



TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

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FROM THE EDITOR:

A very Happy New Year to Everyone and I hope you had relaxing holiday. It is now time to recover from your stupor and get back to work. As well as all the usual suspects, Tommy and Eva have lined up what should be a diverse and interesting range of subjects. I would also like to draw your attention to "Conversational Italian" on Monday afternoons. The contact phone numbers are in this Newsletter on page 4.

The unstoppable Pam McGlinn has her sequel to "A Distant Dream" about to be published, and we have a launch for this new book pencilled in for the first week of Term 2. Then we can all find out what happened to poor Louisa! There is another talent in our ranks—Ann Cooke is a member of a group called "Paint Pots" and they are exhibiting their work at Rogue Gallery in Long Jetty during the term break from 17th to 24th April, with the official opening on Saturday 19th April from 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Because Easter happens to fall in the middle of the term, we're not having any social event on Friday 29th February. Yes, folks, it's Leap Year, and this Friday happens to be Leap Day, the day when ladies may propose to the gentlemen. So make the most of the day, and good luck!

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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Jayne Davis

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HAPPENS TO LOUISA..**

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

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 1: Start: 4th February
Finish: 11th April**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Judith and I hope that Father Christmas brought each of you the gift of eternal youth but, if not then that the New Year will, at least, bring you Good Health.

At the AGM on 12th December, it was an honour to award Life Membership to Peter Wood, who was a foundation member of our U3A group, its Foundation President, has been a member of the Management Committee ever since and who, after nearly ten years of Service, had decided not to continue on the Committee (but still remains a valued member). Judy Writer also decided not to offer for re-election to the Committee.

Their places have been taken by Charles Proctor (as Public Officer) and Tommy Thomas (as Course Co-ordinator). Additionally, Pam McGlinn comes on the Committee as Venue Co-ordinator. Of the seven Committee Members re-elected, five retain their functions from last year while two have different ones.

As I write this (towards the end of December), I know that Tommy has been "learning the ropes" from Eva Seale and, in co-operation with her and others on the Committee, has come up with a pretty full calendar for Term 1 of 2008 with a mix of the usual perennials and new and interesting talks. Retired science teacher, Trevor Kruger, will continue with his fascinating series with a couple of talks about "The Mystery of Music", and John Herron will be giving four talks on "The History of Women's Place in Society".

For some years now, Henriette Vanechop has been facilitating French Conversation at her home for a group of dedicated Francophiles. Few of us realised that, following Evelyn Bradshaw's introduction to Italian conversation in Term 1 of 2007 before going overseas, another dedicated "Italiano" group had continued on their own. Without mention in our Newsletter; this omission of recognition has now been rectified.

I mentioned at the AGM that, during 2007, our membership had dropped from 180 to 136 which, to some extent, is the reason for such poor attendances at some of our sessions. We really need to increase membership. We will continue to advertise our existence and what to do BUT the best way to improve membership is by advertising by word of mouth. Please tell your friends about U3A.

Tom Marish

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

The work done by Eva and other committee members has set a high standard for her successor and an excellent foundation on which to build. Thank you Eva.

In this term's calendar we are resuming our Tuesday morning talks in a series by a new speaker, John Herron, with the fascinating title "The Status and Roles of Women down the Ages and Why".

New and previous speakers will be presenting their "Interesting Careers" on Mondays, and Trevor Kruger will be continuing his fascinating talks, this time the subject will be "The Mystery of Music" on two Fridays in February and March. To test interest in a new theme, "The Producers", we have Jim Welsh presenting his company's role in the manufacture of racing sulkyies.

Pam McGlinn will give the last talk of term on the topic of "Australia in the Boer War", which will relate to the next novel that she will be publishing at that time.

The calendar uses every other available weekday for the popular and well established classes that range from Creative Writing to Play Reading and many more; and the "Conversational Italian" class will resume on Monday afternoons.

Please contact me with any ideas you may have for new material and speakers.

Forever "Learning at the Lake"

Tommy Thomas

WELFARE REPORT:

We are happy to report that our indefatigable Secretary Rita is now back on deck and beavering away, fully recovered from the surgery she underwent at the end of last year.

Also, our knowledgeable and hardworking Music Appreciation group leader, Judy Writer, is about to undergo bilateral knee replacements on January 29th. So give her a thought as you read this Newsletter, and we all wish her an easy and speedy recovery.

