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2021 News Letter -Summer Edition

President's Report

As 2021 draws to a close we can all heave a sigh of relief. At the end of 2020 we thought the worst was behind us – hopefully 2022 will be calmer without continued disruptions.

The AGM was well attended and we were entertained by guest speaker Tony Porter, (worth going just to hear him speak). It was followed by a magnificent afternoon tea provided by Margaret Berlinger.

Thanks to Committee members for re standing and to retiring member Bev Jordan for her hard work over the previous 4 years. Continuity is very important in these times of upheaval and we have come through relatively unscathed.

It was agreed at the AGM that next year's fees will revert to \$50. Continuing with the half fee policy of this year is unsustainable.

On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a Merry and safe Christmas



Enrolment Day will be on 20th January.

Prior to that all members will become Inactive and the U-mas for Members site will be closed. Members can pay membership fee on line or at the Bendigo Bank any time prior to this and upon doing so will become Active. Don't forget to include your name so the Treasurer knows who is paying.

When members are advised that the site is open, those who have paid and been activated can then go in and select courses for next year, thus not having to attend the Lodge. This won't be happening probably until the day before the 20th so no one has any advantage in selecting popular courses.

Of course anyone can attend at the Lodge on that day whether or not membership has been paid and there will be someone there to take payment and help navigate the site. If you don't yet know your membership number, check your name on the attendance register and your member number will be beside it.

Barbara Decker – President

TERM ONE WILL COMMENCE ON MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 2022



Classes are run according to current Government Covid Rules

At time of printing all members attending U3A classes are required to be double vaccinated. Please check in with the QR code if able. These simple measures along with social distancing will help keep all our members safe

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Unfortunately the U3A Christmas luncheon is cancelled due to the difficulty planning around Covid

Thanks to Facilitators and members for their patience and perseverance through the various lockdowns throughout the year.

Next year there will be a new course – **Passion for Poetry** presented by new member Liz Dorsett.

Liz has recently moved here from the Latrobe Valley and was Convenor of the Baw Baw Poetry Group 2014-2021. She loves Aussie Poetry for its humour and reflection of the times and is a multiple Poetry Award Winner and Pop Up Poet and Bush Balladeer.

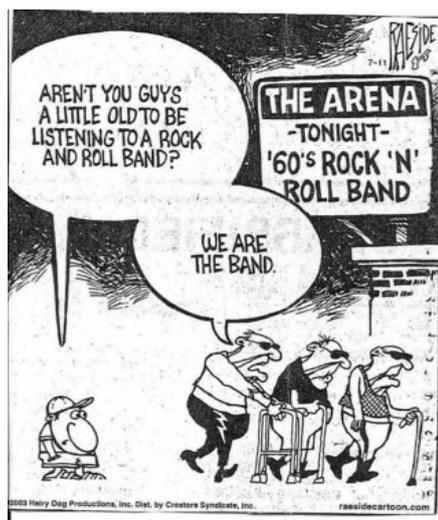
It is anticipated that the group will cover all forms of poetry – share your own or recite other peoples, modern or classic. Or just listen and appreciate.

Liz is happy to be contacted by curious prospective members and to discuss what type of poetry people are interested in. Enquiries Liz at 0473822533.

At this stage Judy Pillinger is happy to continue with Criminology in 2022. She has a keen band of followers who enjoy case studies and would like to see some new participants in Term 1.

Brbara Decker - Course Co-ordinator

Course Reports



Guitar Jam

The Guitar group has gone from strength to strength this year, despite Covid.

While using the SongBook app to display chords and lyrics has helped keep everyone on track and has enabled us to put together a 100+ playlist, it's encouraging that members keep coming up with more of their favourite songs. Everyone is so enthusiastic nobody wants to go home – we just keep rockin' on ...

Leigh & Bruce

Photography

The photography group has made giant leaps this year despite constant lockdowns. Bruce and I have been impressed with the way the members have dealt with the advanced levels of photography that we have been throwing at them. They have not only accepted these challenges but have jumped in and wanted more.

A very impressive way to end this year

Lyn Miles

Line Dancing

We encourage anyone that's interested to come along and give it a try next year. It's a great way to exercise the body and the brain. There are no wrong moves, the main aim is to have fun. Hope to see you there.

Judy

Craft

After an on and off year we are now hopefully back to normal and will be able to enjoy an uninterrupted 2022. Congratulations to some of our members who have been working very hard during the year to help stock to their Community craft shop on the Esplanade. Please go along and support them and check out their amazing work.

Our year has been up and down in more ways than Covid, sadly we have lost 3 of our long-term members. RIP Robyn, Theresa and Trina

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year

Margo

U3A Ukulele

Halfway through the year the beginner's group and the advanced group merged into one and the transition was seamless. Congratulations to the less experienced players for being dedicated to learning new cords, introductions to songs and generally being prepared for each session.

