



TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

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FROM THE EDITOR:

We really are a fortunate U3A, having the use of rooms at Diggers free of charge for the moment. OK, there may be some disadvantages, but we can cope; but there is some good news: morning tea will be reduced from \$2.50 to \$2.00.

Also I'm proud to announce that one of our Creative Writers, Pam McGlenn, has had her book "A Distant Dream" published. I've not had a chance to read it properly yet as I only had a copy for a couple of days, but it looks like a good story, based on fact and very well researched. Copies may be obtained from Pam.

On the topic of history, many of us finished the term with an excellent tour around our own backyard, led by the inimitable Phillip Morley. Being a local, he knew all the ins and outs of the Wyong area. I never realised what a fascinating place it is.

I also would like to point out that there is a website for the U3A Network NSW. The address is: www.nsw.u3anet.org.au - this could be very informative.

I hope the Easter Bunny/Bilby was good to you.

Jayne Davis

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT— VENUES:
Please note the venue addresses below as space constraints prevent us from using the full addresses on the calendar.

Diggers:

The Entrance Rd (or Gallipoli St), Long Jetty
TBC: The Berkeley Centre, Berkeley Vale
Cnr Berkeley Rd & Heather Av
Tk-SDCh: St Davids Church Hall
Cnr Hargraves and Victoria Sts, Toukley

French Conversation:

74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

Movie Appreciation:

34 Aston Wilde Av, Chittaway Bay

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34 Aston-Wilde Ave. Chittaway Bay, 2261

SOCIAL DAY AT DIGGERS

Date: Wednesday 30th May
Bookings: Eva Seale (4388.5848)
Time: 10am — 1pm
Cost: Members—no charge
Non-members \$5

Bookings essential: final date Wednesday 23rd May. Please note; if you are unable to come it is essential that you notify Eva.
Your U3A will be providing morning tea on arrival, and a light Luncheon will be served at 11.45.
The venue will be the larger downstairs Function Room where we hold classes.

All bookings and visitors' money to be forwarded before Wednesday 23rd May.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Annual Membership Fees are due on 1st January each year, and are **\$25 pp** or **\$40 for couples**. For people joining after 30th June, the fee will be \$12, with a pro rata fee for each month after that.

Place your money together with your Membership Renewal Form in a sealed envelope and forward to The Treasurer:

Joyce Clinch,
P.O. Box 4115,
Bay Village, 2261

**TERM 2: Start: 23rd April
Finish: 29th June**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

In the past, Members have referred to our U3A group variously as a Branch, a Club, an Association, an Organisation and perhaps by other terms. Although we are a member of U3A Network (NSW) Inc (like many other U3As in NSW), each of us is completely independent and autonomous and definitely not a branch of any other organisation. Because we are incorporated under the NSW *Associations Incorporation Act 1984*, we are legally obliged to place our official name, ie, **Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc** on all documentation, be it a letter, newsletter, receipt, website, etc. Incorporation is available to non-profit groups which do not operate on a commercial basis, provides groups with a legal identity and certain other advantages including limited member liability.

We have now operated for a full term in our (hopefully) permanent home at Diggers with our audio-visual equipment and morning tea supplies stored in two locked cupboards. We are grateful to the club for granting us the use of the meeting rooms at no cost and will be writing to their management to thank them for this. Diggers actually support over 90 other local community groups.

It was a condition of our agreement with Diggers that our lockers be located in the male airlock/washroom. I understand and agree with members that this is not the most desirable location, but it's a compromise that we will have to live with for the moment.

Because of the savings on rental, the Committee has decided to reduce the charge for morning tea from \$2.50 to \$2.00 for a trial period.

Tom Marish.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

This term the first and third Mondays will be devoted to Arts and Crafts, with three of our own members speaking for three of the four sessions, which is the policy of the U3A. These are guaranteed to be interesting, even to our male members! As a complete change, Fridays will cover the History of Science from Plato to the Present Day.

Thank you so much to the leaders of the various groups, which, besides continuing as usual, are increasing their membership.

With the colder weather approaching I have decided to have two Rambles led by retired forester, Barry Peike.

Evelyn Bradshaw's talks on Italy and language classes, though small in number, proved so successful that the participants are continuing to meet informally even though Evelyn has returned to Italy.

Unfortunately, Mah Jong could not start this term, but I hope to include it, with lessons for beginners, in Third Term.

Eva Seale

WELFARE REPORT:

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of one of our members, June Edward. She had been a member for many years, and was a stalwart of the Music and Cryptic Crosswords Groups.

Also on the sick list are Joyce Lilly, Pat Down, Joan Hocking and we wish all the best to David Reed and Clive Seale and Michael Porter.

Kathleen Sewell

BOOK REVIEW CLUB:**MONDAY**

Leader: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)
 Venue: Diggers @ The Entrance
 Dates: 23 Apr, 28 May

This club is really popular and just keeps growing! A list of the books we will be looking at is now available—give Dorothy a ring if you think you might be interested. A love of reading is the only criterion. All tastes catered for! Books lent and cared for. Call in any time.

