



# TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

What does one say at the start of fourth term - well, here we are at the end of another year? No, I don't think so, it does sound a bit over done and it's also a reminder that there are only about ten weeks to go till Christmas.

I would like to give our hearty thanks to Eva for the sterling work that she has done as Course Co-ordinator. She has conjured up a magic bag of interesting talks ranging from foreign travel (including the Universe), through Art and Literature, Philosophy, Careers, History, Science and various crafts. Not forgetting the regular courses; cards, cryptic crosswords, a discussion group, creative writing and even Mah Jong recently added into the mix. I haven't the space to mention everything, but you're there just the same. It really has been a diverse and interesting year. We'll miss you, Eva.

As well as all this, we've had two excellent bus trips organised by the inimitable Pam McGlenn, when she's not busy pounding her keyboard.

I hope you've enjoyed the year as much as I have and I hope to see you at Diggers and at the AGM.

Jayne Davis

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and CHRISTMAS PARTY at Diggers@the entrance

Date: Wednesday 12th December

Time: 10am — 1pm

Lunch: Members; no charge  
Non-Members; \$5

**Bookings essential for lunch.**

Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)

Final date: Friday 7th Dec.

**Please note; if you are unable to come to lunch, it is essential that you notify Joyce.**

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

Your U3A will provide a light lunch and entertainment by the Play Readers.

## 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  
Cryptic Crosswords: Note venue at Diggers

### TBC: The Berkeley Centre, Berkeley Vale

Cnr Berkeley Rd & Heather Av

### Creative Writing Workshops

101 Gorokan Drive, Lakehaven

### French Conversation:

74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

### Movie Appreciation:

34 Aston Wide Av, Chittaway Bay

## 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 or hand it to her at the AGM.**

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

**TERM 4: Start: 15th October  
Finish: 12th December**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I am writing this some five weeks before the end of Term 3 because Editor Jayne says Judith and I cannot go off on our holidays at week's end unless I do so. As I gaze out the window looking for inspiration, it is a warm balmy day—the beginning of Spring and a reminder of why we all retired.

We will be missing the excitement of the APEC meeting next week and the expected violent demonstrations without regret. Why are demonstrations accompanied so often by violence? There are probably several reasons for this; but two, at least, seem to be an inability to communicate on the part of many demonstrators and another, perhaps, intolerance on the part of both parties.

The concept of the University of the Third Age is based, not on modern, highly structured universities, but rather on universities in ancient times, when the term described a group of people who came together to learn in an atmosphere where teachers sometimes became students and vice versa. This interchange of knowledge was based on communication in a hopefully tolerant atmosphere. When you pause and think about our U3A activities it becomes apparent, that these two principles of communication and tolerance are involved as well as the reversal of teacher-student roles.

A case in point is our continuing course in Creative Writing in which participants hone their writing abilities to develop and communicate their latent ideas and stories. One member of that group, Pam McGlenn, has succeeded in spectacular fashion. As many of you now know, she has recently written and had published a 310 page book entitled *A Distant Dream—a pioneering saga*. I knew of its existence and had thought, because of Pam's known interest in family history, that this was just that—another family history. As I read it, I quickly realised that it was, in fact, both a historical novel and a jolly good gripping yarn with well developed characters and plot—even if loosely based on some of Pam's Ancestors. Pam is to be congratulated on this achievement. I look forward to the sequel!!! (Perhaps U3A can take some modest pride in helping a member in achieving this outcome.)

Tom Marish. (28th August 2007)

### COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

As I reflect upon my two-year stint as Course Co-Ordinator, I realise that it has not been as onerous as might have been expected. My thanks to those members who continue to lead courses, to those who have agreed to speak and especially to people like Jill Mather and Trevor Kruger who have given whole courses. Also to all the Committee members who are so pleasantly efficient.

As well as Course Co-ordinator, there will be other vacancies on the Committee such as Vice-president and Venue Co-ordinator. If you think you could cope, please contact our Secretary, Rita Richards, before the AGM.

Eva Seale

### WELFARE REPORT:

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Pat Down, a very long time member of this U3A. As Pat Norton, she was for many years a champion swimmer, and represented Australia at Empire Games and the 1936 Olympics.

Vale Pat

Kathleen Sewell

### AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS:

This is a letter of appreciation to all my friends in U3A who have been so supportive since the recent publication of my book, 'A Distant Dream'. I have sold more than fifty copies to people from U3A, and quite a few have bought copies as gifts for friends and family. Your support has been marvellous and much appreciated, and I thank you all. Thanks also to everyone who attended my successful book launch at 'Diggers'.

In fact, the whole story of my writing a book at all is a U3A success story, as I would never have undertaken the mammoth task of turning my family history into a fictional novel without the help of Midge Simpson who was the leader of the Creative Writing course.

For all of you who have asked me about the fate of Louisa, hopefully, next year will see the publication of the sequel that will reveal all!!!!

Regards, Pam McGlenn.

