

Benalla and District Inc.

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President's Report

Thanks to Benalla Rural City we have been successful with our recent Community Grant Application. We have received \$2,500 to provide visual equipment in the Senior's Auditorium for use by U3A Benalla and the Senior Citizens.

Some of the classes have had a drop in numbers, which is not unusual for this time of the year. Convenors, don't be disheartened, it's just the way things go.

The small meeting room is now available for use, though no technology has been installed yet. The rubbish bins now have Padlocks put on them to stop the public using them. The keys are on the wall inside the kitchen door. In other news, the hot water is now up and running!

We are still confirming details of regional restrictions following the initial lockdown and working to clarify whether U3A classes or groups can meet. If necessary we will draw upon previous strategies developed to offer alternatives^{*}. We will keep you updated when we have further information.

Keep safe everyone.

Dorothy Webber, President

Program News

Unlike most years, there are no new courses/activities in Semester II this year. However, it is possible to enrol in units which interest you in Semester II. Please let the convenor know about your interest in enrolling in their unit and add your name to the new roll if it is not already included – newly listed names will be added to the printed roll at the end of July. If you did not attend a course chosen in Semester I your name will be taken off the roll for Semester II.

Demystifying Psychology – a five session semester length course - is opening its enrolments for Semester II with an introductory session for new students on Friday 16 July, and will then continue with new content enabling current students to rejoin. For more information, check the Demystifying Psychology report.

There are also some seasonal adjustments and mid year breaks to note-

A Taste of Art will be taking a break in July and August, resuming in September

Birdwatching takes its winter break in June, July and August – resuming in September.

Garden Appreciation will be taking it's traditional annual break again in August.

*If Covid restrictions remain in place, it is likely that *Demystifying Psychology*, *Investment*, *Sustainability*, and *Family Research* will move to Zoom; *Easy Walks* and *MidWeek Walks* will adapt to changes in restriction levels; and *As Time Goes By*, *Creative Writing*, *Film as Literature*, *German* and *Music Appreciation* will return to sharing content through email, the website or other innovative means.

Convenors will make contact with their groups, and details will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Convenors and all course/activity class members are reminded of the importance of signing in to each session and recording attendance on class rolls. Even though we might seem to be a bit remote from a Covid-19 outbreak this could change in an instant.

Group Reports

A different View of German History

In our late May sessionwe concentrated on Otto Von Bismark and Kaiser Wilhelm the second. Bismark was one of the world's great politicians who was able to reconcile most conflicts both within Germany and conflicts between Germany and other states. He instituted universal suffrage and universal welfare but remained a dedicated monarchist who believed implicitly in claiming the privileged classes were best suited to govern the country. More specifically he himself was best suited to run the government.

Wilhelm the second had much the same thoughts. This led to conflict that was only resolved by Bismarks removal in 1890.

Kaiser Wilhelm or Kaiser William was grandson of Queen Victoria. Some said her favourite grandson.

In the years 1871 to 1890 Germany became the dominant country in Europe. These were the years when both men were in office. After 1890 the Kaiser tried to outdo the UK in military spending.

We also asked the question - who started the first world war? We resolved that it wasn't Germany. But Germany was forced to take the blame and was severely punished by the Treaty of Versailles.

Next month we will be concentrating on The Weimar Republic.We are slowly working our way towards the German Democratic Republic.

Neville Gibb

A Taste of Art

The "Taste of Art " sessions have been going well, with a few enthusiastic painters attending regularly. Although numbers have dropped off, the U3A members who are still coming are happy to learn the different mediums and techniques taught by our experienced artists. We hope they will feel confident enough to put a painting in our coming exhibition at Swanpool at the Scrap Art festival in July and August. After our sessions in June, the club decided to take a break for July and August as we will be getting ready for the Swanpool exhibition. We hope to resume in September through to December and welcome any new members to join us when our fortnightly sessions recommence at the Broken River Painters' studio in the Barc Huts precinct. Contact Carol Perry on 5762 2373 if you are interested.

Carol Perry

Armchair Traveller

Thank you to Kieran Smith for his absorbing presentation on his 1970s trip from London to Kathmandu. Very well received Kieran!





Due to the Covid 19 issue, there will be no meeting or presentation in June. Next month's presentation has not yet been finalised. I have a couple in reserve but am always looking for more. Can you help? Keep well in lockdown.

Art Appreciation

At our last gathering in the Gallery we listened to three local artists – Ralph Bristow, Frank Burgers and Anthea Kemp - explain their work and their philosophies surrounding Art. This was most informative and enjoyable, and we have to thank The Gallery for organising it. All have examples of their work on show in the Simpson Gallery and are well worth a second look.

Our next First Monday will be on 7th June 10 to 11 am



in the Bennett Gallery - "An insight into Robert Jacks' *Rhythmic Compositions* with Independent Art Curator & Writer, Kirsty Grant" *Rhythmic Compositions* focuses primarily on Robert Jacks guitar-inspired work of the 1990s and 2000s and includes paintings, sculptures, artist books and works on paper. To secure your place, phone or email Benalla Art Gallery: 03 5760 2619 or gallery@benalla.vic.gov.au.

Neville Gibb

'As Time Goes By' – Memoir Writing

Our May session began with a new routine - a 'Slam' list on the whiteboard - with people's contributions for the day added as they arrived. Stories were listed on the two topics for the day, '*Curved Ball*' and '*The Year that Made Me*', earlier topics including 'Someone who Shaped Me', and 'other' topics.

As last week was Volunteer Week, we began with two fascinating stories about volunteering - David Lowing's 'Someone who Shaped Me' and Barry O'Connor's 'The Year that (made) Challenged Me' - 2013.

'Curved Ball' challenged us to write about some of life's difficulties, about being thrown a curved ball. Marg and Helen shared moving stories about serious health issues; Shirley a mother's story of a car accident in which her son was critically injured; Elizabeth a story about difficulties selling a business, and Joy a story of of her husband being suddenly posted overseas when her children were small and she was about to begin a Diploma of Education at university. The writing and sharing of these stories was made easier by the writers revealing how they were able to deal with the curved balls they were thrown.

The alternate topic, '*The Year that Made Me*' (A topic drawn from an ABC programs which sets this task when interviewing actual or future Australian living treasures.) - drew forth not only Barry's story of volunteering in 2013, but Neville's story which described a fascination with Mary Quant which led to his life changing move to London in 1968!

