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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Greg Barnes*

Welcome back, I hope you had an enjoyable break. Allan Wilson, Madeline Dyer and I have been making sure the **Course Leaders** are organised to start the year. I know Colin James is very much ready to begin his new course of **News and Current Events** on Monday **February 6<sup>th</sup>** at 1.30pm and Linda Grima is very keen to get going with her **dancing classes** commencing **February 14<sup>th</sup>** at 9am.

The **GVU3A web site** has been updated with the latest course descriptions, so if you are unsure of course content, dates and times you can check the web site on [www.gvu3a.com.au](http://www.gvu3a.com.au). Thank you to David Muir and Allan Wilson for getting this site up to date.

**The next social morning** at the GVU3A hall is on **Tuesday 7 February** 2017. On this day the Course Leaders will be introducing the courses for this year and Carole will be accepting cash payment (\$50) for membership registration. **Renewing your membership** can also be done on line using internet banking. To help make Carole's life easier can you put your receipt number on the course participants list for each course you enrol in.

**The Annual General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday 1 March at 10am. Nomination forms for the committee will be available at the February social morning and in the foyer of the hall after that. If you wish to nominate for the committee make sure your nomination form is in the hands of secretary, Madeline, one week before the Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend the AGM but are happy to accept nomination or wish to nominate you must submit an apology to the secretary and indicate in writing you are happy to accept nomination to a position or wish to nominate to a position. At this meeting a proposal will be put forward to this membership that the President can only be in office for two consecutive years but can be re-elected after that time.

We are at present doing a stock take of all **GVU3A hall keys**. If you have a hall key can you let John Hammond or I know.

**The U3A Victorian conference** will be held in Melbourne on September 4 and 5 2017. All members are welcome to attend.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CONTINUED

**The Annual Bus Trip** to Tasmania from Wednesday 5 April 2017 to Thursday 13 April 2017 still has a number of spare seats. At the moment we have filled 24 seats. If you would like to go please let Denise Leffler know. The total cost is about \$2,000 depending on how many participate. Kevin Jordan will tell you more at the first social morning.

The **new catering committee** of Sue Walmsley and Bridgette Brisbane would like a few more members to join them in preparing morning teas etc. for social events. They will be canvassing a few members. Men will be most welcome to join. Kerrie Midgely will be keeping an eye on the stocks of coffee, tea, milk and biscuits during the year.

## BRIDGE SUCCESS

Derek Poulton and Marjorie Phillips recently played in National Novice Pairs competition in Canberra, and were placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 32 teams across Australia. They were also placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the teams with their friends Steve Briggs and Anne Appedaile from Deniliquin.



Marjorie stepped in to play when Nick Walsh was taken away on urgent family business, so this was a great result, given Derek and Marjorie had not played together for over 2 years. Bruce Minchinton and Michael Goh, who are frequent visitors to Shepparton Club, won the non-life masters team event, a great achievement. Derek and Nick will be playing in the teams and pairs event in the gold coast tournament in February, and Shepparton is again hosting the Northern Region Pairs and Teams event at Shepparton U3A on the weekend

of 28/29 January.

## LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

There are many good reasons to play bridge. First and foremost, it's a fun game to play. That's why bridge is the most popular card game in the world. At U3A bridge is played socially each Wednesday and by experienced players on Monday nights and Saturday afternoon.

If you would like to learn to play bridge, a four week course will start on Wednesday 1 March. After the 4 week course you will be invited to play supervised bridge, with experienced players available to assist. Each lesson will run for 3 hours from 1pm to 4 pm. The course is suitable for those with no previous experience and also for those seeking to refresh their bridge skills.

The course will be run by Derek Poulton, assisted by members of the Shepparton bridge club. Players start playing 'minibridge' in first lesson. This allows participants to play bridge without the need to bid. From week 2 we teach players a simple way to bid, based on the standard american system, and using Paul Marston's book 'Introduction to bridge - 5 Card Majors'. Copies of the book will be provided at a reduced cost to participants. For further information contact Derek Poulton email [dcp.klp@gmail.com](mailto:dcp.klp@gmail.com), ph 58254112 or on the web [www.wix.com/sheppartonbridgeclub/2014](http://www.wix.com/sheppartonbridgeclub/2014).

## ENJOYING LITERATURE

Our first gathering for this year will be Monday 23rd January at 2pm. Our plan for 2017 is to continue to explore any and all forms of literature with all members contributing ideas for topics. We will continue our "Interesting and Unusual Words" segment which we enjoy. At our first meeting we are sharing our holiday reading, reporting on the books we received for Christmas and have read in the break. These "reviews" will perhaps inspire others to follow up on some of them.

Meetings will be every fourth Monday in the month and February's date is the 27th. We are happy to have new members join our friendly and low key group.

## OPERA APPRECIATION GROUP

**On Sunday Feb 5** we will travel to Wangaratta to see the opera of the month in HD on screen from the Met Opera in New York. This month's opera is *L'Amour de Loin* (Love from afar) a modern opera described as a yearning medieval romance. It premiered at the Salzburg festival in 2000. The productions from the Met are always lavish and subtitles are in English.