Kath Sewell

INTERESTING CAREERS: MONDAY

Secretary: Rita Richards (4388 4945)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 4th Feb; 3rd, 17th Mar.

4th Feb: THE SECOND OLDEST PROFESSION

Speaker: Bob McLean

Bob's career started in marine engineering. After graduation from St Andrew's University, he moved into commercial management, and then into scientific research about male intimate behaviour. Another change in direction took him into consultancy for the next thirty years. He's worked in many parts of Europe, USA, Africa and Asia.

**FINANCIAL ADVICE MONDAY
MAXIMISING YOUR INCOME**

Secretary: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
Speaker: A Representative from the MLC
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Date: 18th Feb

A number of opportunities exist whereby people who are not currently receiving full pension benefits can explore the possibilities of getting a boost to their income. One such example is the interaction of Age Pension entitlements and Aged Care costs, this presentation will look at a case study of how a person can increase benefits. We will also explore other opportunities, such as gifting or placing funds in certain investments to provide additional income via pension entitlements.

INTERESTING CAREERS (cont) MONDAY

3rd Mar: CHOOK FARMER, PROFESSIONAL MOTOR CYCLIST AND MORE...

Speaker: Keith Bryen

Keith will describe his passion for petrol engines and how it took him from childhood on his father's chicken farm into the highly competitive motor cycle racing circuits of Europe throughout the twenties. When his contract with Moto-Guzzi ceased in 1957, he returned to Australia with his young family to work for the rest of his career with Victa Motors.

INTERESTING CAREERS (cont) MONDAY

17th Mar: FROM CAT'S WHISKER TO IPHONE

Speaker: Tommy Thomas

When Tommy, aged six, built his first crystal set, he started a life in electronics. At Manchester University, wartime boffins taught him physics and electronics. He spent his post graduate years with the team who demonstrated the first stored programme digital computer. The next thirty five years saw him work in the chemical industry, Edinburgh and Bond Universities and the CSIRO with computing and electronics as the common denominator.

AUSTRALIA IN THE BOER WAR MONDAY

Secretary: Rita Richards (4388 4945)
Speaker: Pam McGlenn
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Date: 7th April

In the first part of this talk, Pam will give an overview of early South African history and the reasons behind the Boer War.

In the second part, she will tell of the little known involvement of Australia in this affair.

MOVIE APPRECIATION: MONDAY

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)
Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay
Dates: 11th, 25th Feb; 10th, 31st Mar.

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 films for this term. Also please note, the last movie for this term is on the 5th Monday as the usual 4th Monday date is the Easter holiday

11th Feb: THE WORLD'S FASTEST INDIAN: (2004)
True story. (125 mins) Anthony Hopkins is Burt Munro, a New Zealander who spent a lifetime perfecting his classic "Indian" motorcycle in order to follow his dream of achieving a land speed title in Utah.

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MOVIE CLUB cont:

24TH Feb: WRITTEN ON THE WIND: (1956) Drama (96 mins) Rock Hudson, Lauren Bacall, Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone. The story of a very rich family whose lack of morality and character leads to ruin and death.

10th Mar: BRIDE AND PREJUDICE: (2004) Romantic Comedy (107 mins) Martin Henderson, Aishwarya Raj, Daniel Gillies. Jane Austen's timeless masterpiece becomes a cross-cultural feast of irony, hilarity and sequins. A single man in possession of a fortune must be in want of an Indian wife!

31st Mar: DOUBLE JEOPARDY: (1999) Drama (105mins) Bruce Greenwood, Ashley Judd, Tommy Lee Jones. A woman is framed for the murder of her husband. While in jail she learns that he is alive and vows revenge— she can't be tried twice for the same crime!

BOOK CLUB MONDAY

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 25th Feb, 31st March

Please note: The 2nd meeting for this term is being held on the 5th Monday due to the 4th Monday being the Easter holiday.

This group's been going seven years! And still enjoys getting together and is always happy to see new faces.

The new book list is available for this year— just ring Dorothy and she will send it to you and explain how the group operates.

CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN MONDAY

Dates: 11th, 25th Feb; 10th, 31st Mar
Time: 1.30pm

Please note: these classes are to be held in peoples' homes. For details please phone either Barbara Skurr (4392 4158) or Ann Daley (4390 8601) for information and details.