Catch up stories included Val's 'Someone who Shaped Me' and Moira's memoir review of 'Salvation Creek'. Our adventure travel writer extraordinaire Bev Morton shared spellbinding memories of camping in Greenland with polar bears in the vicinity. Ray and Judy read stories which related to a number of topics/themes - Ray 'Turning Point' and Judy 'A Day for Annie', a beautiful story which won a statewide U3A writing award some years ago.

Next month's topics (Monday 28 June)

'A Childhood Memory' - Some childhood memories stay with us despite the passage of time. Some of these memories involve something which happened which inspired and built on our imagination. Share a story taking us back to one of your earliest memories. (Checking out Helen's story at https://u3abenalla.weebly.com/helens-stories/we-have-fairies-in-our-family-a-childhood-memory may to help to stimulate your memories).

Alternate topic (a previous topic for newer members to class) 'My Other Life' – Are you a collector of model trains, a swing dance enthusiast or a weekend activist? Share a story about something unusual you get up to outside of work, or a side of yourself that other people don't normally see... Tell us about your unusual passion and how you first got involved in it. How does your 'other self' contrast with the side most people see? What satisfaction does your other life offer you that you don't get from your day-to-day life? How does your passion contribute to you as a whole person?

Be Connected

We have been working through the unit for 'Staying Safer Online'. We have covered -



- Safe Passwords
- Paying Safely Online
- Avoiding Scams and Tricks
- Downloading and Saving Documents

During the units presented on the TV screen, there are videos and some interactive tasks and quizzes. Discussion and questions are encouraged to further everyone's

knowledge and confidence when using computers, laptops, tablets or smart phones.

Bird Watching

Jenny Sawyer

Visit to Pine Gully Picnic Ground, Warby Ranges

On Thursday 13 May 2021 eight members of the birdwatching group drove to Pine Gully in the Warby Ranges for a morning walk. We walked down the hill from the car park to the waterfall lookout. Because of the recent dry weather the only water to be found was in 2 small pools at the base of the falls. It's a beautiful rocky area with scattered native White Cypress Pines and Blakeley's Red Gum among large boulders, and was a first visit for some in the group. The birds were hard to find, with only 8 species recorded. We had good views of White-throated Treecreepers (pictured), Grey Fantails and Buff-rumped Thornbills. Some saw a female Scarlet Robin perched high in a tree.



After morning tea in the car park, most of the group then dropped in at The Hub Café on Lake Mokoan Road home for a coffee and a chat. There was discussion about Magpie-larks that attack windows, despite a variety of disincentives. And Sulphur-crested Cockatoos that somehow know to all arrive at a particular tree to demolish the foliage. One bright spark suggested they use Twitter.

Here is the eBird link to our bird list.

https://ebird.org/australia/checklist/S88933905

After a winter recess, our birdwatching outings will resume in September.

Kathy Costello

Bushwalking

Easy Walks

Pangerang Lookout/Pine Gully Nature Trail Report

On May 5, an ideal day to walk amongst nature, 13 walkers headed for the Pangerang Lookout.

Setting off on a rather sandy track, it was an easy walk on a gentle slope. This then gave way to a rockier terrain with bristle cone wattles among the other vegetation. As we approached the summit, we navigated more twists and turns around rocky outcrops and shrubland. Wonderful views over farmland and flood plains awaited us.

We returned along the same route-a distance of 4.5kmbefore driving to Pine Gully to meet the rest of the group and have lunch.

Ian Maver adds for the smaller ambler group: A spirited group of 5 amblers met up at the Pine Gully picnic area and followed the western branch of a trail that leads down to a lookout above the (dry) Pine Gully Falls. The



group then decided to follow the track returning on the eastern side of the creek, reading the many information boards installed along the way. The walking trail is quite well maintained, winding through large stands of mature and seedling pine trees, but the mosses and lichens abounding along the creek would have made slippery going after rain.

Joining the Pangerang group for lunch and a chat, we agreed it was another splendid day's outing.

Thank you to Lyn Hawken for an admirable job in leading this walk.

Wednesday 2 June: Murray to Mountain Rail Trail (Cancelled - Covid Lockdown)

The group was scheduled to take to the beautiful King Valley for a walk along the **Murray to Mountains Rail Trail**. Starting at Oxley, the walk of approx 7kms along a relatively flat path was planned to lead us to Milawa for lunch at one of the local cafes. This walk will be rescheduled because of the Co-Vid Lockdown which began on the 28 May.

Wednesday 7th July: Mystery Walk, Dookie

In July the group will be exploring the many possibilities at Dookie, with a planned walk of approx 7km. The group completed an enjoyable rail trail walk there in July 2020. This walk will include options for both ramblers on a longer walk, and the more relaxed amblers. BYO picnic lunch.

Please confirm your attendance by Monday 5th July with Glenys Chessells 0431201077 or gchess@hotmail.com

Remember to bring a hat, a drink, snack and walking poles if preferred. Meet at the Seniors' Complex Carpark, Fawckner Drive at 9.15am.

Detailed directions will be provided at the carpark.

If new members are unsure of their ability for these walks, please check with convenors Glen Chessells as above, or Julie McNeill 0407823031, juliemcneill55@gmail.com.

Car sharing is usually available, with a small contribution to costs.

Julie McNeill and Glen Chessells

Mid-Week Walks

On Wednesday 12 May, 19 Mid-Week Walkers, led by Helen Spinks, tackled Mt. Meg in warm late Autumn weather. Mt. Meg Nature Reserve is situated on the outskirts of Thoona. The ascent involves correctly following one of the plethoras of kangaroo tracks throughout the Reserve. Not having those long legs and hopping ability, we struggled at times, scrambling around rocks, climbing over logs, and dodging low boughs. Disconcertingly, Mt Meg kept moving further and further away as we headed towards it, but eventually, we reached the summit in time for lunch. Views over Thoona's



laser graded farm paddocks across distant hills were our reward. A scramble down the steep slope to the fence line shortened the return to our parked cars. On this relatively flat section, one of us [name suppressed] didn't notice a rabbit hole in time to avoid a heavy fall...but thanks to our leader, Helen Spinks, we navigated Mt. Meg safely and with all walkers present. Walk length: approx. 7kms.

Bev Thornell.

