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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barbara Brown

### Garden Working Bees

On Friday I joined Jan Vibert and garden group members at the U3A working bee in pleasant sunshine. I am amazed at how much has been done in just 2 weeks of work and happily added my labour for an hour! Bushes have been trimmed, weeding and raking and removal of stumps and rubbish from the carpark garden areas is almost finished. Eight loads have gone to the tip with the help of Ray Watt's trailer and Tony Palma. If you can help let Jan know and come along to the one or more of the working bees.

### IGA Cheque Presentation

Greg Barnes attended the RSL Club for the presentation of cheques from IGA Community Charity Fund. This year the U3A cheque was \$515. While it is a nice amount to add to our funds it is more than \$120 down from last year. IGA's community program returns 1% of purchases to the community group you nominate. If you shop at IGA and haven't nominated a charity you may like to ask at the counter about the program, sign up and nominate GVU3A.

### Guest Speakers

#### Tuesday 4 September 10am:

Roger Lenne, a pilot with Angel Flight

#### Tuesday 2 October 10am:

Sandra Chamberlin, Executive Director of Infrastructure,  
Goulburn Valley Health

Until next month,  
Barbara

## GARDEN GROUP

August is the exciting month of preparation. Preparing for a new garden and for a new season of growing interesting and beautiful plants. This week, with 5 workers, we made quite a lot of progress in the Eastern garden and the front door garden.



Ray Watt and Tony Palma took 8 trailer loads to the tip

You may not even notice the work done in the car-park gardens, both east and west, but we are also removing dead wood in those gardens. We will continue to work at the Hall gardens on Thursday and Fridays from 2pm to 3:30 or 4:00pm and we will share the jobs around with any members who can lend a hand, all very welcome.

In July our group visited **Noorilim Mansion** and its extensive gardens, followed by delicious lunch at the winery, Longleat. On the way home we called in at Avonlea Flower Farm on River Rd. The reception was unattended at the time, but we were able to purchase bunches of flowers, and paid using the Honesty Box system, which enhanced what was already an enjoyable day.

Jan Vibert

## IPAD AND IPHONE USERS

Hope you all enjoyed the winter months, as spring is in the air, our sessions will resume on Friday 7 September 2018,

**Weekly on Fridays:** From 1.30 - 2.30 pm Advanced From 2.30-3.30 pm Beginners

Have your first iPad or iPhone? The Beginners sessions will take you through the basics as set up email, connect to wifi, customise your home screen, face time and more. Our sessions are customised to the needs of the user,

Contact: Kiki Passenheim 0468 487 555

## SOCRATES CAFÉ

On Monday September 24 at 10.00 am Gail Jelliff will introduce the open discussion on "The impact of religion on behaviour." All welcome.

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

## **WALK AND TALK**

On Wednesday September 12 Margaret Clarke will lead us on the Pine Gully walk in the Warby Ovens National Park. Please meet at tU3A at 8.45 for a 9am start in shared transport. Bring your own morning tea, lunch and drinks and wear clothes suitable for the weather conditions. Shoes should have a good grip. Cameras and binoculars would be useful too. New members will be very welcome on this attractive walk.

Our August outing was reduced to the "Talk" component as 6 brave souls sat and watched the rain from a Roadhouse and shared many interesting stories of bygone days. We now hope to reach Thompsons Beach on the Murray on December 12.

Christine Wilson 0428 399 648 5822 1474

## **INDUSTRY TOUR**

**MOOROOPNA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM** Wednesday September 19 10am.

30 Park Street Mooroopna. (Formerly Grutzner House, behind the old hospital facade.)

Barry Campbell and fellow Society members will be pleased to welcome us. They will provide a guided tour and then allow us time "to wander". There are exhibits from Mooroopna & environs as well as those from the old Mooroopna Hospital. As well, we will be able to inspect the fire damaged ruins. What do you think should be done with them?

Entry fee \$5.00 pp. Tea & Coffee if you wish - \$5.00. Please make life easy by having \$5 in cash and "pay as you enter". There is ample free parking off-street.

