



Learning at the Lake

# TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

*We should all be congratulated on a terrific year. Members' contributions have been of a very high standard reflecting the time and care spent on them. The quality and confidence shown in presentation technique has improved out of sight and will further improve due to the Notebook Workshops where these skills have been developed and practised. (many thanks Tommy).*

*Equipment has been upgraded and increased to the point where an Equipment Coordinator has become essential to ensure all the paraphernalia is in the right place at the right time.*

*Guest speakers, always so generous with their time, have been greatly appreciated, opening our minds as they do to new interests and activities.*

*The committee has worked harmoniously and enjoyed it all. We are sorry our secretary, Midge, has to go, but know she will be an asset where she is. Thank you Rita for stepping in as locum.*

*One term to go and it is Christmas again! Where does the time go?*

*Barbara Skurr.*

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:**

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

**TL-MC: Tuggerah Lakes Memorial Club: There will be no classes at this venue this term.**

### **VENUES:**

#### **LJ-UC: Long Jetty Uniting Church:**

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

#### **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.

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and SOCIAL EVENT at RSL Hall at Killarney Vale.**

Date: Thursday, 14th December  
Bookings: Denise Davidson 4332 5546  
email: billdenise@optusnet.com.au  
Time: 10am—1pm.  
Cost: Members—no charge  
Non-members \$5.

**Bookings essential, final date Friday 8th Dec.**

**Please note that if you book and are unable to come it is essential that you notify Denise.**

This year we are again combining our AGM and Christmas party. Further details of the AGM will be given in the letter which will accompany the Formal Notice and Agenda for the AGM, to be sent to all members early in November.

Your U3A Club will be providing a light luncheon and entertaining you with a short melodrama after the meeting—feel free to hiss the villain and cheer the hero. We look forward to seeing you and having a very enjoyable end-of-year party.

## **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.

**Provided that the correct money is in a sealed envelope, with your name clearly marked, Megan will accept payment of next year's fees at the AGM, otherwise, please forward payment to:**

**Megan Targett,  
153 Wyong Rd.  
Killarney Vale. 2261.**

**TERM 4: Start: 16th October  
Finish: 14th December.**

## FROM THE EDITOR:

*Hello everybody, and welcome to my last newsletter as after four years as your editor I will not be continuing next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed being editor of your newsletter and I pass on my best wishes to my successor.*

*It has been a fun year with lots of interesting classes and once again we would like to thank all the willing workers who have helped to make it so. These include, your very hard working committee, the various volunteer speakers who give up so much of their time doing research and then present us with such interesting topics, and our competent electronic experts who have done so much to enhance visually our presentations. I would especially like to thank the army of workers behind the scenes, who are always there to re-arrange the furniture, collect money, set out and clean up morning teas, and who often stay back after all others have left, to complete these tasks. Thank you one and all, without these quiet achievers, we would not have a club.*

*Our Social Days as always have been a great success, with approximately a third of our members attending at any one time. We would like to see more of our newer members there, as they are great occasions for people to get to know each other, and we will continue to present them in the year 2007. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for what remains of 2006 and look forward to our continuing success as a very vital club next year.*

*Pam McGlinn*

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## FAREWELL TO MIDGE SIMPSON.

Our club will greatly miss one of our stalwarts who has left us to return to Victoria. Midge was only on the Coast slightly more than four years and joined U3A almost as soon as she arrived. She initiated and ran the Creative Writing Club for more than four years, and was much loved by her group who are so sorry to see her go. She has been an extremely active worker for U3A as she has served on the committee and given talks as well as working as a leader. We all wish her the very best in her new life. Goodbye and good luck Midge from all your fellow members.

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## COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Thank you to all those members and invited speakers who gave their support last term. Unfortunately, due to the change of venue from TLMC, the series 'Outline of Art' could not be continued.

Special mention must be made of Tommy Thomas and his 'Class of Eight' which will ensure that any future speakers who wish to have their talks illustrated, will have expert assistance. Thanks for your tutelage, Tommy, and congratulations to those who mastered the techniques involved.

Having completed the programme for this final term, I am now preparing that for first term 2007. I trust some of our members will offer to contribute.

This term, as well as the various regular sessions which are to be continued under their very capable leaders, we will feature Travellers' Tales which is always popular.

Of course, anything to do with Australian History— or Geography, appeals to most members. Perhaps you have a favourite city, or town, or historical feature? From the book 'Australia's Yesterdays', a few selected topics could be—history of nursing, fashions, the printed page, singers, musicians and writers. Personally, I am very interested in 'Our Local History' which could be incorporated with a coach tour.

Please let me know if your are prepared to talk on any of these, and I can slot them into next year's programme.