Wednesday 9th June SEVEN CREEKS / MT. BALMATTUM S – 4 -3

A pleasant early Winter's walk along Euroa's Seven Creeks Track and return, followed by a short but steep climb up Balmattum Hill track to the summit, where we can enjoy panoramic views over Euroa and the plains beyond. *Option: continue past the bench and climb up to the large boulders for the best view.

Meet at Barkly St tennis courts at 8.30 am. Leave Benalla at 8.45 am

Leader: Bev Thornell 0447 193 244

Chat n' Chew

U3A members will be meeting at the **Dragon Gate Restaurant** for lunch on the Friday 18 June, commencing at 12.15 pm. Chat 'n Chew luncheons are a wonderful way to meet other members or catch up with friends you have made at U3A. If you would like to attend this activity, ring Lorraine on 0427 376 991 for booking and also cancellations.

Lorraine Knox

Coin Collectors

A very interesting session was enjoyed at our May meeting where we had five members attending, including Alex Adkins who was briefly back in town.

Coins are a fascinating hobby because of their uniqueness, history, availability both in circulation and to purchase and the ability to trade with others to build coin sets and sequences.

Our general format is along the lines of "show and tell" where members will bring along a favourite coin from their collection and speak to its background and its collectability, or a latest acquisition or simply seek input from others knowledge.

David presented a full set of pre-decimal pennies from 1911 to 1965. We all looked and saw that rare 1930 penny (only approx.1200 ever minted) and the 1937 penny that is rare because only a small number were "minted" with King Edward Eighth head before he abdicated to King George Sixth. But alas while all the coins presented where the real thing, 1930 and 1937 pennies were not genuine but cleverly minted fakes.

Gary presented an 1870 English shilling which he discovered lying on a rural roadway in the Rutherglen area and some early 19th century English coins found at the original house site of his rural property while prospecting with a metal detector. He also displayed a complete date sequence of Australian pre-decimal threepences.

Alex showed some recent purchases from Australia Post including the newly released \$1 alphabet coin set. Australia Post is an agent for the Royal Australian Mint (RAM) and our own Benalla PO has for display and sale, new RAM coin releases.

Doug presented his almost complete collection of \$2 coloured coins and spoke of the hard-to-get 2012 Remembrance Day Poppy. He purchased a Collectors Folder off the web and noted that each coin slot described the coins in date sequence with photos which aided collection.

Rounding out the meeting David gave a detailed summary of Australian Coin History dating from 1788 when the Indigenous population used a barter trading system to 1813 when Spanish Dollar was introduced with the centre punched out to create "The Dump" and double the coinage in circulation: to the introduction of the first Australian minted coins in 1911: to the opening of the Royal Australian Mint in 1965: to the introduction of decimal currency in 1966: to replacing the \$1 note with a coin in 1984 and the \$2 note in 1988: the withdrawal of one and two cent coins in 1992 and the release of the first coloured coin in 2012.

At our next meeting we are hoping to run a YouTube video on coin collecting and what to look out as you "noodle" through your general change.

We look forward to more members joining us on the third Monday of the month 10.00am to noon at the Senior Citizens rooms.

Gary Edwards

Collectors

May saw a wonderful array of TEA POTS ranging from 200 years old to the new, with lots of great stories as how they came to us.

On 7th June we are hoping to share our JUGS large and small.

With the changes in regional restrictions we are hoping still to go ahead on the 7thJune and will contact you if there is a change to this arrangement.

We look forward to seeing you again and viewing a wonderful array of Jugs when we meet. Once again, they will all have a history.

Dorothy Webber 0412 263 071



Community Singing

The May meeting of Community Singing saw our numbers down slightly due to the cold weather and members heading north. However, there was a lot of hearty singing by everyone there, and the volume of our voices was similar to previous meetings.

We were treated by Brian Greed to both the organ and the piano for accompaniment.

In the first half Brian used the Tram Book of Songs and accompanied us on the organ. The organ gives a third level of sound as his feet are involved in producing the sound on the pedals as well as his hands playing on the keyboards.

The second session saw Brian using Sammy's Song Book No 1 and the piano for accompaniment. It is quite a talent that Brian displays by playing all these songs with no music. So, thank you Brian.

Also thanks you to Rae Jeffers for bringing us a special morning tea which was enjoyed by everyone there.

Margaret Jenkins

Creative Writing

We had a nearly full class in May. It was great to welcome some who have missed earlier classes.

The May writing topics were:

- Everything he did was a waste of time and energy
- But they had the benefit of a nearly full moon
- Everybody should have at least two......

Our challenge at the start of the class this month was around one of the five senses – touch. Each member of the class selected from a range of items, and then wrote 2-3 sentences about the feel of the item. This is towards enriching our writing with descriptions of events and scenes in our stories.

We had some general discussion around the editing of our stories which brought up a couple of points. One was around writing our stories in time to be able to leave them for a few days before editing prior to sharing with the class. Another thing that could help is reading the piece aloud to check that the story flows.

Our writing styles are developing and I introduced a web site that gives an idea about the style of an individual's writing. The site is at <u>I Write Like (iwl.me)</u>. I often get a result of Agatha Christie – remembering this is style **NOT** genre. I enjoy reading mysteries, but it is not the genre that I write.

Some of our stories this month were based on real experiences, but with a creative approach to the writing. This included one which humanised objects around the garden. It provided a description of the clothesline as guarding the back yard. Others sounded as if they were based on true events, but in fact were fiction with only a small amount of background experience – reading and discarding advertising material delivered to the letter box; needing a second television set.

Our next class is on 14 June, the Queen's Birthday public holiday. The topics for the class are:

- In the distance I could hear the roar of the jeep
- He parked the car where he had a clear view of the house
- "wickedness and sin" said (name) theatrically

We will be sharing the stories via email ahead of the class, allowing time to read and prepare feedback for discussion when we meet.

Joy Shirley

Demystifying Psychology

Well, no skirting around this (hopefully short) lockdown. Disappointingly, the latest Group Discussion (1 June) was cancelled. If the lockdown is extended (masks on and fingers crossed this will not happen) then Demystifying Psychology will dust off the Zoom link and get on with it! Covid, consider yourself on notice! The calibre of Group Discussions is extraordinary, varied and a delightful surprise. Topics and opinions raised are interesting, queries and comments are fabulously thought-provoking, and the result is proof that footy, religion and politics can be discussed in "polite society". (More "How to" at https://www.huffpost.com/entry/talking-politics-in-polit_b_11306930)

Our most recent Content Session (21 May) was a dense two hour look at three aspects of Social Psychology - "self and others", "obedience and power", and "group dynamics". Put simply, social psychology is about relationships. But, as we all know, there is nothing simple about relationships.

