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2022 News Letter - Winter Edition

President's Report

As Term 2 draws to an end we are seeing the onset of winter and the migration to warmer climates of many of our members.

Our numbers are still down on pre pandemic levels but numbers are slowly increasing. There have been a number of new members joining us recently and they are warmly welcomed into our U3A family.

After the damage to the TV a new one has been purchased and installed. Please don't attempt to move it unless absolutely necessary as this was how the previous one was damaged.

Barbara Decker – President

Course Co ordinator Report

Term 2 has progressed smoothly without the interruptions we have been accustomed to over the past couple of years.

Class numbers are expected to be down during Term 3 as members move north but I look forward to seeing them all back and rearing to go in September.

Course Co-ordinator
Barbara Decker

'Have Your Say' regarding East Gippsland Shire Council's 6 proposals for change including

Recommendation B: Reduce overall service centre and library hours by 48.5 hours per week across five centres to improve resourcing for increased call centre and online form volumes.

If you have concerns about reduced Library hours you have until the end of June to respond to this and the other proposals. To find out more go to the East Gippsland Shire Council web site and by filling in the form provided on the "Have Your Say" page you are able to provide "your say"

<https://yoursay.eastgippsland.vic.gov.au/east-gippsland-service-centre-and-library-review>

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Course Reports

Ukulelel

Being back in the Lodge again has given us more space to spread out but it's a little bit noisier than before. Now that classes are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, we will miss a few during school holidays but I'm hoping that means lots of practice will be happening! We are trying a few difficult pieces of music at the moment, but it will be all worth it when we can play such beautiful pieces such as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Also, we are learning to play "TAB" which is playing the individual notes of the melody and it does sound lovely when we all keep the correct timing. As the cooler months arrive it's a good excuse to stay warm at home and play a few tunes on the uke.

Sue Wilson.

Garden group

Our veggies were shared with the group this year. We grew a lot of onions, beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and zucchinis resulting in a very happy group of people.

We have some elevated beds and that makes for easy gardening.

We are grateful to the men for bringing in the soil and the tan bark for the paths.

The garden beds are prepared and winter panting is in progress.

All good in our gardens

Gwenda Bland

Photography

I was asked recently if I thought the photos from the class have improved. I was happy to say 'yes' as there is some very good quality photography showing up.

The Photography class is working on several projects. Network has asked photography classes to enter their competition for photographs showing class activities. They hope to find photos suitable for use in their promotion if U3A in Victoria. We have a couple ready to enter and I hope for more by end of term.

The camera donated to us is available again. We have a new member who tried it out and is now merrily clicking away on her new camera. Any U3A member who wants to learn to use a 'real' camera is invited to give it a try for a term. If interested give me a call. 04 5661 1416

Bruce Wilmshurst

Celtic Plus and Irish Session.

Not a lot to report this term, as the classes are monthly and we've only had one class of each so far.

In the school holidays we did manage an extra session of Celtic Plus at the Lake Tyers Angling Club, with most musicians attending.

I'm adding to our Scottish repertoire at the moment, two new songs last month and I have another two for this week.

Barbie Roche.

Passion For Poetry

"Passion for Poetry commenced in February 2022 and meets monthly.

The members share their own writing, read other people's poetry and undertake a monthly challenge should they choose to accept it!

All forms of poetry are welcome as well as members who prefer to listen only. We are working our way through suggestions made by the group and planning to contribute poems to the newsletter and a performance at the end of year celebration.

Do you know that reading, writing and listening to poetry can raise your "feel-good" hormones and make you feel happier?

Considerable delight is expressed by group members with the effort and talent in the room.

Yours in rhythm and rhyme!

Liz Dorsett



(Topic Fractured nursery rhyme)

Putin Was A Mighty Force

Putin was a mighty force
Whose sole was black as coal.
And everywhere that Putin went
His ego, was sure to go.

It followed him to work you know
Which was within the rules.
It made his neighbours quake and quiver
To see that demon at their fence.

Putin had an atom bomb
Whose threat was loud and clear.
Embargos were of little consequence
As the world looked on in fear.

He said it was a training run
A friendly reconnaissance.
But tell that to the citizens
Who no longer laugh and play.

Barbara Simpson 2022

Folk Guitar

We got underway at the beginning of term 2. Everyone has brought 2 or 3 of their song choices and we are happily strumming away. Having to sing your choice is a challenge for some of us while others sing it out as though there is nothing to it. I find the best part of this is that you get dragged along with the group which makes it fun. I expect we will take some twists and turns as we find our way that should add to the enjoyment of our sessions.

Bruce Wilmshurst

Craft

Term 2 finished already. Its hard to believe that we are almost half way through the year. We have had a new member join this term. Welcome Meredith. We hope you enjoy our mornings with us. Our group is very small and we would love other crafters to join us on Tuesday at 10.15. We all do crafts of our own choice and are able to get ideas for crafts from others.

Margo Short

Scrabble

Twelve to fourteen members of our Scrabble group have met each Tuesday this term, at the Bowls Club, where we enjoy a coffee and a couple of games of Scrabble. Our group will be depleted during the winter months so if you would like to join us, now is the time!

