



TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

After a most successful 2005 we look forward to a stimulating new year with a lot of great ideas for 2006.

Welcome to four new committee members, Betty Siegman, Midge Simpson, Megan Targett and Eva Seale.

The new year is always a challenge and one we all anticipate with enthusiasm. It is an opportunity for making new acquaintances and consolidating old friendships; for learning new skills and insights in a convivial atmosphere and most of all for enjoying our third age.

Barbara Skurr.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please take note of addresses below as space constraints prevent us from using full addresses on calendar.

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

W-RSL: Wyong RSL:

cnr Anzac Av and Margaret St, Wyong

RSL-HALL: Killarney Vale.

Hume Blvd. Killarney Vale.

TBC: The Berkeley Centre, Berkeley Vale.

Cnr. Berkeley Rd. & Heather Ave.

Tk-SDCH: St. Davids Church Hall,

Cnr. Hargraves and Victoria Sts. Toukley.

Hand & Foot Cards:

8 Sanctuary Place, Bateau Bay.

French Conversation:

74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

Movie Appreciation:

34 Aston Wilde Ave. Chittaway Bay.

President:	Barbara Skurr	4392 4158
Vice President:	Betty Siegman	4332 0870
Secretary:	Midge Simpson	4390 2882
Treasurer:	Megan Targett	4332 9476
Course Co-ordinator:	Eva Seale	4388 5848
Venue Co-ordinator:	Denise Davidson	4332 5546
Publicity/PR:	Dorothy Rhodes	4332 4103
Membership Officer:	Cam Rhodes	4332 4103
Public Officer:	Peter Wood	4334 1679
Welfare Officer:	Jayne Davis	4396 3446
Newsletter Editor:	Pam McGlenn	4390 2451
Correspondence:	The Secretary,	
	31 Kailua Ave. Budgewoi	2262.

SOCIAL EVENT

MORNING TEA at

TUGGERAH LAKES MEMORIAL CLUB

Date:	Tuesday 28th March
Time:	10 am—12.00 midday.
Cost:	No cost to members. \$5 non-members.
Bookings:	Denise Davidson 4332 5546 email: billdenise@optusnet.com.au

NB. Bookings essential, final date Friday, 24th March. Please note that if you confirm your booking and then find you are unable to attend, you must inform Denise immediately. Otherwise your club will be charged for your presence.

We look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible attend this gathering. A light snack will be served for morning tea. Our entertainment will be a brief reading of some of their special pieces by our Creative Writers, followed by a short comedy film, called "The Plank".

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Annual Membership Fees, due on 1st January each year, 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 for each month after that. If you have not already renewed your fees, please send payment addressed to,

The Treasurer,
Megan Targett,
153 Wyong Rd.
Killarney Vale. 2261.

**TERM 1: Start: 6th February, 2006.
Finish: 7th April, 2006.**

FROM THE EDITOR:

With 2006 now upon us, your committee have been working hard at preparing a programme for the coming year. 2006! Can you believe it?!! Is it six years since we were all waiting anxiously for the new millennium and wondering if the world was going to end? Or at least the computerised part of it. All doom and gloom, and here we are six years down the track and wondering what all the fuss was about, as so many far more important things have happened world-wide, during the intervening years.

This year we will continue with our regular classes which have proved so popular over the years with our various small groups meeting on a regular basis. However, all of these classes are open to new members and would welcome any one else who may be interested in the various topics covered by them, ie. books, music, writing, cards, movies, general discussion, play reading, crosswords, etc. These classes are looked forward to immensely by the people who attend them, and all would certainly like to see new members join them in the coming year, so whatever your interests, we are sure that there is something there for you.

This term, we will once again be having a social day, and would like especially to welcome any new members who may not have had the opportunity to meet up with their committee, or fellow members. Details on page one.

As always, we, the committee are willing to listen to any ideas that you may have regarding future classes, and will welcome any member who may like to speak on any topic, whether it is within the framework of our current lectures, or on something totally different. If you know of somebody who is not a member, but you are aware that they are an interesting speaker, please give their details to one of your committee members, and we will contact them promptly.

We hope to meet as many of you as we can in the coming months, and look forward to seeing you at the various lectures.

Pam McGlenn.

