



Benalla and District Inc. Newsletter – April 2016

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Rupe and Gwen Cheetham were injured in a car crash while travelling to a Lifeball fixture. On behalf of U3A I wish them a full recovery and hope they are back with us soon.

The **April Meet & Mingle** featured a fascinating review by Jane Parris of the Rotary Exchange trip last year to Turkey, at the time of the Centenary of the Gallipoli campaign.

A few weeks ago **John Barry** offered to run two sessions starting in May on **Wills** and **Powers of Attorney**. These classes are now full. We had to work quickly to book a room and give John time to prepare therefore we alerted members attending Meet & Mingle and those who had an email account to decide whether we had sufficient numbers. The response was overwhelming. We will request John repeats the sessions next year, so I would still like to hear from those of you who have missed out and would be interested in repeat classes.

‘Bowls club grants Benalla U3A \$3600’ headlines an article in the Benalla Ensign on April 13th prepared by Publicity Officer Judith Borthwick and Barry O’Connor. The article recognises the Bowls Club’s contribution to the updating of U3A’s computer equipment through a grant used to purchase five iPads with accessories to use as training tools. It goes on to describe the subsequent development of several course formats to cover the requirements of the beginner up to those with more advanced knowledge of computers and mobile devices.

*Terry Case,
President*

*Freida Andrews,
Newsletter Editor*

VALE
In memory of Doreen Harrison

U3A members were saddened to hear of the passing of Doreen Harrison on 21 April, 2016 at the age of 68, after a brave battle with illness.

Doreen was one of the original members of the Patchwork group and was a talented quilter who produced many beautiful quilts, some of which were for charity. She attended as often as her many commitments allowed and was always willing to help less experienced members of the group.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Doreen’s husband Jack, children and grandchildren.

Newsletter News

- **‘Around the Traps—Community News’** is a new section in our Newsletter (refer page 8). We hope to provide news of activities and other community happenings that may interest U3A members.
- A message for convenors – while obviously desirable, it isn’t compulsory to submit a group report each month. If reports are not received by the newsletter deadline it will be assumed that a report is not required for that month.
- The next newsletter deadline is on **Monday 23 May** at midday.

GROUP REPORTS

Armchair History

We are approaching the end of our study of Roman Britain and will soon transfer our attention to the Saxons, who brought with them the English language. The Saxon invaders were tamed by the Roman Christian religion, and this will give us the opportunity to study the spread of Christianity in this period.

Armchair Traveller

The next meeting of Armchair Traveller will be held on Tuesday 17th May at 10am in W4. Jane and Bill will talk to us about a trip which included visits to Japan and South Korea. Jane will also take us on nature walks in several countries.

Art Appreciation

The Art Appreciation Group meets at 10am on the first Monday of each month at the Benalla Art Gallery. Next meetings are scheduled for the 2nd May and 6th June. All welcome.

Astronomy

Our tutor, Rupe Cheetham, is in the Royal Melbourne Hospital recovering from a serious car accident last week. We wish him a very speedy recovery and hope to have him back with us soon. We pressed on with our assignments and presentations.



Martin discussed a very interesting article he found regarding the age of some of planet Saturn's moons. New research suggests that the birth of some of Saturn's icy moons, as well as its famous rings may have taken place a mere 100 million years ago, more recently than the reign of many dinosaurs.

Jan led a discussion on the implications and predictions from the recent discovery of gravitational waves.

Scientists anticipate that it could open up a whole new window of observing the universe back through time. At the moment we can only see as far back as the time when the universe became transparent to light, 380,000 years after the 'Big Bang'.

Bev has been toiling away investigating the outer regions of the solar system, the icy wastes of the Kuiper belt and the Oort Cloud which act as reservoirs for asteroids and comets, the primitive left overs from when the planets formed. Fortunately her printer came to a crashing halt after seven pages or we may still be in Room W4!

Bird Watching

The group made a morning visit to Winton Wetlands, with 21 staying on to enjoy lunch at the Mokoan Hub café. Our first stop was a woodland area beside Lake Mokoan Road, about 1 km further on from the hub.

Conditions are very dry everywhere at present, so the birds were hard to find. We recorded Grey Butcherbird, Blue-faced Honeyeater, a flock of nine Brown-headed Honeyeaters and several groups of Red-rumped Parrots. We then continued on the Green's Hill, off Boggy Bridge Rd. There were even fewer birds here, but it still provided an impressive 360 degree panorama of the region, especially for those who had not been there before. Some people did a short walk while others enjoyed morning tea in the picnic shelter.

