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Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc

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FROM THE EDITOR:

I can't believe we are about to commence our last term for 2014. Where has this year gone?

I hope you all read your Newsletter carefully, we have a great deal on offer this term.

Pam's report on Page 2 has information on a Norfolk Island trip, and we have included a brochure for your information with this mailout.

On 31st October, Christine Kilner and her Play Reading Group are giving a special presentation and would like many members to come along to see and hear their work. Admission is free, and this promises to be a fun morning. Details are on Pages 2 and 4.

We have many interesting talks for you, and these have been scheduled for Fridays only this term.

Would you like to present a talk? Page 3 may help to get you started.

All our regular classes will continue, and numbers are very satisfactory. We encourage new members to attend, they will always find a friendly welcome.

The AGM and Christmas get-together is on Monday 8th December, in the Pavilion Room at diggers, and we hope to see many of you there.

- Betty Siegman (Editor)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **and CHRISTMAS PARTY** **diggers@the entrance** **Pavilion Room (Upstairs)**

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| Date: | Monday 8th December |
| Time: | 10:00am—12:30 pm |
| Cost: | Members—no charge |
| | Non-members—\$10 |

Bookings essential for lunch

Final date: Wednesday 3rd December

Bookings: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)

Email: betty_siegman@hotmail.com

Please note: if you have booked for lunch but are unable to come please notify Betty.

Details of the AGM will be given in the letter that will accompany the Formal Notice and Agenda to be sent to all members in November.

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

Creative Writing Workshops TK SDCh:

St David's Church Hall,
Cnr Hargraves & Victoria Sts, Toukley

French Conversation:

74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

Movie Appreciation:

34 Aston Wilde Ave, 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.

New Members: Membership Form and Money
Renewals: Name, Money & Membership No (no renewal form needed)

Cheque payable to: Tuggerah Lakes U3A Inc.

Mail to: Mr Peter Gloss

4 Sir Joseph Banks Drive Bateau Bay NSW 2261

Direct deposit: Westpac BSB 032 525 A/c 13 4075

Include NAME and MEMB. NO with deposit

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| <u>TERM</u> : | Start: 7th October |
| | Finish: 8th December |

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hi Everyone. Welcome to our last newsletter for the year. We have some exciting news for you in this edition. Norfolk Island has recently formed a U3A Group and are now part of our regional area. As such, their representative is coming across especially to attend the regional conference set up by Central Coast, at Gosford. Here we will meet up with them and hear all about their Island. They have amalgamated a travel package for all U3A members to visit their beautiful island and enjoy their very special history, and hospitality.

We were so interested in the information they sent us, that we decided to print it in full to see if any of our members are interested in going on a group tour with us. At this stage it is proposed that we go across at the end of March in time for their "*Sirius sinking anniversary.*" Of course, anyone can take advantage of this package at any time and you do not have to come with us as a group. However, there may be individuals out there who would wish to travel with other U3A members as part of the group. Time is short so if anyone is interested, please contact me immediately.

We are now coming to the close of my first year as your president. I have enjoyed the diverse speakers and the various courses we have run throughout the year, and hope you have also. Please remember, we are always open for suggestions for any additional classes or any ideas you may have with reference to improving our group.

I do hope that many of you will come to the AGM Christmas Party, and look forward to meeting you there.

As this is my last message for this year, regards, and dare I say it? Merry Christmas and a Happy 2015! Ouch!! I didn't actually say that, not really!!

*Pam McGlinn
President*

PLAY READING MORNING



Please come and be our audience on a special play-reading morning to be held on Friday 31st October. We will be presenting a series of short plays read by various members of our group and we hope you'll be entertained and get some idea of the content we explore and the fun we have. It will be a normal U3A day, held in our usual room, with a short break for coffee or tea.

There will be no cost, come and enjoy the morning and encourage our emerging actors.

Contact Christine Kilner, (4399 2748), or just come along and enjoy a great morning.