FUTURE NOTES:

Our very successful "Literary Heritage" Series will be continued in the first term of 2006, and then we will take a break from this series, to introduce something new. We will continue with 'literary' in term three with emphasis on Australian Literature, and speakers for this course would be appreciated. Term two, will see us introducing a new series on Engineers, presented by the engineers themselves, with more on this topic in our next newsletter.

AWARDS:

Our Club Secretary, and Leader of our Creative Writers' Group, has herself won awards for her poetry. They were as follows:

From the Fellowship of Australian Writers
Tuggerah Regional Joan Johnson Poetry Award
2005 Free Verse.

Commended, Awarded for "Love"
and: Short Listed, "Dignity"

Midge will be giving us a reading of these poems at our Social Day.

The Club has invested in a Digital Projector and a DVD/CD player which can be coupled to the projector for the display of sequences of still or movie images. Alternatively, presenters with knowledge of managing such collections on their notebook computer can connect their notebook to the digital projector.

Advice is available from within the membership on the techniques of converting prints or other sources of images to DVD/CD recordings and other aspects of graphic illustration of a particular topic.

If you are interested in using these facilities please contact : Tommy Thomas 02 4388 9420

WELFARE NOTICE:

Our Best Wishes are sent to Peter Woods, David Reed and Eric Greenwood who are all recovering from serious illnesses. Also a speedy recovery to Tony Thomson from his hip operation.

Joyce and John Clinch will be attending the U3A Network, NSW Inc. Regional Conference which will be held at the Merimbula Bowling Club on 28-29 March. They will be there as delegates from our club, to pick up new ideas for future courses.

BOOK REVIEW CLUB**MONDAY**

Leader: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)
 Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church Hall.
 Dates: 27 Feb., 27 Mar.

Once again, this year the very popular Book Club resumes its monthly meetings where all manner of books are discussed. In February, the topic will be historical novels which certainly covers a really wide range. Anybody who loves reading would enjoy meeting with this very friendly group, and you will be warmly welcomed by your fellow readers.

MOVIE APPRECIATION**MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)
 Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave. Chittaway Bay
 Dates: 13,27 Feb. 13,27 March, 3 April.
 Times: John now has two time slots:

9.30am-12Noon and 1.30pm-4.00pm.

John has put a lot of time and thought into providing this programme and has deliberately chosen two different time slots to suit everyone; those who prefer the mornings and those who like to watch films in the afternoon. It is hoped that these changes will enable as many as possible to view these films. Any comments you may have on the changes would be much appreciated by him.

Feb. 13—Time: 9.30am—12.00 midday.

Twelve Angry Men: Henry Fonda and Lee J Cobb lead this powerful classic tale of suspenseful jury drama. One man holds out for the innocence of the defendant, but can he convince the rest?

Feb. 27—Time: 1.30pm—4.00pm.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding: Toulou Portokalis is a Greek tragedy, thirty and unmarried, until she meets the man of her dreams, but how can she get her family to accept him?

March 13—Time: 9.30am—12.00 midday.

Witness for the Prosecution: Tyrone Power, Marlene Dietrich, Charles Laughton. Another great classic trial drama. A wealthy widow is murdered, and her married suitor is accused of the crime. Will his wife testify for him and clear his name and prove his innocence?

March 27—Time: 1.30pm—4.00pm.

Windtalkers: Following on from the talks on Codes and Ciphers by Arthur Jones, this film is based on a true story and starring Nicholas Cage, tells the story of WW2 code making. A young Navajo is trained in the one code never broken by the enemy.

April 3—9.30am—12 midday.

The Benny Goodman Story: Steve Allen, Donna Reed, Sammy Davis Jr. The musical biography of the famed "King of Swing" featuring all the songs and instrumentals made famous by the immortal clarinettist.

TRAVEL TALES:**MONDAY**

Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church Hall.
 Leader: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)
 Dates: 6, 20 Feb. 6,20 March.

One of our favourite ongoing series, in which various members tell us of their travels in far off places.

Speaker one: Amelia Fielden.
 Date: 6h Feb.
 Topic: Japan Revisited—2004.

Forty Years after Amelia first went to Japan as a post-graduate student, she returned there for three months as an Exchange Fellow from the University of Newcastle. Later she turned some of her 2004 experiences into poetry.

Speaker two: Tom Marish
 Date: 20 Feb.
 Topic: Alsace and Mulhouse Car Museum.