We then drove on to look at the portraits recently painted on a large water tank at the corner of Boggy Bridge Rd and Winton North Road. Birds viewed along the road included three Brown Falcons, a Whistling Kite and a Nankeen Kestrel. The last carload back to the café found two White-browed Babblers in the car park. A total of 24 bird species was recorded. Thanks to fellow Birdlife Australia member Christine Holmes for helping me lead the walks.

Our next outing will be to Reef Hills State Park, 5km off the Midland Highway south of Benalla on Thurs 12th May 2016. Please meet at the car park in Barkly Street behind Aldi at 10am. Bring morning tea and a chair. We should finish about 12 noon. Please note there are no toilet facilities at Reef Hills. **Kathy Costello**

Brain Games

I've racked my brains and I'm sure we did something about memory but I obviously need more of it.

I look forward to sharing more teasers and facts on brain abilities when we meet at 1:30 on May Day!

Bushwalking

Easy walk – Wednesday 6 April

Ten walkers headed to the site of Carter's Mill on the Delatite River, just off the Mansfield – Mt. Buller Road, past Sawmill Settlement. The mill was destroyed by fire in 1965, but there are still traces of the wooden tramline which transported timber from the area to the north. There is a very good partially looped track to the remains of a bridge, and many informative plaques along the way. A large part of the track is beside, or crossing Plain Creek, with various ferns, and the higher land has beautiful stately gum trees. The distance was just under 6km, and there are good picnic facilities. We had some light drizzle during the walk, and it got heavier as we returned to the cars for lunch, but the trip was very enjoyable.



Mid-week walk - Wednesday April 13 From Beautiful to Breathtaking.

Eleven walkers arrived at the Springs Creek Sawmill parking area near the old timber kilns in Mt. Samaria State Park to go for a walk on a perfect day for a bushwalk. Not too hot, not cold and no rain.

We began with a short section of trail still 'under construction' as we began our walk along the historic tramline where timber was hauled through the forests of Mt. Samaria 100 years ago. After a short walk through brush, we came out onto a good track through a lightly forested area. Taking a brief break at a junction with a wide track, we had beautiful views of this track winding through and then getting lost among tall, straight, white and grey barked eucalypts as it wended away from us. The scene was a reminder of a classic Australian landscape painting.

Walking back into the forest, our view of tall, straight trees shifted to a view of fields of waist high ferns catching the sunlight on very green leaves. We walked through these and a lightly forested area past many traces of the timber railway tracks used when timber was being taken from this area. Parts of an old wooden bridge alongside the track were also visible. This part of the track led us to our lunch spot at the Braking Station where we came across derelict parts of the machinery that had been used to transport timber from the kilns. The concrete forms that were part of the Braking Station provided us with benches with views for lunch.

Leaving the Braking Station, we walked up towards Mt. Samaria, but diverted from the track to the top to a flat rock area providing breathtaking views towards Lake Nillahcootie and the Strathbogie Ranges. Following our break for this view, we walked down the steep track back to the picnic area of the kilns where we all enjoyed a cuppa and the views of ferns backed by tall, straight eucalypts, a summary of the beautiful area we'd been walking through.

Patricia

Easy and Mid-week walk - Wednesday May 11 Bright and Wandiligong.

Please note we are combining this walk with the mid-week walkers, as it is not a strenuous walk. I hope this does not prevent anyone from walking the second Wednesday.

This year we make our annual autumn foliage trip to Bright and Wandiligong. As a slight change, we will start by climbing to Huggin's Lookout, for an overview of the township. Then to Wandiligong for lunch and the traditional 'Wandi wander'

Ring Vaughan Cowan 5762 1980 and meet at the Centre at 8.45am for 9.00am departure.

Easy walk - Wednesday 1 June

The Spit in the Winton Wetlands. With the cooler weather, there should be less snakes, so we will do a short version of the Spit walk in the Winton Wetlands. It is an interesting area with historic geological importance. Hopefully it will have rained by then.
We will leave Benalla at 10.00am.

Midweek walk - Wednesday 8 June

Sue **Pendergast** will be leading the walk on the South Blue Range near Mansfield. We walk along the conglomerate ridge with great views of the Alps to the East and Lake Eildon to the west.
Ring Sue on 5768 2403 or 0428 401 690 for details.

