, no critiquing – just someone's attempt to put their thoughts on paper.

Contact numbers: Mary Heneghan 58316997 or Bridgette Brisbane 58271316.

Joan Giuliani 58312232 joanig@bigpond.com

WALK AND TALK





Eight members joined our very interesting August walk.

After a morning coffee stop in Seymour, we went on the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk, then continued to the Australian Light Horse Memorial Park where we enjoyed a walk in the tranquil bush land with a wide range of flora and sweeping views of the Tallarook Ranges

Thank you to Tony and Bev for guiding us and sharing their knowledge.

Maria Hartel

On **Wednesday September 14** our walk will be at the Wildflower Walk in the Killawarra Forest. This is always a beautiful spring time walk. We will make it an all day walk if the weather is good and move on to another part of the Warby-Ovens National park after lunch. Please meet at the U3A car park at 8.45 for a 9am start in shared transport. Bring your own morning tea and lunch and wear shoes and clothing suitable for the weather conditions of the day. You may need water to carry and sunscreen. New members are always welcome.

Christine Wilson 5822 1474 Mob. 0428 399 648



BIRD WATCHING



Spotted Pardalotes and Wood Duck seen at Gemmils Swamp in August.

Our September 21 outing will be at the Wyuna River Reserve Wyuna. This will be a full day trip so please bring your lunch and a chair. Please meet at the U3A Hall at 9am or at the Undera Rest Stop at 9.30.

Contact Don Roberts T58252404 M0448889224 or Marg Clarke M0429350875.

GARDEN CLUB

U3A Garden Club is the 4th Thursday of each month. Everyone welcome



Garden Club members braved the chilly Winter weather and enjoyed a great tour around the Echuca Moama Botanic Gardens last month.

August 25th Garden Club

Jan Vibert has offered to show photos of various gardens. We will be out of the weather and in the comfort of her home. Jan's address is 22 Gordon Drive. Photos will include three beautiful gardens in the Blue Mountains and two Victorian gardens. Start 10am. Please bring a small plate of morning tea.

September 22nd Euroa Arboretum talk and tour. Meet in the U3A car park at 9am for a carpool

October 27th A big day out in the Yarra Valley. In the pipeline: Alowyn Gardens, Coombe House Garden tour and the Yarra Valley Chocolate Factory stop. More about this later

November 24th Strathmerton Cactus Country Display Entry: approx. \$10.00 There is also an Almond Farm near by which might interest people.

Claire Blake 0402308858

HISTORICAL STUDIES

On September 12 at 10.00 am Greg Barnes will present the third session on "Some Aspects of Australian Aboriginal History" All welcome to attend the final session on a very significant topic.

Contact John Lawry at irlawry@bigpond.com or 58231704

SOCRATES CAFE

The topic for discussion at Socrates Cafe on Monday September 26 at 10.00 am is "New Trends in Mental Health Care". Pat Crudden will provide the introduction to this important topic. All welcome.

Contact John Lawry 58231704 or jrlawry@bigpond.com

NATURAL RESOURCES

Friday September 2; 10am,U3A Hall

GUEST SPEAKER; Steve McKenzie, General Manager Technical Services, Goulburn Valley Water

SUBJECT; "My time in the water industry from the Northern Territory to the Goulburn Valley."

Friday September 9; 10am,U3A Hall

GUEST SPEAKER; Jamie Cowan, Project Manager Customer Operations Goulburn Murray Water

SUBJECT; Tullaroop Reservoir Upgrade

Tullaroop Reservoir supplies water for irrigated properties along Tullaroop Creek and the Loddon River and also provides water for Maryborough.

John Dainton 58213881

ART GROUP

The art group are arranging a trip to Swanpool to see the BALD ARCHY Exhibition. We will be leaving the U3A hall in Esson Street at 10am and travelling by bus to Swanpool. This will be a fun day with very amusing creations and probably amusing company.

We have 4 places left so if you would like to join us please contact Carole ASAP

Phone 0407231348.

ART, CRAFT and PHOTOGRAPHY

The decision has been made that we will be once again holding an ART CRAFT and PHOTOGRAPHY show in November. This is in the preliminary stages of development with City of Greater Shepparton already granting us \$200 towards the cost so keep the third weekend in October free. .Dates October 15th and 16th.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON

To be held at the U3A hall on Tuesday, 1st November 2016 commencing at 12 noon for a 12.30 p.m. start. \$10.00 admission (pay on the day) covering meat and bread. Members with surnames beginning A - M please bring salads and N - Z please bring sweets. Come along and have a great time with sweeps (don't forget to bring your coins) and competitions etc. Sue Walmsley

INDUSTRY TOUR

"RUBICON WATER". THURSDAY 8/9/06.

Tour of "Rubicon Water", 1A Wheeler St,. Shepparton. 10.00am for approx. 1 1/2 hours. Here is an opportunity to find out all you want to know about irrigation in general and the "new" Goulburn Valley system in particular. I have explained that our party may include farmers, retired farmers and "townies" so there should be something of interest to all. *Please wear closed shoes*. There is no charge.

Twenty people in all so car pooling from U3A should be the way to go - each of five cars carrying four people or similar.

There is a list in the foyer at U3A which includes a column for car capacity. First in first served, so come and find out all about it.

I will be at the Sept. social morning to answer any questions but please note that the visit is only two days after that.

John Hetherington. 0419 319 339 jfh@mcmedia.com.au

IPAD CLASSES

You will be pleased to hear that the iPad classes will resume on Friday, August 19th at 2 pm for 1 hour. Please bring your fully charged iPad and a note pad and pen.

Please note: These classes are for those who wish to learn the basic operation of their iPad. So write down your questions prior to the class and hopefully we will be able to provide you with the answers to your queries. New people are welcome.

Regards Carmel Naughton

MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

September lunch dates

5th Cellar 47

12th Park Lake

19th Pepper Mill 10.30am

26th Sherbourne Hotel

Joy Markey Phone 58216387

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Entries for the October newsletter should be emailed to gvu3anewsletter@gmail.com by **September 18**. It is easier for us if you type your entry into the body of the email, rather than as attachments, but we accept both. We each have different computing systems, so there is less conversion work that way. Your Newsletter team: Derek, Denise, David, Allan & Christine.

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