*Eva Seale*

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## WELFARE REPORT:

Despite the cold winter weather, our members seem to have been a fairly healthy lot and this officer has little to report in the way of illness. Despite a sprained ankle, Pam McGlinn made it to her talk on 'Pioneer Women' on crutches. It is pleasing to see David Reed is doing well and has returned to the music classes, where he held one session. Elaine Callan is now home from hospital, and well on the mend. Little else has come to my attention, so presumably all is well!

*Jayne Davis.*

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**BOOK REVIEW CLUB:****MONDAY**

Leader: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)  
 Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church Hall.  
 Dates: 23 Oct., 27 Nov.

Ever wanted to join a Book Group? We discuss everything from children's literature to trendy new fiction, crime writing, or whatever takes your fancy. Suggestions for reading material from members of group, always welcome. Our first meeting will see us discussing biographies. They can be of anyone of your choice.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

*It is worth noting as regards the **Book Club**, that it is our oldest continuous club. It was in fact first started by the Central Coast U3A, while they, and we also, were still a part of the Greater Sydney U3A. The first leader was Joan Dalgleish, who is a writer of children's books, and we met at The Entrance Community Hall (now demolished). When we Separated from Sydney and started our own very small (thirty members only) U3A, the book club continued and very soon afterwards, Dorothy became our leader and has done an extremely competent job of it ever since.*

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

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)  
 Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave. Chittaway Bay  
 Dates: 23 Oct. 13, 27 Nov. 11 Dec.

**Times: John is continuing with two time slots:**  
 9.30am-12noon and 1.30pm-4.00pm.  
**As previously, John has put a lot of time and thought into providing this programme.**

**23 Oct. 1-30pm — A SONG TO REMEMBER:** Cornel Wilde, Merle Oberon. The story of Frederic Chopin and his affair with novelist George Sand, who was his greatest inspiration.

**13 Nov. 9.30am— ANATOMY OF A MURDER:** Lee Remick, James Stewart, George C. Scott. A small-town lawyer is pitted against a hardened prosecutor when an Army Lieutenant kills his wife's rapist. Murder, Manslaughter, or temporary insanity?

**27 Nov. 1-30pm.— THE GREAT IMPOSTER:** Tony Curtis. The true story of Ferdinand Waldo Demara, a Marine and a Trappist Monk, who posed as a prison warden, a Harvard research fellow, a naval doctor and a teacher.

**11 Dec. 9.30am—THE STORY OF SEABISCUIT:** Barry Fitzgerald, Shirley Temple. A romantic tale in the Hollywood 40's style. Seabiscuit is an unlikely prospect chosen by race-horse trainer Fitzgerald, Shirley Temple's uncle and guardian.

**VARIOUS:****MONDAY**

Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Hall.  
 Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)  
 Dates: 16 Oct. 6, 20th Nov. 4th Dec.

**DO YOU REMEMBER?**

Leaders: Eva Seale, Tom Marish  
 Date: 16th October.

Based on slides from Pam's talk on 'Pioneer Women' this is a chance for members to reminisce about the days before the introduction of modern technology. Its success will rely on audience participation, so come along prepared with your stories of the 'Good Old Days'. Tom will be showing the slides and Eva will endeavour to keep order, as you will all have so much to say!

**BEN BOYD:**

Speaker: Geoff Robertson.  
 Date: 6th November.

Geoff will be talking about one of our earliest entrepreneurs—a Scotsman who came to Australia in 1842, became a wealthy squatter and tried to found his own town 'Boyd Town' on the South Coast of NSW, near Eden. What became of the man and his dreams?

**DAME ENID LYONS:**

Speaker: Rita Richards.  
 Date: 20th November.

Although Rita has already spoken of Joe and Enid Lyons some time ago, this time she will be concentrating on Dame Enid, who became famous in her own right after the death of her husband. Mother of twelve, first woman member of Federal Parliament and Cabinet, author of two books based on her life experiences, made a Dame of the British Empire in 1937. A truly amazing woman.

**Mr.GILBERT, Mr.SULLIVAN, Mr.D'OYLY CARTE:**

Speaker: Jayne Davis.  
 Date: 4th December.

This talk will be about the operettas, of course, but will also cover some of their other works. With plenty of music and some vintage recordings. A bit of fun to end the year!

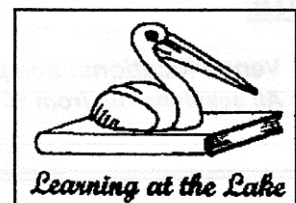
**PLAY READING:****TUESDAY**

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)  
 Venue: RSL Hall, Killarney Vale  
 Dates: 17 Oct. 14, 21 Nov.  
 Time: 9.30am to 12 noon.

