



# TUGGERAH LAKES U3A NEWS



Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc.

January 2024

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

As many of you know, I have taken over the newsletter editor from Betty who was so wonderful in the job but feels she needs a break. I hope I can make it manageable for you all.

Please bear with me as I get to know the job.

Thank you,

Jo Sutton

**END-OF-TERM LUNCH  
FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
TIGERS BATEAU BAY 12:15  
NOTIFY HELEN RAWLINGS  
0452 160 952  
[helenmr2739@gmail.com](mailto:helenmr2739@gmail.com)**

## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership year is 1 January to 31 December.

**ANNUAL FEE: (Renewal): \$30**

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

**New Members: Membership Form and Money  
Renewals: Name, Money & Membership No  
(no renewal form needed)**

to

**Rhonda MacDiarmid  
PO Box 4019  
Bay Village NSW 2261**

**OR direct deposit**

**Westpac: BSB: 032 525, A/c 13 4075  
Include YOUR name and Memb. No with deposit.**

**TERM: Start: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Finish: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

## COMMITTEE:

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## ~~~ VENUES ~~~

**Please note the venue addresses below as  
some venues may have changed.**

### **Play Reading**

Room A, T.Ent. Community Centre, Battley Ave

### **Movie Appreciation**

34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay

### **My Memoirs**

Arthur Lake Room, Tigers, Bateau Bay

### **Brain Ticklers**

Tigers, Bateau Bay

### **Creative Writing, St David's Church Hall**

Cnr Hargraves & Victoria Sts, Toukley

### **Book Chat**

Bistro Area, Tigers, Bateau Bay

### **Music Appreciation**

2/46 Neale Street, Long Jetty

### **Talks: TELJ RSL Hall**

Hume Boulevard, Killarney Vale

### **Crosswords**

### **Coffee Chat**

Diggers Club, The Entrance

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to you all as we welcome you back to TLU3A for 2024. We are now in our 26<sup>th</sup> year, and unfortunately our club has not bounced back from loss of membership during our forced closure during the Covid Crisis. We have a new publicity officer. **Christine Kilner**, who is working hard to get our numbers back up again. We also have a booth at this year's senior forum at Wyong Racecourse in March.

We have a couple of new ideas for classes in this term's newsletter, which won't be activated until next term. Please advise either Jeannine or myself if you feel you would like to attend the Italian Class. Unfortunately the Discussion Group has been dropped, but our book chat always has lively discussions if you like reading. Our first meeting is "free reading" so bring along any book you have read over the summer break. Just give me a ring, we have a very sociable coffee morning at the Tigers League Club while we discuss our books.

On the subject of publicity, we **URGENTLY** require assistance in helping us to make a video clip about our club and our activities. If you know of anyone who would be willing to assist us in putting together a video which we could show to groups that we talk to, then please let us know. I am willing to go around to various retirement villages to promote our club, but we do need to have something to show them. Christine is very busy designing new leaflets for us to distribute. If you can help by distributing these in your own village or one near you, please contact either Christine or myself and we will give you some.

I look forward to seeing you all at our various activities in the coming months.

*Pam McGlinn*

## PUBLICITY

Hi everyone, just introducing myself in my new capacity within U3A. My aim is to promote Tuggerah Lakes U3A, so that we will have more members and also new classes. I feel there is a real urgency, especially as 30 members have not yet renewed their membership for 2024. Perhaps this is not intentional, and we welcome your support, by renewing before February.

To start us off on the right track, I have submitted a story to the local paper, CCN, and although it was expected to appear last week it was not printed so hopefully it will be next week, so check it out if you can. Also, please think about what *you* can offer by attending more classes, or leading one yourself. I remain grateful for fresh ideas and positive vibes. Let's have a great 2024.

*Christine Kilner*

## WELFARE

Three faces have gone from our midst:

A long-time U3A member, Barbara Skurr, passed away at the end of November. Barbara would be known to many U3A members. She was a very involved member, was a past president and gave many talks. She also led the Walks for many years. Two years ago she suffered a stroke and had been living in Wallarah Point Care Community. Her friends say she always kept her sense of humour and had a positive and accepting attitude. Barbara will be missed by her many U3A friends. She was 95.

John Haydon passed away four days before Christmas. He had been ill and in hospital for some time. John led the Memoirs group for seven years and was also a past Committee member.