REPORT ON SOCIAL DAY

The social day which was held in August was disappointing. One reason was the lack of interest of our members. The idea of a social day is to give everyone a chance to meet up with fellow members they would not normally see if they only go to one course. However, only 34 people went. As it happened, it was not a good morning because Diggers' sound system broke down and our creative writers had to shout their stories to the audience, which certainly was most inconvenient and frustrating. There was plenty of food, and the Diggers did do a great job, but we will have to seriously think about it before we have another one. The lucky door raffle, a \$20 Coles voucher, was won by our Secretary, Rhonda MacDiarmid. I do hope our AGM will have a better representation of our members present.

Pam McGlinn (President)

Jayne Davis would like to give a big thank you to all those members who so generously donated DVDs and CDs to her village library. She is now the proud custodian of a quite respectable collection.

NORFOLK ISLAND TRIP



We have received information that Norfolk Is is now part of our U3A regional area, and they have sent us a brochure inviting us for a stay. I have already been there once, 20 years ago, and it truly is a lovely spot and am keen to go again.

We have decided to throw it open to all our members to see if perhaps we could get a group to go together. Initially, I thought that the Sirius anniversary in March would be a good time to go, but given the short time we have to put together a group for this occasion I doubt if that time will be available as accommodation on the Island is extremely limited.

The Sirius anniversary date is the 19th March, so the travel dates are 16-23 March. If these dates are fully booked, I propose that we try for the following week. Norfolk Island bookings are always done weekly, and depend on the arrival and departure of the planes from the mainland.

Of course, members are free to avail themselves of this excellent package and go as individuals any time of the year that they wish.

*Pam McGlenn
President*

**** REMINDER ****

If there is any change to your address, phone number or email address, please advise our membership officer, John Collis, by telephone, 4333 9079 or email to emailtlu3a@gmail.com, so that you continue to receive your quarterly Newsletter.

WELFARE

August brought with it the usual coughs and colds and several members were unable to attend some of our activities, much to their and our disappointment, hopefully now that Spring is here we can all look forward to better health in future days.

In June I heard from Gloria Watson of the funeral of Mai Wallace. Many of you will remember that Mai was blind but was a frequent visitor to our various talks accompanied by her guide dog 'Will'. They will both be missed. We sent a card in sympathy to Mai's daughter Colleen which she acknowledged and appreciated.

July brought the news of the passing of another well known member, Nita Mustard, who was a long time friend to one of our Committee Members and a valued member of U3ATL. We sent a card with our condolences to Nita's family.

At our Social Day I learnt from a Committee Member that four of our members were unwell and therefore unable to attend. They were all greatly missed and we sent out appropriate cards to them with our best wishes for a return to good health.

My thanks as always to those members who have kept me informed regarding the well being of others which enables me to send a "Get Well Soon" card on behalf of our Committee and other members in an attempt to cheer up their day.

I continue to need your help to fulfill my job as your Welfare Officer and I would appreciate it if you would please email or telephone me if you know of a member who is unwell and who could use a timely reminder that we are thinking of them and wishing them a speedy return to good health.

*Doreen Morley
Welfare Officer*

PLAY READING**MONDAY**

Leader: Christine Kilner (4399 2748)
 Email: chrisatseakay@gmail.com
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Dates: 20th Oct, 3rd Nov, 17th Nov, 1st Dec.

In addition to the regular sessions, there will be a special play reading morning at diggers on 31st October (See Page 2). Members are encouraged to come along, it's free, and will give you all an opportunity to see our work and join in our fun.

MOVIE APPRECIATION**MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)
 Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay
 Dates: 13th, 27th Oct, 10th, 24th Nov.

Times: movies will only be shown 9.30-12noon

Mon, 13 Oct: The Whistle Blower: (1986) 100 mins. British thriller. Michael Caine, James Fox, Nigel Havers, John Gielgud. A middle-aged intelligence officer, (Caine), whose son, (Havers), is a Russian linguist and translator, is devastated to learn that his son is dead. "Accidental death" is the official verdict. The father embarks on his own investigation and discovers there are no limits to what the government will do to protect its secrets. When he finally discovers the truth, he takes matters into his own hands in a sensational climax.

Mon, 27 Oct: Call Northside 777: The true story of a reporter who corrects a miscarriage of justice. Eleven years after Frank Wiecek, (Richard Conte), is jailed for murdering a police officer, his mother runs an ad offering \$5000 for information about the real killer. Newspaper editor, (Lee J Cobb), assigns reporter, (James Stewart), to investigate the story, and he soon gathers evidence which leads him to believe Wiecek is innocent.

