



# TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

Here we are well into April, and still no respite from the unseasonably warm weather. When will it ever end?

Most of our regular courses continued in Term 1, and were well attended. Marbles Rolling has gained quite a few new members, all enjoying a friendly and mentally stimulating afternoon.

Memoirs and Play Reading are popular; the Play Readers are hoping to give a presentation sometime soon, members will be advised when arrangements are finalised.

Unfortunately the numbers were not sufficient to continue the Walking Group; reasons for that decision are on Page 3.

Our Friday talks are well attended and the subject matter has been varied - something for everyone. Betty Brown returns this term for more of her interesting presentations on our own country, Australia.

Ross Carlton and Christine Kilner spoke of their travels abroad. Do you have a story to tell? We'd love to hear it, and will assist you in preparation, if needed. Don't be shy, speak to a committee member. U3A is a group run by members, for members. Learners become teachers, and vice-versa. I hope you enjoy our Autumn term.

*Betty Siegman*  
- Editor

### 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**  
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## ~ ~ ~ VENUES ~ ~ ~

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

**Chittaway Bay: Movie Appreciation**  
34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay

**TECC: The Entrance Community Centre**  
15 Battley Ave The Entrance (cnr Oakland)

**Tigers: The Entrance Leagues Club**  
Bay Village Shopping Centre, southern end

**Greens: The Entrance Bowling Club**  
Warrigal St (Cnr Park Rd)

**TBC: The Berkeley Centre, Berkeley Vale**  
Cnr Berkeley Rd & Heather Ave

**Tk-SDCh: St David's Church Hall**  
Cnr Hargraves & Victoria Sts, Toukley

**Canton Beach: French Conversation**  
74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

**Mah Jong:** Home of Rhonda MacDiarmid  
6 Moorlan Ave Killarney Vale

**TELJ RSL Hall: Friday Talks**  
Hume B'vard, near Brooke Ave, K'ney Vale

**TERM: Start: Tuesday 1st May**  
**Finish: Friday 6th July**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings everyone to this our second term of the year.

2018 is rapidly running away from us and it's already time for my second report of the year. Things have been going smoothly with our various classes and all are now settled in to their usual routines. Numbers are up on most of them, and what we have noticed is the special friendliness which is apparent in all classes. Particularly the 'talks' on Fridays where numbers have been high, as is the chatter, and it's hard to get people to return to their seats after the break as they move around and catch up with the news. In fact, it is only the high interest in the speakers which gets them back into place. I hope to continue with good speakers and keep this interest growing with the many diverse topics we will present in the future.

Many thanks to the ladies in the kitchen who serve up all the teas and coffees to the large numbers who step up to the counter, particularly Gwen Richards, who despite a serious medical condition has continued to be there every Friday and has done so since we first commenced at the Killarney Vale premises. Much appreciated, Gwen.

The winter term is upon us, although the steamy hot weather continued long after summer was officially over, however recent rain has at last made it clear that all that is now behind us. We can take brisk walks in the much cooler atmosphere which now prevails. (some of us anyway!)

The U3A National Conference was held in Canberra in April and I attended as the official candidate from our club. Most of that which was discussed does not concern the ordinary member but it is important that we keep up with developments and hopefully pick up ideas which will benefit us all as a whole.

That's all for now, and I hope to catch up with you all in the near future.

*Pam McGlinn.*

## WELFARE:

First term of 2018 has flown past already. Diane Cunningham has a broken arm, and Gwen Richards recently had scalp surgery.

Most of us are marching on, dealing with the odd ailment here and there. Soon be time to put away our bikinis and fish out something with long sleeves.

