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FROM THE EDITOR:

After a long, hot and humid summer, we now seem to have been plunged into the depths of a cold, wet winter. And we are probably still not satisfied. Although it is wonderful to see the rain after such a dry spell, and I do hope it is going where it is needed.

However, thank goodness we have U3A, and another exciting program to take us through next term.

The talks on the Island Series have been interesting and well attended, and this term we welcome back Winsome Smith with her fascinating series on the Hanoverians.

As well, we have all our regular programs, so check your course calendar and come along to as many as you are able. Newcomers are always welcome.

Finally, I was saddened at the loss of our long time member Joyce Clinch. I shall miss her, not only because she checked this newsletter for errors (and believe me, she missed nothing), but also for her help in so many ways and for her friendship. She was a very special person.

- Betty Siegman

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SOCIAL DAY

At diggers @ the entrance in the larger Function Room downstairs.

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| Date: | Tuesday, 31st August |
| Bookings: | Pam McGlinn (4390 2451) |
| Time: | 10.00-12.00 |
| Cost: | Members-no charge |
| | Non-Members \$5 |

Bookings essential for "nibblies"

Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)

Final date for bookings: Friday 20th August

Please note: if you have booked and are unable to come, please notify Pam.

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

LJUC: Long Jetty Uniting Church

The Entrance Rd, Long Jetty (opp diggers)

TBC: The Berkeley Centre, Berkeley Vale

Cnr Berkeley Rd & Heather Av

Creative Writing Workshops

St Davids Church Hall, Toukley

French Conversation:

74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

Movie Appreciation:

34 Aston Wilde Av, Chittaway Bay

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Membership Year is 1 January to 31 December.

ANNUAL FEE: (Renewal): \$20.

NEW MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$5 for each Term (or part thereof) for remainder of year.

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 3: Start: 19th July
Finish: 24th September**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Greetings, fellow students of our U3A branch. Another term has flown past and I'm sure that you have all absorbed some new knowledge or fine tuned your skill in a language, a game, writing or crosswords, etc. We have been very fortunate to have an amazing array of speakers for our Monday and Friday meetings, which have been well attended despite the very inclement weather of the past few weeks. All our other activities are still functioning even if the numbers attending are sometimes quite small. If you have spare days you might like to consider joining one or more of these groups.

Our Course Coordinator, Gloria Watson, has lined up another fine group of presenters for Term 3, so make sure you mark these days in your diaries. If you are anything like I am you need constant reminders of just what you are supposed to be doing on any given day. If you belong to any other organization and hear a speaker who would be interesting for our group, please make a note of their name and address and/or phone number. You can hand this information to Gloria or any other member of the Committee. It is quite a task sometimes to arrange someone to speak to us and your help would be much appreciated.

During the last term we were saddened by the death of Dr. Joyce Clinch who was a stalwart of our group until her failing health made participation impossible. Our sincere sympathy goes to her husband John, and all the members of their family.

By the time you read this we will have had our Meet and Greet Social Day. I hope that on that day you were able to meet some of the new members, or indeed some of the folk who have been members for ages but your paths have never crossed. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Term 3.

- Margaret Goode.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT:

We welcome the initial speaker for Term 3, Noel Olive, whose presentation on The Australian Constitution was so looked forward to last term but had to be postponed at the last moment.

Dennis O'Mara and Dave Smith will talk to us about the newly named NSW Marine Rescue (formerly NSW Coastal Patrol). It is an organisation of which we may not hear very much, but for those who take to the water, it is an essential part of their time at sea.

What better for an August presentation than one on the Antarctic! Lindsay Denholm will enlighten us on characters such as Scott, Shackleton, Amundsen, and others and bring us more up to date with photos and details of his visit to Antarctica.

Winsome Smith returns to continue her popular series on The Hanoverians. Winsome has had a large and appreciative audience for her previous presentations which not only gave the facts as presented in the history books, but also an insight into so many less known details which in turn brought the historical characters to life.