With the introduction of mask wearing, a small number of players decided it was too difficult to continue attending uke classes. We have missed them and hope they will return to us when masks are no longer needed. Reducing the class from 90 minutes to 60 minutes was one way we were able to cope with foggy glasses and breathlessness! Although wearing masks while singing has its challenges it is pleasing to note that our group numbers have recently remained at 14-17 participants each week. This is a wonderful reflection of how we all look forward to being together to make and enjoy music.

We are currently preparing for public performances in December. Look out for us when you attend some events around Lakes and beyond. Thank you to all the uke members who are always so enthusiastic and make the sessions fun and delightful. Thank you all for making my role as facilitator very easy and enjoyable. I'm very proud of every one of my uke players and wish them, and all U3A members, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sue Wilson

Canasta

The Canasta group had a good year with very good attendance for our Friday afternoon games. When the Lodge was closed we were able to play at home, and being able to use the Lodge during the school holidays gave us a full year.

We lost Wendy Nickson in September when she moved to Moe and Joan Lane is not well but they have been replaced with two new members Bev and Chris.

Our class was full with 16 players and we are hoping for the full 16 next year.

We will have lunch together on 10th as our breakup.

Joy Wilmshurst

Celtic Plus.

I've really enjoyed facilitating this session this year. We have 48 songs, some from the Nowa Nowa repertoire, some Irish added for St.Patrick's Day and two of English origin for the Queen's birthday. Like Carol's Playalong sessions, it's just a lovely relaxing way to play music together.

Also COVID allowing, we have music three weeks in a row. I'm planning some Christmas carols for our last session on December 9th.

Sadly those playing wind instruments have been unable to attend due to the wearing of masks, hopefully next year that will change.

Barbie Roche.

Shibashi Qigong

Our group is going well and all are back from their time away.

It is such a relaxing group and I wish to thank them all for their support throughout the year.

I wishing everyone a very happy and healthy time with your families

Hope to see you all in 2022

Andrea

Irish Session.

This is something I've wanted to do for a while. I had planned it to be more of a teaching class, but it was decided early on those of us with accordions play the tunes through once or twice and everyone joins in. I experimented with a slow session, but generally the pace has been fast. It's been a mixture of individual tunes or sets (playing two or more tunes in a row). I've loved researching this music and still have more tunes to add next year.

We have taken the opportunity to have extra sessions at times following Carol's Playalong sessions.

Thanks to the musicians who have supported this session.

Barbie Roche.

Beginner French

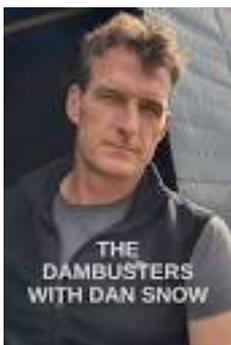
Our group of budding Francophones has enjoyed a full term of face to face meetings, even although mask wearing has made pronunciation rather tricky.

We started the term with the dreaded past tense verbs – difficult but necessary. Then we moved on to adjectives so that we could describe objects, especially goods we would like to purchase. That led us to role playing visits to markets, boutiques, bakeries and even DIY stores. We can now order a variety of articles in French in a reasonably confident manner.

We celebrated *le jour de l'Armistice* the French way on the 11th of November and look forward to *la Fête de Noel* at the last class of the term. Of course, the ingredients and the quantities of all our dishes have to be listed in French.

Bonne vacances à tous

Irène



Historian Dan Snow relives the story of a crack team of 133 young airmen whose mission is to destroy the great dams of Germany in World War Two using a revolutionary new bouncing bomb.

History

Our little group has had a good term overall, although we haven't really been able to get into anything solid. We have mostly used the SBS On Demand channel to watch Dan Snow's Dambusters, and The Battle of Britain - 3 Days To Save The UK, once again with Dan Snow, both three-episode series.

We have appreciated the different approach to subjects we have grown up with, concentrating on people who were actually involved, what their jobs were, how they did what they did under very demanding circumstances, and of course their ultimate fate.

It gave us a deeper appreciation of the incredible commitment of those people and of their willingness to give their all for the sake of their country.

We look forward to 2022 with the hope that we can enjoy uninterrupted attendance at our classes, and we would like to express our thanks to the President and the Committee of our U3A for their dedication in making a difficult time as easy as possible for us all.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Jennie

Film Group

Hello everyone! Another year has flown by. It has been more rewarding than 2020 as we have been able to meet at Lodge for more Movies.

During pandemic, we were all relieved whenever we were free to view a Movie. We enjoy the company of our group which has grown to 14 eager Movie Buffs.

We have seen variety of recent releases.

