



Learning at the Lake

# TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

I hope you all had a pleasant and restful break and are back, ready for the year ahead.

This term certainly looks fascinating, with talks on lovely, cool waterways and boats. The Murray River is a great friend of mine; and as a complete contrast, Rita will give a not-to-be missed series on the warlike Celts. We will also find out what is planned for the future of The Entrance plus a Ramble and a Social Day. What more could you want?

The room that we usually use at diggers looks very smart now that it's been re-painted and has new carpet on the floor, and the Club are very good to us, letting us use the room free of charge, thus enabling us to reduce your annual membership. It would be nice if members showed their appreciation and joined the Club; it's only \$2.20, after all, that's just a bit more than our morning tea charge!

On another serious topic, five of us are in our final year in our current positions on the Committee, Tom, Tommy, Rita, Betty and myself. Give it some thought, because without a Committee, we can't function properly.

Jayne Davis

PS. Have you noticed the hot cross buns in the shops? Easter bunny coming shortly.

**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

President:	Tom Marish	4396 6800
Vice President:	Margaret Goode	4390 2766
Secretary:	Rita Richards	4388 4945
Treasurer:	Cam Rhodes	4332 4103
Course Co-ordinator:	Tommy Thomas	4388 9420
Venue Co-ordinator:	Pam McGlinn	4390 2451
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Welfare Officer:	Joyce Clinch	4333 6586
Newsletter Editor:	Jayne Davis	4396 3446
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34 Aston-Wilde Ave. Chittaway Bay, 2261

**SOCIAL DAY AND FRIENDLY  
GET-TOGETHER TO MEET NEW MEMBERS  
at diggers @ the entrance in the larger of  
the two downstairs function rooms.**

Date: Tuesday 31st March  
 Bookings: Pam McGlinn (4390.2451)  
 Time: 10.00am-12.30pm  
 Charge: Members - no charge  
 Non-members—\$5

**Please book by Friday, March 7th and  
let Pam know if you can't come.**

A cup of coffee will be available on arrival, followed by a short comedy film and rounded off with another cuppa and nibbles.

## **MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

Annual Membership Fees are due on 1st January each year, and are **\$20 per person**. For people joining after 30th June, the fee will be \$10, 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:  
Cam Rhodes  
52 Lucinda Avenue  
Killarney Vale 2261**

**TERM 1: Start: 2nd February  
Finish: 9th April**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

A Happy New Year to you all and, as we start 2009, may you all enjoy another year of U3A talks, activities and fellowship.

The AGM last December was successful and special for three reasons. Firstly, it marked the Anniversary of our 10th year of operation; secondly, we were able to present Honorary Membership to Eva Seale, a Foundation Member who has served on the Committee continuously for ten years and has possibly given more to our U3A than any other Member; thirdly, we changed the "Two Year Rule" in the Constitution to a "Three Year Rule".

In my column in the Term 4 Newsletter last year, I said it would be my last. But because of the new rule change, here I am again for another year. Also serving for a third year on the Committee are Rita Richards, Jayne Davis and Betty Siegman in the same positions, while Joyce Clinch switches to Welfare Officer. Serving for a second year are Tommy Thomas and Pam McGlenn. Rejoining the Committee is Cam Rhodes as Treasurer. Newcomers are Margaret Goode as Vice President and Tony Thomson as Publicity Officer. Charles Proctor remains as our Public Officer, but will not be on the Committee this year. Departing are Eva Seale and Kath Sewell. I thank all for their past contribution and welcome the 2009 Committee.

Planning for Terms 1 and 2 was well under way at the end of last year by the Course Planning Sub-committee who are exploring the idea of one or two multi-day outings; one could be a trip of several days to Orange where U3A Network will be holding their 2009 Conference on 24th and 25th March.

This year also, I want the Committee to make extra efforts at publicity to reverse our present unfortunate tendency to lose more Members than we gain. We believe that U3A Network NSW is considering advertising U3A on a state-wide basis. I think we could all make efforts to recruit more Members.

