



Tuggerah Lakes NeWs

Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc

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FROM THE EDITOR:

What a great selection of activities we have to cheer us through these cold rainy winter months.

Most of our regular courses continue, with numbers increasing in quite a few cases.

I have noticed that there are many members who enjoy one particular course, but don't seem to attend many of our talks, and yet I am sure they would enjoy them greatly.

I encourage you to read all of your Newsletter, in particular the details of the coming talks. Your committee have gone to a great deal of trouble to organize what we hope is a very interesting selection for you, and it is sometimes disappointing, and not a little embarrassing too, when a speaker travels some distance to speak to barely a handful of members.

All of the talks are held at diggers, a very accessible and comfortable venue, and where else would you get an interesting talk, a chat to friends, and a cuppa and biscuit to boot, all for \$2-00.

Our newer courses on Marbles Rolling and Conversations (a follow up to our Introduction to TED Talks) are proving popular, and members enjoy the mental stimulation and group interaction both these courses provide.

I hope to see many of you in the coming term.

- Betty Siegman

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT— VENUES:

Please note the venue addresses below as space constraints prevent us from using the full addresses on the calendar.

diggers:

The Entrance Rd (or Gallipoli St), Long Jetty

TBC: The Berkeley Centre, Berkeley Vale

Cnr Berkeley Rd & Heather Av

Creative Writing Workshops TK-SDCh:

St Davids Church Hall,
Cnr Hargraves & Victoria Sts, Toukley

French Conversation:

74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

Movie Appreciation:

34 Aston Wilde Av, Chittaway Bay

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Secretary:	Rhonda McDiarmid	4332 2300
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** PLAY READING **

Christine Kilner has offered to lead the Play Reading Group and we hope that new classes will begin in Term 1, 2014. This has been a very popular group in the past and their performances are always enjoyable.

We have a variety of plays ready to go, and we hope to welcome lady and gentlemen members to the group.

Christine will be available on the following days:

Mornings: Monday and Thursday only

Afternoons: Monday to Friday, (any afternoon).

(Subject to availability of venue)

If you are interested in joining, please ring Christine on 4399 2748 or email her, chrisatseakay@gmail.com, stating your preferred days, and we will try to get something together.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Membership Year is 1 January to 31 December.

ANNUAL FEE: (Renewal): \$20.

NEW MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$5 for each Term (or part thereof) for remainder of year.

New members: Membership Form and Money
Renewals: Name, Membership Form and Money
(no renewal form needed)

Cheque to: Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc.

Mail to: Peter Gloss

4 Sir Joseph Banks Drive

Bateau Bay NSW 2261

OR direct deposit

Westpac BSB: 032 525 A/c 13 4075

Include your NAME and MEMB. NO with deposit

TERM 3: Start: 15th July
Finish: 20th September

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As most members would be aware, John and Tina are holidaying overseas until the end of August so this report is coming from the vice-president and course co-ordinator. Yes, I thought I should find something to do to fill in the time!

My most urgent request is that you, each member, think about what you like about being a member and how your participation in the program could be enhanced. Please tell, or write/email any committee member what would make your U3A experiences more to your liking, ie what new courses you would like to see, what times are best suited to you, what type of presentation do you prefer, ie the same topic and presenter over two, three four or even more sessions or our current, single presentation, would you prefer fewer presentations and more interactive activities?

Please have a think about our group and have your thoughts contribute towards making Tuggerah Lakes U3A more the organisation you would like it to be.

*Gloria Watson
Vice-president*

WELFARE:

This term we received the sad news of the passing of Gail Shore's husband in April. We sent a Sympathy card to Gail and her family with our condolences and best wishes for the future.

Another very long term member, Jayne Davis, who was also our former Welfare Officer, and Committee Member, has been in the Royal North Shore hospital for heart surgery. She is now making a very good recovery at the North Gosford Private Hospital. Jayne appreciated receiving our card sending her kind thoughts and wishes for an early return to good health and to us at U3A.

At this time I would like to thank both Pam McGlinn and Diane Cunningham for keeping me informed when a member needs a card and some comforting words from us, therefore enabling me to do my job as your Welfare Officer.

Doreen Morley — Welfare

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Term 3 has some really diverse presentations so do try to get along to as many as you can. Even if the weather is really awful, just think of the pleasant time you will have seeing folk you know, chatting with them and enjoying a cuppa and as a bonus, having some really interesting information to mull on.