*Gail Shore  
Welfare*



*Can you relate to this?  
(Sadly, yes I can)*



## WISE WORDS

*Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.*

*I cannot teach anybody anything. I can only make them think.*

*Wonder is the beginning of wisdom.*

*The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.*

*~ Socrates*

**MOVIE APPRECIATION:****MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)  
 Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay  
 Dates: 14 May; 28 May; 25 June

**Times: Movies shown mornings, 9.30-12noon**

**PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED**

**Monday, 14 May: 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, 28 May: FRACTURE: (2007)** 113 mins. Thriller. Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling, Rosamund Pike, David Strathairn. Ted Crawford (Hopkins) shoots his wife and calmly waits for the police to arrest him. With the weapon and a signed confession in hand, Deputy DA, Willy Beachum, (Gosling), believes a conviction is inevitable, i.e. until the case begins to unravel. Now, with little evidence, Beachum battles the cunning Crawford in a search for the truth and the answer to one burning question. How is this guy getting away with it?

**Monday, 25 June: WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION:** (1957) 114mins. Courtroom drama. Marlene Dietrich, Tyrone Power, Charles Laughton, Elsa Lanchester, John Williams, Henry Daniell, Una O'Connor. Gripping London courtroom drama from Agatha Christie. Dietrich is peerless as the wife of alleged killer (Power). Laughton is at his best as the defense attorney, and Lanchester delightful as his long-suffering nurse. This was Power's last completed film.

**PLAY READING:****MONDAY**

Leader: Christine Kilner (4399 2748)  
 Email: chrisatseakay@gmail.com  
 Venue: TE Community Centre, Battley Ave  
 Dates: 7, 21 May; 4, 18 Jun; 2 July

The group meets at The Entrance Community Centre, in Class Room A. The room is proving very suitable, as it contains toilets and access is easy from the Battley Street entrance. New members are most welcome, and extra men are always required.

**MY MEMOIRS****MONDAY**

Leader: John Haydon (0403 797 585)  
 Email: john@haydon.id.au  
 Venue: Tigers Club, Bateau Bay  
 Dates: 7, 21 May; 4, 18 June; 2 July  
 Time: 1:30pm to 3:30 pm

Members meet every two weeks in the Bistro. If you feel you have a story to tell, why not come along and be inspired.

**THE READERS GROUP:****MONDAY**

Secretary: Margareta Tauni (0420 791 374)  
 Email: marg\_tauni@hotmail.com  
 Venue: The Entrance Leagues Club (Tigers)  
 Dates: 14th May; 18th June; 9th July

The group will meet in the Bistro at 10:00 (or before if you wish, the club opens early). Members are required to sign an attendance sheet but no fee is payable. Coffee may be purchased from the coffee shop as required.

Topic for 14th May is 'Australian Authors from 1950'.

Topic for 18th June is 'Crime Fiction—General'.

The group will meet in the usual venue on Monday 9th July (after end of term). The topic is 'International Writers'.

**WALKS**

Sadly, political correctness has caught up with us, and our Walking Group will not be continuing for the time being.

It seems that there are numerous health and safety requirements to be met before embarking on a pleasant stroll. If any member would like to volunteer to lead a walking group, please speak to one of our committee members.

**MARBLES ROLLING****TUESDAY**

Secretary: Rhonda MacDiarmid (4332 2300)  
 Email: rxm55@bigpond.com  
 Venue: Greens Bowling Club (upstairs)  
 Dates: 1, 15 May; 5, 19 June; 3 July  
 Time: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

We have welcomed some new members into this course, and we are all enjoying the mental stimulation plus interesting conversation. These fun exercises stimulate seven different areas of the brain, and are designed to keep dementia at bay. If you would like to keep your old grey matter ticking over, then come along and join in.

**CREATIVE WRITING****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Pam McGlenn (4390 2451)  
 Email: pamlakeside@bigpond.com.au  
 Venue: St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley  
 Dates: 2, 16 May; 6, 20 June; 4 July  
**Time: 9:30—12:00**

One of our most popular classes, this group produces some outstanding work. Numbers are limited, check with Pam if you wish to join.

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
 Email: betty\_siegman@hotmail.com  
 Venue: Greens Bowling Club (upstairs)  
 Dates: 2, 16 May; 6, 20 June; 4 July

In order to avoid competition from the bingo players, we now meet downstairs at the Greens, in the coffee bistro. We have welcomed a few newcomers, who seem to be enjoying the class and the company. Clues are explained as we go, and if at first it seems difficult, you soon learn the technique, and you never need to be bored again while there is a cryptic within reach.