William W. Wilmot's (1943 – 2013) three paradigmatic view of self and others in relationships was new to us all. His theory is interesting and plausible and its application to the (apparent) USA "individualism" compared to Japan's (apparent) "collectivism" is worth a read.

Obedience and power looked at the Milgram experiment (in which research participants were first duped to participate and then led to believe they had administered a lethal electric shock to another participant ... true!). This experiment is considered unethical by current research standards.

Starting with the oft quoted "forming, storming, norming and performing" theory of Group Dynamics, the plan was to then expand this theory with a listen to a highly recommendable tedTalk. The speaker describes how teams can emerge out of extreme circumstances, such as emergencies, and how well-functioning teams do get the job done even when members do not even know each other's names. It was the plan until tech got the better of me. The talk became "homework". Here's the

link <u>https://www.ted.com/talks/amy_edmondson_how_to_turn_a_group_of_strangers_into_a_team?utm_source=tedcomshare&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tedspread</u>

Finally, I love it when researchers read every available study on a topic and then summarise these findings. In the case of Group Dynamics, I am eternally grateful to Hüseyin Gençer who has collated an extensive commentary on group dynamics in a globalized world. Hüseyin Gençer's paper 'Group Dynamics and Behaviour' can be downloaded from <u>www.hrpub.org/download/20181230/UJER28-19512242.pdf</u>. Next Sessions:

- Course Content 18 June at Seniors Building 1pm to 3pm
- Discussion Group 6 July at Cooinda Hub 10am to 12noon This is our final Semester 1 session. Bring a morning tea plate to share.

2021 Semester 2 begins on **Friday 16 July, 1 to 3pm, at Seniors' building Fawckner Drive**. You will find the timetable and topics on the U3A Demystifying Psychology website page or contact me for a copy. Also, queries and/or enroll by contacting me on 0437 621 575 or <u>janerushworth2101@gmail.com</u>

Note: The original plan was to repeat Semester 1 content in Semester 2. However, in Semester 1 we covered a little over half the planned content. The left-over content is now in the Semester 2 timetable. Semester 1 people who are joining Semester 2 may wish to skip Session #1 on July 16th, or come along--it would be lovely to see you back.

Jane Rushworth

Exploring the Universe

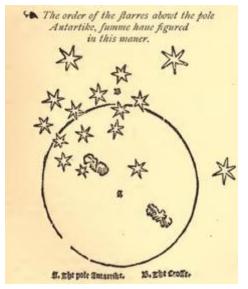
Celestial Navigation, the Southern Cross & the Magellanic Clouds.

"I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and the sky. And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by." So wrote the poet John Mansfield in 1902.

Early travellers and sailors used knowledge of the stars and the positions of the constellations in different seasons for navigation. In the Northern Hemisphere celestial navigation is much simpler as there is a stationary Polar Star positioned over the North Pole. Latitude can be calculated by the angle of the Pole Star to the horizon.

In the sixteenth century competitive seafaring nations bent on fame and fortune ventured into the unknown oceans of the Southern Hemisphere. They found a completely unknown sky and navigation was a closely guarded secret.

In 2018 the NSW State Library paid \$1.19 million for a 500 year old letter with a drawing of the Southern Cross. It was written in 1515 by Andrea Corsali, a young Italian who was sent secretly on a fact-finding mission aboard a Portuguese ship to India, by the powerful Italian Medici family who had business interests in



Florence and abroad. This copy of the original was made for authorities in Venice. "Espionage cannot be ruled out as Florence and Venice were rival maritime trading powers," said Maggie Patton, the libraries head curator. Corsali locates measures, describes and names the Cross. But it's not the Southern Cross that we're interested in. This drawing is the earliest known record of 'The Magellanic Clouds.' Corsali wrote. "There are two clouds of reasonable size, getting up in a circular motion they walk." The Magellanic Clouds are satellite galaxies of the Milky Way and can be seen clearly with the naked eye in our southern sky.

Europeans are credited with the discovery of the Southern Cross and Magellanic Clouds! The indigenous people of the Southern Hemisphere didn't have to discover them. They were always part of their folklore and navigation aids.

Through film we sailed from Spain in 1519 with Ferdinand Magellan's daring expedition to find a way through the landmass of South America to the Spice Islands. After shipwreck and mutiny, they sailed beyond the known world to a vast ocean they named 'The Pacific.' "*They marvelled at a different sky, at the Southern Cross and there are two clouds!*" After the death of Magellan, and starvation and scurvy they navigated their way through vast tracts of enemy waters. When the ship reached Spain 3 years later only 18 of 270 men were still alive. This voyage was the first circumnavigation and proved that the world was round.

400 years later the clouds were discovered to be galaxies orbiting the Milky Way. They are much studied and have helped astronomers measure the distances of the Universe.

References: Andrea Corsali, Michael Dennefield, Evan Gogh, State Library of NSW

Bev Morton

Family Research

We began our late May session reflecting on the fact that working on our family histories can evoke feelings at quite a deep level. We spoke about the unexpected grief and loss evident last session when the sharing of stories about grandparents led to people, often to their surprise, choking up a little. We talked about this often happening on 'Who Do You Think You Are?'.

Wendy Sturgess, commenced this month's 'Memorable Moments, Frustrations and Breakthroughs' segment, reporting on a recent visit to an isolated cemetery at Durham Ox in the Mallee where many of her extended family are buried. Wendy also described having great fun buying family history books she has always wanted on-line, displaying them for us to peruse, and shared details of Facebook groups she finds particularly useful. When reporting back on her 'lost graves' project, Wendy Webster said a particularly interesting lost grave was for a man whose death registration provided evidence that he had died at Winton. Nothing else could be found out about him until the transcript of a coroner's inquest was located which included statements from a work mate who had known something about the man.