A very much older character and from a different world, well almost, is the focus of Bede Heather's talks. He will speak about Paul, and how his Letters which are probably the only Christian writings to have survived the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD, set him apart as a creative religious thinker.

We change focus completely when we delve into the art world and discover that sometimes all is not what it seems. Robert Chapman will accept that we could all decide whether we are viewing a Picasso or a Rembrandt, but do we know if it was really Picasso who signed at the bottom? Bob knows, because he is able to create fantastic fakes.

- Gloria Watson

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- VALE -

**Dr Joyce Clinch OAM**

**Passed away 6th May 2010**

**THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION: MONDAY**

Speaker: Noel Olive.  
Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Date: 19th July

The history of the Australian Constitution, its function in Australian society and its future.

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**ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS: MONDAY**

Speaker: Lindsay Denholm.  
Secretary: Jayne Davis (4396 3446)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Date: 2nd August

The bases from which some of the main Antarctic explorers operated from in the Heroic Age, i.e. 1800 to the end of the First World War, are illustrated by slides, and the explorers' journeys described. These explorers are Scott, Shackleton, Amundsen, Borchgrevink and Mawson.

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**BLOOD, TISSUE AND ORGAN DONATION: MONDAY**

Speakers: Jeanette Lacey & Katherine Wicks.  
Secretary: Margaret Goode (4392 0206)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Date: 16th August

Blood donors are needed on a daily basis, only 1 in 30 Australian people donate blood in their lifetime, despite 1 in 3 needing a blood product at some stage of their life. Katherine will discuss who can donate blood, the process involved and how blood transfusions are used.

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**FANTASTIC FAKES: MONDAY**

Speaker: Robert Chapman.  
Secretary: Jayne Davis (4396 3446)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Date: 6th September

In 1993 Bob was commissioned by the Art Institute of Chicago to paint an imitation of a quite famous piece of art for their annual Christmas card. The card was sold for quite a few years and led to further commissions, including a Van Gogh. Bob now specialises in Impressionist copies but also does Japanese and Chinese images.

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**MOVIE APPRECIATION: MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)  
Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay  
Dates: 26th July; 9th, 23rd Aug; 13th Sep.

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

**PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED**  
John has selected his usual varied group of excellent films for this term

**26th July: MRS PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT: (2005)** Drama (108mins). Joan Plowright, Rupert Friend, Anna Massey, Lorcan O'Toole. An elderly widow moves into a residential hotel in London to be near her grandson, but he never comes to visit. A chance meeting with a charming young writer develops into genuine friendship and makes her the most-envied member of the gossipy 'Claremont family'.

**9th August: SPLIT SECOND: (1953)** Thriller (85mins). . Dick Powell, Stephen McNally, Alexis Smith, Richard Egan. A convict holds a group of people hostage in a ghost town that, unknown to all except him, is scheduled for use as a nuclear test site.

**23rd August: MRS BROWN: (1997)** Drama (103mins). Judi Dench, Billy Connolly, Gerald Butler. Queen Victoria, (Dench) has been in mourning for years, living in Windsor Castle, away from public life, she only comes out of her shell when her husband's trusted Highland horseman, Connolly, refuses to coddle her. Their unusual relationship is frowned upon by her staff.

**13th September: THE LIST OF ADRIAN MESSENGER: (1963)** Drama (98mins). George C. Scott, Dana Wynter, Herbert Marshall, Tony Curtis, Kirk Douglas, Burt Lancaster, Robert Mitchum, Frank Sinatra, John Huston. Adrian Messenger asks a friend to find eleven men, all of who are gradually being murdered as his search progresses. The friend is convinced that the murderer plans to eliminate the only heir standing in the way of his inheritance, but has no proof. Filmed mainly in Ireland.

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**THE READERS GROUP: MONDAY**

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Dates: 26th July; 23rd Aug; 20th Sept.