Playing Scrabble is a fantastic way to spend a cold, Winter afternoon or evening.

Why don't you give it a go?

Happy Scrabbling

Everett

A puzzle for you to solve:

Which of the following seasonal words has the highest face value score?
Winter, snowball, toboggan, rainfall, umbrella, gumboots, raincoat, jumper

Answer - Last page

History

We were glad to return to the Lodge - home - but like many of us, got a shock to see the new floor covering in the main room. While it looks lovely, we have found it challenging sound wise, as we use the big TV exclusively for our material. For that reason, we had a few sessions in the small room, but it became obvious social distancing was not really possible, so it was back to the big room, once the cracked TV was replaced.

Added to all these challenges was the Yale lectures chosen for this term 'Power and Politics in Today's World'. How did we get from the huge euphoria that followed the fall of communism in the early 1990s to our present politics of fear and resentment, and what are the prospects going forward?

Sterling Professor of Political Science [Ian Shapiro](#) answered these questions for Yale students and the general public in his fall 2019 course "[Power and Politics in Today's World](#)," one of the latest in Yale's DeVane Lecture series.

We have learnt a great deal about American politics, with a good smattering of English and European politics as well. We can see how Australia has obediently fallen in line with the less government more privatisation policies developed during the 1980s.

We will continue with these enlightening lectures into Term 3.

Jennie

Free Dance

This group has been going very well and we welcome new members Keryn and Kerry.

We have been playing some great music, which is enjoyed by all.

Anyone can bring their music and I am happy to play it

Happy Dancing

Andrea

Shibashi Qigong

It's been nice to have everyone back, but its that time again when some head off to warmer places. I wish them safe travels and look forward to their return. Shibashi is a very relaxing exercise so come along and give it a try. Welcome to Kerrie who is really enjoying it. Have a smile in your heart.

Andrea

Canasta

We have an enthusiastic group of card players who look forward to our games on Friday afternoons. Last Friday we enjoyed lunch together before our game. A couple of our players have gone away for the winter and new members have filled the space.

Joy

Film Group

The end of another term of great movies which our enthusiastic group are enjoying watching on our new large screen. While we wait for the release of "Downton Abby" and "The Duke" with Helen

Mirren, we have enjoyed a range of titles such as "Goodnight Mr Tom" with John Thaw.

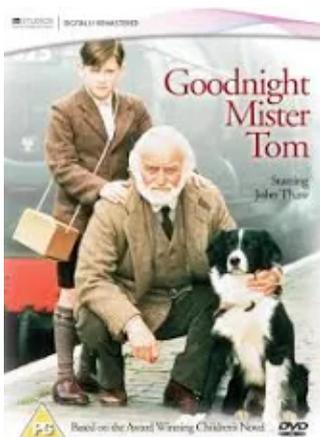
"The Shiralee" with Bryon Brown, Maggie Smith in "My house in Umbria" and

"The other sister" Dianne Keaton.

Its cosy in the lodge and a great way to while away a cold winter afternoon.

Stay safe and warm

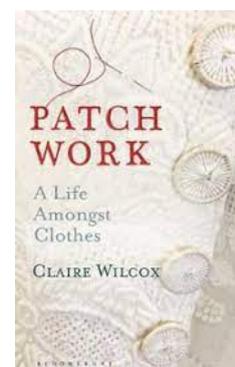
Anna CarterPearse



Book Club



"Bruny" by Heather Rose was April's book. Fairly well received by half the group but for some it was too far fetched. It was however, interesting to see an amazing alignment between aspects of the story and current world events. Conversely, "Patchwork. A Life Amongst Clothes" , by Claire Wilcox was embraced by our group and really loved by many. We felt that the author has superb skills and the experiences of a renowned curator were fascinating.



We are all incredibly saddened to lose our long time member Sunny Farrant. Her insights and calming aura are irreplaceable. A true and generous friend to one and all.



Our lasting memory will be of such a happy lunch gathering on the day before she passed away.

Beth Harrison

French for Beginners

Salut à tous - We have had a few changes this term. We miss Helen who had to leave due to work commitments, but we welcomed Bev, Louise and Sally. It has been a short but busy term, trying to make prepositions and interrogative, imperative, negative and past tense verbs sound like fun! We have made virtual tours of the Metro, the Supermarket, a restaurant, the railway station and a French home.

The winter term will see some of us off to warmer climes. One of us is even off to France, so we'll have lots to talk about in Term 4 - in French of course!

À la prochaine

Irène Yeats

Getting into Guitar

Students have been concentrating on the Guitar techniques learned in term 1 and using them to play songs of diverse genres, while creating their own playing style.

The new techniques acquired are practiced throughout the week at their own pace at home and then students bring their results to class where we can listen to their progress as a group

The new playing styles are a bit of a challenge, but the class has proved it is up to the task

Kind regards

Jonny McMillan

Rock on

Our numbers have rationalised as winter sets in, resulting in a great core of good players.