An illustrated talk of a week spent in historic Alsace, which is home to some of the world's best museums including the Schlumpf Collection of 400 vintage cars. If time permits, we shall also be shown some more pictures of Monet's Garden at Giverny, and of Paris in the springtime.

Speaker three: Valda Lambert
 Date: 6 March
 Topic: Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia

Valda and her friend made a virtual 'Royal Progress' through these three countries when they visited them recently. They were given unique treatment as they were the only ones on this trip, and their guide took them to places not usually shown to tourists. The special photos that Valda took of this area will be shown to us using our new equipment.

Speaker four: Jenny McLean
 Date: 20 March.
 Topic: Portrait of Bradford-on-Avon, a small English Town.
 Jenny will show us a pictorial record of this picturesque and historic small town situated on the most southerly tip of the Cotswolds near Bath, where Jenny and Bob lived for many years.

PLAY READING:**TUESDAY**

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)
 Venue: RSL Hall, Killarney Vale
 Dates: 14,21 Feb. 14,21 Mar.
 Time: 9.30am to 12 noon.

The Play Readers are re-grouping, after losing two star performers to moves interstate. We have a new play to start the new year, and will decide on a date for our major performance to be staged later in the year. If you would like to join in our fun class, please come along!

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HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME**TUESDAY**

Leader: Audrey Roden
 Secretary: Hazel Chaplin (4385 3641)
 Venue: 8 Sanctuary Place, Bateau Bay
 Dates: 14,21 Feb. 14,21 Mar.
 Time: 1.30—3.30pm.

This popular card game, which resembles Canasta, will be continuing. Instruction will be given and members can join in at any time. Tables are limited so 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.**

INTELLIGENCE SERVICES**TUESDAY****YESTERDAY, TODAY and TOMORROW.**

Venue: **Wyong RSL**
 Leader: **Barbara Skurr** (4392 4158)
 Secretary: **Eva Seale** (4388 5848)

Speaker: **Eva Seale**
 Date: **14th Feb.**
 Topic: **Eavesdropping in the Pacific During WW2**

Few people in Australia are aware of the vital contribution made to the Allied War Effort against Japan by our own Signals Intelligence Unit. It was not until the 1990's that permission was given to disclose some of its secrets. With Eva will be Joyce Grace an ex-member of this Unit.

Speaker: **Arthur Jones**
 Date: **28 Feb.**
 Topic: **Introduction to Codes and Ciphers.**

Arthur Jones was Telecommunication's Manager for both Shell UK, and Shell Australia. He has been involved in telecommunications for about fifty years, including time spent at Bletchley Park, England, when the Enigma Code was broken.

Speaker: **Arthur Jones**
 Date: **14 March**
 Topic: **'Big Brother' is Really Watching Us!**

This is an introduction to the world's largest Intelligence Gathering Network and the implications this has for all of us—for better or for worse.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS:**WEDNESDAY**

Leader: **Betty Siegman** (4332 0870)
 Venue: **Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club**
 Dates: **15 Feb. 1,15 Mar. 5 April.**

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.

MUSIC APPRECIATION:**WEDNESDAY**

Leaders: **Judith Writer** (4334 2438)
 Secretary: **Joyce Clinch** (4333 6586)
 Venue: **The Berkeley Centre**
 Time: **10.15am—12.15pm.**
 Dates: **8,22 Feb. 8,22 March.**

8th February: Opera and Ballet - Judith Writer.
 Lovely arias from some lesser-known works; their place in the story, and background on the composers.

22nd February: Beautiful Baroque - Judith Writer.
 Profusely rich music of the 17th and 18th centuries; Monteverdi, Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, and the Classical Romantic Period.

8th March: Instrumental - Betty Siegman.
 The development of instruments from ancient to modern times led to the orchestra as we know it today.

22nd March: 20th Century Music - Judith Writer.
 A light hearted look at music ranging from Gilbert and Sullivan to Andrew Lloyd Webber.

INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING**WEDNESDAY**

Leader: **Midge Simpson** (4390 2882)
 Secretary: **Pam McGlenn** (4390 2451)
 Venue: **St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley.**
 Dates: **15 Feb. 1,15 Mar. 5 April.**

Creative Writing continues this year and Midge is ready to go with innovative ideas. Some literary theory, and more ideas on how to write a biography, or your own story. We will also be writing fiction, and poetry, (both free form and traditional verse). Please book if you wish to attend this very friendly and interesting group.