A love of reading is the only criterion to join this group. All tastes catered for! Books lent and cared for. Give Dorothy a ring to find out what is currently being discussed.

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**PLAY READING****TUESDAY**

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: 27th July; 10th, 24th Aug; 14th Sept.

Our groups read all types of plays ranging from comedy to murder. You are welcome to sit in and see how we operate. New members are always welcome, especially men to fill our male roles.

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SOCIAL DAY
TUESDAY 31st AUGUST

Members and their friends are welcome to come along to our social day. Admission is free for members, and \$5-00 for non-members. We usually provide some form of entertainment, and it is also a wonderful chance to get together on an informal basis for a friendly chat.

Please book with Pam McGlinn 4390 2451.
(See Page 1 for full details.)

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**RAMBLES/WALKS****TUESDAY****Contacts:**

**Barbara Skurr 4392 4158, Eva Seale 4388 5848**

These outings start and return to the same point, so are suitable for those who just wish to stroll or for those who prefer a longer more energetic walk.

Sensible shoes, sunscreen, hat and water required. Map references are from the CC Phone Directory.

20th July: **RAMBLE** Philip Pritchard Cycleway (Tuggerah Lake). Meet Chittaway Shopping Centre **Map 59 8 G** 10 am. Bring/buy morning tea, lunch.

3rd August: **RAMBLE/WALK**

Along Woy Woy Waterfront.  
 Train from Wyong 9:27 am. Arr. Woy Woy 9:51.  
 Return train from Woy Woy 12:27 pm or 1:27 pm.  
 Bring/buy morning tea and lunch.

17th August: **RAMBLE** Lake Trail Magenta  
 Meet Sensory Garden Map 61 7 E 10 am.  
 Bring/buy morning tea and lunch.

7th September: **WALK** Lisgar Gardens Hornsby.  
 Train from Wyong 9:27 am arr Hornsby 10:28.  
 Walk 1km to gardens.  
 Take morning tea and lunch.  
 Return 1:52 train from Hornsby.

21st September: **RAMBLE** Red Gum Forest  
 Meet Sensory Gardens **Map 61 7 E** 10 am.  
 Bring/buy morning tea and lunch.

*Why is a red gum not a gum?  
 How many wildflowers can you find?*

**MUSIC APPRECIATION****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
 Venue: The Berkeley Centre  
 Dates: 28th Jul; 15th,25th Aug; 8th,22nd Sept  
 Time: 10.15 am—12.15 pm.

We continue with the fascinating series of programs of composers and their backgrounds, narrated by Simon Callow; as well as featuring some of the music of these composers. On the last day of term members are asked to bring along their favourite pieces to share with the class.

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CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**WEDNESDAY**

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue; St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley
 Dates: 21st Jul; 4th, 18th Aug; 1st, 15th Sept

This group is producing some excellent work as we have heard at recent social days. If you are an aspiring writer, come along and join this lively class. New members are always made welcome.

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**CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: 21st Jul; 4th,18th Aug; 1st,15th Sept

A workout for the brain that is fun at the same time. New members are made welcome, and before long are learning to tackle this challenging and interesting type of crossword. Every help given, don't be afraid to try.

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FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME:**THURSDAY**

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396.7847)
 Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach
 Dates: 22nd Jul; 5th,12th, 19th Aug;
 2nd, 9th, 16th Sept
 Time: 1.30pm –3.30pm

Please note: These classes will not be held on the last 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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*A couple of French phrases translated:*

*Coup de grace                      A lawnmower  
 Pas de tout                        Father of twins*

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NSW MARINE RESCUE**FRIDAY**

Speaker: Denis O'Mara and Dave Smith
 Secretary: Margaret Goode (4392 0206)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Date: 30th Jul

The volunteer based Marine Rescue NSW (est. Jan. 2010) plays a vital role in the safety of life at sea. Of all the maritime rescues tasked through the NSW Police each year, some 68% are performed by volunteers, who attend approximately 2500 rescues each year. The presentation begins with a short DVD giving the history of the organisation. Any questions which arise from the DVD will then be addressed by Denis and Dave.