Chat n' Chew

Chat n' Chew will meet for lunch at the Golf Club on Friday 20th May at 11.45 am. Please contact Shirley on 5762 6768 by Tuesday 17th May for bookings or cancellation.

Collectors

It was a pleasure to welcome two new members to Collectors last Monday. Several of our members were away - we hope they enjoyed their holiday - and Pat is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Again we had a diverse range of items to share and interesting stories about when they were acquired. We had a camel teapot and several 1953 tea towels with slogans which would now be considered very politically incorrect, depression glass in both amber and green, paper weights, Limoges china, and jewellery. New member Godfrey brought along his collection of Wool Bale Stencils and Carole brought along a collection of badges she has acquired over many years in her various roles. We also saw some perfect shells, some beautiful items acquired from India and a child's teaset.

The stories behind many of these collections are of as much interest as the items themselves. Members were asked to bring along a gift which meant a lot to them and again we had many varied items and a few laughs.



Lorraine's Travel Souvenirs

Next month we will have a swap table and members are asked bring along an item which they are prepared to swap. In June we will have a guest speaker, Mr Graydon Johnston from GW Gadd Antiques of Avenel and Chiltern.

Do take time to look at the U3A website. Photos of items from our April meeting are already on the Collectors page of the website.

Comparative Religion

We had an attendance of seven which included Laurence Neil, the former coordinator of our class. The majority of the discussion was a review our March class when we worked on the definition and origins of religion, plus the listing and discussion about future topics for the group. These future topics could include a visit to Shepparton for discussions on Islam with a Muslim leader and an overnight stay at an Ashram near Daylesford.

Our next topic for May will be about the Quaker religion as suggested by Joy Shirley. Could all class members please bring along your research findings about this enigmatic religion.

A major discussion during the April session was about the need to define *Comparative Religion* as suggested by Freida Andrews. Due to Mike, the coordinator's, leaning toward philosophy and spirituality it was felt that a distinction needed to be made between objectively comparing the religions of the world and personally discussing the philosophy and causes behind religion. It was generally agreed that the study of comparative Religions is mainly about the former distinction.

The April class was concluded by watching the remainder of the movie "Sita Sings the Blues" by American animation filmmaker Nina Paley. While the movie includes historical aspects of Hinduism namely, extracts from the epic poem the Ramayana, it is essentially a story about romance and the raw deal so often dished out to women both historically and still today.

Mike Larkin

E Book Group

Our most recent title was *The Good Greek Girl* by Maria Katsonis. This novel is, in many ways, the standard account of the growing pains of a young woman in a Greek culture. Maria is a high achiever, who fulfils every expectation, except the one most important to her father: wife and mother. When she informs her parents she's gay, her father reacts violently towards her, and this triggers the mental breakdown which becomes the focus of the novel.

Maria's time in a mental hospital describes beautifully the horrors of incarceration and the difficulties of re-adjustment to a normal life. Yet for all this soul searching, readers may well feel that it's not so much her gay status that's the problem, but an inability to

face her very real problems of a lack of empathy towards others in the midst of a high profile job.

Film and Literature

This group meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 1.30pm in W4. *Next meeting - 11th May.*

Garden Appreciation

Thursday May 26

We are going to visit Joan McIntosh's garden at 17 Lower Stanley Road, Beechworth. Meet at the Flexible Learning car park at 9.30 am. Hot water, coffee, tea, sugar and milk will be provided for morning tea. It would be appreciated if participants could bring a plate. Lunch will be at the George Kerford restaurant at the old Mayday Hills.

Thursday June 23rd

Meet at Flexible Learning Car Park 10am. (New Venue) Victorian Flower Growers, 14 Church Street, Benalla. Lou has two new green houses in her backyard. She will have perennials and other plants all grown from seed from around the world. Lou will talk about growing from seed. Plants will be for sale. Lunch arranged later.

Garden Team

Despite five apologies we still mustered five and had a balanced program of garden exercise before delicious edibles. We will gather at 6 Tulip on May 9th. As May 30th was to be Rupe's turn perhaps we can offer some help there?

Investment

At the April meeting of Investment we had an interesting talk by one of our members, Peter Simpson. Peter spoke on selecting shares for dividend income using technical analysis. He illustrated his talk with several graphs of the shares he discussed and supplied us with an informative hand out. Thank you, Peter.