Well, perhaps Rodney Russell's presentation is not so much to mull on but to enjoy to the full for the whole presentation as he is going to get our feet-a-tapping and our minds going back to those days of, well, you know what you were doing on Saturday nights in the early fifties!

Changing continents, John Collis having just returned from three months in Europe, will give us a feeling for some of the contrast in cultures he and Tina observed.

Two other members are presenting this term: Tommy Thomas on, would you believe, 'Tablets – from Moses to Today'. For all of us who just don't know how we actually got by without our computers (and maybe more-so for those who don't have one), we can't miss this presentation. The much enjoyed Rita Richards is going to enlighten us by revealing who wrote Shakespeare's plays!

It is some time since Mel Llewelyn visited us but without doubt he will again surprise and inform us on the retail industry and how it is changing. And surprise is hardly the word I feel for what Phil Kavanagh will speak on. Hot air ballooning, I mean, how could you! Well, we will find out when Phil reveals what it is all about.

Come along. Enjoy and bring a friend.

*- Gloria Watson
Vice-president and Course Co-ordinator*

**HISTORY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE
IN NEWCASTLE****MONDAY**

Speaker: Teresa Purnell
Secretary: Gloria Watson (4332 7077)
Venue: diggers@the entrance
Date: 15th July

Teresa will give us an insight into life growing up in a Chinese family who ran restaurants, fruit and vegetable shops and a hairdressing salon in Newcastle and how the values passed on to her around the dinner table have shaped her life. Her family history, of which Teresa is very proud, is recorded visually in a feature section on Beaumont St in the Newcastle Museum. Her mother Phyllis Mook was famous in Newcastle for her "jitterbug dancing" where her legend still lives on some 60 years later.

HOT AIR BALLOONING**MONDAY**

Speaker: Phil Kavanagh
Secretary: Rhonda McDiarmid (4332 2300)
Venue: diggers@the entrance
Date: 5th August

Be prepared as we get a feel of what it's like to go sport ballooning as compared to a commercial balloon ride. Well it will be via a few videos and lots of photos but Phil knows his game so if you are game, come along and hear all about being up, up and away. Phil will also talk of the history of ballooning in the early 60's and how it has developed since in a technical as well as a social sense.

A LOVE BETRAYED**MONDAY**

Speaker: Trish Skehan
Secretary: Gloria Watson (4332 7077)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Date: 19th August

Trish continues her very well received story of Yaralla, this talk focusing mainly on Nita Walker, who married Sir Ralph Verney, secretary to the speakers in the House of Commons in London for over 30 years. Spending some time in India, their life-style has been likened to 'The King and I' It will enthral you; don't miss this presentation

WHO WROTE SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS? MONDAY

Speaker: Rita Richards
Secretary: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
Venue: diggers@the entrance
Date: 2nd September

The question 'Who Wrote Shakespeare's Plays?' would appear to answer itself, but ever since the eighteenth century some scholars have expressed doubts as to whether William Shakespeare of Stratford-on-Avon really did write the plays and poems attributed to him.

Most Shakespeare scholars dismiss this as 'a frivolous question', but it remains a stubborn minority view that the real man - or woman - responsible for producing Shakespeare's remarkable body of work has yet to be unmasked.

THREE EUROPEAN CULTURES**MONDAY****Contrasting the Past and the Present**

Speaker: John Collis
Secretary: Doreen Morley (4385 7843)
Venue: diggers @the entrance
Date: 16th September

A visit to various old towns with photos of ancient buildings, engravings, sculptures and tapestries and old streets of Lyon, Nantes and Angers in France, Wirksworth and Chester in England, and Ljubljana and some smaller towns in Slovenia and see how the old cultures - such as daily or weekly markets - and old industries - have survived in some places more than others - and how the diversity of the past in each country is surviving to some extent, but very gradually being lost - with supermarkets and worldwide brand names gradually taking over, television and cars, etc

THE READERS GROUP**MONDAY**

Secretary: Doreen Morley (4385 7843)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 22nd July, 26th August

This is not a book club—we don't all read the same book. You may choose your own book to speak about, relating to a specific author, genre or theme set for a certain day. Come along for a stimulating and interesting morning.

