



Learning at the Lake

TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc

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FROM THE EDITOR:

As this is the final edition of your Newsletter for the year, I would like to wish you all the best for the coming festive season and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

*I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee members, most of whom were new this year, for a job well done. Most clubs and organisations meet weekly, monthly or whatever on the same day, same venue regularly. However, your U3A meets **daily** at different venues in a widely dispersed area. The organisation which goes on behind the scenes to keep all of this moving smoothly is tremendous and I think that you will all join me in telling the committee members concerned what a marvellous job they have done for the entire year and how much we appreciate their efforts.*

And so it is goodbye for 2003 and we look forward to seeing you all at our Xmas party again this year.

Pam McGlinn.

VENUES:

LJ-UC: Long Jetty Uniting Church:

The Entrance Rd, Long Jetty
(opposite Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club)

TL-MC: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club:

The Entrance Rd (or Gallipoli St), Long Jetty

TK-CWA Hall: 175 Main Road Toukley, opp, Beachcomber, next door to Canton Restaurant.

W-RSL: Wyong RSL:

cnr Anzac Av and Margaret St, Wyong

TK-PC: Toukley Presbyterian Church Hall.

Hargreaves St. Toukley.

Movie Appreciation/Hand & Foot Cards.

52 Lucinda Ave. Killarney Vale.

History of the Computer,

Glengara Retirement Village
220 Hansens Rd. Tumbi Umbi

French Conversation:

74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

Creative Writing:

2 Kalani St. Budgewoi

Pam's Opinion:

34 Woolana Av. Budgewoi

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and SOCIAL EVENT at Wyong RSL Club.

Date: Tuesday 9th December
Bookings: Barbara Skurr 4392 4158
email: baskurr@primus.com.au
Time: 10am - 1pm.

This year we are again combining our AGM and Xmas party. Following the meeting and before lunch as a special treat, our U3A Play Readers will give a reading of their current play. Bookings will be essential. Further details will be given in the letter accompanying the formal Notice and Agenda for the AGM, to be sent to all members early in November. We look forward to seeing you all and having a very enjoyable end-of-year party.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Annual Membership Fees, due on 1st Jan. 2004, are \$25 pp or \$40 for couples. This full amount is payable up until 30th June. In July the fee will be \$12, with a pro-rata rate applying for each month after that. All fees can be paid at the AGM or forwarded to our

Treasurer:
Cam Rhodes
52 Lucinda Ave.
KILLARNEY VALE 2261

**TERM 4: Start: 13th October
Finish: 12th December**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This is the last term for 2003, and finishes on 9 December with the Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party at Wyong RSL Club. Many courses will continue: the popular series on Australian Verse and Radiation will conclude.

This has been a very busy year for the new Committee and I join with the Editor in thanking every Committee member for the cheerful effort made. Our Publicity Officer, Marian Walker, has had to resign and until the AGM, her work will be undertaken by Barbara Skurr. Many thanks to Marian for her work throughout the year and to Barbara for her offer.

Many thanks go also to those members who continue to invite U3A into their home for various courses. Without this support we would not be able to hold many of our sessions.

A new series covering Social Issues will begin with sessions on Slavery and Ethics and will continue in 2004 with topics of current and general interest such as Social Aspects of Australian History, our sources of energy (most relevant if we have summer power failures!) and changes to education and health services. Other topics under consideration are corruption, justice and unionism. We shall also look at prominent people in Australian History and their influence.

Like it or not, computers continue to play an increasingly important part in our lives. The Committee has purchased a CD produced by Manningham U3A (Victoria) which is a teaching/learning package of computer courses available only to U3A members. Tommy Thomas is currently conducting a trial run and will give the Committee his expert opinion. Members will be kept informed.

I hope to see many members at the AGM. To those who will not be there, I take this opportunity to extend Seasons Greetings and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Joyce Clinch.

FROM THE WELFARE OFFICER:

I would very much appreciate it if members could forward to me any details of other members who may be ill or in hospital. This will enable me to send them the appropriate best wishes from us all.

Thank you, Anthea Grieve.
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**FROM THE TREASURER:**

Any Member wishing to pay the annual fee for 2004 at the AGM, may do so. I must stipulate that the money, either cash or cheque, be in a sealed envelope with your name/s clearly written on the outside. As I shall be unable to give any change that day, **please tender the correct amount.**

Thank you, Cam Rhodes  
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Last term we had several instances of last minute changes to either the venue or the speaker. As most of these classes were not pre-booked by members we had difficulty advising interested parties of these changes. It is impossible to make over 100 phone calls to tell you of any unavoidable alterations to the scheduled programmes so we therefore request that whenever possible would you please ring and book your class with the appropriate course leader or secretary. We will then be in a position to be able to advise you of changes.
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(I have recently been experiencing some computer difficulties, so thought that the following was most appropriate – Ed.)

