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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barbara Brown

Just another reminder about the **Melbourne Cup Lunch** on Tuesday 6 November beginning at 11.30am. Cost \$10. Come along in your finery and enjoy a fun afternoon. There will be plenty happening on the big screen and in the U3A Hall with fashions on the field, sweeps, trivia questions and more. Further details can be found later in the newsletter.

Our final big event for the year will be the **Annual Christmas Lunch** on Tuesday 4 December at 11.30am. Cost is \$30. Please add your name to the list on the folding doors and pay by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November for catering purposes. We will also celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the launching of an online history of the past 10 years (some printed copies will be available) and I have heard a rumour there may be a cake!

### Defibrillator Training - Friday 16 November 12 noon – 3.30pm

Please contact Carole Trotter if you put your name down for the training and let her know if you can attend. Ph.5823 1348

### SPECIAL EVENT: NATURAL RESOURCE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9, 10am U3A Hall

All U3A Members are welcome to attend the Natural Resource and Regional Development meeting to hear Colonel Ian Cummins, Defence Climate Change and Security Advisor. He will speak on '**Climate Change & Security for the Defence of Australia**'. The Colonel will be travelling from Canberra to Melbourne and will make a stop at Shepparton to speak to us. It is rare chance to hear such a high-level speaker and I urge you to come and hear him. Contact John Dainton ph.58213881 or mob.0417549502.

**Still on Climate Change** - the film "**An Inconvenient Truth 2**" will be screened at the U3A Hall on Monday 19 November at 4.45pm – 6.30pm. All U3A members are welcome to attend. Contact Greg Barnes mob 0438 569 611

## 2019 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

At the Committee meeting on Wednesday we reviewed the committee positions for 2019. There are 3 job vacancies - President, Vice-President and Public Relations. As the President's term is 2 years I will complete my term at the 2019 Annual Meeting in March. I am actively looking for a replacement to stand next year. If you can help with any of the three positions please let me or any one of the committee members know. Filling these positions ensures the continued smooth running of GVU3A.

Barbara Brown

## COURSE COORDINATOR - FEEDBACK SOUGHT

1. If anybody is interested in doing **Tai Chi** on Friday afternoons please let me know.
2. If anybody is interested in attending a one off **wine appreciation** class run by Nigel Liggins please let me know. If this class proves popular it could become a regular event.
3. If anyone has any good ideas for courses and knows of someone who might take them let me know. Some suggestions are Classic films shown on our DVD and Family history.
4. We are looking for Course leaders for the **lpad** class. If you would like to be the contact for this course or know of someone that could/ should be please let me know.

Greg Barnes (0438 569 611)

## SCIENCE MATTERS - THE ROCK THAT KILLED THE DINOSAURS

For the November Science Matters class John Bush will present a talk on “**The Rock that Killed the Dinosaurs, or T-Rex and the Crater of Doom**”

This session will build on the September talk on dinosaur evolution . It will look at the current widely accepted notion that about 66 million years ago a celestial object crashed into the earth and caused planetary wide and permanent changes to climate and weather systems from the changes it caused to oceanic and atmospheric chemistry and the energy it released on the planet surface.

We will also consider the evolution of Cretaceous life, historical geological theory, geochemistry and geophysics, the search for evidence, climatology and deep time.

**Contact:** Allan Wilson 5822 1474

## HISTORICAL STUDIES

On Monday 12 November at 10am Greg Barnes will present the third of his sessions on India. All welcome. **Contact:** John Lawry 5823 1704 0417150933 or [jrlawry@bigpond.com](mailto:jrlawry@bigpond.com)

## SOCRATES CAFÉ

On Monday 26 November at 10am Topic: **How governments should be run**  
All welcome. **Contact** John Lawry 5823 1704 or [jrlawry@bigpond.com](mailto:jrlawry@bigpond.com)

## NATURAL RESOURCES & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2, GUNBOWER BUS TRIP

Departs Ford's Bus Depot Telford Drive Shepparton **8.30am** returns approx. 5pm  
Morning and afternoon tea and lunch provided.

### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9, 10am U3A Hall

**GUEST SPEAKER;** Colonel Ian Cummins, Defence Climate Change & Security Advisor  
**SUBJECT,** Climate Change & Security for the Defence of Australia.

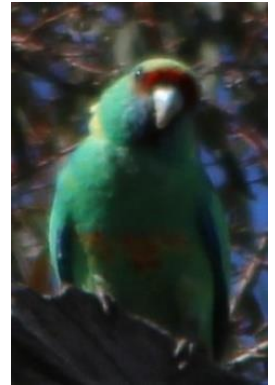
**Contact** John Dainton ph. 0358213881 or mob. 0417 549 502

## BIRD WATCHING

The 21 November outing is the last for the year and will be a morning at Cussen Park Tatura. Please meet at the U3A hall at 9am or at Cussen Park at 9.30. Please contact Don Roberts 58252404, 0448889224 or Marg Clarke 0429350875.

Our September outing was at Terrick Terrick National Park where six members observed 31 species, some of which were Shining Bronze-Cuckoo, Australian Ringneck (right), Brown Treecreeper, Southern Whiteface, White-browed Babbler, Gilberts Whistler, Red-capped Robin, Hooded Robin and Tree Martin.

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## WALK AND TALK

On Wednesday November 14 we plan again to do the walk at the Murray River, Cobram, which was cancelled owing to rain earlier in the year. Please meet at U3A at 8.45am for an 9.00 start in shared transport. We will stop at Thompsons Beach Reserve, Cobram for morning tea. Bring your own morning tea or visit the adjacent *KU de TA* Café. Then we will walk to Quinn Island and do the circle walk track and back to Thompsons Beach for lunch. Once again you can have your own lunch or buy hamburgers or burritos at the Café. There is an optional walk in the opposite direction after lunch. Wear good walking shoes and clothing suitable for the weather conditions. Sunscreen should be needed and water to carry if you wish. New walkers will be very welcome.



Our October walk to Rushworth was pleasant in spite of the dry conditions which hadn't allowed the orchids to flower this year. Thanks to Linley Walker for arranging the walk and Gloria Atkins from Rushworth who was our guide. Attached photo of the group is by Marg Clarke who also photographed this Yellow-tufted Honeyeater on the day.

Christine Wilson Ph 5822 1474 Mob 0428 399 648

## WRITING 4 PLEASURE

Well here we are in the middle of October and wondering where the year has gone. If anyone is thinking of doing some writing, come along to our group in 2019. It is informal and great fun. Topics for next month to be advised.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month, 1pm to 3.30. at Shepparton Library. ALL WELCOME, Mary Heneghan. 58316997, or Mobile; 0400573985.

## OPERA APPRECIATION

Opera- the next opera on our busy Oct-Nov program is Aida. This grandest of grand operas features an epic backdrop for what is in essence an intimate love story. Set in ancient Egypt, it explores the conflict of private emotion and public duty and is an eternally favourite with opera lovers. Sometimes there are elephants on stage as part of its grandeur! Sunday October 28. Moving into November, on Nov 1 a change of focus- a ballet by the Australian Opera, The Merry Widow. - a light-hearted production filled with tangled affairs, narrow misses and jealous lovers. Plenty of wow moments, lavish glamour, show-stopping costumes and breathtaking dancing,

THEN, on Nov 25, the opera Samson and Delilah, once again from the Met, Composer- Saint Saens.. One of the world's great stories of love (or at least passion)—as well as the archetypal depiction of a man betrayed by an immoral woman!



We car pool. Ring Madeline on 58210272, 0417580025 or [dycerm979@gmail.com](mailto:dycerm979@gmail.com) to arrange a ride. Expect to explore Victoria on the car ride home as we search for the elusive 2nd crossing of the Warby's.