Later in the session we looked at some upward trending stocks that we had examined earlier this year, and noted which ones were still trending upwards.

The next meeting of Investment will be on Friday 6th May at 1.15pm in W4.

Let's Talk Books

A few laughs were the order of the day for Let's Talk Books. Shirley and Dorothy read us some very funny poems and set the mood for a pleasant afternoon.

Three books written by Alan Bennett including *The Lady in the Van* were lent and then we skipped along through Rebecca Shaw and *The Village Series*, *The Daughter in Time*, *Richard 111 and the nephews in the Tower*, and an interesting *History of New York*, one of a series of books written by Ed Rutherford. Continuing on the history side *The Story of Pearl Wallace* who was the inspiration for *All the Rivers Run*. Quite a few other books were discussed and we finished up with a cuppa and cake.

See you all on the 3rd May at the Library.

Lifeball

Lifeball was interesting recently as we played on three days in one week. We had our own day on the Monday, as usual, then drove to Mansfield on the Tuesday and had a great day playing, ending with lunch at the Mansfield Hotel before returning home.

On the Friday, we drove to Myrtleford to play there, and couldn't work out why Rupert and Gwen Cheetham didn't show up. When we returned home, I rang their son, Craig, who lives in Benalla, only to be told there is a tree in Oxley with their name on it!!! Gwen ended up in Wangaratta hospital with a broken collarbone, sternum and 5 broken ribs, while Rupert was flown by air ambulance to the Royal Melbourne hospital with a badly broken right leg! So we no longer have 2 players with whom we share our Monday mornings, and it is very strange not to have them there to correct our play, or keep us on the straight and narrow.

Naturally we send them all our very best wishes for a speedy recovery, but recognise they will not be playing Lifeball with us again for quite some time. Most unfortunate!! So our enthusiasm has been severely dented, but being as talented as we are, we will cope without them, and make the best effort we can to continue enjoying our great game.

Why don't you help us to enjoy ourselves by coming along to see how much fun we have??

Phone Marg Merriman on 5762-1404

Meet and Mingle

Jane Parris was the guest speaker at our last Meet and Mingle. She spoke about the trip she and Bill made to Turkey as part of a group of Rotarians in 2015. They were accommodated with Turkish Rotarians where possible and so learnt more about the people and saw areas of Turkey which they might not have otherwise

seen. In Turkey for Anzac Day, they did not go to the Anzac Cove service but instead attended a very moving service some distance away in Gallipoli with about 2000 people. Jane had some beautiful photos of her trip and has fond memories of Turkey and its people. Thank you Jane it was a thoroughly enjoyable presentation.
Our next Meet and Mingle will be held on 18th May.

Music Appreciation

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John commenced the session with a Sarah Brightman CD. We listened to selections from:

- Phantom of the Opera
- Evita
- Jesus Christ Superstar
- Cats, and others

We then heard an Australian composer, Andrew Hill (1869-1960). The composition was *String Quartet No 3*.

Second half of session we listened to the *1st Symphony* by Gustav Mahler (1860-1911), played by the New York Philharmonic, conducted by Zubin Mehta.

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John presented the works of:

- Iwan Muller (1786-1854), who improved the construction of the clarinet. We played the *Souvenir de Dubberan, Duo Concertant*.
- Carl Stamitz (1745-1801). We played his *Viola Concerto in D Major*. The soloist was Victoria Chiang.

Second half of session we played the *Rite of Spring* by Igor Stravinski (1882-1971). We closed with the *Clarinet Quartet No 1* by Iwan Muller.

Patchwork

During April patchworkers brought their developing project quilts for 'Show and Tell'. Photographs are being added to a slide show on our website page.



Beth and Dorothy looking at De Sales' project quilt in development.

Play Reading

Oscar Wilde's wonderfully written play 'The Ideal Husband' proved a popular choice for our April meeting. We will be reading the final acts of this play in our next session on 4th May. To keep in the mood, there is a link to the 1999 film version featuring Cate Blanchett and Rupert Everitt on the Playreading page of the website. At our last meeting we decided to commence at 9.45 am to allow time to introduce the play and select parts ready for a 10 am start.