**BOOK REVIEW CLUB: MONDAY**

Leader: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)  
Venue: Diggers @ The Entrance  
Dates: 22nd Oct, 26th Nov.

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.

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**MOVIE APPRECIATION: MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)  
Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chiffaway Bay  
Dates: 22nd Oct, 12th, 26th Nov, 10th Dec

Times: **Please note, movies will be shown in the mornings at 9.30-12noon for this Term.**

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

**22nd Oct: LAURA: (1944) Thriller. (85min)** Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews. The shocking story of a Park Avenue society beauty murdered in her apartment, and the men in her life. Suspenseful and witty with a surprising climax.

**12th Nov: MR HOLLAND'S OPUS: (1995) Drama (125min)** Richard Dreyfuss, Olympia Dukakis, Glenn Holland. Convinced he is destined to write a great opus, Mr Holland takes a teaching job to pay the bills. As the years unfold, the joy of sharing his passion for music with his students re-defines his idea of success.

**26th Nov: I CONFESS: (1953) Alfred Hitchcock. (90min)** Montgomery Clift, Anne Baxter. Fr Michael Logan hears a killer's confession. Eyewitnesses point to Fr Logan as the killer, but his vows forbid him to speak out, even to clear himself.

**10th Dec: WHITE CHRISTMAS: (1954) Drama (120min)** Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney. Song-and-dance men team up with a sister act to perform at a Vermont inn over Xmas. They discover the inn is run by an old army general who has financial problems.

**READINGS FROM THE FABER BOOK OF SCIENCE : MONDAY**

Speaker: Bob Balfour  
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333.6586)  
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance  
Dates: 15th Oct, 3rd Dec

Our own Bob Balfour has volunteered to do two sessions for us this term. He has selected, and will read, twenty stories from the Faber Book of Science.

To quote Bob, "Be prepared for shock, wonder, pathos, horror, SEX, doom and fun, often in the words of the scientists themselves; sometimes in the words of poets, but always enlightening. Bring a hankie!" - Wow! He promises many strange things will be divulged!

**ART & LITERATURE 1850-1950 MONDAY**

Speaker: Jill Mather  
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333.6586)  
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance  
Date: 5th Nov

Once again that busy lady, Jill Mather, has agreed to talk to us about one of the fascinating characters connected with the Arts during the above period. This talk will be about the wonderful actress Ruth Cracknell. Should be a lot of fun.

One session last term unfortunately had to be cancelled because Jill lives in a flood-prone area—but I don't think many people wanted to brave the weather that day anyway, not even for such an entertaining speaker as Jill.

**RADIO BEHIND THE SCENES MONDAY**

Speaker: Judy Writer  
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333.6586)  
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance  
Date: 19th Nov

Judy, who runs our entertaining and informative Music Appreciation group, will tell us about her life before U3A. She was one of the unseen and unheard people behind radio; first at the ABC and then at 2GB, where she was a panel operator, worked in the record library, looked after continuity and also wrote scripts for the announcers. It should be a thoroughly fascinating talk.

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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: 23rd Oct, 13th, 27th Nov, 11th Dec  
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: 23rd Oct, 13th, 11th Dec  
Time: 10.00am-12noon

The playreaders meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 10.00am and have been reading some hilarious one act plays as well as some good dramas.

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

**MUSIC APPRECIATION WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Judy Writer (4334 2438)  
Venue: The Berkeley Centre  
Dates: 24th Oct, 14th, 28th Nov  
Time: 10.15 am—12.15 pm.

Relax and enjoy a wonderful variety of music in good company. Just forget about Christmas shopping and let your mind wander for a while.

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance  
Dates: 17th Oct, 21st Nov, 5th Dec  
7th November - to be advised.

**PLEASE NOTE:** These classes will be held in the in the National Servicemen's room at 9.00am . The venue for 7th November is to be advised.

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 McGlenn (4390.2451)  
Venue: 101 Gorokan Drive, Lakehaven  
Dates: 17th Oct, 7th, 21st Nov, 5th Dec

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, (18th Oct—6th Dec)  
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.

'I see another dreadful occurrence from machinery. Let me entreat you never to let your children see *Wheels at Work*. The dress of a woman is almost sure to be entangled'.

Lady Pleasance Smith (1773-1877)

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**DISCUSSION GROUP: FRIDAY**

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli  
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance  
Dates: 26th Oct, 9th, 23rd Nov

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.

**MAH JONG: FRIDAY**

Leader: Jocelyn Webster  
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance  
Dates: 19th, 26th Oct, 9th, 16th, 23rd Nov  
Time: 1.30-3.30pm

Good news for you Mah Jong players. There will be an extra session on the 3rd Friday of each month as well as your regular days.

**FINANCIAL ADVICE: FRIDAY**

19th Oct: **MAXIMISING YOUR INCOME:**

Speakers: Lyndall James & John Owen  
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333.6586)  
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance

These speakers will be discussing how to maximise your income without risk. Perhaps you have no spare cash at the moment, but what if you win Lotto, receive an inheritance or downsize your home? Do you just leave it in the bank, roll it over, invest in property or shares—how many options are available to Seniors over 65? Perhaps you think you have already settled for the best. Why not come along and listen to the experts just to make sure!