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**THE HANOVERIANS:****FRIDAY**

Speaker: Winsome Smith  
 Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Date: 6th, 20th Aug

Winsome Smith continues her interesting talks on the Hanoverians and life in England from the reign of George III. These talks have been extremely popular and well attended.

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PAUL OF TARSUS:**FRIDAY**

Speaker: Bede Heather
 Secretary: Gloria Watson (4332 7077)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Date: 3rd, 17th Sep.

Paul is important as one of the most influential Christians of early times. Bede gives an historical study of his origin, experience, story and writings. His letters are the oldest extant Christian writings, probably the only ones to have survived from before the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD. Bede spent his working life as a priest in the Catholic Church and has been retired on the Central Coast since 1997.

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**DISCUSSION GROUP:****FRIDAY**

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli (4332 9676)  
 Venue: diggers@ the entrance  
 Dates: 23 Jul; 13th, 27th Aug; 10th, 24th Sep.

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.

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SINGING FOR FUN:**FRIDAY**

Leader: Margaret Goode (4392 0206)
 Venue: LJ Uniting Church (opp diggers)
 Dates: 23 Jul; 13th, 27th Aug; 10th, 24th Sep.

This is a very friendly, informal group, with lots of fun to be had. Words are supplied, and we sing all the old favourites. Newcomers are always welcome.

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**MAH JONG:****FRIDAY**

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)  
 Venue: diggers@ the entrance  
 Dates: Every Friday (23rd Jul-24th Sep)  
 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.

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WELFARE REPORT

We were all very sad to hear that Joyce Clinch succumbed to her ongoing heart problems and passed away on the 6th of May. She was a stalwart member of this U3A Chapter, having served in many positions on our Committee. She had lived a very full life as a doctor, and had written many documents and had articles published in the course of her career. She well deserved the award of an Order of Australia Medal some years ago. She will be very much missed by all of us. A condolence card was sent to John Clinch on the sad passing of Joyce.

Cards have also been sent to Rita Richards and Elaine Swinbourne after their knee operations, and to Beth Buckley after her hip surgery. We all wish them an uneventful recovery. We sure know how to keep the local orthopaedic surgeons busy!

Away from things osseous, Tommy Thomas has had cataract surgery recently.

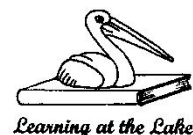
Jayne Davis

A happy group of U3A Ramblers pictured recently at Crackneck Lookout

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| 19 July | 20 July | 21 July | 22 July | 23 July |
| AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION Noel Olive (diggers) | RAMBLE PHILIP PRITCHARD CYCLEWAY See Page 4 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (diggers) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh) | FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach) | DISCUSSION GROUP Marie Cioccarelli (diggers) SINGING FOR FUN (LJUC) MAH JONG 1.30pm-3.30pm (diggers) |
| 26 July | 27 July | 28 July | 29 July | 30 July |
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| 2 Aug | 3 Aug | 4 Aug | 5 Aug | 6 Aug |
| ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS Lindsay Denholm (diggers) | RAMBLE LAKE TRAIL MAGENTA See Page 4 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (diggers) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh) | FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach) | THE HANOVERIANS Winsome Smith (diggers) MAH JONG 1.30pm-3.30pm (diggers) |
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| 16 Aug | 17 Aug | 18 Aug | 19 Aug | 20 Aug |
| BLOOD, TISSUE & ORGAN DONATION Jeanette Lacey and Katherine Wicks (diggers) | RAMBLE BRISBANE WATER NATIONAL PARK See Page 4 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (diggers) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh) | FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm (Canton Beach) | THE HANOVERIANS Winsome Smith (diggers) MAH JONG 1.30pm-3.30pm (diggers) |

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| 6 Sep | 7 Sep | 8 Sep | 9 Sep | 10 Sep |
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