Politics and Current Affairs

Five weeks of intrigue are ahead for the politics class as our Pollies embark on their longest election campaign to date. If you think that is too much spare a thought for the Americans, their presidential political marathon does not finish till November!

Rail and Tourism

At our April 5th meeting we talked about the famous USA Amtrak train – "The Empire Builder". As was established at the March meeting – this train was named after the famous Railroad builder – James J Hill – also known as "The Empire Builder".

This train runs from Chicago to Seattle, with a section leaving Spokane for Portland. It runs through sparsely populated plains country not far south of the Canadian border. It is generally rated as Amtrak's most popular long distance train!

Time was spent talking about one of its most popular stops – the small location of Essex, Montana – where the Izaak Walton Inn is situated. This is on the edge of Glacier Park and on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. The scenery here and its isolation makes it possibly Bill's favourite location visited! Unless you have your own car – the train is the only way in.

The DVD shown was one of Bill's favourites – "Donner Pass". This shows the climb up the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range from 200ft at Roseville to Donner Summit of 6000ft, over 200 miles.

May 3rd Meeting

1. The story of the Former Kettle Valley Railway in South Canada – just over the USA border. Bill had a detailed visit to this area in 1999.
2. The story of Union Pacific's Railroad through the Blue Mountains in the La Grande area of Eastern Oregon. La Grande has a population of 9000 and Bill thinks it is very much like Benalla.

3. Bill will speak on a favourite place – Mt St Helen's Volcano – He spent a full day there on his last day in USA.

DVD to be shown – “Winter in the Blues”

Important notice

There will not be a course day on Tuesday 5th July. Bill will be on holiday in North Queensland. One place visited will be “The Gulflander Railway”.

Singing for Fun

Our thoughts are with two of our members, Gwen and Rupe Cheetham who are in hospital following a recent car accident.

Brian has been collecting old radio jingles so that he can come up with a few surprises when we sing out. He is always on the lookout for more. Do you know of any? We have an amazing number of songs in our song books now, some of which have to be re taught for the benefit of new members. Faith is making sure that we keep up with songs which were taught by Charmaie.

We are looking forward to doing “Speed your journey” again. Margaret has been concentrating on the harmony for “The three bells” and “All I have to do is dream”.

Tech Savvy

Our April session began with a thought provoking video segment ‘The Death of the ATM?’ followed by an informative presentation on Smart Devices by group member Terry Dillon. Terry focused on ‘ICE’, Dropbox and the Dashlane password manager and is now planning practical sessions in using Dropbox and printing from the Cloud. Terry’s website page on ‘Smart Devices’ can be found at <http://teedee.com.au/devices/>.

Mingling and shared problem solving during the coffee break was followed by Bev’s progress report on the Tech Savvy Drop In & the Tech Savvies working group.

During our end of session ‘Q&A’ we learnt that a successful outcome when using USB and cigarette lighter connections in cars for recharging devices depends on matching the power available through the USB connection with the power requirements of the device being charged. Another Q&A question concerned the current advisability of installing Windows 10. Most group members who have installed Windows 10 reported positively. Older versions of

Office programs such as Excel may need to be updated for files to open. While updatable subscriptions to Office 365 are available, concern was expressed that taking up such subscriptions may be problematic for older people on limited incomes.

Upcoming sessions will feature a presentation by tech savvy photography buff Ken Jenkins on cameras and the photography related programs he uses, to be followed up later by a complementary session on digital photography by Terry Dillon.

Tech Savvy Drop In

We have now moved on to fortnightly sessions for each of our two groups. April sessions followed up the suggestion that complete beginners can ‘learn to love’ their smart phones and tablets by installing and becoming comfortable with ‘apps’ for word puzzles such as ‘Bonza’, ‘Bonza National Geographic’ and ‘Words with Friends’.

Most class members were also able to have their individual ‘learning need/s of the day’ addressed and there was much ‘lateral’ learning as participants took an interest in what others were working on and at times worked together on the same issue.

Thanks to Terry Dillon, Judith Borthwick, Lorraine Knox, Marg Jenkins, Ken Jenkins, Heather Sloan, Geraldine McCorkell, Anne Summers, Heather Wallace and Marg Walshe for providing highly valued mentoring during our April sessions.

We all enjoy listening to learners’ ‘aha!’ moments during the Drop In while understanding that often frustrating problem solving is a big part of becoming increasingly tech savvy.

