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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Allan Wilson

Thanks to all for electing me as your President for the next 12 months. I have inherited a wonderful Committee of dedicated workers who are good at their jobs. So my role is like that of a conductor, with the real sound and action coming from the many class leaders, office bearers and sub-committee members who do the actual work. There is a long list of these at the end of this newsletter, which I acknowledge with gratitude. I will share several presidential roles with our vice President, Jan Maude. If you have any ideas or queries, please speak to me or others on the C'ttee.

I have been visiting many class groups to find out first-hand what they do and how they operate. U3A is truly a diverse organisation. The friendly chatter within the craft groups contrasts with the intense concentration (until coffee time) evident in the Mah Jong and Card groups, the learning of the language groups with the vigour of Strength and Balance. Adult learning is the purpose that sets U3A apart from other seniors groups. However, underlying this purpose is social contact. If we are to grow old gracefully we need continuing social interaction. 'Walk and Talk' is the name of one group, but many others could be similarly named 'Books and Talk' or 'History and Talk', etc. To this end, I have been asking everyone to remember to wear their name badges to all meetings. A friendly 'Hello Dianne' (or Don) brings a warm feel to every encounter and is particularly important for new members. At the next social morning there will be a lucky door prize open to those wearing name badges.

One of the special events this month is the talk from Professor Peter Doherty, Noble Laureate and 1997 Australian of the Year. His visit to Shepparton will be marked by several addresses to groups within the town, with his U3A talk being a part of the Natural Resources and Regional Development series run by John Dainton. It will be on Friday April 12 at 10am and is open to all members.

I also commend our new class on Legal Matters to you. It commences on April 1 at 10am. It will be led by Marshall Richards, local retired lawyer and definitely no April fool. *Allan*

OUR NEW COMMITTEE

Goulburn Valley U3A continues to run smoothly because of the great work done by our committee each year. Our new committee is shown below. Please talk to a committee member if you have any issues or suggestions about how our U3A could improve.



Anne White (Sec), Ray Watt, Kerrie Midgley (Treas), Sue Walmsley, Gael Thompson, Greg Barnes, Carole Trotter, Elizabeth Lee, Allan Wilson (Pres), Jan Maude (Vice Pres), Barbara Brown.

JOHN LAWRY

John Lawry popped in to U3A to say goodbye when he was leaving Shepparton and moving to Sydney to be close to his daughter there. It was a Wednesday so he chatted to the Art group and joined Wendy and Bryan Gannon in our library as pictured.

John has been an extremely active and valuable member of U3A since he joined 27 years ago. He led the History group and together with Pat Crudden and Rob McLean began and ran Socrates Cafe very successfully.

John has also done a stint as course co coordinator. He will be badly missed by our branch of U3A and we are sure he will be missing U3A and Shepparton.



WALK AND TALK

Our Walk and Talk activity on Wednesday April 10 will be a longer day than usual as we will be driving to Harrietteville. We will meet at the U3A hall at 7.45 am for departure at 8am sharp in shared private cars. We will travel to Myrtleford for morning tea then on to Harrietteville via Bright. We will walk for about an hour around the Tronoh Dredge historic site then have lunch at the Harrietteville Camping Park. The highlight of the day should be our visit to the Shady Brook garden at 1.30pm where the owner will show us around his 12 acres of secluded bush and landscaped garden on the Ovens River. Hopefully the autumn colours will still be on the trees. Afternoon tea is provided for \$5 donation. From there it will be homeward bound, with roadside stops at Glenrowan or Winton, arriving back about 6.30pm at U3A.

U3A members are welcome to join this day out, either travelling with us or meeting us at Harrietteville to see the garden. Bring your morning tea, lunch and drinks and suitable shoes and clothing for the weather conditions of the day. Please let me know by Monday 8th if you are going to leave from U3A so we have the required drivers ready to do the trip. Ted Stephens is in charge of this trip, and it is worth having his number in your phone to keep in touch. **Ted Stephens 0450 200 424**



The photo above by Jan Maude is of our group on a very pleasant walk at Moira Park in March. Thanks to Tony Palma for organising this day. For the third month of this very hot summer, our walking days have turned out pleasantly cool!

Christine Wilson 5822 1474 0428 399 648

SCIENCE MATTERS

Monday April 1 at 1.30pm: Nigel Liggins will continue his series of talks on **Chemistry in the Marketplace**.

Monday April 15 at 12.30pm: **Social Lunch** at the hall (bring your own), before my presentation at 1.30 on **Human Origins**. New information from both fossil finds and DNA analyses overturns many previous assumptions and leads to the conclusion that human evolution is “messy, complicated and very diverse”.