## MONDAY LUNCH GROUP

The Monday Lunch Group is made up of friendly people who enjoy a meal, a drink and a chat. We meet every Monday at 12 noon at various venues around town.

The group will meet on the four Mondays of November at the following venues. On Monday November 5 we'll meet at The Last Straw. Arrive early to get a park! The following Monday, November 12 we will meet at The Peppermill followed by Cellar 47 on Monday November 19. On the last Monday of the month we will try a new venue for our group. We'll meet at La Porchetta on November 26.

Ring Gail on 58211315 if you have any queries.

## CANINE CAPERS

Meet at Lake, just past Aquamoves, at 0830 am now that it is summer time. First Monday of each month. Next walkies is on 5th November. Anyone who doesn't know what soap tastes like has not washed a dog.

More information: Janiene 0409 337 520 [sandfordjaniene@gmail.com](mailto:sandfordjaniene@gmail.com)

## **GARDEN GROUP**

The visit to Barry Russel's shade house, on 28 September revealed several shelves of orchids, some in early development, others much older, the best of which was a delicately coloured Dendrobium, called "Annes Rainbow Surprise", a showpiece which had recently been judged as 'Best in the Show' at the recent Shepparton Orchid Show.

We also saw a large 40cm pot of many dendrobiums which was given to Barry 20 years ago as a single piece. The flower spikes on this plant now are too numerous to count, giving a stunning display of creamy yellow flowers. Barry gave us a demonstration of striking and potting-up, inspiring us to "give orchids a go" at home. Other highlights in the garden included an unusual Callistemon, he grew from the seed of a tree, found in North Qld, and a carpet of pink paper daisies grown from a packet of seeds, sown directly into the garden last autumn.



Dendrobium flowers

For October we can't resist the invitation to the Girgarre Open Gardens. Commencing at the U3A Hall at 9:30 - 9:40, for car-pooling. At Girgarre we pick up a map and directions to the five gardens, at the Community Cottage in Olympic st. the cost is \$15. A BBQ lunch and a sumptuous Afternoon Tea will be available at "Bonshaw", on the Midland Highway. it should be a very enjoyable day.

Jan Vibert.

## **ENJOYING LITERATURE**

At our October meeting (Monday 22nd at 2pm) we are discussing the poetry of William Wordsworth, the friend of Samuel Taylor Coleridge whom we have been discussing. Members are invited to bring along one of his poems to share with the group.

In November we are looking at Australian literature, specifically the novel, 'The Getting of Wisdom', published in 1910.

Helen West 58214802 0411 457 462

## **CREATIVE CRAFT**

No Creative Craft this month, because of the Melbourne Cup Lunch on the same day. Maria Hartel has offered her time to take a class in scarf making at a minimum cost \$6-\$8. Any interested contact Maria at 0427 315 486.

## MELBOURNE CUP - TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER



Add your name to the list in the hall for the Melbourne Cup lunch on Tuesday 6 November 11.30am for 12 or 12.30 start. \$10 pp (payable on the day) which covers meat, bread and nibbles. A - M surnames bring a salad, N - Z surnames bring a sweet. BYO drinks, glasses and bottle opener. A fun day for all with Fashions on the Field, lucky door prize, sweeps, big screen TV and other surprises.

Sue Walmsley - 0432 016 152

### COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
3 December	Christmas Lunch & launch of 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed at 3pm	GVU3A Committee Meeting Members are encouraged to write to the Committee about any issues of concern or speak to one of the Committee members.

### CHANGES TO BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

There are minor changes to the BSB numbers used by U3A. The old BSB number will still work, but the preferred BSB and bank account numbers shown in the box below will ensure your payments are processed more quickly and efficiently by Bendigo Bank.

#### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

If you want to pay your membership fees or trip fees through the internet please use the BSB and 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