JOHN HETHERINGTON mrjfh@me.com Tel 0419 319 339

### **Trip to Ken Muston's Car Dealership on the 27th July**

What a wonderful morning spent looking thru Ken Muston's dealership. Around 25 people attended and I think every one of them went home having their eyes wide open with the wonderful tour.

The work shop was amazing and spotless. The premises were warm and welcoming. Ken himself, helped with the coffee machine and nothing was too much trouble.

The tour took us through the workshop and it was amazing watching the mechanics do the services on the cars with their gloves on. The hoists were another thing - all computerized and can lift anything from a small vehicle thru to a semi-trailer.

The most eye opening invention that Ken has done was the wonderful oil recycling system that has been generated to heat and cool the whole premises. The drained oil from all the vehicles is filtered and recycled through a filter system that Ken designed and pumped up to furnace on the second floor, heated and sent through the air-conditioning units into the building, making the whole work place a pleasant place to be. He has use lots of local tradesmen in doing this innovative idea.

Thank you John and Barbara and Committee for arranging this wonderful tour and here's to many more.

Carol Evans

## **HISTORICAL STUDIES**

On Monday September 10 at 10.00 am Greg Barnes will present the first of three talks on India. All welcome

Contact John Lawry 58231704 or jrlawry@bigpond.com

## BIRD WATCHING

The September 19 outing will be at Terrick Terrick National Park Mitiamo west of Echuca, a full day outing. This Park is a Pine-Yellow Box Forest with two large rock formations.

Some species we might observe are Australian Ringneck, Gilberts Whistler, Hooded Robin, Southern Whiteface and Diamond Firetail.

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



Our July outing was at Walters Park (Jordans Bend) Shepparton where seven members observed 29 species some of which were, Collared Sparrowhawk, White-throated Treecreeper, Superb Fairy-Wren, White-plumed, New Holland and Blue-faced Honeyeaters, Spotted and Striated Pardalotes, Striated Thornbill, Grey Fantail and Mistletoebird.

This photo, by Marg Clarke, shows one of the many birds on our August walk at "Tahbilk". The Powerful Owl, observed high up on a wattle limb, is Australia's largest owl and is rarely seen. It is known to prey on large birds and possums.

## CANINE CAPERS

Meeting on the first Monday of the month - September 3rd - at 10am on west side of Lake, park just past Aquamoves. Maltese Shih Tzus galore, one Cavvie and one Cav/Chihuahua so far joining the fray. Leonie's white dog ended up black and white after a swimming fest. Max's "Woody" (Collingwood colour) came for the first time from near Yarrowonga and my Hannah waited until she got near the car to go home to jump in a muddy puddle. Much fun had by all persons and pawsons.

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

Janiene 0409 337 520

## MONDAY'S LUNCH GROUP

The following venues have been chosen for the month of September.

On Monday 3rd September we will meet at King City at 12 noon. Next Monday, September 10th we will meet at Cellar 47 at 12 noon. Then the following Monday, September 17th we will meet at the RSL Club at 12 noon and on the last Monday of the month, September 24th we will meet at The Shepparton Club at 12 noon. All of these venues have suitable parking available. We hope to see you there. Please ring Gail on 58211315 if you have any questions.

## WRITING4PLEASURE

Great fun at the August meeting. All writers had a story to tell about their particular item on show. Jan Maude was there with her trusty camera to record it all for the W4P annual publication.

The themes for September are: "The little white lie" or "The old grocery store". Interesting to see what comes out of those topics. Next meeting is at the Shepparton library meeting room, Thursday, 20 September, 1.00 pm. All interested members welcome.

Mary Heneghan 5831 6997 or 0400 573 985

## NATURAL RESOURCES & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**GUEST SPEAKER;** FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 10am U3A Hall

**Sam Birrell** CEO Committee for Greater Shepparton

**SUBJECT;** Sam will report on a recent Shepparton delegation to the Prime Minister and the priorities for Shepparton leading up to the State elections.