Ever notice the older we get, the more we are like computers?

We start out with lots of memory and drive, then we eventually become outdated, crash at odd moments, acquire errors in our system and have to have our parts replaced!  
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BOOK CLUB**MONDAY**

Leader: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)
 Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church
 Dates: 27 Oct. 24 Nov.

Literary news and book reviews. Come and discuss your favourite book. All welcome.

AUSTRALIAN VERSE**MONDAY**

Leader: Eva Seale (4388 5848)
 Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church Hall.
 Date: 20 Oct. 3, 17 Nov. 1 Dec.

This course will continue its indepth look at Australian Poets, their life, work and influence. This term Eva will deal with Poets such as Dorothea MacKellar and CJ Dennis.

MOVIE APPRECIATION**MONDAY**

Leader: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)
 Venue: 52 Lucinda Ave. Killarney Vale
 Dates: 13 Oct. 10 Nov.
 Time: 9.30 am – 12.00

Movie Appreciation continues as before with Dorothy at her home. Your criticisms and choices of movies are invited, but please book if you wish to attend this class as places are limited.

TUESDAY**INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING**

Leader: Midge Simpson (4392 9727)
 Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue: 2 Kalani St. Budgewoi.
 Dates: 14, 28 Oct. 11, 25 Nov.

Creative Writing with Midge continues, however at a different venue. This term Midge is concentrating on teaching us how to write our autobiography, stories of our childhood etc. Have you ever wished that you had talked to your parents/grandparents more and learnt about their life when younger? Now is your chance to write down your own life story for future family historians. Midge will also be discussing myths and legends and asking you to write poetry.

PLAY READING:**TUESDAY**

Leader: Patricia Ryder (4397 1208)
 Venue: Wyong RSL Club.
 Dates: 28 Oct, 25 Nov.

Patricia continues her interesting sessions this term. New participants are welcome, please ring Patricia for bookings. We look forward to the play reading that the Group will be giving at our AGM/Christmas Party.

TUESDAY**HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME:**

Leader: Audrey Roden
 Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)
 Venue: 52 Lucinda Ave. Killarney Vale.
 Dates: 21 Oct. 18 Nov.
 Time: 1.30pm – to 3.30pm.

This popular card game, which resembles Canasta, will be continuing, albeit at a new venue and with a new leader. Instruction will be given and members can join in at any time. Tables are limited and as this game will attract many players, booking is essential. The Californian version of this game will be played.

Please note that the rules adopted by U3A will apply at all times.

NEW:**SLAVERY:****TUESDAY**

Speaker: Tom Marish (4396 6800)
 Venue: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club.
 Dates: 21 Oct. 18 Nov.

Slavery in one form or another – has existed since the time of primitive civilisations until the present. Often it has enhanced the economy or prestige of communities and national groups, occasionally bringing about their downfall. This talk will give a brief review of slavery, show how it has changed over time and attempt to show the extent to which slavery can complicate human relationships.

NOTE:

1. It is important that you book for all of these courses, so please ring the appropriate Course Leader or Secretary as shown on your program.
2. Venue locations: see page 1.
3. All sessions run from 10.00 am to 12.00 mid-day unless otherwise stated.



ONE LECTURE ONLY

ETHICS: TUESDAY
 Speaker: Marie Cioccarelli (4385 1264)
 Venue: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club
 Date: 2 December

Ethics is being increasingly referred to by Government, Business and Professional Bodies, but what exactly does the term 'Ethics' mean? We will discuss the ethics of these bodies and the role that ethics play in community and family life. General discussion will be invited.

MUSIC APPRECIATION: WEDNESDAY

Leader: Levina Walters
 Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)
 Venue: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club.
 Dates: 22 Oct. 12, 26 Nov.

Course continues with Levina presenting her programme in her own inimitable style. You are asked to join in with requests and suggestions for future programming.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS: WEDNESDAY

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
 Venue: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club
 Dates: 15 Oct. 5, 19 Nov. 3 Dec.

Never give in; solutions do get easier, but regular attendance does help. New cruciverbalists are welcome, so don't be shy. It really can be fun.