David Hall and Wendy Webster reported on the recent Australian Heritage Festival event, 'Making the Dead Come Alive', organized by the Benalla Family Research Group. David described being thankful to one of the family researcher group members, Judy, for tracking an ancestor he was finding difficult to find. Wendy told us about a new local history-oriented network being created to enrich the work of a range of organisations in Benalla and its rural villages, including Winton and Tatong.

Members spoke about having to adjust to changes on Ancestry and Trove, which Barry suggested have resulted from efforts to make the sites smart phone/tablet friendly. Andy and Barry shared 'work arounds' for the Ancestry changes, while Trove was identified as an area class members would like to spend more time on.

Our topic for May, 'In Search of...', involved writing about someone who is proving, or proved to be, difficult to find. As stories were revealed by class members and remaining questions expressed, there were moments of recognition across the group of similar problems to be solved, similar questions remaining. Bev concluded this segment by describing the range of resources used to develop a picture of her paternal grandfather's family of origin and early life in Scotland, with a particular focus on the use of Scotland's People, a wonderful on-line resource for people with Scottish ancestry.

Next month's topic is 'Found' - the brief, 'One of the thrills of family research is unexpected contact with someone who is also working on our family tree. They may even be a close, but long-lost family member. Write about the first contact, how you/they followed up, what you learnt from the contact. Do you keep in touch?" (The suggested word limit is 150 to 400 words, however it is fine to share your story in other ways, including oral presentations; document 'show and tells', power point presentations, and more).

If this topic doesn't 'fit' with your family history journey to date, feel free to develop your own 'back up' topic, for example, take a significant person and prepare a brief biography of them, as David did recently.

Bev Lee and Wendy Sturgess

Film as Literature

Our film for discussion in May was "the Father", the story of Anthony struggling to come to terms with his deteriorating mental health. He refuses all assistance from his daughter, Anne, as he ages. As he tries to make sense of his changing circumstances, he begins to doubt his loved ones, his own mind and even the fabric of his reality. It stars Anthony Hopkins as Anthony and Olivia Colman as Anne, who both deliver excellent performances. Anthony Hopkins was awarded the Academy Award for his performance and between them they were nominated and won a number of other awards.

This could not be considered an enjoyable film, but it is powerful and confronting. It depicts well the frustration of both a sufferer of dementia and a family member struggling to come to terms with the "loss" a loved family member. It can be confusing as there are scenes in current time as well as Anthony reliving versions of events from the past.

The setting is all indoors, which perhaps reflects Anthony's mental state. While based on a stage play that would have had limited opportunities for more scenes, many films based on plays extend the cinematography to widen the settings. For this film it was appropriate to keep the setting so simple.

For Anthony, the deterioration is seen with his body language as he becomes a little more stooped, and his clothing moves from well-dressed to constantly in pyjamas. There was just a touch of humour, with Anthony constantly losing his watch, but even this was a frustration for Anne.

This is a film that shows real life for a family going through changes in an aging family member. Overall, we gave it a rating of 4.5 out of 5.

At our June class we will be discussing "Six Minutes to Midnight", which screened at BPACC from 20 May.

- The things we will watch for in viewing the film include:
- Did you enjoy the film? What in particular did you like?
- Was there anything that you did not like?
- What did you think about the cinematography?
- What did you think of the performances? Any strong performances that stand out? Any weak performances that spoilt the film?
- Overall rating out of 5.

Joy Shirley

Games

Monday 7th at 1:30 pm -3:30 pm fun and laughter with board games. Most times the dice 🌍 just won't go our way, but we come back for more.

Dorothy Webber 0412 263 071

Garden Appreciation

The weather was beautiful, the meal at the Seven Creeks Hotel delicious and the company excellent at our late May visit to the Euroa Arboretum. A most enjoyable day!



On Thursday June 24th, we will visit THE NATIONAL TRUST LAKE VIEW, Chiltern. Meet in the U3A Car Park at 9:15 to leave at 9:30am to Please bring your own morning tea. The Entry Fee to Lake View House is \$5. Lunch will be at the Bird n Bike Restaurant, 7 Main Street, Chiltern. Cost - \$28.00 for a 2 course meal. Menu:

Roast turkey with roast vegetables, green beans & gravy, chocolate fudge brownie with choc sauce berries & cream.

Tea & coffee tea station, free to enjoy as many cups as you would like. Celiacs catered for.

Money & Bookings must be made by 10th June as we have to let The National Trust know. Please ring 0438 627 010 or email <u>gwenturner243@gmail.com</u>

Gwen Turner

German

The first session this month began with a conversation in German about the need to speak the language more often. We agreed that the understanding and thinking of the words is there, but it is at times difficult to "say" the words out loud. The only way to do this is to gain confidence with conversation, which we are doing more and more. Our vocabulary continues to grow, with new words including many different types of plants, herbs, vegetables and garden tools. During the second session we individually read garden stories, different gardening words and a song out loud. This enabled Pronunciation to be corrected and new words to be learned.

Janet Martens

Investment

At the May meeting of Investment, we looked at the Australian Shareholders' Association 10 top stocks for 2021 as compiled by Martin Roth. We studied parameters associated with these stocks, including their chart for the past 12 months, the market capitalisation, PE ratio and debt to equity ratio. The group decided to revisit these stocks later in the year to see if the predictions of good growth had materialised.

In the second part of the session, we looked at various reasons for selling shares. This was prompted by an article which said that institutional investors often didn't take as much care in selling stocks as they did in buying them.

One of our members John Hanlon has suggested a great topic for our June meeting. He is interested in how members would advise a person about to leave the workforce with \$300,000 to invest for their retirement. To date one member has sent a very detailed strategy, and I am sure there will be more.

The next meeting of Investment is currently scheduled for Friday 4th June 2021 at 2pm in the U3A Room at the Senior's Centre. This will be replaced by a Zoom session if the current lockdown is extended. Class members will be notified of this change by email.

Margaret Jenkins

Let's Talk Books

A spirited group of readers had some robust discussions at Let's Talk Books held at Lorraine Knox's home. American politics and their Presidents were touched on, and Elizabeth McArthur's life also received a mention, after some of the group had read *A Room Made of Leaves*, which was compared with *Elizabeth McArthur Life on the Other side of the World.* The Naked Civil Servant is the 1968 autobiography of British gay icon Quentin Crisp, the book was made into a film, the reader enjoyed this one. Sarah's Key written by Tatyiana de Rosnay, set in 1942 unfolds from Paris to Auschwitz, one girl's journey to find her brother. Gillian Meares won the Miles Franklin for *Foal's Bread*, you would have to have an interest and understand horses to really enjoy this one, but well written.