Tom Marish

### COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Three talks will be given this term on waterways, the first by our President, Tom Marish who will introduce the theme with an example from Russia followed by two talks from Pam McGlenn on the Murray-Darling River System.

A new series of talks on the fascinating history of the Celts will be given by our secretary, Rita Richards.

The series of talks on the economy and history of the Tuggerah Lakes local area will continue with a talk on the plans for future development of The Entrance by the recently appointed Town Centre Manager, Ray Scanlon.

Another member, Jocelyn Webster, will also take us afloat with her talk of her lifetime experience of sailing.

Enjoy another term of "Learning at the Lake".

Tommy Thomas

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### WELFARE REPORT:

Generally, members seem to be faring well. However if you, or a friend, need some cheer, please contact me.

Best wishes to Ann Davis and Judy Writer.

Joyce Clinch

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### EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION BOOKS

These books are used to record all your medications and any medical history likely to be useful for paramedics and hospital doctors in cases of emergency.

The book is enclosed in a plastic cover, backed with magnetic strips and designed to stick on to your refrigerator for easy access. These books are endorsed by every Ambulance Service in Australia and are made available through Rotary Clubs.

Your U3A is going to order some of these books and urge Members to obtain one for the princely sum of a gold coin donation, which will allow the project to continue.

Any enquiries to Rita Richards (4388 4945)

**WATERWAYS OF THE WORLD: MONDAY**

Speaker: Tom Marish  
Secretary: Tommy Thomas (4388 9420)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Date: 2nd Feb.

A Waterway is any natural river, lake, estuary or man-made canal (or combination thereof) which can facilitate passage of a boat. Waterways have been identified in over 100 countries. This will be a general outline of the nature, 8,000 year history, and a brief description of Waterways world-wide with some illustrations such as the Moscow to St Petersburg Waterway.

**MONDAY**

**THE MURRAY-DARLING RIVER SYSTEM :**

Speaker: Pam Mc Glinn  
Secretary: Tom Marish (4396 6800)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Dates: 16th Feb, 2nd March

**16th Feb: Part One:** This, the first of the talks on the Murray-Darling River System will encompass the beginnings of the system going back 130 million years and then jump to the recent times of White European exploration. This will include the stories of riverboat navigation and its importance to our early settlers.

**2nd March: Part Two:** This talk will cover the Murray-Darling System as it is now with all the problems that have occurred since white man began to interfere with the river systems including the Snowy Mountains Scheme. It will end with an up-to-date report on what is currently being done for our largest river system and will conjecture as to whether it can be saved for future generations.

*“If a young man mislays his hat, he says he has mislaid his hat. The old man says ‘I have lost my hat. I must be getting old’.”*

*Dr Samuel Johnson*

**THE ENTRANCE—2009 PLUS: MONDAY**

Speaker: Ray Scanlon  
Secretary: Tom Marish (4396 6800)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Date: 16th March

The Entrance Town Centre Management, established in 1996, is responsible for a wide range of management activity across marketing, logistics and infrastructure within the Town Centre. In the twelve years since inception, increased competition from similar holiday destinations, competition from shopping super centres and a changing demographic have impacted upon the business mix, sustainable business operation and sense of community identity within The Entrance. Ray’s talk will address these issues and present a strategic overview of future opportunities and directions.

**ALL AT SEA: MONDAY**

Speaker: Jocelyn Webster  
Secretary: Tom Marish (4396 6800)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Date: 6th April

Jocelyn will tell us all of her reminiscences of cruising along the Australian coastline and the ins and outs of provisioning a boat on these cruises. This also includes laundry as well as numerous other chores, and will explain what an incredible amount of time this job entails.

**MOVIE APPRECIATION: MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)  
Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay  
Dates: 9th, 23rd Feb; 9th, 23rd, 30th Mar.