2nd Nov: **CHANGES TO THE PENSION ASSET TEST**

Speaker: Brendan Leys, Information Officer, Centrelink  
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333.6586)  
Venue: Diggers@ The Entrance

Brendan will be providing a general overview of services provided by Centrelink with particular application to Seniors, eg changes to the Pension Asset Test on 20th September last, the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card, Carers Allowance and Carers Payment, Financial Information Service and so on. Please have your questions ready; already written is a good idea in case you get a Senior's Block with so much information.

**INTERESTING CAREERS: FRIDAY**

16th Nov: **A NOT SO CLOISTERED LIFE:**

Speaker: Alan Wilson—Minister of Religion  
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333.6586)  
Venue: Diggers

Alan describes his career as 'a not so sheltered life' an inside look at the time spent with the Methodist and Uniting Churches as a minister. But do not expect a sermon! Alan was appointed to many areas of the State, with, of course, many varied experiences and is renowned for his quick wit. When it was explained to him that it was against our Constitution to provide remuneration for speakers, his immediate response was 'Freely have you received, freely given—there will be no plate collection.'

7th Dec: **A CHRISTMAS POTPOURRI**

Speaker: Jayne Davis  
Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333.6586)  
Venue: Diggers

Ever wondered how the way we celebrate Christmas got started? Why does Santa wear red? Who first thought of a Christmas tree and who decorated it with candles? Jayne will try to explain all—with a little help from indigestion-inducing ancient recipes and possibly pictures and music.

**SOME INTERESTING U3A STATISTICS**

*The following statistics for 2006 were compiled by Ted Webber (U3A Online)*

**200 U3As** Australia-wide were surveyed.

**Total Australian membership=62,672**

(There are 20 known U3As that did not respond to the survey, so their numbers are not reflected in these statistics. Add 10% to the above and the total is 69,939!)

**Membership state-by state**

**ACT (3,331)-NSW (17,919)-NT (150)-Qld (14,671)  
SA (2,357)-Tas (1,791)-Vic (21,005)-WA (1,448)**

**At Christmas play and make good cheer,  
For Christmas comes but once a year.**

Thomas Tusser (1524-1580)

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct	18 Oct	19 Oct
READINGS FROM THE FABER BOOK OF SCIENCE Bob Balfour (Diggers)		CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Diggers) ..... CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	MAXIMISING YOUR INCOME Lydall James and John Owen (Diggers) ..... MAH JONG 1.30-3.30 (Diggers)
22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct
MOVIE CLUB J. Richards 9.30-12 (Chittaway Bay) ..... BOOK REVIEW CLUB Dorothy Rhodes (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) ..... MAH JONG 1.30-3.30 (Diggers)
29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov
			FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	CHANGES TO THE PENSION ASSET TEST Brendan Leys (Diggers)
5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov
ART & LITERATURE 1850-1950 Jill Mather (Diggers)		CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman To be advised ..... CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30 pm (Canton Beach)	DISCUSSION GROUP Marie Cioccarelli (Diggers) ..... MAH JONG 1.30-3.30 (Diggers)
12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov
MOVIE CLUB J. Richards 9.30-12 (Chittaway Bay)	PLAY READING (Diggers) ..... CARDS 1.30pm-3.30pm (Diggers)	MUSIC APPRECIATION Judy Writer 10.15am-12.15.pm (TBC)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	INTERESTING CAREERS Alan Wilson –Minister Of Religion (Diggers) ..... MAH JONG 1.30-3.30

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RADIO BEHIND THE SCENES Judy Writer (Diggers)	DON'T FORGET TO BOOK FOR THE AGM LUNCH.	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Diggers National Servicemen's Room) ..... CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	DISCUSSION GROUP Marie Cioccarelli (Diggers) ..... MAH JONG 1.30-3.30
26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov
MOVIE CLUB J. Richards 9.30-12 (Chittaway Bay) ..... BOOK REVIEW CLUB Dorothy Rhodes (Diggers)	PLAY READING Christmas Party (Note there is no class at Diggers) ..... CARDS (1.30pm-3.30pm) (Diggers)	MUSIC APPRECIATION Judy Writer 10.15am-12.15pm (TBC)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	
3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec
READING FROM THE FABER BOOK OF SCIENCE Bob Balfour (Diggers)	HAVE YOU BOOKED FOR THE AGM LUNCH?	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Diggers) ..... CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	A CHRISTMAS POTPOURRI Jayne Davis (Diggers)
10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec		
MOVIE CLUB J. Richards 9.30-12 (Chittaway Bay)	PLAY READING (Diggers) ..... CARDS (1.30pm-3.30pm) (Diggers)	AGM and CHRISTMAS LUNCH		

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