President’s Report

What a fantastic start to the year. So many happy members, new and old, enjoying the existing and the new courses. Once again, a big thank you to all our convenors.

Congratulations to our members who were nominated in the Australia Day awards. The winners were all well-deserved.

Keep hydrated and cool as we face another hot spell.

Just a reminder that our March Meet ‘n’ Mingle on March 21 is our Annual General Meeting.

Dorothy Webber President

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on 21 March during Meet N Mingle. Some positions will be open for election. Nomination forms are available here. More information will be given in the newsletter at the end of this month.

Chat N Chew

A reminder to all members that our first lunch is at the Royal Hotel 11.45am on Friday 16 February. Please let Shirley know if you will be attending by Tues 13 so she can notify the hotel of numbers. Phone Shirley on 5762 6768 (phone rings a long time before going to messages).

Garden Appreciation

Warrenbayne Gardens Thursday 22 Feb

208 Stowe Road  Meet U3A car park at 9:30. Bring small morning tea to share. Milk, tea, coffee and hot water provided. Lunch at Benalla Golf Club. Let Gwen know if you are coming.

Wangaratta Nurseries March 22

Meet U3A car park 9:30 am. Morning tea and lunch at Glenrowan BLT Café.

Meet and Mingle

Wednesday 21 February

Speakers from Benalla Health

Topic: Stroke and Heart attack

- Symptoms and differences?
- What should we do?
- Recovery

Coach Day Trip 26 April

Ballarat Botanical Gardens & Lambley Nursery

Lunch at Pipers by the Lake at own cost

Coach $30 per person

Phone Gwen Turner 5762 7017 or 0438 627 010

Money in by 14 March

Gwen Turner

Stock and Land

Tuesday 6 March 10am to 12 midday

From 'paddock to plate' entrepreneur Sandy Latham will explore the challenges faced in running the unique Benalla business 'Hook & Spoon'.

David Palmer and Kathy Murphy

Travel Club

Wednesday 21 February 12:15 to 1:15 pm

Don’t miss out on the overview of suggested activities for 2018.

Judy Perry
**Wine Appreciation**

*Wednesday 28 February*

Assemble at Barkly Street car park at 10 am for a visit to Amulet winery Beechworth. Lunch at the Everton Hotel.

*Wednesday 28 March*

We have reached a milestone and celebrate 21 years of U3A wine appreciation. Founding convener was Louise Doddrell who led the way for many years. A few of us can remember that first visit in February 1998 to Auldstone winery when we took a picnic lunch.

We will meet at the car park at 10.00 am and travel to Gracebrook vineyards for wine tasting and 21st Anniversary lunch.

All U3A members are welcome to join us.

Keith & Heather 5762 4086 Noel 5762 3149

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**Writing Workshop**

*Writing Workshop* - Monday 26 February 1.30 to 3.30 pm U3A Meeting Room

**500 Words – Topic “Grandparents”**

"Describe your relationship with a grandparent using one fond memory. Draw on your senses to recall specific details and reflect on the impact he or she made on your life."

Bev Lee

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**Surplus Equipment**

We have some surplus equipment and invite members to submit an expression of interest for any items:

- Bauhn TV
- Entertainment Cabinet
- Kindle e reader

Submit your expressions of interest with a list of item(s) required, price offered and your contact details by 28 February to:

Secretary
U3A Benalla
PO Box 674 Benalla 3672

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**Key dates for your diary:**

- 28 Feb  Closing date for expressions of interest in surplus equipment (refer above)
- 28 Feb  Newsletter Deadline
- 14 Mar  Garden Appreciation members - closing date for payment of *Ballarat trip*
- 21 Mar  AGM

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**Community News**

**Community Meals Program**

Benalla Rural City Council invites you to attend the

*Community Meals Program*

Friday 23 February at 12 noon
Benalla Lakeside Sports Centre
Cost $15 per person
Entertainment/Guest Speaker
RSVP: Elizabeth 5761 2250

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**What’s On**

*Wednesday, 14 February*

- 09:30 Mid Week Walk - Mt Buffalo
- 10:00 Tech Savvy Talks
- 13:00 Film and Literature
- 19:00 Exploring New Operas 2018

*Thursday, 15 February*

- 10:00 Singing for Fun
- 13:00 Patchwork

*Friday, 16 February*

- 09:30 Towards a Sustainable Future
- 11:45 Chat n’ Chew Lunch Group
- 13:30 ‘Over There’

*Monday, 19 February*

- 09:30 Exercises for Fun
- 09:30 Lifeball

*Tuesday, 20 February*

- 10:00 Meet and Mingle – ‘Electric Vehicles’
- 12:15 Travel Club – Overview of 2018 Program
- 13:30 iPad for Beginners

*Wednesday, 21 February*

- 10:00 Music Appreciation
- 12:00 Community Meals Program - Lunch
- 13:30 Moments in Australian History

*Thursday, 22 February*

- 09:30 Garden Appreciation - two gardens in Warrenbayne
- 09:30 Program Services
- 15:00 Tech Savvy Talks @ Rustik

*Friday, 23 February*

- 10:00 Writing Workshop – ‘Grandparents’
- 12:00 Community Meals Program - Lunch
- 13:30 Moments in Australian History

*Monday, 26 February*

- 09:30 Exercises for Fun
- 09:30 Lifeball
- 13:30 Writing Workshop – ‘Grandparents’

*Tuesday, 27 February*

- 10:00 Politics & Current Affairs
- 13:30 Tech Savvy Projects – Family History
- 15:00 Tech Savvy Projects – Blogs, Photos etc.

*Wednesday, 28 February*

Closing date for expressions of interest (See *Surplus Equipment*)
- 10:00 Recorder Group
- 10:00 Wine Appreciation - Amulet Winery, Beechworth
- 12:00 Newsletter Deadline
- 14:00 Membership Services Group