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FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME:

TIME: 1.30 – 3.30 pm. THURSDAY

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396 7847)
Venue: 74 Evans Rd. Canton Beach.
Dates: Every Thursday, (9 Feb. 6 Apr. Incl.)

This course embraces both grammar and conversation. Designed for those with a basic knowledge of French—say from school days. The auxiliary international language, Esperanto, is available also.

FRIDAY

LITERARY HERITAGE and STORYTELLING.

Venue: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club
Leader: Barbara Skurr (4392 4158)
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)
Dates: 17, Feb. 3,17 March. 7 April.

Speaker one: Ann Cooke
Dates: 17 Feb.
Topic: Simone de Beauvoir.

Simone was a French Philosopher and Writer, who was classed by academics and other sources as being the most influential feminist writer of the twentieth century. She is best known for her book, "The Second Sex".

Speaker two: Midge Simpson, Pam McGlinn.
Date: 3 March.
Topic: Samuel Johnson and James Boswell.

How many biographers can you name who have become as famous or even more well known, than their subject? This seems to have been very much the case with regard to James Boswell following his biography of the brilliant writer, raconteur and national celebrity Samuel Johnson. The lives of these two very different men became inextricably entwined resulting in what some believe, was the dubious claim to fame of one, to the detriment of the other, a topic which has interested scholars over many years.

Speaker three: Dorothy Rhodes
Date: 17th March.
Topic: Agatha Christie.

Not only was Agatha Christie the most prolific crime writer ever, but her life was full of personal excitement and interest. Find out more than you think you know about her.

(Literary Heritage, continues next column).

LITERARY HERITAGE: (Continued from previous column)

Speaker four: Jayne Davis
Date: 7th April
Topic: Lewis Carroll

One of the most loved children's writers of all time was really much more than that, as he was a photographer, teacher, mathematician and inventor of puzzles. Hear about his fascinating life story from Jayne.

DISCUSSION GROUP: FRIDAY

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli (4385 1264)
Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church Hall.
Dates: 10,24 Feb. 10,24 March.

Let's talk it over with our **Discussion Group**. Come and join our small, friendly group and have your say about anything you feel strongly about. You don't have to say anything if you prefer, just come and listen! We don't take ourselves too seriously and we cover a wide range of subjects—there's sure to be something of interest to you. We'd particularly welcome new members, so all of you people out there who like to discuss the problems of the world, come and join us!

For all of us who bemoan our lack of computer technical skills, the following actual queries, should make us feel better.

Tech Support: What kind of computer do you have?
Female customer: A white one.....

Tech Support: Good day, how may I help you?
Male customer: Hello.....I can't print.

Tech Support: Would you please click on 'start' for me and.....

Customer: Listen pal; don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates, dammit!

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says, 'can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it.....

Tech Support: What's on your monitor now ma'am?
Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me.....

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.
Tech Support: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure, I saw my colleague do it.
Tech Support: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five stars.....

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6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb
TRAVEL TALKS TALES FROM ABROAD Japan No.2 Amelia Fielden (LJ-UC)		MUSIC APPRECIATION Judith Writer (TBC) (10.15—12.15pm Please be there early)	FR. CONVERSATION H. Vanechop (Canton Beach 1.30pm)	DISCUSSION GROUP M. Cioccarelli (LJ-UC)
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TRAVEL TALKS TALES FROM ABROAD Tom Marish Alsace & Mulhouse Car Museum (LJ-UC)	PLAY READING Dorothy Rhodes (RSL Hall KV) CARDS (Bateau Bay 1.30—3.30pm)	MUSIC APPRECIATION Judith Writer (TBC) (10.15—12.15pm Please be there early)	FR. CONVERSATION H. Vanechop (Canton Beach 1.30pm)	DISCUSSION GROUP M. Cioccarelli (LJ-UC)
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6 Mar	7Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar
TRAVEL TALKS; TALES FROM ABROAD LAOS, VIETNAM and CAMBODIA Valda Lambert. (LJ-UC)		MUSIC APPRECIATION. Judith Writer (TBC) (10.15—12.15pm Please be there early)	FR. CONVERSATION H. Vanechop (Canton Beach 1.30pm)	DISCUSSION GROUP M. Cioccarelli (LJ-UC)

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