Lost Souls, Jonathan Kellerman. When infant remains are discovered, the similarity of the same scene 50 years ago is revived. If you like crime novels this is one to read. Lorraine felt for the young women in *The Daughters of Shame*, true stories of young Muslim and Sikh women fleeing to other countries, written by Jasvinder Sanghera - this book left an impression. Author Chris Bohjalian wrote *Secrets of Eden, a* young married woman was shot by her new husband who then turned the gun on himself. *The Girl in the Woods,* by Swedish crime writer Camilla Luckberg, is a psychological thriller written along the same lines as Stieg Larsson and The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. Ben Macintyre wrote *The Spy and the Traitor,* a great espionage story of the Cold War. An author we had not read before Keigo Higasaigo wrote *The Devotion of Suspect X,* which is the third novel in the Detective Galileo series. There are a number of books written along the same lines as *The Codebreakers* by Alli Sinclair, but this one tells of the tenacity and friendship inspired by the women of Australia's top secret Central Bureau in WW11. Lyn read us a lovely piece about authors and their

pets, dogs and cats who keep them company during the long hours of being a writer. A lovely and funny piece of writing.

Geraldine McCorkell

Lifeball

Mother's Day and other family commitments led to some reduced numbers earlier in the month, and the group responded by playing some fast and furious half court games, which seemed to take a lot more concentration than usual!

We were very happy to see a return of many members and enjoyed going back to our usual full court game, and the chance to stand back occasionally and watch play at the other end of the court.

Lifeball is a fun, safe and active way to keep fit-no previous skill or experience needed!

*Covid restrictions willing, Life Ball will be holding a **Come and Try session every Monday in June**, commencing at 9.30am to 11.00am. This activity takes place at the Basketball Stadium, Ackerley Road, Benalla. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Marlene Pitts on 0407240943. U3A members are most welcome to come to the Stadium to watch this activity take place.

Julie McNeill

Meditation

The benefits of meditation can be experienced when becoming aware of your 'inner self', whilst ignoring the world around you. This happens the first and third Monday of each month at 4.00pm in the U3A rooms. Come and join us and experience the benefits of meditation.

Caroline Sims

Meet and Mingle

At the May Meet and Mingle we had an interesting presentation from Kathryn McQualter, a Dietitian at Benalla Health.

Kathryn spoke on "Climate Change and Health" and linked her talk into what was happening at Benalla Health regarding various climate issues. We also saw a very interesting aerial picture of Benalla taken from near the Benalla Racecourse.

There were a number of questions at the end of Kathryn's talk, showing that the audience appreciated the presentation.





Following morning tea we heard from Jane Archbold, Manager Community at Benalla Rural City Council regarding the Benalla Council Plan.

It was a great forum for our U3A members to have their say regarding various aspects of what was happening in Benalla.

Jane encouraged those with well thought through points to put them in writing and submit them on one of the Postcards which she distributed.

Pictured – Kathryn McQualter, (Dietitian – Benalla Health); Margaret Jenkins (Vice-President, U3A Benalla); Jane Archbold, Manager Community, BRCC)

The June meeting of Meet and Mingle is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 16th June at 10am in the U3A room at the Benalla Senior's Centre. The guest speaker will be Moussa Taouk who has a Goat cheese farm at Glenrowan. All welcome.

Music Appreciation

"The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry", wrote Scottish poet Robert Burns. And so it was. A delightful smorgasbord of music, drawn from a variety of composers and nationalities had been arranged for our sessions this last month until the corona virus raised its head again, forcing us into lockdown and the cancellation of the second of our sessions. Still, "half a loaf is better than none" and we managed one of our planned programmes - a little Beethoven as a prelude to Mendelssohn's much loved Italian Symphony, rounded off with a Bernstein nocturne and a divertimento by Brahms.

The planned programme for the second May session (a sinfonia by Handel, a festive piece for organ and brass by Louis Vierne, followed by a Schumann cello concerto, a children's story illustrating instruments of the orchestra from the pen of Prokofiev, with a motet by Charpentier to conclude) has been held over until we can gather again (hopefully in June). If this is your kind of music, why not come along and enjoy.

Bill Squire



On Target – Learning to Shop Online

It has been a busier month than usual for Dorothy Webber, Bev Lee, Jenny Sawyer and Robyn Lukey as we worked with a group of students who expressed interest in the Wesfarmers funded digital literacy classes being offered by U3A Benalla to increase the digital skills and confidence of older Benalla community members.

Our six week 'On Target – Learning to Shop Online' course draws upon the Be Connected program to develop the skills required to shop online, with lots of associated digital literacy skills developing along the way. One-to-one mentoring is also offered.

Each weekly session is described in some detail in the <u>On Target – Learning to Shop Online</u> page of our website. Although the course has almost finished, most participants new to U3A have chosen to continue on in Tech Savvy related courses in Semester II as well as other courses of interest to them. Please make them welcome!

Bev Lee

Page Turners

Don DeLilo's "The Silence"

DeLillo, an enigmatic American novelist, some believe their best novelist, again explores some of the fractures in American society.

Five characters are trapped in a New York apartment during a strange breakdown of all power and communications. They speculate, but we never find out, just what has caused this silence. No news is getting through and noone seems to know what is going on. During this 24-hour period they come to review their individual lives with more clarity. Is life more than watching football? Obsessively writing up diaries? Being trapped in Einstein's theories or wondering if capitalism has crushed the individual?



'Page Turners - Just about to start...' Photograph: Terry Dillon

A short and pithy book about America in the 1990s but with some relevance to the way many of us felt during the recent lockdowns.

Patchwork

We welcomed back Rosie after her stint in Hospital – it is great she is on the road to recovery.

The work we see for SHOW in TELL is truly beautiful and many photos are on our page on the website. The next all day session will be Thursday July 29th, from 9:30am to 4pm. We have had a large number of books and magazines donated by Kay. Hopefully, you will have time next meeting to see if your next project jumps out at you.

Dorothy Webber 0412263071

Play Reading

Numbers were down for the May class of Play Reading, but undeterred the show went on! Thanks to Joy for managing the morning. The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society again bought many laughs and lots of talent with the society's version of Macbeth attempting to get them to the Welwyn Garden City Finals. All events conspired hilariously against them. For our next session, we may attempt one of David Williamson's thought provoking plays on Australian life. Newcomers welcome.