**MUSIC APPRECIATION:****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
 Email: betty\_siegman@hotmail.com  
 Venue: The Berkeley Centre (see P1)  
 Dates: 9, 23 May; 13, 27 June

We meet in the Boronia Room at the centre. Mostly classical music, with a little more modern at times. Learn about the well known composers, and also some you may not know. We screen videos to accompany the music, combining concert performances, travel scenes or just plain relaxation . A great morning to chill out with a friendly group.

**FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME:****THURSDAY**

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396 7847)  
 Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach  
 Dates: 3, 10, 17, 24 May; 7, 14, 21 June; 5 July  
 Time: 1.30pm –3.30pm

If you would like to improve your conversational French, Henriette will make you most welcome in her home.

**CONVERSATIONS****THURSDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
 Venue: TECC, Battley St, The Entrance  
 Dates: 3rd May  
 Time: 1:00 — 3:00 pm.

Our venue is The Entrance Community Centre, Building E, Training Room 1. We have covered Drones and Robots, Driverless Cars, The Future of Work and many other topics. The topic this term is Overpopulation. Can Earth support 10 billion people? Let's hear what the 'experts' say.

**MAH JONG:****FRIDAY**

Secretary: Rhonda MacDiarmid (0403 293 175)  
 Venue: 6 Moorlan Ave, Killarney Vale.  
 Dates: Every Friday, 4th May to 6th July  
 Time: 1.00pm-3.30pm

The group meets at the home of Rhonda MacDiarmid. Mah Jong is an interesting game, and a great way to spend an afternoon.

## FRIDAY TALKS

— 4th MAY —

### LIMESTONE CAVES & SINKHOLES

Speaker: Betty Brown  
Secretary: Rhonda MacDiarmid (4332 2300)  
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.  
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

Just about everyone has visited Jenolan caves, but did you know every state in Australia has one or both of these features? And some of the caves hold secrets of our past geological history and fossils that tell us about times from the far distant past, so come along and journey with me into the past.

— 18th MAY —

### BIG HILLS & LITTLE MOUNTAINS

Speaker: Betty Brown  
Secretary: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.  
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

The title says it all....Australia hasn't a decent mountain to bless itself with, but it does have a history of mountains that were high enough to have perpetual snow; have come and gone and risen again and in some places, harbour the cutest fauna that one could every wish to see! Take the journey with me – you won't be expected to walk too far, but you will experience a 'hilly' world . . .

— 1st JUNE —

### NORTH CONNEX

Speakers: Cassandra O'Connor  
Secretary: Pam McGlinn(4390 2451)  
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.  
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

Cassandra has been with NorthConnex for the past 18 months as part of the Community Team, which keeps the community informed about construction work on the project. Cassandra will provide an overview of NorthConnex, which is a \$3 billion underground motorway linking the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills and the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga.

### NORTHCONNEX (Continued)

Currently, there are 20 roadheaders on the project, which are used to excavate sandstone and shale from the tunnel alignment. Around mid this year, tunnelling excavation will be completed and the tunnel fit out teams will focus on making the tunnel ready for road users in late 2019. The presentation will include photos and videos from underground to show what work goes on about 60 metres beneath Pennant Hills Road.

— 15th JUNE —

### HEROINES OF WORLD WAR II

Speaker: Carolyn Kingsmill  
Secretary: Helen Rawlings (4334 5818)  
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.  
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

In this new course we will celebrate the heroines of World War 2.

Women of courage and conviction and incredible bravery. We will meet Irena Sendler who rescued 2,500 Jewish Children, Violette Szabo, a Special Operations Executive who was parachuted into occupied France and of course our own Nancy Wake, *The White Mouse*.

After the war so many of these women simply slipped back into the shadows. It is time their stories were told.