"**Dream Horse**" with Toni Collette, true story

"News of the World" Tom Hanks, "June

Again" and "The Dry" Australian Movies

"Summerland" World War 2 and "What We

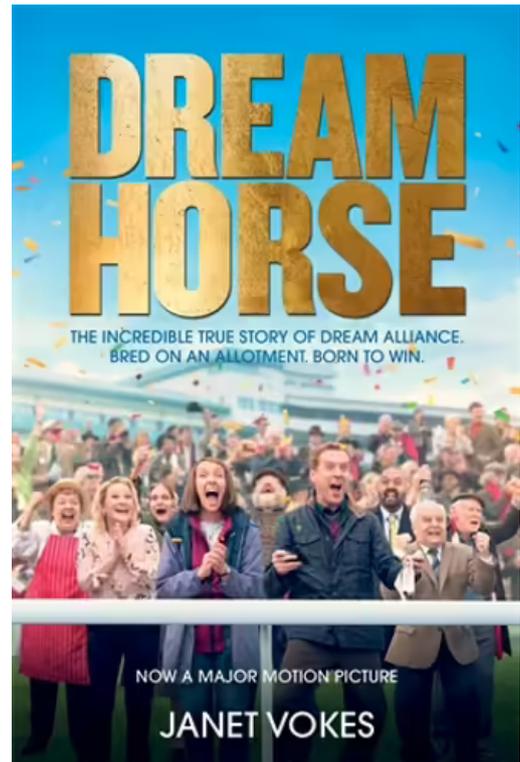
Did On Our Holiday" Billy Connelly, to name a few.

We have an Intermission to enjoy Cuppa, Cake and a Chat.

Our Film Group meets on Mondays 1 - 3.00pm.

Looking forward to our 11th year of Movies in 2022. Happy and Safe Holiday to all.

Anna CarterPearse



Scrabble

Another topsy turvy year saw the Scrabble Group gather as often as restrictions allowed us, sometimes at the Lakes Tyers Beach Angling Club, others at the Bowls Club. Always a happy, positive and grateful group getting together for a chat, coffee and the chance to improve our minds and vocabulary.

Some interesting facts you may not be aware of about the game of Scrabble:

- * Scrabble was invented in 1931 by New York architect Alfred Mosser Butts.
- * The original name was *Lexico*, before becoming *Criss Cross Words* and eventually *Scrabble*.
- * The game is sold in 121 countries and is made in 31 different languages.
- * If all the Scrabble tiles ever produced were lined up, they would stretch for 50,000 miles!!!

We'd love some new members, so why don't you join us in the New Year? All levels catered for, from beginners to Champions..

May your festive season be merry and bright! Happy Scrabbling!

Jude Everett

Mahjong

Another year nearly gone, in and out of lock downs.

Our mahjong group has still enjoyed the weeks that we have been able to play. We have a couple of newbies who have picked up the game and are enjoying it. Hopefully we will go into 2022 and be able to play weekly without any lock downs, fingers crossed.

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. Enjoy it with family and friends, look forward to seeing you all next year. We can still take new people, so anyone who has been thinking of joining mahjong please come along.

Christmas cheers

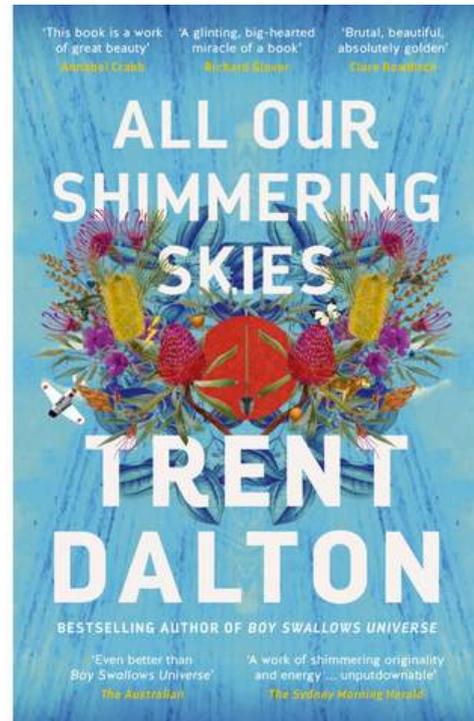
Rhonda Biddle.

Book Club

As usual we had a wide range of reading material again this year. We had an equally wide range of opinions about the books. It is surprising that a book that a few of us may really love can be seen in a very unfavourable light by others. For various reasons, we don't all manage to read the month's book. Looking back over the year, the books which were read and liked by most of us were *The Constant Gardener*, *Hamnet* and **All Our Shimmering Skies**.

However, I and perhaps others may put *The Splendid and The Vile*, *The Magician* or *A Gentleman in Moscow* above those. *Normal People* which has received enormous publicity and acclaim in some circles, generally got the 'thumbs down' from us. We will vote for our favourite book at the end of year lunch and also make selections for next year's list. We managed to keep our group going online during the restrictions but it is so much better to meet in person and then eventually to dispense with masks.