Jenny McKenna

Recorder Group

It is always lovely to get some positive feedback and I have had a few people say to me recently that the recorder group has really progressed and is sounding very good. Well done to all of the group! They are very dedicated and work hard. The plan is that they will keep meeting regularly while I am away in Darwin visiting my brother. Not sure when that will happen now! I shall certainly look forward to hearing the group when I get back.

Janet Douglas

Saturday Cards – 500

What a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Testing your memory against the cards, having a laugh with friends. If you are interested in joining in, there is room for more players. We look forward to seeing you on the 1st and 3rd Saturday each month, commencing at 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Heather Wallace

Singing for Fun

The Singing for Fun Group has been enjoying their meetings in the Hub during May with a variety of songs chosen by our three conductors.

Brian Greed introduced us to the song "The Changing of the Guard". The group has adapted to the rhythm of the song very well, and seem to be enjoying it. Margaret Merriman included "The Oceana Roll" in her list of songs which everyone seemed to get into the swing of. Kieran Smith had a Showbiz theme for one of his sessions which included "The Sound of Music" and "Edelweiss".

We thank Gwen Barnes who has shown lots of versatility in accompanying these various songs on the piano.

The Singing for Fun group meets on the first and third Thursday morning of the month at 10am in the Hub at Cooinda. The Harmony session is on the second Thursday morning of the month in the same venue.

Margaret Jenkins

Stock and Land

Heritage poultry at Stock and Land

Carla Gardner, who runs hens, ducks and geese on two acres at Molyullah, spoke about heritage poultry and permaculture at our May Stock and Land meeting.

"Until six years ago I was a complete novice and living in Melbourne. But my interest in heritage breeds was piqued by *Backyard Poultry Naturally* by Alana Moore. She advised all back yard poultry keepers to maintain a rare breed if they possibly could," she said.

Carla explained that since the 1900s we've lost half of our domesticated breeds.

"For example, a silver fox rabbit breeder, said her rabbits were rarer than pandas". She said heritage poultry have been bred for their region to be hardy, great foragers, and have genetic lineage to resist diseases and parasites. Hence Toulouse geese, Sumatran and Spanish chooks.

Carla said modern breeds designed for maximum production do not fare so well. She said the Broad Breasted White turkey, the one usually eaten for Thanksgiving in the US, cannot breed without assistance. Hence there are jobs available there for turkey milkers. Isa Browns, Hylines and other commercial breeds too, inbred specifically to endlessly produce eggs, have many not addressed problems as a result, she said.



Carla chooses her chickens for the colour of their feathers and their eggs. So, she has blue, green, pink, white and brown egg producers.

When her eggs are available she sells them at Fruits 'n' Fare for \$8 a dozen. But one dozen blue eggs will sell in Melbourne for as much as \$30 a dozen.

Carla also said she was attracted to the sustainability and organic concepts of permaculture and was applying its concepts on their farm. See <u>www.designingpermaculture.com</u> for general principles.

Our next speaker, on Tuesday July 6, will be Karen Morham, Lurg, a breeder of Main Anjou cattle.

David Palmer

Sustainability

Victoria's Climate Change Strategy was released at the beginning of May and was a major topic of discussion at our session. While it was considered to have many positive aspects the general feeling from conservation groups was that it had not gone far enough. Dr Nicholas Aberle from Environment Victoria suggests that the climate goals are caught between politics and science. While the Victorian emission targets are politically bold, they are scientifically inadequate. He argues that we must encourage the government for taking responsibility and praise them for their leadership while also pointing out that we need to go much further, much faster, if we are to stay within the 1.5 degree warming limit.

And then of course there was the release of the Federal Budget which was severely criticised for being very light on climate and environmental issues. It seems that the government does not like to even use the word 'climate'. It just appears in two items in Budget Paper Number 2.

The budget allocated considerable money to fund new carbon capture and storage projects which aim to capture some CO2 at the point of emission and store it underground. The aim of this is to allow continued fossil fuel use with lower emissions, which demonstrates the priorities of the Federal government. Recent research into carbon capture and storage projects shows that the vast majority of projects fail.

There was much discussion about this and other aspects of the budget including its support for a 'gas fired recovery', which group members believe will not reduce emissions. Gas is sometimes described as emitting about half as much as coal when burned, but studies have shown its impact is much higher due to the leakage of methane during extraction and piping.

The world's leading energy authority, the International Energy Agency, issued a statement saying that rich countries like Australia have an obligation to reach net zero emissions earlier than 2050 if we are to meet the Paris target. The statement said that no new mines are needed, no new coal plants should be built and that no new natural gas fields are needed. Group members contrasted this with the continued support of the federal government for coal and gas. On the same day that the statement from the International Energy Agency was released the government announced it would be spending \$600 million of tax-payer's money on a new gas fired plant in northern NSW.

Sometimes it is hard to come away from our sessions with any real hope that Australia will take effective action in relation to climate change.

Tech Savvy Beginners – 2021 Apple

In Session 5 we really got into the Camera App. Participants were challenged to complete 8 camera tasks including taking videos. Also, we screen mirrored a favourite photo each person had taken recently.

In Session 6 we finally began exploring the Photo App. The App already does a lot of sorting and classifying of your photos automatically. When your photo collection reaches a few thousand it is very handy to be able to search for a particular photo by honing firstly to years, then months, then days. We played with the photo editing tools, after we had made a duplicate copy of a photo just in case our editing plans went amiss.



Before...



...After

Jenny Sawyer

Tech Talks

At our last Tech Talks we watched a video from the early 50's showing the first Transistors. These Transistors replaced vacuum tubes used in radios, telecommunication early computers and made certain predictions about the size of computers. We also looked at a video made in 1968 which predicted what the modern home would look like in the year 2020. Effectively it got nothing right. Life changes so quickly and so completely even the brightest minds cannot predict the future.

We then watched a video informing us as to what 5G is and what it will do. Basically, 5G will make communication between computers more efficient but there will be more towers required.

We finished up watching a documentary about Sir Isaac Newton - one of the fathers of modern science. It is interesting to note that at one point in his life Isaac had to endure a complete lock down in Cambridge when a bout of Plague was raging in southern England.