MOVIE APPRECIATION:**MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)
 Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay
 Dates: 23rd Apr, 14th, 28th May, 25th June

Times: Please note, movies will only be shown in the mornings at 9.30-12noon

IMPORTANT: PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED. John, as usual, has selected a varied group of excellent classic films for this term.

23rd Apr: CROUPIER: (2000) Thriller (87 mins.) Clive Owen, Alex Kingston. Writer Jack Manfred takes a job as a croupier. He's determined to stay an outsider, but the games beckon, leading on a journey with no escape.

14th May: THE WALTZ KING: (1963) Musical biopic (95mins). Steve Previn, Senta Berger with Kerwin Mathews as Johann Strauss Jr. Tells the story of Johann Strauss Jr "The Waltz King".

28th May: RUTHLESS PEOPLE: (1986) Comedy (91 mins). Danny de Vito, Bette Midler. Hilarious story about a clothing manufacturer who refuses to pay ransom for his kidnapped wife because he's happier without her!

25th Jun: SPELLBOUND: (1945) Romantic thriller Hitchcock. (106mins) Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck. Psychiatrist Constance Peterson falls in love with her new chief of staff, Dr Anthony Edwards—but is he really who he says he is?

CRAFTY LADIES:**MONDAY**

Secretary: Rita Richards (4388 4945)
 Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance
 Dates: 7th, 21st May, 4th, 18th June

7th May: TAPESTRY AND COUNTED CROSS STITCH

Speaker: Megan Targett

Come and visit the joys of this part of the great needlework world. You can pass many hours and create wonderful heirlooms. There will be plenty of hints and examples.

21st May: SCRAPPY QUILTS

Speaker: Judith Marish
 Secretary: Rita Richards (4388.4945)
 Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance

Beautiful quilts from humble beginnings and you can clean out cupboards doing it. Leftovers from sewing your children's dresses, even men's ties and jockey shorts. Have you a rag bag full of material scraps?

4th June: MAKING PUPPETS

Speaker: Ann Davis
 Secretary: Rita Richards (4388.4945)
 Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance

Ann will talk about creating a puppet, from first design to finished product and will demonstrate the different types and styles of puppet.

18th June: DECORATIVE GREETING CARDS

Speaker: Meg Hocking
 Secretary: Rita Richards (4388.4945)
 Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance

Since retiring, Meg has fulfilled a long-time ambition to follow her dream of painting, and the making of decorative cards has developed from this. She will demonstrate the different stages in the making of Permagon (parchment) cards, and also show examples of Stained-Glass cards, and some of her beautiful water colour pictures.

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2. All Sessions run from 10.00am to 12.00 mid-day unless otherwise stated.

HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME TUESDAY

Leader: Audrey Roden
Secretary: Denise Davidson (4332.5546)
Venue: Diggers @ The Entrance
Dates: 24th Apr, 8th, 22 May, 12th, 26th June
Time: 1.30—3.30pm.

We now meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Anyone who wishes to join us is welcome to come along. Based on canasta, this game can be learnt easily by anyone with card playing ability.

Instruction will be given, and a set of rules supplied. The Californian version of this game will be played.

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

PLAYREADING TUESDAY

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332.4103)
Venue: Diggers @ The Entrance
Dates: 24th Apr, 8th, 22nd May, 12th, 26th Jun
Time: 10.00am-12noon

The playreaders now meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at **10.00am**, and have been reading some hilarious one act plays.

Anyone welcome to come and sit in, and see how we function.

MUSIC APPRECIATION WEDNESDAY

Leader: Judy Writer (4334 2438)
Venue: The Berkeley Centre
Time: 10.15 am—12.15 pm.

9th May: OPERETTAS

Betty Siegman will present a programme of music from popular Operettas. This should be a delightful and highly entertaining session.

23rd May: SOLOS, DUETS, TRIOS AND QUARTETS

Judy will be entertaining this group with a varied selection of vocal and instrumental solos, duets and all sorts of groups.

MUSIC APPRECIATION WEDNESDAY

13th Jun: FORM: SONATAS AND SYMPHONIES

Ever wondered what the difference is between a sonata and a symphony? Come along to Judy's talk and find out.

27th Jun: MORE SULLIVAN THAN GILBERT

A reprise of the talk on G & S, that Jayne Davis gave at the end of last year, but this time concentrating more on Sullivan's music and will play some different songs from the operettas.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS WEDNESDAY

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance
Dates: 2nd, 16th May, 6th, 20th June

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 and taxes your brain as well.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390.2451)
Venue: St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley
Dates: 2nd, 16th May, 6th, 20th June

This workshop is continuing most successfully, so why don't you come and join us? We're a friendly group and will welcome any newcomers.

FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME: THURSDAY

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396.7847)
Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach
Dates: Every Thursday, (26th Apr—28th Jun)
Time: 1.30pm—3.30pm

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.