Beth Harrison



Free Dance

Even though we are a small group, we all enjoy the exercise of dance with the music we play, its such fun. Have a wonderful 2022 girls.
Merry everything

Andrea

Cryptic Crosswords

The Cryptic Crossworders jerked/lurched/bumped/twitched through 2021 at the direction of the authorities but we are still functioning both physically and virtually.

What will 2022 bring? Fresh setters? Refreshed players and some new blood?

Newcomers are as good as a blood transfusion and will be welcome in 2022.

We'll teach you the 17 Rules of Cryptic madness.

To life, to newbies, to felix sit annus novus and merda taurorum animus conturbat.

Gary Chapman call 0438 501 023 or email garychapman03@gmail.com

Discussion Group

"I disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it" - Evelyn Beatrice Hall (1903), Voltaire's biographer.

An erratic year has been had by us, the discussers, however we have met whenever permitted to hold forth on the issues of 2021 ...without incident.

Discussion sometimes morphs into the tamer conversation but in 2022, let our passion shake the foundations.

Bring your oratory talents and your indignation so that your words ring through the gum trees.

Newcomers interested may contact the facilitator by email or phone.

Time: Wednesdays 1 PM to 3 PM Venue: Probably the Lake Tyers Beach Angling Club

Gary Chapman 0438 501 023 garychapman03@gmail.com

Course Schedule for Term 1 -2022

31st January - 8th April

Monday:	Time:	Facilitator:	Contact Ph:	Venue/Room:
History	10.00-12.00	Jennie Towan	0407550306	Room 1
Film Group(not 3 rd Mon.)	1.00-3.30	Anna Carter-Pearse	0429978587	Room 1

Tuesday:

Walking Group	9:00	Val Ryan	5155 5870	Outside
Shibashi Qigong	8.30-9.00	Andrea Edwards	5155 4914	Room 1
Criminology	9.00-10.00	Judy Pillinger	0427323667	Room 1
Craft and Sewing	10.15-12.00	Margo Short	0408357378	Room 1
Scrabble	10.00-12.00	Jude Everett	0409528070	Bowls Club
Mahjong	1.00-3.00	Rhonda Biddle	0416035564	Room 1
Ukelele	3.30-5.00	Sue Wilson	0409389658	Room 1

Wednesday:

Gardening	9.00-11.00	Gwenda Bland	0490 700 723	Baptist Church
Cryptic Crosswords	10.00-12.00	Gary Chapman	0438501023	Room 1
Discussion Group	1.00-3.00	Gary Chapman	0438501023	LTB Angling Club
Guitar Jam		Bruce Wilmshurst	0457317993	Room 1
Getting into Guitar	12.00-1.00	John McMillan		
Rock on	1.00-4.00	Leigh Davies		
Keep on rockin'	4.00-7.00	Jo Robinson		

Thursday:

French for Beginners	10.00-12.00	Irene Yeats	0417547944	Room 1
Book Club	11.00 -1.00 (last Thurs.)	Beth Harrison	0409012726	Room 1
Celtic Plus	3.30-5.30	Barbie Roche	0402117540	Room 1
Irish Session	5.45-7.00 ^{2nd} Thurs			
Play-a-long Music	3.30-5.30 1 st &3 rd Thurs.	Carol McDonald	0429383909	Room 1
Free Dance(not 2 nd Thur)	2.00-3.00	Andrea Edwards	5155 4914	Room 1
Passion for Poetry	3.15-4.45 4 th Thurs.	Liz Dorsett	047382253	Room 1

Friday:

Walking Group	9:00	Val Ryan	5155 5870	Outside
Line Dancing	9:30 - 12:00	Judy Collins	0418 677560	Senior Citizens
Photography	10.00-12.00	Bruce Wilmshurst	0456611416	Room 1
Canasta	1.30-4.00	Joy Wilmshurst	0427323910	Room 1

All classes at Masonic Lodge 10 Rowe Street Lakes Entrance unless otherwise specified.

Stay Covid Safe

Don't forget to sign in, keep up social distancing and use hand sanitiser

BREAKING NEWS !!!!

PM Scott Morrison has announced that due to the new Indian Covid variant vindafu, people will now be offered the Pun jab.

Please start taking this Indian Covid variant seriously guys!!

My neighbour caught it and has been in a korma for a week, and he's only just buried his naan who apparently had a dodgy tikka.



Enrollment day 20 January at the lodge

- Members can pay prior to the 20th
 - either on line or
 - at the Bendigo Bank
 - don't forget to link your name to this payment
- Courses can be selected once payment is made
 - either at the lodge
 - or on line
- Help will be available at the Lodge on the 20th for using U-mas the on line program