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION WEDNESDAY

Leader: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue: 34 Woolana Ave. Budgewoi
 Dates: 22 Oct. 12, 26 Nov.
 (Please note change of venue)

Topics: General Discussion by an informal group. Please bring any interesting/controversial newspaper clipping you may wish to discuss. On the 12th Nov. we will be discussing a specific topic, Globalisation.

ONE LECTURE ONLY

TISSUE CULTURE: WEDNESDAY
 Speaker: Cedric Twyford
 Secretary: Eva Seale (4388 5848)
 Venue: Wyong RSL
 Date: 29 October

Cedric Twyford is in charge of the Tissue Culture Facility at Ramm Botanicals, Tuggerah, where there are two large laboratories. Cedric will give a general introduction and fascinating insight into the methods of plant tissue culture. He will also speak of its various applications in the horticultural industry and how it has been used in research.

ONE LECTURE ONLY

TRAVELS: THURSDAY

Speaker: Joan Beard
 Secretary: Hazel Chaplin (4388 5121)
 Venue: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club
 Date: 30 October

Joan Beard has travelled extensively and written books about her experiences. She is also a mystery writer and will speak on these subjects and others.

NEW:

HISTORY OF THE COMPUTER THURSDAY

Leader: Tommy Thomas
 Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)
 Venue: The Gatehouse,
 Glengara Retirement Village,
 Dates: 16, 23 Oct.

Bookings essential for this class.

Tommy Thomas will give a review of the development of stored program digital computers from 1943 to the present time. He covers the provision of the world's first electronic computer and its wartime use, the first commercial computers, the growth of distributed computing and the development of the internet. The second session will be aided by online access to the internet with a review of the first session using online material and illustrating how the computer has been used in an increasing range of applications.

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**ONE LECTURE ONLY: THURSDAY
JAZZ**

Leader: Phil Cohen
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)
Venue: Toukley CWA Hall.
Date: 6 November.

A selective review of American Jazz in its broadest sense, from the 'tailgate' trombone of Kid Ory through the genius of Louis Armstrong to the golden era of the big bands, plus a bit of blues, boogie woogie and bebop. A little talk and a lot of music, dancing optional!

**FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME: THURSDAY
TIME: 1.30 – 3.30 pm.**

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396 7847)
Venue: 74 Evans Rd. CANTON BEACH
Date: Every Thursday. 1.30pm.

Henriette continues with her very popular French speaking course for all of you people who wish to brush up on your language skills. However, this is not a course for beginners, and some prior knowledge of French is essential. Esperanto is still available.

**ONE LECTURE ONLY. THURSDAY
LANDCARE:**

Speaker: Barbara Skurr (4392 4158)
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)
Venue: Toukley CWA Hall.
Date: 20th November

Landcare groups consist of volunteers who have a common concern about the quality of the land, water and vegetation in their local area. Barbara plans to talk about land care in general but more particularly about the Charmhaven-Wallarah team's triumphs and frustrations. There will be a practical demonstration on weed control.

**ONE LECTURE ONLY.
ENJOYING RETIREMENT
FRIDAY**

Speaker: Brian McVicar
Secretary: Eva Seale (4388 5848)
Venue: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club,
Date: 5 December

Yes! There is life after you retire, but are you living?

NATURE RAMBLE: THURSDAY and FRIDAY

Leader: Eva Seale (4388 5848)
Bookings essential.

Transport can be arranged if required. Please bring own morning tea and lunch, no charge for these outings. Also good walking shoes are essential.

Date: Friday, 31st October.
Venue: Ramble along Ourimbah Creek.
Time: 10am
Meet: in the Bluebell Park, Lakedge Ave.
Berkeley Vale (Map 59,L13 Yellow Pages)

Date: Thursday, 13th November
Venue: Kincumba Mountain.
Time: 10 am.
Meet: Kiosk (Map 98, J2 Yellow pages) Please book for instructions or change of venue.
NB If there has been hazard reduction burning, the ramble will be cancelled.

DISCUSSION GROUP FRIDAY

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli (4385 1264)
Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church Hall.
Dates: 24 Oct. 14, 28 Nov.
NB: On October 24 only Marie's discussion group will be held at Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club.

Series continues. Stimulate your brain cells. Subjects for discussion are usually topical and your suggestions are welcome. You can join in or just listen.

RADIATION: FRIDAY.

Leader: Bob Balfour
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)
Venue: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club
Dates: 17 Oct. 7, 21 Nov.

This informative course continues with Bob in his own inimitable style. Come along and learn many of the fascinating facts concerning radiation and its various uses.

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