Allan Wilson 5822 1474

Q3A - QUIZZING FOR THE THIRD AGE

Seventeen members enjoyed having their memories challenged at the March meeting. We aim for a wide variety of questions to suit all areas of interest, and always have a few laughs.

Try these: In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
How many pieces does each player start with in chess?
Your 50th wedding anniversary is called Golden. What is the 55th called?

Answers for the questions in the March newsletter:

Kew, Moe, Rye, Yea (perhaps you found others). One, Jane Seymour. Moon.

Next meeting will be Monday April 15, 10am to 12 noon, then a 5 week gap until Monday May 20. All welcome.

INDUSTRY TOUR - Wednesday 22 May 10 am

Our numbers were down for the last tour which was of the Shepparton Heritage Centre. That was a pity because Geoff Allemande's talk was interesting and entertaining. Those of us who did attend recommend a visit to the centre which is now open every day.

The next tour will be of GOTAFE'S William Orr campus at the end of Wanganui Road, Shepparton on 22/5/19. I will put an attendance sheet in the lobby on 1/5/19 with details of times, transport etc. In the meantime please put 22 May 10am in your diary.

John Hetherington.

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GARDEN GROUP

Well you may have noticed some planting has been done around the hall garden, they are Liriopes, a donation from Anne White, thanks Anne. Watch for more planting, now the weather is cooler. Unfortunately the big Woolly Bush is on the way out.

On Thursday 14 March a carload of us drove down to Lancefield to see Elaine Walley's (Thompson) newly renovated garden and house. We were delighted to find a white gravel backyard and driveway surrounded by garden beds of different shapes. A striking feature in the backyard, funnily enough is a Furphy pig trough, filled with water plants. The garden plants included Eremophilas, Viburnum, Flannel Flower, Roses, Sedums and Armenia.

A Smoke bush/tree (the Cotinus) gave a contrast of colour. Elaine has inherited shady trees on the western side of her block giving her the climate needed to grow her large collection of Hoyas and Lillies.

On Friday 29th March, U3A members are welcome to join us on a Ford's bus trip to the International Flower Show in Melbourne. The bus leaves the Shepp library at 8am, Cost is \$77. This fee includes the entrance ticket and morning tea. Ring Fords to book.

Jan Vibert 58 235433.

FILM CLUB

The film club meets Second Monday of month at U3A

April 8 at 2pm - **A PLACE IN THE SUN**, Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift.
I will be away so Allan Wilson will be showing the film. Any questions to Greg Barnes please. Hope you enjoy the movie. Liz looks young and gorgeous. Janiene

CANINE CAPERS

First Monday of month meet behind Aqua-moves at 8.30 and as I am overseas David Jones (with Stewie) will be the contact 0428 194 906.

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike most people. Janiene

LEGAL TALKS

The first of Marshall Richards's classes about legal matters will be held on **Monday 1 April** from **10 am** until 11 am. At this class Marshall hopes to discuss:

1. Wills, Financial and Medical Powers of Attorney, (General, Limited & Co. Powers of Attorney).
2. Difference between Joint Ownership and Ownership in Common.
3. Guarantees and Indemnities.
4. Assault and Battery.

The second of these classes will held on Monday 6 May, the third on Monday 3 June

WRITING4PLEASURE

The current members of the WRITING4PLEASURE group, extend a warm welcome to any members who feel they would like to join us and have a go at writing. As well as being fun, it gives the brain a workout. We meet at 1.00 to 3.30PM on the **THIRD THURSDAY** of each month. Venue - Shepparton Library meeting room.

A small cost of \$2.00 per person, covers hire of room and tea/coffee.

Each month a different member of our group, provides two topics for us to write approximately 500 words. Topics for April:

What's in a Name?

What About the Commercials?

We welcomed February with five new faces around the table and hope that they enjoyed the interesting stories that were presented from members. We also had a guest speaker Margaret Lock, who has written a children's book called 'Sam's Meteorite', about the Murchison meteorite. Margaret's talk was very informative and interesting and I am sure we all gained some knowledge.

QUOTE for the month: - "Not that the story need be long, but it will take a long while to make it short." – Henry David Thoreau

CONTACT: Lyn Austin. Phone - 0468 312 602

COMPUTERS - PHOTOBOOKS

I will run more Photobook classes if there are sufficient numbers. Classes would be on Thursday afternoons from 3 - 5pm. Anyone wishing to join the classes should contact me and leave their details. If there are not enough to run a class, I will continue to offer time in the Monday classes.

David Muir 0414 881 369

BIRD WATCHING



The 17 April outing is a morning at the Lower Goulburn National Park Bunbartha. Please meet at the U3A Hall at 9am.

Please contact Don Roberts
5825 2404. 0448 889 224
or Marg Clarke 0429 350 875.

Birds seen at March outing are shown below. Left bottom pied cormorant swallowing a yabby. Below kingfisher.