MOVIE APPRECIATION**MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)
Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay
Dates: 22nd Jul, 12th, 26th Aug, 9th Sept

Times: movies will only be shown 9.30-12noon

PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED

Monday, 22nd July: PATRIOT GAMES: (1992) 116mins. Thriller. Harrison Ford, Anne Archer, Patrick Bergen, Thora Birch, James Earl Jones, Sean Bean, Samuel L Jackson. Ex CIA agent, Jack Ryan, intervenes in a terrorist attack, inspiring an Irish radical, (Bean), to swear vengeance on him and his family.

Monday, 12th August: DRAGONFLY: (2002) 103mins. Drama. Kevin Costner, Kathy Bates, Ron Rifkin, Linda Hunt. An emergency room physician, grieving for his dead wife, receives a series of signals from her – including messages from young patients

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MOVIE APPRECIATION (continued)

who've had near-death experiences. What do they mean? An intriguing story of one man's physical and spiritual odyssey.

Monday, 26th August: KISS THE GIRLS: (1997) 116mins. Thriller. Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Cary Elwes, Marina Suvari. From the novel by James Patterson. When a police forensic psychologist learns that his niece has been abducted, he uses his considerable skills to identify the culprit, a sociopath who doesn't kill his victims, but holds them captive instead.

Monday, 9th September: FAMILY PLOT: (1976) 120mins. Hitchcock drama. Karen Black, Bruce Dern, Barbara Harris, William Devane, Cathleen Nesbitt, Katherine Helmond. Harris is a phony psychic who gets involved in a murder plot hatched by sinister Devane.

WALKS**TUESDAY****Contact: Barbara Skurr 4392 4158**

Sensible shoes, sunscreen, hat and water required.
Map references: the new Wyong Phone Directory.

All walks start at 10:00 a.m.**16th July** Fassifern to Toronto

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	Warnervale	9.12
	Wyee	9.16
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Bring or buy food

6th August Farmgate

Map 21 D 9.

Meet 10 a.m at Warnies Café Map 21 D9

Buy food

20th August Murrays Beach

Share cars

Meet 9.30 at Barabara's Place Map 23 B5

Bring/buy food

3rd September Crackneck Point

Meet 10 a.m. Sutton Reserve Map 42 C 3

17th September Magenta Shore Map 35 D 5

Meet 10 a.m. Golf Club reception

Bring food

CONVERSATIONS**TUESDAY****Beyond Video talks**

Leader: Trevor Kruger (4332 5403)
Venue: diggers@the entrance
Dates: 23rd Jul; 13th, 27th Aug; 10th Sept

Here's an idea - Can't get a world-renowned speaker for our U3A program? Let's do the nearest thing to that - catch them on something like YouTube !"

So, following the success of our TED talks, we will do just that. As a team, our group will select suitable videos of talks given by well-credentialed speakers as a theme for each of us to bring our experiences and own ideas to a conversation.

Members have proposed, or volunteered to chair, from among the following topics for this Term:

- *Healthy Living;*
- *Euphemisms;*
- *Global Corruption (or Modern Slavery);*
- *Less stuff ;*
- *My Family Forebears ;*
- *Our Changing Government / Democracy;*
- *Relating to others;*
- *.Art / Music / Education / Schools.*

[Do you have a theme/topic/video talk to offer? Members are encouraged to preview and recommend any short videos that could be considered to support any of these themes - or are just thoughtful fun!]

KEEPING THE MARBLES ROLLING**TUESDAY**

Presenter: Rhonda McDiarmid (4332 2300)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 6th, 20th Aug; 3rd, 17th Sep.
Time: 1:30—3:30 p.m.

Support is still strong for this stimulating course, with lots of friendly interaction between members.

If you would like to test and stretch your mental abilities, this is the course for you. New members will be made welcome; there may be a small cost for photocopied material.

MUSIC APPRECIATION**WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
Venue: The Berkeley Centre
Dates: 24th Jul; 14th, 28th Aug; 11th Sept
Time: 10.15 am—12.15 pm.

We continue to learn something of the lives of famous composers, how and why they wrote as they did. We present an interesting video, followed by a selection of their music. If you love good music and making new friends, do come along, chill out and relax with this friendly group.