Neville Gibb

(Editor's Note – if you would like to read Les Rodgers' report on his presentation at the April session of Tech Talks, it's on the website at <u>'Introduction to Quantum Computing'</u>)

Wine Appreciation

Pfeiffer Wines is a family owned and operated winery, located in the Rutherglen Wine District. Its historic, century-old cellars are nestled the banks of Sunday Creek. Pfeiffer Wines strives for success in producing quality wine, offering great customer service and promoting the Rutherglen Region as Australia's premium and most versatile grape growing area.

Father and daughter winemakers, Chris and Wine Award Winner Jen Pfeiffer produce 28 varieties of premium, handcrafted wines, crisp whites, full-bodied reds and the acclaimed Muscats and Topaques.

Our large, genteel group of 20 was greeted by Sideen, Cellar Door Manager, and then ushered through the cellar doors into the warm and welcoming tasting room, where we perched on stools set around old wine barrels. As we were keen to learn about and appreciate the wines grown and produced here, we welcomed tastings of each variety, discovering which were our favourites. Sue, the Wine Club Manager, was on hand to assist and advise. Purchases were carried back to the cars, to be consumed at leisure.



Food and Wine are a suitable pairing, so a short drive to the Pickled Sisters restaurant at Cofield Winery was an appropriate follow on.

Two long tables accommodated our group, for a long, relaxing a la carte lunch, accompanied by local wines.

Thanks to Keith and Heather, our hard-working convenors, U3A members enjoyed yet another Wine Appreciation outing.

* Next month's visit: To Be Advised. Hopefully, it will be Longleat Winery at Murchison. To confirm this and book your place, please contact convenors Keith & Heather Rogers 5762 4086 closer to the date.

Bev Thornell

Member News

Vale Helen Scheller

It was with regret many of the participants of Helen's book groups learned of her passing after a long illness.

Helen organized the original CAE Book Group for U3A. This later became the E-Book Group as we adapted to kindles and other devices and said goodbye to heavy boxes of books from CAE. Last year it refreshed with a name change to Page Turners.

Helen led our groups with her wit and wise words. Her insightful comments were most welcome and encouraged participants to read books they may not have chosen for themselves. All who knew Helen will miss her but be glad they had the good fortune to get to know her.

Stephen, please know that you have our love and support at this sad time.



Meg Dillon, Convenor, Page Turners

What's On

This listing is subject to alteration with changes to Covid restrictions. Please check emails/website for updates- <u>https://u3abenalla.weebly.com</u>

Tuesday, 1 June - Covid Lockdown (continues) Wednesday, 2 June - Covid Lockdown Thursday, 3 June - Covid Lockdown Friday, 4 June – Covid regional restrictions begin 9:30am Sustainability – Cancelled (reading supplied) 2:00pm Investment - Zoom Monday, 7 June –

9:30am Exercises for Fun
10:00am Collectors – 'Jugs'
10:00am Lifeball - 'Come and Try' session
10:00am Art Appreciation - 'Rhythmic Compositions'
1:30pm Games
4:00pm Meditation

Tuesday, 8 June 10:00am Politics & Current Affairs @ The Hub 12:15pm German 2:00pm Tech Talks

Wednesday, 9 June 8:30am Mid-Week Walks - Seven Creeks/Mt Balmattum 10:00am Recorder Group

1:30pm 'A Taste of Art' 1:30pm Film as Literature - 'Six Minutes to Midnight'

2:00pm Be Connected

Thursday, 10 June 10:00am Harmony Group @ The Hub 10:00am 'On Target – Short Course' 1:30pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, 11 June 10:00am Music Appreciation 2:00pm Armchair History - The Hub

Monday, 14 June – Queen's Birthday 9:30am Exercises for Fun

10:00am Lifeball - 'Come and Try' session2:00pm Creative Writing2:00pm Garden Team

Tuesday, 15 June 10:00am The News - Fact or Fiction 2:00pm Exploring the Universe

Wednesday, 16 June 10:00am Meet and Mingle - Moussa Taouk 12:15pm Tech Savvy Beginners (Android Phones) 2:00pm Tech Savvy Beginners 2021 (Apple)

Thursday, 17 June 10:00am Singing for Fun @ The Hub 1:00pm Patchwork

Friday, 18 June 9:30am Sustainability 12:15pm Chat 'n Chew - Dragon Gate Restaurant 1:00pm Demystifying Psychology - Course Session Saturday, 19 June 1:30pm Saturday Games - '500' Monday, 21 June 9:30am Exercises for Fun 10:00am Coin Collectors 10:00am Lifeball - 'Come and Try' Session 4:00pm Meditation Tuesday, 22 June 10:00am Politics & Current Affairs 12:15pm German 2:00pm A Different View of German History Wednesday, 23 June 10:00am Wine Appreciation – Longleat Winery (TBC) 10:00am Recorder Group 1:30pm 'A Taste of Art' 2:00pm Tech Savvy Beginners 2021 (Apple) Thursday, 24 June 9:15am Garden Appreciation - 'The National Trust Lake View, Chiltern' 10:00am Community Singing @ The Hub 1:00pm Family Research - 'Found' Friday, 25 June 10:00am Music Appreciation 2:00pm Armchair History 5:00pm Newsletter reports due today Monday, 28 June 9:30am Exercises for Fun 10:00am Lifeball - 'Come and Try' session 2:00pm As Time Goes By - 'A Childhood Memory' Wednesday, 30 June 2:00pm Tech Savvy Beginners 2021 (Apple) Thursday, 1 July 10:00am Singing for Fun 1:00pm Patchwork Friday, 2 July 9:30am Sustainability 2:00pm Investment Saturday, 3 July 1:30pm Saturday Games - '500' Monday, 5 July 9:30am Exercises for Fun 10:00am Collectors 10:00am Lifeball 10:00am Art Appreciation 1:30pm Games 4:00pm Meditation Tuesday, 6 July 10:00am Demystifying Psychology Discussion Group @ The Hub - Final Semester 1 Session* 10:00am Page Turners 10:00am Stock and Land - Karen Morham, Lurg, a breeder of Main Anjou cattle 2:00pm Armchair Traveller 2:00pm Let's Talk Books Wednesday, 7 July 9:15am Easy Walks - Mystery Walk, Dookie 9:30am Play Reading 2:00pm Be Connected