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RAMBLING WITH BARRY**THURSDAY**

Leader: Barry Peike
 Secretary: Barbara Skurr (4392.4158)

Barry is a retired forester who knows the area better than the back of his hand and also knows the names of all the plants and trees in the neighbourhood.

The walks will not be hard, but please wear sensible clothing and shoes; and don't forget your hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, your food and drink and a picnic table/chair if possible for both walks.

3rd May: OURIMBAH CREEK

Meet at 10am at Chittaway shopping centre in the mall at the pedestrian crossing where there are toilets and seating.

After morning tea we will proceed by car to the corner of Hanalei and Kalua (P 59, N7 in your phone book).

We will then walk along the river bank to the Point and back, returning to the shopping centre for lunch. Non walkers could wait comfortably on the river bank at N 7.

7th June: SENSORY GARDEN

Meet at 10am at the Sensory Garden, Entrance North (P 61 E 7 in your phone book).

After morning tea, we'll walk south across the bridge and round to Long Jetty Sailing Club, returning to the Sensory Gardens for lunch with our non walkers.

DISCUSSION GROUP:**FRIDAY**

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli
 Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance
 Dates: 27Apr, 11, 25 May, 8, 22 June

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

I think that I shall never see
 A billboard lovely as a tree
 Indeed, unless the billboards fall
 I'll never see a tree at all.

(Ogden Nash)

SCIENCE AND FAITH**FRIDAY****THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE FROM PLATO TO THE PRESENT DAY**

Speaker: Trevor Kruger
 Secretary: Eva Seale (4388.5848)
 Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance

In this course, Trevor Kruger will show how, through the ages, the thoughts and discoveries of great philosophers and scientists have influenced man's concept of a supreme being.

4th May: GOD—THE MATHEMATICIAN?

The departure of the ancient philosopher Pythagorus from the interventionist deities saw the beginnings of alternative explanations of natural events based on reasoning and logic. Was God a mathematician?

18th May: GOD—THE ASTRONOMER?

Making the earth move from the centre of the universe took some time during the Dark and Middle Ages. The sky-God notion had to be addressed. The idea that nature could provide its own answers to its behaviour without revelation met some resistance, not to mention some tricky maths: and the Pope had something to say to Galileo!

1st June: GOD—THE EVOLUTIONIST?

The increased acceptance of scientific method following the Middle Ages and the impact of the idea of enormous time frames in the past called into question accepted revelations of scripture—especially the Creation.

15th June: THE 'MIND OF GOD' IN THE 'THEORY OF EVERYTHING'

Back to numbers. Not satisfied with Newton, modern science turns to the once indivisible atom and searches for the elusive single formula that should explain all. Has particle physics, or Science for that matter, become a quasi religion? Then there is the really big challenge—finding the Mind. Can we do without some authority? Is science a quasi-religion?

Oh! Let us never, never doubt
 What nobody is sure about.

(Hilaire Belloc 1870-1953)

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23 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	27 Apr
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30 Apr	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May
		CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Diggers) ----- CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	RAMBLING WITH BARRY Barry Peike ----- FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	SCIENCE & FAITH Trevor Kruger (Diggers)
7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May
CRAFTY LADIES ✓ Megan Targett (Diggers)	PLAY READING ✓ (Diggers) ----- CARDS 1.30pm-3.30pm (Diggers)	MUSIC APPRECIATION Judy Writer 10.15am-12.15pm (TBC)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	DISCUSSION GROUP Marie Cioccarelli (Diggers)
14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May
MOVIE CLUB ✓ J. Richards (Chittaway Bay)	<u>REMINDER</u> <i>Book with Eva for the Social Day</i>	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Diggers) ----- CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30 pm (Canton Beach)	SCIENCE & FAITH Trevor Kruger (Diggers)
21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May
CRAFTY LADIES ✓ Judith Marish (Diggers)	PLAY READING ✓ (Diggers) ----- CARDS 1.30pm-3.30pm (Diggers)	MUSIC APPRECIATION Judy Writer 10.15am-12.15pm (TBC)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	DISCUSSION GROUP Marie Cioccarelli (Diggers)

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MOVIE CLUB ✓ J. Richards (Chittaway Bay) ----- BOOK REVIEW CLUB Dorothy Rhodes (Diggers)		SOCIAL DAY (Diggers Function Room)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	SCIENCE & FAITH Trevor Kruger (Diggers)
4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun	8 Jun
CRAFTY LADIES ✓ Ann Davis (Diggers)		CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Diggers) ----- CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	RAMBLING WITH BARRY Barry Peike ----- FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	DISCUSSION GROUP Marie Cioccarelli (Diggers)
11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun	15 Jun
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PLAY READING ✓ (Diggers) ----- CARDS (1.30pm-3.30pm) (Diggers)	MUSIC APPRECIATION Judy Writer 10.15am-12.15pm (TBC)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	SCIENCE & FAITH Trevor Kruger (Diggers)
18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun
CRAFTY LADIES ✓ Meg Hocking (Diggers)		CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Diggers) ----- CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	DISCUSSION GROUP Marie Cioccarelli (Diggers)
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