**On Feb 26** a better known opera *Nabucco*, Verdi's drama of ancient Babylon, will be screened. Placido Domingo sings the leading baritone role in this production.

We plan to meet at U3A at 12 noon and proceed to Wangaratta in shared transport for both of these operas. The cost of the film is \$28 plus a share of the petrol costs. More details can be found on the Wang Cinema website which will include the length of the films, but please contact us if you intend to come. Allan and Christine Wilson 5822 1474 M 0428 399 648.

## ITALIAN



The Italian group will re-commence at 10am Thursday 9 February. At this stage it is the on-going group but we are still searching for a teacher for those wishing to learn Italian as beginners. Our photo shows us enjoying lunch at the end of 2016 to thank our teachers Lelia Amadei and Ignazio Fantone.

Christine Wilson, contact person, 5822 1474.

## **BIRD WATCHING**

The Bird Watching Group will resume in March on the third Wednesday, Here is a photo of Black Duck Ducklings on Victoria Lake recently. Marg Clark. 0429 350 875.



## **HISTORICAL STUDIES**

On Monday 13 February Keith Smith will present the results of his substantial and illustrated work on WIRELESS.

All U3A members are invited to join the Historical Studies group if they have an interest in the topic. 10am

Contact John Lawry 58231704 or [jrlawry@bigpond.com](mailto:jrlawry@bigpond.com)

## **SOCRATES CAFE**

On Monday 27 February the topic for open discussion 10am is CONSENSUS. Participants will try to reach some consensus about the key values for living well in our community and our nation.

The Chatham Rule applies to Socrates Cafe sessions. Basically this means that those present agree that what is said in a session is not attributed to any participant in any case and anywhere.

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## NATURAL RESOURCES

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10, 10AM U3A HALL**

**GUEST SPEAKER;** Anthony Brophy, Program Facilitator Fairley Leadership Program

**SUBJECT,** Leadership in the region

**BUS TRIP, FRIDAY MARCH 10**

**Natural Resources** in conjunction with **Industry Tours** will have a City of Greater Shepparton "Follow your Rubbish" trip.

Departs Ford's Bus Depot 9.30am returns approx. 12.30pm.

**Cost \$10**, money required by March 7 Coffee Morning

John Dainton 58213881

## INDUSTRY TOURS 2017

We are starting off the year on March 10, by joining with John Danton's "Natural Resources" group on a trip to "FOLLOW YOUR RUBBISH". This tour is in association with City of Greater Shepparton. It involves a morning bus tour of Shepparton and Cosgrove sites commencing at 9.30am finishing approximately 12pm. \$10.00 per person. Please wear closed shoes.

John will be giving more details and collecting money at the next Natural Resources group meeting. There will be an attendance form in the lobby in early February. I will be at the February social morning to provide any further information and to collect the monies. It would be helpful to have everyone pay by that time.

John Hetherington 0419 319 339 [jfh@mcmmedia.com.au](mailto:jfh@mcmmedia.com.au)

## WALK AND TALK



Walk and talk members started 2017 well with a January walk at Lake Victoria, followed by a planning time for this year while we had coffee at the café. Our photo shows those who were able to come and some visitors who enjoyed walking with us. Two more members joined us at the café.

**On 8 February we will start early at 8am** and meet at the car park at U3A. From there we will travel in shared transport to Cussen Park, Tatura. After walking around the park we will find our way to the Bakery in Tatura for coffee and a famous

vanilla slice for morning tea. Everyone is very welcome to join us for the walk. You might like to meet us at Cussen Park about 8.30am.

On 8 March, March Bev and Tony will lead the group in shared transport to Bright and do some walking in that area.

Christine Wilson 58 221 474 Mob. 0428 399 648

## MONDAY LUNCH GROUP

**February locations:** 6th Sherbourne Hotel; 13th Cellar 47; 20th Park Lake Motel; 27th Last Straw. Joy Markey. Ph.58 216 387.

### SCIENCE MATTERS : GOOD VIBRATIONS

Monday February 20th 1.30pm

Ray Pearson will present the first Science class for the year on one of his special interests: the science of music.

Musical notes are all about vibrations in strings, planks of wood, columns of air, stretched animal hides, you name it. There are some fascinating relationships between the waves that come from these vibrations and the way various cultures around the world have put these notes together to produce their music.

In my serendipitous presentation there will be some very basic physics and some mathematics, but not much beyond multiplying and dividing by 2, although we could go as far as the twelfth root of 2 if we are up to it. There will probably be more questions posed than answered, because, like most of the areas I have studied over the years, the more I learnt, the more I realized how much I didn't know.

We will have a look at the basic mathematics of waves. **Very** basic I can assure you, and we will establish the wavelength of a column of air vibrating at 440 times per second that produces the A above middle C. Why does the flute produce a much higher range of notes than the clarinet? They are about the same length.

We will talk about overtones and how a bugler produces several notes from an instrument having no valves. We will look at musical scales and how Pythagoras and the well tempered Bach have influenced what we listen to today.

Allan Wilson 58 221 474

#### **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