The Play Readers are excited about various things they are working on at the moment, but are always happy to have new people join, or to have visitors come and watch them in action. We will be entertaining you with a short melodrama after the AGM and will be concentrating on that this term.

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**RAMBLE:****TUESDAY**

Secretary: Barbara Skurr (4392 4158)  
 Walk: Norah Head  
 Date: 31st October.  
 Meeting: Bush Street Reserve Norah Head.

We will meet at the Bush Street Reserve for morning tea and then bush walk, views, lighthouse, (perhaps a whale?) picnic lunch, the lot. If unable to walk very far, why not join us for lunch and a pleasant picnic day?

For this walk, members must provide own morning tea and lunch and please include hat, sensible shoes, sunscreen. Also a chair as not a lot of seating is available. For further details please contact Barbara.

**TUESDAY**

Venue: Wyong RSL  
 Secretary: Eva Seale (4388 5848)  
 Dates: 24 Oct. 28 Nov. 5 Dec.  
 Time: 10.00am—12.00pm

Speaker one: Clem Peters  
 Date: 24th October  
 Topic: Dan Brown Dissected.

In his own inimitable style, Clem will be continuing his exploration/exposé of Mysteries and Mysterious Groups as begun by him in term two, with further revelations about the Da Vinci Code. Enough said!!

Speaker two: Walter Fielder-Gill  
 Date: 28th November  
 Topic: Development and Operation of Radar in World War 2.

Walter Fielder-Gill was a commanding officer of Radar Stations in New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands during World War 2. His talk will be based on political and operational aspects, more than technical detail, and should be most interesting, particularly following on previous talks about codes and code-breakers. Behind the scenes of what helped us win the war!

Speaker three: John Asquith  
 Date: 5th December  
 Topic: An Overview of Current Water Issues.

John is a director of 'The Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority'. He is an engineer who has been involved in water conservation for 35 years. He will be giving an illustrated talk and we urge all who are interested in our current water crisis to come along as he will answer all your questions, and hopefully have some ideas for our future.

**HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME****TUESDAY**

Leader: Audrey Roden  
 Secretary: Hazel Chaplin (4385 3641)  
 Venue: 8 Sanctuary Place, Bateau Bay  
 Dates: 17 Oct. 14, 21 Nov.  
 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.

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS:****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
 Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church  
 Dates: 18 Oct. 1, 15 Nov. 6 Dec.  
**NB. Change of venue for this class.**

This course is so popular that there are now two groups, one of which caters for **beginners**. Don't be shy, it really can be fun.

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

Leader: Judith Writer (4334 2438)  
 Venue: The Berkeley Centre  
 Time: 10.15 am—12.15 pm.  
 Dates: 25 Oct. 8, 22 Nov. 13 Dec.

This term Judith is pursuing a course of featuring composers of different nationalities. The following programme is the result.

Date: 25 Oct—German Composers  
 Date: 8 Nov—Italian Composers  
 Date: 22 Nov—Russian Composers.

Date: 13 Dec—Because it proved so popular with the class last term, there will be a members' choice on this, the last session of the year. So bring along your favourite music and let everyone else share it with you.

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**CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP. WEDNESDAY.**

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)  
Venue: St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley.  
Dates: 18 Oct. 1,15 Nov. 6 Dec.

Despite, much to our sorrow, Midge leaving us, we are continuing without her, but as a workshop. We will continue to write in class and encourage our members to work independently out of class. We are a friendly group who would welcome any newcomers.

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

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396 7847)  
Venue: 74 Evans Rd. Canton Beach.  
Dates: Every Thursday, (26 Oct.—7th Dec.)  
**NB. Henriette will not be available, the first Thursday of the new term.**

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 also available.

**ONE LECTURE ONLY: THURSDAY**

Speaker: Bob Balfour (4334 5321)  
Venue: 46 Kathleen White Cresc.  
KILLARNEY VALE  
Topic: **Digital TV**  
Date: 26 Oct. Or 2nd Nov.  
**Bookings Essential**

Bob promises this presentation will be only slightly technical—more the history of how it developed—tips when buying. As Bob would prefer a small audience, it will be held at his home, numbers limited to 12, first showing 26 Oct. repeated 2 Nov. if required.

**DISCUSSION GROUP: FRIDAY**

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli  
Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church Hall.  
Dates: 27 Oct. 10, 24 Nov. 8 Dec.

Come along and join with Marie in discussing current affairs. Your suggestions are always welcome as you join in with this very friendly, but verbally active group.