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CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue: St Davids Church Hall, Toukley
 Dates: 17th Jul; 7th, 21st Aug; 4th, 18th Sept

This group is producing some excellent work as we have heard at recent social days. If you are an aspiring writer, come along and join this lively class. New members are always made welcome.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS WEDNESDAY

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Dates: 17th Jul; 7th, 21st Aug; 4th, 18th Sept

Come along and join our growing group of enthusiasts. You will be surprised how quickly you learn to solve these intriguing puzzles, and have fun and make friends while you learn. A very happy class with lots of laughs while you learn so many strange new words.

FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME THURSDAY

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396 7847)
 Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach
 Dates: 18th Jul; 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd Aug;
 5th, 12th, 19th Sept
 Time: 1.30pm –3.30pm

Please note: These classes are not held on the last Thursday of the month..

This course embraces both grammar and conversation and is designed for those with a basic knowledge of French, say from school days. Contact Henriette if you are interested in learning Esperanto

POPULAR MUSIC in the 1950s – Part 1, 1950-55 FRIDAY

Speaker: Rodney Russell
 Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Date: 19th July

Over both sessions, we will look at the transition from “classic pop” in the first half of the decade to Rock’n’Roll in the second half. In this first session we will examine features of the pop music scene in the period 1950—1955. As well as enjoying audio and video music samples in a PowerPoint presentation, we will look at accompanying innovations such as “Long Playing Microgroove” records, 45s and Hi-Fidelity recording methods. The music chosen will be mainly American with a little Australian and British music as well.

THE RAPIDLY CHANGING FACE OF RETAIL FRIDAY

Speaker: Mel Llewelyn
 Secretary: Rhonda McDiarmid (4332 2300)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Date: 2nd August

This session is going to cover the changes that are happening or will need to happen in Retail, what is causing those changes and how Retailers are trying to adapt. It will also look at the impact on you - the shopper - and give you some options on how to manage some of the implications of those changes.

GREAT ESCAPES IN HISTORY (Pt.2) FRIDAY

Speaker: Margaret Bevege
 Secretary: Peter Gloss (4332 7457)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Date: 16th Aug

From the time of the exit of the Israelites from Egypt, escapes have impacted on the course of history. By hiding in an oak tree Charles II escaped to eventually be restored but Bonnie Prince Charlie left Skye forever. Both Communist leaders, Lenin and Mao, escaped their enemies by contrasting means. We take a further look into the background, personalities and consequences of some of the great escapes in history.

TABLETS—FROM MOSES TO TODAY FRIDAY

Speaker: Tommy Thomas
 Secretary: Margaret Blundell (4397 1730)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Date: 6th Sept

Tommy is keen to share with you his experience with the Apple iPad. He will also cover the new rival tablets that other makers are now introducing in an attempt to dent Apple's grip on the tablet computer market. A brief extract from the film "The Ten Commandments" will set the scene.

WORKING IN CHINA FRIDAY

Speaker: Kennethe Bull
 Secretary: Trevor Kruger (4332 5403)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Date: 20th Sept

Kennethe has spent four years living and working in China. She experienced a totally foreign culture and will share with us the ups and downs of adjusting to a working life in China with a few travel haunts off the beaten track as well. This presentation covers the first two years of her unique work experience. There will be lots of photos.

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DISCUSSION GROUP**FRIDAY**

Leader: Various members
Venue: diggers@ the entrance
Dates: 26th Jul; 9th, 23rd Aug; 13th Sept

Members take turns to chair the meeting, and bring along topics for discussion by the group. This method is proving most successful. For further information, contact Tony Thomson (4358 3655).

MAH JONG:**FRIDAY**

Secretary: Pam McGlenn (4390 2451)
Venue: diggers@ the entrance
Dates: Every Friday (19th Jul-20th Sep)
Time: 1.00pm-3.30pm

Mah Jong is a game that originated in China, and involves skill, strategy and calculation. Come and try your luck at this fascinating game. Newcomers will be made most welcome.

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22 July	23 July	24 July	25 July	26 July
MOVIE CLUB John Richards 9.30-12.00 (Chittaway Bay) THE READERS GROUP Dorothy Rhodes (diggers)	CONVERSATIONS Beyond Video Trevor Kruger (diggers)	MUSIC APPRECIATION Betty Siegman (TBC)		DISCUSSION GROUP (diggers) MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (diggers)
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