ENJOYING LITERATURE

On Monday 25 March at 2pm the Enjoying Literature class will be watching the DVD "The Picture of Dorian Gray" at the GUV3A hall. We have read this book written by Oscar Wilde and now we will compare the film with the book. If you are not a class member and wish to come along you will be most welcome.

After this screening we will discuss if we wish to continue on with Oscar Wilde's works or move onto someone else.

Greg Barnes 0438 569 611

OPERA APPRECIATION

Ten people travelled to a wonderful new production of La Traviata on Sunday the 17th March. We were all euphoric as we exited.



Our next opera is Adriana Lecouvreur on Sunday April 28. Please ring Madeline Dyer on 5821 0272 or 0417 580 025 to reserve a seat, or email

[dyerm979@gmail.com](mailto:dyer979@gmail.com)

There is easy access to the theatre.

NATURAL RESOURCES & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 10am U3A Hall

GUEST SPEAKER, KEITH WARD, Environmental Reserve Manager GBCMA.

SUBJECT; Barmah / Millewa Forest

FRIDAY APRIL 12, 10am U3A Hall.

GUEST SPEAKER, LAUREATE PROFESSOR PETER DOHERTY, Department of Microbiology & Immunology, Doherty Institute. Peter received the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine jointly with Rolf M Zinkernagel in 1996 and was named Australian of the year in 1997.

SUBJECT; "Infections and immunity" - providing some historical context, the talk will discuss how infections (particularly virus infections) work and cause disease, and how complex immune functions to protect us and, at times can go wrong to cause autoimmunity. All welcome.

BUS TRIP, FRIDAY MAY 3, BROWN BROS MILAWA

Departs Ford's Bus Depot Telford Drive Shepparton 8am, returns approx. 5pm. This trip includes a winery tour conducted by John Brown & staff, followed by an informative wine tasting, lunch at the epicurean centre, and John Brown will give a presentation on the history of the business.

COST \$50. Money required by April 12 Natural Resources & Regional development meeting.

John Dainton ph. 5821 3881 or mob. 0417 549 502

HISTORICAL STUDIES

On Monday April 8, 10am U3A Hall, John Dainton will present a paper on his family history entitled "Shipwrecked on the Goodwin Sands".

All welcome

John Dainton, ph. 5821 3881 or mob. 0417 549 502.

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

If you would like to learn to play the card game bridge a 4 week course will start on Wednesday 27 March from 6-8.30pm. We aim to teach bridge in a friendly atmosphere in a few short classes. We will follow up with supervised bridge after easter to allow class participants to enjoy playing bridge with some help available from experienced players.

If you are interested please contact derek poulton on 0418559263 or 58254112.

MONDAY LUNCH GROUP DATES FOR APRIL

On Monday 1st of April the group will meet at The Peppermill Hotel for lunch at 12 noon. The following Monday, the 8th of April, we will meet at La Porchetta. Bring along some loose change as they may ask us to pay as a group rather than individually. Then on the 15th we will meet at The Vic Hotel. This is followed by The Sherbourne Hotel on April 22nd and Bill and Beats in Mooroopna on Monday 29th April. We will car pool from the U3A carpark at 20 to 12 for people who don't want to drive across The Causeway to Mooroopna. We are a friendly, social group who would welcome some new members to join the group. Ring Gail on 5821 1315 if you have any questions.

GVU3A SUB-COMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following members of GVU3A have been confirmed in their positions by your newly elected Committee. We are grateful for the many roles that these members undertake on behalf of our U3A.

Assistant Treasurer: Sally Parker

Catering: Sue Walmsley with Joy Findlow, Greta McCrae, Sally Parker, Kerrie Midgley

Course Co-ordinator Greg Barnes

Garden: Jan Vibert (+ Ray Watt, Bev and Tony Palma, Anne White, Susan Marshall, Maria Hartel, Judy McIntyre, Nola Sutherland, John and Val Hutchins)

Hall: Greg Barnes (Keys) and Carole Trotter (maintenance)

Library: Wendy and Bryan Gannon

Membership: Carole Trotter (roll) and Gael Thompson (name badges)

New Member Folders: Carole Trotter

Network Delegate: Greg Barnes or Jan Maude

Newsletter: Derek Poulton (+ David Muir, Denise Leffler, Christine Wilson, Gael Thompson)

Notice Boards: Anne White and Jan Maude

Publicity (New Membership): Liz Lee

Quartermaster (kitchen and toilet supplies): Volunteer needed

Special Events: Gail Jelliff and Sue Walmsley

Trip: Ray Watt (+ Carole Trotter and Bryan Gannon)

Web site: David Muir

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 1277 42898

Trip account: BSB 633 000 Account Number 1298 96049