These classes will resume on Monday 11th Feb and new students are always very welcome.

THE STATUS AND ROLES OF WOMAN DOWN THE AGES AND WHY TUESDAY

Secretary: Joyce Clinch (4333 6586)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 5th, 19th Feb; 4th, 18th Mar; 1st Apr
Speaker: John Herron

The format will be open discussion, and John will cover the role of Women from Antiquity to the Glass Ceiling. We look at Adam and Eve, and through to the Modern World. After the French Revolution and over the next 150 years the Feminist was born. John will also discuss the role of Islamic women.

PLAY READING TUESDAY

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332.4103)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 12th, 26th Feb; 11th, 25th Mar; 8th Apr

The play readers have been reading a diverse selection of plays over the past year, everything from drama to Noel Coward comedies.

We would very much like some more people to join us, especially men; and you would be very welcome to sit in and see how we operate.

CARDS HAND AND FOOT TUESDAY

Leader: Audrey Roden
Secretary: Denise Davidson (4332.5546)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 12th, 26th Feb; 11th, 25th Mar; 8th Apr
Time: 1.30—3.30pm.

Hand and Foot is a North American game based on canasta and 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. We have room for more players!

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

MUSIC APPRECIATION WEDNESDAY

Leader: Betty Siegman: (4332 0870)
Venue: The Berkeley Centre
Dates: 13th Feb, 27th Feb; 12th, 26th Mar; 9th Apr
Time: 10.15 am—12.15 pm.

This term we will be looking at composers from "A" to "Z".
"X" "Y" and "Z" should be interesting—but they're there!

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CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
Venue: St Davids Church Hall, Toukley
Dates: 6th, 20th Feb; 5th, 19th Mar, 2nd Apr
Time: 10.00am—12.30pm

Please note change of venue and time.

During 2007 Creative Writing was such an outstanding success, that we have attracted new members to this very vibrant and outgoing class. For this reason, our class is full and we will not be taking any new people for 2008 until our numbers decrease.

We would like to thank Elaine Swinbourne for the use of her home for the last few terms.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS WEDNESDAY

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 6th, 20th Feb; 5th, 19th Mar, 2nd Apr

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.

FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME: THURSDAY

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396.7847)
Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach
Dates: Every Thursday, (7th Feb-10th Apr)
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.

THE MYSTERY OF MUSIC FRIDAY

Secretary: Tommy Thomas (4388 9420)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Speaker: Trevor Kruger
Dates: 15th Feb; 7th Mar.

Given the first four notes of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony—"da da da dum..." - many of us would be able to continue humming the next four notes and even further. How do we do that?

What is music? How important is musicality in our lives as human animals?

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The 2007 talks "Science and Faith" provide a backdrop to two sessions on the cutting edge of science; about the mind and the question of what it means to be human.

There is much ado about musicality as it applies to other animals, its relationship to language and its possible evolution and certainly our physical and emotional well-being. Recent works of neurologists Oliver Sacks ("Musicophilia") and Daniel Levitin ("This is Your Brain on Music") and their case studies provide the ideas for our discussion.

THE PRODUCERS FRIDAY

4th Apr THE EVOLUTION OF THE HI-TECH SULKY

Secretary: Tommy Thomas (4388 9420)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Speaker: Jim Walsh

In 1987 a horse became the first 2-year-old to better the two minute mark on Sydney's Harold Park track. Using a radical new Australian-designed sulky, he not only bettered two minutes over the mile, but broke all world records for his age, gait and sex. And that was just the start. Over the next 20 years Jim Walsh and his son were to revolutionise sulky design the world over. How they achieved this against international competition will be the subject of this presentation by the designer, Jim Walsh.

DISCUSSION GROUP: FRIDAY

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli (4332 9676)
Venue: diggers@ the entrance
Dates: 8th, 22nd Feb; 14th, 28th Mar, 11th Apr

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

MAH JONG: FRIDAY

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
Venue: diggers@ the entrance
Dates: 8th, 15th, 22nd Feb; 14th, 28th Mar, 11th Apr
Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm

Mah Jong is a game that originated in China, and involves skill, strategy and calculation. Come and try your luck at this fascinating game on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays each month.

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