Joan Tanfield-Brockhoff died suddenly quite recently, from a heart attack, a real shock. Joan was known to many of us and attended many talks and play readings. She was always cheerful and friendly and she will be missed at our future events.

In the middle of December, Eileen Sheffield had an unfortunate accident at home and broke her foot. She is getting around as best she can, remaining cheerful and wearing a moon boot, but these things take time to heal.

*Gail Shore*

## NEW CLASSES



**\*\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*\*** A new Australian History segment to be introduced in second term. Two classes in Terms 2 and 2 more in term 3. To be incorporated into the present Speakers' talks on Fridays. We have booked additional fifth Fridays and so are including this extra segment to blend in. I will be giving most of the classes but have booked Carolyn Kingsmill for a class in third term. Carolyn is an excellent speaker who has given us many talks on Australian History.

***Pam McGlinn***



**\*\*\*\*\*NEW\*\*\*\*\*** One of our long time members, ***Jeannine Asciak*** would like to introduce a class for ***Italian Conversation***. Jeannine is very keen to get this up and running. She will not be teaching formal Italian, just conversation for those who would like to speak informally, especially if they are planning a trip to Italy, but also just for the fun of knowing another language. She wants this class to be twice monthly, on Tuesday mornings, commencing second term, venue as yet undecided. We urgently need to know of anyone who is interested so that we can get this new class up and running.

***Pam McGlinn 4390 2451. Jeannine Asciak 0438 926 927***

### **COFFEE & CHAT MORNING**



**Members are cordially invited to come along to a coffee morning at Diggers,  
The Entrance, at 10:00 to whenever.**

**Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, at the far end of the club.**

**MOVIES:****MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)  
 Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay  
 Dates: 12, 26 Feb; 11, 25 Mar

**Times: Movies shown mornings, 9.30-12noon  
 PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED**

**Monday, 12 February, 2024: THE  
 EMPEROR'S CLUB: 2002: 109 mins:**

Kevin Kline, Emile Hirsch, Jesse Eisenberg, Rob Morrow, Steven Culp, Edward Hermann, Joel Gretsch. Mr Hundert, (Kline), is a passionate and principled Classics teacher who finds his world shaken and inexorably altered when a new student, Sedgwick Bell, (Hirsch), walks into his classroom. What begins as a fierce battle of wills gives way to a close student-teacher relationship, but ends in a life lesson for Hundert that will still haunt him a quarter of a century later.

"In everyone's life there's that one person who makes all the difference."

**Monday, 26 February, 2024. BOY CHOIR:  
 2014: 103 mins:**

Dustin Hoffman, Kathy Bates, Eddie Izzard, Kevin McHale, Josh Lucas, Debra Winger, Garrett Wareing. When his single mother dies in a car crash, 12-year-old Stet, (Wareing), is sent by his father to a prestigious East Coast music school where he clashes with the school's demanding choir master, (Hoffman). This is the story of a talented youngster struggling against the odds to find his voice.

"Find your voice. Dare to dream."

**Monday, 11 March, 2024. SUSPECT: 1987:  
 116 mins:**

Cher, Dennis Quaid, Liam Neeson, John Mahoney. A Supreme Court Judge takes his own life; a woman is found dead, the victim of a grisly murder; a homeless Vietnam veteran stands accused. Kathleen Riley, (Cher), an overworked Washington, DC, public defender needs a holiday, but she is assigned another case, no ordinary case, no ordinary criminal.

Lobbyist Eddie Sanger, (Quaid), is saddled with jury duty when a critical bill is up for vote. While on jury duty, he discovers evidence critical to Kathleen's case, and contacts her outside the courtroom, a violation of the law. This leads Kathleen on a dangerous trail from Wahington's seamy underbelly to the highest levels of government.

"She broke two laws of her profession. Never get involved with a juror, and don't look for evidence in dangerous places."

**Monday, 25 March, 2024. QUARTET: 2012:  
 94 mins:**

Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Billy Connolly, Pauline Collins, Michael Gambon. Beecham House is abuzz. The rumour circling the halls is that the home for retired musicians is soon to play host to a new resident. Word is that it's a star. For Reginald Paget, (Courtenay), Wilfred Bond, (Connolly) and Emily Robson, (Collins), this sort of talk is par for the course at this gossipy home. But they're in for a shock when the new arrival turns out to be none other than their former singing partner, Jean Horton, (Smith). Her subsequent career as a star soloist, and the ego that accompanied it, split up their long friendship and ended her marriage to Reggie, who takes the news of her arrival particularly hard. Can the passage of time heal old wounds? And will the famous quartet be able to patch up their differences in time for Beecham House's gala concert?