**GUEST SPEAKER;** FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 10am U3A Hall

**Rosalind Martin** the 2017 recipient of the Institute of Water Administration Laurie Gleeson Development Award, which offers \$5,000 to a water industry professional to undertake a professional development project. The funds were used to undertake a two week study tour of California in March 2018, to understand the communication methods in place during extreme weather events as well as increasing her knowledge on water management and agricultural practices. The itinerary included the California Department of Water Resources, the National Weather Service, Oroville Dam Operations, Yuba County Water Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Californian – Nevada River Forecast Centre

**Bus Trip:** Friday November 2, Gunbower Creek & Forest

Departs Ford's Bus Depot Telford Drive Shepparton 8.30am returns approx. 5pm. COST \$40, includes picnic lunch, morning and afternoon teas. Money required by October 12

This winter, environmental water has been delivered to the forest floodplain and wetlands through a large regulator constructed in 2013 and the plants in the forest have responded with a flourish of new growth. Spring is a great time to visit the forest and its wetlands while they are looking at their best.

**Report:** The talk last month on risks associated with climate change, presented by Sarah Barker, Special Counsel for the legal and consulting firm MinterEllison, was attended by about 60 people. The audience was clearly convinced that these risks were real and will drive compliance, regardless of politics. The risks encompass the direct physical risk to coastal property from higher sea levels, risk arising from people's response to climate change which will reduce the value of carbon based assets and public liability risk arising from individuals, corporations and governments blaming each other for their losses. We hope to hear from Sarah again next year.

Contact John Dainton ph. 0358213881 or mob. 0417457462

## SCIENCE MATTERS

**Evolution of The Dinosaurs:** Monday September 17 at 1.30pm

At our September class I will present an illustrated talk on the evolution of the dinosaurs. Dinosaurs dominated animal life on earth for around 100 m years, evolving from small to large and from timid to ferocious. Their evolution was greatly influenced by changing climates and moving continents. Then it all ended with a bang 66 m years ago when a huge asteroid slammed into earth at Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. That is when mammals got their chance. Fifty new species of Dinosaur are described every year, so there is much that is new.



Note that Nigel Liggin's Kitchen Chemistry Class is in recess and resumes again on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Allan Wilson 5822 1474

## ANNUAL TRIP March 2019

This is a reminder to add your name to the Annual Bus Trip list. All of the trip information can be viewed in the hall and the lists for your preferred trip are also there. At the time of writing there were 30 names for Adelaide and 29 names for Canberra. It is desirable to have at least 6 more names to make the trips viable. The list will be closed off at the next social morning on 4th September and the trip to be taken will be decided soon after.

The Committee has decided to allow non-members to attend the trip if there is sufficient room, so **YOU CAN INVITE A FRIEND THIS YEAR**, with the approval of the trip committee.

Thank you for your support. Ray Watt Ph 0439 716 420

## OPERA APPRECIATION

Turandot is an opera about an icy cold Chinese princess who beheads her suitors if they cannot answer a quiz correctly. In the end she is outsmarted and love prevails [the ice melts], although it leaves a wake of damage in its trail.

This opera, filmed at the New York Metropolitan Opera House just a few months ago, will be screened at the Wangaratta Cinema on Sunday afternoon Sept 16.

If you would like to attend with a small group please contact Madeline Dyer on [dyerm979@gmail.com](mailto:dyerm979@gmail.com) or 0417 580 025. We carpool and there is usually a seat available.



## COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Sept 3	Living it up in Retirement Seminar at RSL
October	GVU3A Display at the Shepparton Library
Oct 7-14	Free Seniors Public Transport
16 October	Course leaders lunch at Terminus Hotel
22-23 Oct	GVU3A art, craft and photography October 22- 23
6 Nov	Melbourne Cup
3 Dec	Christmas Lunch and 30th Anniversary Celebration
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.



### ART, CRAFT & PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

**Saturday, October 20 & Sunday, October 21**  
**10 am to 4 pm each day**  
**U3A Hall, Essen Street, Shepparton**

Entry : \$2

Morning & Afternoon Tea available  
Barbeque on Saturday

## 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

Articles for the October Newsletter are due by September 18. Past newsletters may be found on our website.