We have switched from using the SongBook app to Ultimate Guitar, which has the advantage of self-scrolling so everyone can keep playing. While this has meant we have had to rebuild the playlist, it has been outweighed by the benefits of the new program.

We're all looking forward to rockin' on through Term 3.

Leigh Davies

Cryptic Crosswords

Thanks to the Bowls Club for accommodating us while repairs were underway at the Lodge but we are now well installed at the Lodge once again. We have plenty of room for new Cryptickers to join us on Wednesdays and learn the skills and the fun of collaboration.

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

Discussion Group

Now reinstalled at the Lake Tyers Beach Angling Club, we are keeping up the talk so that nothing escapes our scrutiny. New discussers might join us for a pleasant Wednesday afternoon from 1 PM to 3 PM

Gary Chapman 0438 501 023 garychapman03@gmail.com

Library

The Library is at the Lodge between the two classrooms. We have a large assortment of books which may be borrowed, no time limit. Lots of good books have been added lately so check it out.

Joy Wilmshurst

Check out our website for more information.

<https://www.lakesu3a.com.au/>

Camera group



Ukelele group



Course Schedule for Term 3 2022

11th July – 16th September

Monday:	Time:	Facilitator:	Contact Ph:	Venue/Room:
History	10.00-12.00	Jennie Towan	0407 550 306	Room 1
Film Group(not 3 rd Mon.)	1.00-3.30	Anna Carter-Pearse	0429 978 587	Room 1
Folk Guitar	1.30-4.00	Bruce Wilmshurst	0456 611 416	To be advised

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 (1st&3 rd Tues)	3.30-5.00	Sue Wilson	0409389658	Room 1
Sessions Tunes (2 nd Tues.)	3.30-5.30	Barbie Roach	0402117540	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
Getting into Guitar	12.00-1.00	John McMillan	0428546094	Room 1
Rock On	1.00-4.00	Leigh Davies	0457317993	Room 1
Keep on Rockin'	4.00-7.00	Jo Robertson	0419133848	Room 1

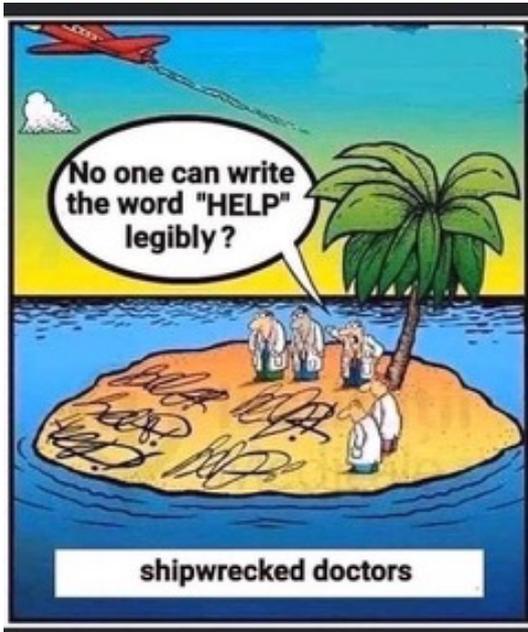
Thursday:

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 2 nd Thurs.	Barbie Roche	0402117540	Room 1
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

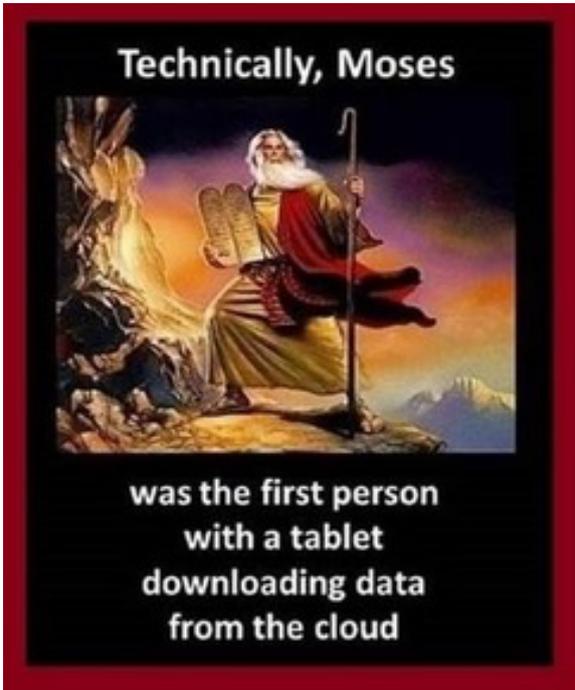
Friday:

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.



Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.



Scrabble Solution

- Winter - 4+1+1+1+1+1= 9
- Umbrella - 1+3+3+1+1+1+1+1= 12
- Snowball - 1+1+1+4+3+1+1+1=13.
- Gumboots - 2+1+3+3+1+1+1+1= 13
- Toboggan - 1+1+3+1+2+2+1+1= 12.
- Raincoat - 1+1+1+1+3+1+1+1= 10
- Rainfall - 1+1+1+1+4+1+1+1= 11.
- Jumper - 8+1+3+3+1+1= 17