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

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED**

**John, has selected his usual varied group of excellent films for this term; and as a special treat is showing an extra movie on Monday, 30th March.**

**9th Feb: THE TARNISHED ANGELS:** (1957 ) Drama (91 mins) Rock Hudson, Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone. Stack, a WW1 ace pilot is eking out a living barnstorming in the early 1930s. Newspaperman Hudson is drawn into his life, and to his wife, who is being abused by Stack.

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**MOVIE APPRECIATION: cont.**

**23rd Feb: SAPPHIRE:** (1959) Murder mystery (92mins) Nigel Patrick, Basil Dearden, Yvonne Mitchell, Paul Massie. A murdered music student has been passing as white. Considered daring in its day, but still absorbing entertainment.

**9th Mar: YANKEE DOODLE DANDY:** (1943) Musical Biography (121mins) B/W James Cagney, Joan Leslie, Walter Huston, Frances Langford, Eddy Foy Jr. Cagney as you've never seen him before in this dynamic re-creation of George M Cohan's life and times. He deservedly won an Oscar for his song and dance performances.

**23rd Mar: AHEAD OF THE CLASS:** (2005) True story drama (94mins) Julie Walters, Reece Dinsdale, Michelle Fairley. How a headmistress, Lady Marie Stubbs, saved the notorious St Georges School in West London from closure, following the murder of the headmaster at its gates five years earlier.

**30th Mar: FREQUENCY:** (2000) Fantasy/drama (117mins) Dennis Quaid, Jim Caveziel. NYC cop, whose fireman father died when he was six, finds his dad's old ham radio, and by a freakish fluke, finds he can communicate with his dad. Can he prevent his dad from dying in that fire? What happens when you interfere with the past?

**THE READERS GROUP MONDAY**

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Dates: 23rd Feb, 23rd March

This group is really popular and just keeps growing! A list of the books to be looked 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 and books lent will be well looked after. Call in at any time.

**PLAY READING TUESDAY**

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332.4103)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Dates: 10th, 24th Feb; 10th, 24th Mar.

The playreaders meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month and read all types of plays ranging from comedy to murder. 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.

**MUSIC APPRECIATION WEDNESDAY**

Leaders: Betty Siegman/Judy Writer  
Venue: The Berkeley Centre  
Dates: 11th Feb, 25th Feb; 11th, 25th Mar; 8th Apr  
Time: 10.15 am—12.15 pm.

Something a little different this term. Betty will show some videos of acclaimed conductor and teacher Richard Gill as he dissects in plain English four of the most loved symphonies by Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn. You know you love the music, now you can discover why.

**CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY**

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)  
Venue: St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley  
Dates: 4th, 18th Feb; 4th, 18th Mar; 1st Apr

Creative Writing continues as before with this vibrant outgoing group who take it in turns to produce interesting classes. Anyone who is aspiring to write, or is perhaps keen to write their memoirs or family history is welcome to join this happy group. Please ring Pam for bookings.

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Dates: 4th, 18th Feb; 4th, 18th Mar; 1st 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: 5th, 12th, 19th Feb; 5th, 12th, 19th Mar; 2nd April  
Time: 1.30pm –3.30pm

**Please note: These classes will not be held on the fourth Thursday in each month.**

This course embraces both grammar and conversation and is 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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**THURSDAY**

**RAMBLE IN THE TUMBI WETLANDS:**

Leader: Ian Robb  
Secretary: Barbara Skurr (4392 4158)  
Date: 26th March

Ian is a Landcare leader and will take us on a most interesting and informative walk and talk in this fascinating area. He has kindly suggested that we meet up at his home for a cuppa and toilet break as there are no suitable toilets in the wetlands. His address is 46 Roberta St Tumbi Umbi (turn off Tumbi Rd); page 69 Q8 in the phone book. Wear sensible shoes, bring a rain jacket and don't forget the hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELTS: FRIDAY**