**TRAVELLERS' TALES: FRIDAY**

Venue: Long Jetty Uniting Church  
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)  
Dates: 20 Oct. 3, 17 Nov. 1 Dec.  
**NB: Please note change of venue for Friday classes.**

Speaker One: Tom Marish  
Date: 20th October  
Topic: **Travels in Baltic States.**

Since 1991, when they gained independence from the USSR, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have started to emerge from a thousand years of constraints imposed by innumerable wars and foreign occupations to reveal their fascinating history and to blossom into modern nations. Illustrated with short videos and photos.

Speaker Two: Tom Marish  
Date: 3rd November  
Topic: **Travels in Scandinavia.**

Travel by boat up the west coast of Norway from Bergen, past the Arctic Circle and around North Cape, visiting dozens of small ports, past thousands of small islands, through a maze of channels and into fjords. Also short visits to Helsinki, Oslo, Voss, Bergen and Copenhagen. Illustrated with short videos and photos.

Speaker Three: Barbara Brewer  
Date: 17th November  
Topic: **Costumes and Culture of Fiji.**

Born in Fiji of Indian parents, Barbara Brewer tells us of how it was growing up in Fiji. She has many fascinating things to show and tell us. A talk not to be missed.

Speaker Four: Joyce and John Clinch  
Date: 1 Dec.  
Topic: **India.**

This talk takes you on a seven week tour around India, mainly by India Rail, and illustrated by slides. We travel from New Delhi to Mumbai, via Agra, Darjeeling, Kolkata, Chennai, Mysore and Goa.

Have you noticed that when you get to the point where menu prices don't matter, your weight does?

Years have been added to our lives, now we must add life to our years.

I don't feel old, I don't feel anything until noon, and then it's time for my nap.

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Parliament!

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16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct	20 Oct
DO YOU REMEMBER Eva Seale Tom Marish  (LJUC) ✓	PLAY READING Dorothy Rhodes (RSL Hall KV)  CARDS-1.30-3.30pm ✓	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (LJ-UC) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (TK.SD-CH)	NO FRENCH	TAVELLERS' TALES  BALTIC STATES Tom Marish  (LJ-UC) ✓
23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct	27 Oct
BOOK REVIEW CLUB Dorothy Rhodes (LJ-UC)  MOVIE CLUB J. Richardson 1.30pm-400pm ✓ Chittaway Bay ✓	DAN BROWN DISSECTED Clem Peters (Wy-RSL) ✓	MUSIC APPRECIATION Judith Writer 10.15am-12.15pm (TBC)	DIGITAL TV Bob Balfour (Killarney Vale see page five for details)  FR. CONVERSATION H. Vanechop (1.30pm)	DISCUSSION GROUP M. Cioccarelli (LJ-UC)
30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov	3 Nov
	RAMBLE NORAH HEAD Barbara Skurr  (See Page four for details)	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (LJ-UC)  CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SD-CH)	DIGITAL TV Bob Balfour (Killarney Vale see page five for details)  FR. CONVERSATION H. Vanechop (1.30pm)	TAVELLERS' TALES  SCANDINAVIA Tom Marish ✓  (LJ-UC)
6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov	10 Nov
BEN BOYD ✓ G. Robertson ✓ (LJ-UC)	NO CLASS  MELBOURNE CUP DAY	MUSIC APPRECIATION J. Writer 10.15am-12.15pm (TBC)	FR. CONVERSATION H. Vanechop (1.30pm)	DISCUSSION GROUP M. Cioccarelli (LJ-UC)
13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov
MOVIE CLUB ✓ J. Richardson ✓ 9.30am-12noon ✓	PLAY READING Dorothy Rhodes (RSL Hall KV)  CARDS-1.30-3.30pm	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (LJ-UC)  CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SD-CH)	FR. CONVERSATION H. Vanechop (1.30pm)	TAVELLERS' TALES ✓  COSTUMES AND CULTURE OF FIJI  Barbara Brewer (LJ-UC)

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<b>4 Dec</b>	<b>5 Dec</b>	<b>6 Dec</b>	<b>7 Dec</b>	<b>8 Dec</b>
Mr. GILBERT, Mr SULLIVAN and Mr. D'OYLY CARTE Jayne Davis (LJ-UC) ✓	OUR WATER CRISIS John Asquith (Wy-RSL) ✓	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (LJ-UC) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCH)	FR. CONVERSATION H. Vanechop (1.30pm)	DISCUSSION GROUP M. Cioccarelli (LJ-UC)
<b>11 Dec</b>	<b>12 Dec</b>	<b>13 Dec</b>	<b>14 Dec</b>	
MOVIE CLUB J.Richardson 9.30—Nocn ✓ Chittaway Bay		MUSIC APPRECIATION Judith Writer 10.15am-12.15pm (TBC)	AGM and SOCIAL DAY ✓  (RSL HALL—KV) Refer page one For details	

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