**MY MEMOIRS****MONDAY**

Leader: Sue Taylor (0411 685 412)  
 Email: sue53@yahoo.com.au  
 Venue: Tigers Club, Bateau Bay  
 Dates: 12, 26 Feb; 11, 25 Mar; 8 Apr

We are a friendly group, and meet in the Bistro for lunch before our class. If you would like to record interesting events of your life for yourself, your friends or family, why not join us in the Arthur Lake Room at Tigers, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, or better still, meet us for lunch in the Bistro around 12:

**PLAY READING****MONDAY**

Leader: Christine Kilner (4399 2748)  
 Email: [chrisatseakay@gmail.com](mailto:chrisatseakay@gmail.com)  
 Venue: Room A, The Ent. Community Centre  
 Dates: 5, 19 Feb; 4, 18 Mar

The venue at Shelly Beach was unsatisfactory, and attempts to find other venues proved difficult, so we have decided to return to our previous venue at The Entrance Community Centre, in Room A. Parking and access are easy, and we hope to see you there. New members are always very welcome.

**BOOK CHAT****TUESDAY**

Leader: Pam McGlenn (4390 2451)  
 Email: [pamlakeside@bigpond.com](mailto:pamlakeside@bigpond.com)  
 Venue: Tigers Club, (coffee lounge)  
 Dates: 13 Feb; 12 Mar

If you enjoy reading, please come and join this friendly chat group where we read books of our own choosing.

A topic is chosen, and then we are free to discuss anything that comes within that genre.

During our readings and discussion we find time for a cup of coffee at the friendly Tigers Club.

Feb. 13	Summer Reading.
March 12	European author (not UK)
April 9	To be announced

**BRAIN TICKLERS****TUESDAY**

Leader: Rhonda MacDiarmid (0403 293 175)  
 Email: [rxm55@outlook.com.au](mailto:rxm55@outlook.com.au)  
 Venue: Tigers Club, Bay Village  
 Dates: 6, 20 Feb; 5, 19 Mar, 2 Apr

We have lots of interesting activities to test our thinking skills. Please contact Rhonda if you want to attend. Course material for the term will be emailed to you, or you may receive a printed copy at a cost of \$5.00 to cover printing costs.

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (0409 476 868)  
 Email: [betty\\_siegman@hotmail.com](mailto:betty_siegman@hotmail.com)  
 Venue: Diggers, The Entrance  
 Dates: 14, 28 Feb; 13, 27 Mar; 10 Apr

Our venue at Diggers RSL is proving quite satisfactory. We meet at the far (western) end, by the windows. The Club opens at 10:00am, and parking is good. Newcomers are always welcome.

**CREATIVE WRITING****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Pam McGlenn (4390 2451)  
 Email: [pamlakeside@bigpond.com](mailto:pamlakeside@bigpond.com)  
 Venue: St David's Church Hall, Toukley  
 Dates: 7, 21 Feb; 6, 20 Mar; 3 Apr

We are now able to accept new members, and welcome anyone who is interested in writing to come and join this happy friendly group. We certainly do write, but we really enjoy it too.

**MUSIC APPRECIATION****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (0409 476 868)  
 Email: [betty\\_siegman@hotmail.com](mailto:betty_siegman@hotmail.com)  
 Venue: 2/46 Neale Street Long Jetty  
 Dates: 7, 21 Feb; 6, 20 Mar; 3 Apr

We have welcomed some new members to our musical mornings. Music is mostly classics, but some more recent, some educational, others entertaining and sometimes even funny.

**COFFEE & CHAT**

Venue: Diggers Club, The Entrance  
 Dates: 9, 23 Feb; 8, 22 Mar

We are hoping this group will start this term. It is to be a friendly group, unsupervised, where we can just have a chat and get to know each other better. So bring along your knitting or other hand activities and of course your voices and have an enjoyable time.

## FRIDAY TALKS

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>      PETER CANE      COMMUNICATIONS**

This talk is a humorous look at some of the things we say. We often say things which are nonsensical and this talk looks at some of the things we say which are not always what we mean.

**Feb 16<sup>th</sup>      ALAN FLOREY      MALTA**

Malta, a small island in the Mediterranean was the site of the last battle of the Crusades. The Turks amassed an army of 30,000 men, which doubled as the siege dragged on. They intended to wipe out the Knights of Malta and put an end to their constant piracy against the Muslim towns of Northern Africa.