Speaker: Rita Richards  
Secretary: Margaret Goode (4390 2766)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Dates: 6th, 20th Feb; 6th, 20th Mar: 3rd Apr

**Date: 6th February**

**Part 1: The Celts in Europe:** Who were the Celts? Where did they come from? Stone Age Man, hillforts, the Halstatt and La Tene Cultures, the Celts vs the Romans in Italy

**Date: 20th February**

**Part 2: Celtic Migration:** Celtic expansion through Italy, Greece, Turkey & Asia Minor; Celt mercenaries & Hannibal in Italy; the Celts vs Caesar in Gaul; Roman occupation of Britain; Anglo-Saxons & Vikings.

**Date: 6th March**

**Part 3: Celtic Society:** What were the Celts like? How did they organise their society? How did they live? The lot of women; Celtic art and language.

**Date: 20th March**

**Part 4: Celtic Religion:** Rituals, gods and sacred places. Wicker Man; concepts of religion; Druids, bards & minstrels; the cult of the head; shapeshifting & transfiguration; holy wells; common gods & goddesses; burial customs; the grave of the German chieftain; the tomb of the Princess of Vix.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE CELTS: cont.**

**Date: 3rd April**

**Part 5: The Celts at War:** Boudicca & Vercingetorix. The Warrior Class; Celtic weapons—shields, helmets, swords, including the falcate and broadsword, war trumpets (carnyx), spears. and war chariots; Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni; King Prasutagus; her public whipping & the rape of her daughters; Boudicca leads 100,000 in revolt; the burning of London; the destruction of St Albans; her final battle. Vercingetorix, chief of the Averni in France; the revolt against Caesar in 52BC; his "scorched earth" policy; the battles of Gergovia and Alesia; the final siege by the Romans.

**DISCUSSION GROUP: FRIDAY**

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli (4332 9676)  
Venue: diggers@ the entrance  
Dates: 13th, 27th Feb; 13th,27th Mar.

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 McGlenn (4390 2451)  
Venue: diggers@ the entrance  
Dates: Every Friday (6th Feb-3rd April)  
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.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Safety at Sea—Visit to Norah Head Lighthouse**

An opportunity to visit the Ocean Rescue Station and Lighthouse is planned for **Tuesday, 28th April** (first week of Term 2).

We will use our own transport and meet at the Rescue Station at 9.00am—plenty of parking in their enclosure. After a coffee break in the park, we will move on by foot or by car to the Lighthouse to meet at 12.00noon for a guided tour, after which we can enjoy a picnic lunch on the grass. Bring your own refreshments and lunch.

We do not have a cost at the moment, so please contact Tommy Thomas (4388 9420 or email him at <mail@gethomas.info>) to make bookings and arrange for transport if required.

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2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar
THE MURRAY - DARLING RIVER SYSTEMS Pt 2 Pam McGlinn (diggers)		CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (diggers) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh)	FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	CELTIC SOCIETY Rita Richards (diggers) MAH JONG 1.30pm-3.30pm

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<b>THE ENTRANCE—</b> <b>2009 PLUS</b> Ray Scanlon (diggers)		<b>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS</b> Betty Siegman (diggers) ..... <b>CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP</b> (Tk-SDCh)	<b>FRENCH CONVERSATION</b> Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach)	<b>THE CELTIC RELIGION</b> Rita Richards (diggers) ..... <b>MAH JONG</b> 1.30pm-3.30pm
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<b>30 Mar</b>	<b>31 Mar</b>	<b>1 Apr</b>	<b>2 Apr</b>	<b>3 Apr</b>
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<b>6 Apr</b>	<b>7 Apr</b>	<b>8 Apr</b>	<b>9 Apr</b>	<b>10 Apr</b>
<b>“ALL AT SEA”</b> Jocelyn Webster (diggers)		<b>MUSIC APPRECIATION</b> Judy Writer 10.15am-12.15pm (TBC)		Good Friday

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