— 6th JULY —

### REMINISCENCES OF A TRAVELLING DIPLOMAT

Speaker: Alan Buckley  
Secretary: John Collis (4333 9079)  
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.  
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

Alan spent some 38 years working for the Irish government, serving as Commercial Counsellor/ Trade Commissioner in Irish Embassies overseas, promoting bilateral trade and investment. His posts have included places such as China, India, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Russia and the former USSR, and places in Africa. He will talk about living and working in some of the locations as well as relating some amusing anecdotes about the same.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May
	MARBLES ROLLING 1.00-3.00pm (Greens)	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Greens)  CREATIVE WRITING 9:30—12:00 (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)  CONVERSATIONS Betty Siegman 1.00-3.00pm (TECC)	LIMESTONE CAVES & SINKHOLES Betty Brown (TELJ RSL)  MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)
7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May
PLAY READING Christine Kilner (TECC)  MY MEMOIRS John Haydon 1.30pm-3.30pm (Tigers)		MUSIC APPRECIATION Betty Siegman (TBC)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)	MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)
14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May
MOVIE CLUB John Richards 9.30am-12.00pm (Chittaway Bay)  READERS GROUP Margareta Tauni (Tigers)	MARBLES ROLLING 1.00-3.00pm (Greens)	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Greens)  CREATIVE WRITING 9:30—12:00 (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)	BIG HILLS & LITTLE MOUNTAINS Betty Brown (TELJ RSL)  MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)
21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May
PLAY READING Christine Kilner (TECC)  MY MEMOIRS John Haydon 1.30pm-3.30pm (Tigers)		MUSIC APPRECIATION Betty Siegman (TBC)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)	MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 Jun
<b>MOVIE CLUB</b> John Richards 9.30am-12.00pm (Chittaway Bay)				<b>NORTH CONNEX</b> Cassandra O'Connor (TELJ RSL)  <b>MAH JONG</b> 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)
4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun	8 Jun
<b>PLAY READING</b> Christine Kilner (TECC)  <b>MY MEMOIRS</b> John Haydon 1.30pm-3.30pm (Tigers)	<b>MARBLES ROLLING</b> 1.00-3.00pm (Greens)	<b>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS</b> Betty Siegman (Greens)  <b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> 9:30—12:00 (Tk-SDCh)	<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION</b> Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)	<b>MAH JONG</b> 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)
11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun	15 Jun
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		<b>MUSIC APPRECIATION</b> Betty Siegman (TBC)	<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION</b> Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)	<b>HEROINES OF WW II</b> Carolyn Kingsmill (TELJ RSL)  <b>MAH JONG</b> 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)
18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun
<b>PLAY READING</b> Christine Kilner (TECC)  <b>MY MEMOIRS</b> John Haydon 1.30pm-3.30pm (Tigers)  <b>READERS GROUP</b> Margareta Tauni (Tigers)	<b>MARBLES ROLLING</b> 1.00-3.00pm (Greens)	<b>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS</b> Betty Siegman (Greens)  <b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> 9:30—12:00 (Tk-SDCh)	<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION</b> Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)	<b>MAH JONG</b> 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)

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25 Jun	26 Jun	27 Jun	28 Jun	29 Jun
<b>MOVIE CLUB</b> John Richards 9.30am-12.00pm (Chittaway Bay)		<b>MUSIC APPRECIATION</b> Betty Siegman (TBC)		<b>MAH JONG</b> 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)
2 Jul	3 Jul	4 Jul	5 Jul	6 Jul
<b>PLAY READING</b> Christine Kilner (TECC)  <b>MY MEMOIRS</b> John Haydon 1.30pm-3.30pm (Tigers)	<b>MARBLES ROLLING</b> 1.00-3.00pm (Greens)	<b>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS</b> Betty Siegman (Greens)  <b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> 9:30—12:00 (Tk-SDCh)	<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION</b> Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)	<b>REMINISCENCES OF A TRAVELLING DIPLOMAT</b> Alan Buckley (TELJ RSL)  <b>MAH JONG</b> 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)

**THE READERS GROUP WILL MEET AT TIGERS AT 10:00 AM ON MONDAY 9TH JULY.**

**THE SUBJECT IS INTERNATIONAL WRITERS.**

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