It was 1565 and the knights totalling 500 with 4000 Maltese and 4,500 other troops were planning to protect the island and the knights very existence. This talk outlines the siege, and the leadership of the Grande Master la Valette.

The Muslims included Turks, Arabs, North Africans, Balkan Muslims among their ranks. The impact of the siege was felt throughout Europe and was a major impact on Turkish dominance.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>      RENATE McKENZIE      SCAMS, SCAMS, SCAMS EVERYWHERE**

How not to become a victim.

Australians have lost 3.1 billion dollars in 2022 alone to scammers and this has been an 80% increase from the year before. Scammers are getting ever more crafty and professional, and with AI such as ChatGPT there will no longer be spelling and poor English to give them away. With AI voice cloning the next time a family member rings it could be a scammer who cloned their voice. Are you prepared?

Sadly our age group is seen as a soft target, so we are very much in the firing line. Every week there is some other item on the news how someone has lost substantial amounts of money. This talk should help you be ready for when someone tries to scam you, so you can keep yourself safe.

**March 15<sup>th</sup>      JUDY FREWEN      TRAVELS IN THE USA AND CANADA**

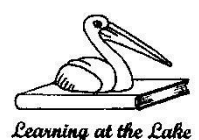
In 2010 and 2017 John and I red different parts of the USA and Western Canada. We travelled by planes, trains and automobiles clocking up around 25,000 km in both trips. Come and join us as we revisit our trips from west to east and south to north/west as we criss-cross the continent of North America. Along the way, you will be reminded of some of the iconic songs of the past as we hit the road!

**April 5<sup>th</sup>      JAN FLAZNY      JEWELLERY OF THE ROMANOVS**

This is a return Speaker we have had several times as Jan talks to us on a topic she knows well. Dipping our toes into the world of History and Jewellery, with the Romanov Dynasty. Exceptional power, wealth and great sadness at the end of an era.

**Following today's talk we will meet for lunch in the Bistro at Tigers, Bateau Bay, from 12:15.**

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**30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 12th April**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb
				COMMUNICATIONS PETER CANE TELJ RSL Hall
5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
PLAY-READING Christine Kilner TECC	BRAIN TICKLERS 1.30-3.30pm Tigers	CREATIVE WRITING Pam McGlinn Tigers  MUSIC APPRECIATION Betty Siegman Long Jetty		COFFEE AND CHAT Diggers
12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb
MOVIE CLUB John Richards 9:30 – 12:00 Chittaway Bay  MY MEMOIRS Sue Taylor 1.30-3.30 Tigers	BOOK CHAT Pam McGlinn  Tigers	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman Diggers		MALTA  ALAN FLOREY TELJ RSL Hall
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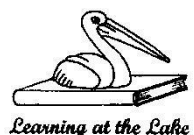
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4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar
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18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar
<b>PLAY-READING</b> Christine Kilner TECC	<b>BRAIN TICKLERS</b> 1.30-3.30pm Tigers	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> Pam McGlinn Tigers  <b>MUSIC APPRECIATION</b> Betty Siegman Long Jetty		<b>COFFEE AND CHAT</b> Diggers

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<b>25 Mar</b>	<b>26 Mar</b>	<b>27 Mar</b>	<b>28 Mar</b>	<b>29 Mar</b>
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<b>1 Apr</b>	<b>2 Apr</b>	<b>3 Apr</b>	<b>4 Apr</b>	<b>5 Apr</b>
<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	<b>BRAIN TICKLERS</b> 1.30-3.30pm Tigers	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> Pam McGlinn Tigers  <b>MUSIC APPRECIATION</b> Betty Siegman Long Jetty		<b>JEWELLERY OF THE ROMANOVs</b>  <b>JAN FLAZNY</b> TELJ RSL Hall
<b>8 Apr</b>	<b>9 Apr</b>	<b>10 Apr</b>	<b>11 Apr</b>	<b>12 Apr</b>
<b>MY MEMOIRS</b> Sue Taylor 1.30-3.30 Tigers	<b>BOOK CHAT</b> Pam McGlinn Tigers	<b>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS</b> Betty Siegman Diggers		<b>END OF TERM</b>
<b>15 Apr</b>	<b>16 Apr</b>	<b>17 Apr</b>	<b>18 Apr</b>	<b>19 Apr</b>

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