Towards a Sustainable Future

Another thought provoking month of guided reading and discussion. At times our small group of environmentally wise old owls becomes so despairing of national environmental policy failure the words ‘civil disobedience’ echo throughout W4! John told the story recently of a Romanian grandmother involved in a protest against coal mining carrying a sign that said, “*You know your government has failed when your grandma starts to riot*”.

During class we discuss international, national and state based issues, and also explore local developments such as the current community energy project initiative;

future sustainable building forums and most recently a proposed trail bike track in the Chesney Vale hills, an area of biodiversity significance.

If you are interested in sustainability issues but unable to come to our class, check out links to some of our favoured sites on the Benalla Sustainable Future Group's website at <http://bsfg.org.au/links.html> and the regularly updated links on the BSFG twitter feed at <http://www.twitter.com/BenallaSFG>.

Wine Appreciation

Wednesday 25 May 2016

Meet at car park at 10 am to travel through the King Valley for an initial visit to Francesco Wines at Cheshunt. Lunch at Christmont restaurant.

Wednesday 22 June 2016

Meet at car park at 10.00 am for travel to Bullers at Rutherglen, last visited by our group nine years ago. Lunch at Tuileries restaurant.

Should a chosen venue unexpectedly become unavailable, another will be chosen in the same area.

Writing Workshop

Our April 'ABC Open 500 words' topic '**My other life**' resulted in the sharing of fascinating stories of unexpected other lives by a mathematician/knitter; engineer/wood craftsman; mother/Grand Prix motor sport scrutineer; journalist/dumpster diver; nurse/motel manager; teacher/politician; wool classer/Anzac Fellowship holder; mother/SES operative and natural therapist; book seller/ghost story writer. Ian spoke of his other life as a story teller, sharing his local second prize winning story of droving a massive movement of cattle from central Victoria to Melbourne cattle markets during wartime. A U3A member unable to attend class submitted an intriguing story about her other life as a 'four leaf clover finder' directly to ABC Open online.

Next month's topic is '[Shaped by Childhood](#)' *'Describe one formative experience from your childhood, and how it helped shape the person you grew up to be. It could be a treasured family ritual, an early friendship, an influential teacher or your first experience of losing a loved one. Think about an experience that's influenced you and share it with us.'* Alternative topics are 'Anzac Day'; a topic from the alternative topics sheet or for new workshop members, 'The Year that Made Me'.

Our first cafe catchup session will be held on the 2nd May from 2.30 to 3.30 pm at the Benalla Art Gallery cafe. Bring along 'alternative topic' stories; unshared stories (e.g. if you wrote two versions of a topic); stories from missed sessions; or other writing project/s you would like to share and discuss.

“Around the Traps” – Community News

- Due to popular demand the '**Let Us Entertain You Inc**' (LUEY) committee are proud to bring back to Benalla "**Trivial Music Mania**" on May 14. This fun filled event, based on Australia's longest running music trivia show "Rockwiz", consists of finding 12 contestants from the 1st round who will be on stage with six local guest impersonators, with performances to be followed by dance music. The Friends of BPACC will supply alcohol at bar prices and you are welcome to bring nibbles. Cabaret style seating. Tables of 10, tickets \$20.00 pp, can be purchased at LUCY LU BOUTIQUE from 23 April. Venue: Benalla Town Hall. Doors open at 6.30 for 7.30 pm start. Dress: 60's, 70's & 80's. *If you know anyone who would like to be an impersonator of someone from the 60's, 70's & 80's music industry, please call Anna Smith on 0429 367 236.*
- Spaces are available for the **Friends of the Benalla Art Gallery's 'Yarra Valley Tour'** on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th of August. On Thursday 25th the tour includes visits to Alowyn Gardens; Tarrawarra Gallery and at night to the Athenaeum Theatre to see the Ray Cooney comedy 'Caught in the Net'. Accommodation, including dinner, bed and breakfast, has been organised at Lilydale Motor Inn. Friday's itinerary includes visits to Coombe Cottage, the home of Nellie Melba, and the Heide Gallery. The all inclusive cost – apart from Friday lunch--is \$300, single supplement \$50. To secure your place please forward \$100 deposit per person together with your details to: Friends of the Gallery P.O. Box 108 Benalla 3672 or Direct Debit NAB BSB 083-088 Ac/No53 513 3993 Contact Margaret 5762 4934 or 0428 994 633.

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