Mon, 10 Nov: Love Me or Leave Me: (1955) 117 mins. A 1955 biographical musical drama film which tells the life story of Ruth Etting, a singer who rose from dancer to movie star. Doris Day plays Etting, James Cagney is gangster Martin "Moe the Gimp" Snyder, her first husband and manager, and Cameron Mitchell is pianist/arranger Myrl Alderman, her second husband.

Mon 24 Nov: All My Sons: (1948) 94 mins. A compelling and heartbreaking story about family ties, patriotic duty and personal greed. Edward G Robinson is a manufacturer of aircraft parts for the military during WW11. Burt Lancaster is his son who is determined to marry the daughter of the ex-partner, who's has been jailed for shipping defective parts, resulting in the deaths of 21 pilots.

THE READERS GROUP**MONDAY**

Secretary: Vicki Rollinson (4389 1984)
 mail: vrolo@hotmail.com
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Dates: 27th Oct, 24th Nov.

If you enjoy reading, then this group will interest you. We are not a book club—we don't all read the same book. You may choose your own book to speak about, relating to a specific author, genre or theme set for a certain day. Come along for a stimulating and interesting morning.

WALKS:**TUESDAY****Contacts:**

Barbara Skurr 4392 4158
Wendy Dalton 4393 9155

Sensible shoes, sunscreen, hat and water required.

All meet at 10 am

Map: Wyong phone directory 2014

Oct 7th CRACKNECK POINT

Bateau Bay Map 46 C 3

Meet Parkside Ave Bring food and drinks

Oct 21st HAMMOND CANAL

San Remo Map 25 F 3

Bring food and drinks

Nov 4th JULIE LUFF BOARD WALK

Budgewoi Map 27 A 6

Meet Mackenzie Park Bring food and drinks

Nov 18th WARNIES TO FARMGATE

Warnervale Map 23 D 9

Meet general store Bring or buy food and drinks

Dec 2nd COLONGRA BAY

Lake Munmorah Map 19 F 6

Meet Community Hall Colongra Bay Road

Bring food and drinks

NOTE:

1. Venue locations—see Page 1.

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

CONVERSATIONS**TUESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
 Venue: diggers@the entrance
 Dates: 14th, 28th Oct; 11th, 25th Nov.
 Time: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

These classes are proving to be very stimulating, with lots of interesting conversation. Members of the class are encouraged to suggest a topic suitable for discussion, from the wide range available at <http://www.ted.com/talks>. A short selection, typically three of about 10 minutes each, is screened at the class, with some discussion after each one. The class divides into small groups, with members circulating after each talk, so that we mix with different people, and everyone gets a say.

KEEPING THE MARBLES ROLLING**TUESDAY**

Presenter: Rhonda McDiarmid (4332 2300)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Dates: 7th, 21st Oct; 4th, 18th Nov; 2nd Dec.
 Time: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

This course provides a great mental workout, developing your skills in many directions, while at the same time giving you lots of fun with your fellow members. Newcomers will be made welcome; there may be a small cost for photocopied material.

MUSIC APPRECIATION**WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
 Venue: The Berkeley Centre
 Dates: 8th, 22nd Oct; 12th, 26th Nov
 Time: 10.00 am—12.00 pm.

We have explored the world of music from Operetta, Opera, Symphonies and Concertos. We have learned of the lives of famous composers, where they lived and wrote their music. If you love beautiful music, why not come and chill out with our group for a relaxing morning. No special knowledge is required, just a love of music. Note the new time, class now commences at 10:00 am.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**WEDNESDAY**

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue: St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley
 Dates: 15th Oct; 5th, 19th Nov; 3rd Dec.

This group is producing some excellent work, led by our own published writer, Pam McGlinn. If you are an aspiring writer, come along and join this lively class. New members are very welcome.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS**WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Dates: 15th Oct; 5th, 19th Nov; 3rd Dec.

A lively group, we have lots of fun as we learn and bounce ideas off one another. You will be surprised how quickly you too can solve those puzzling cryptic clues. New members are most welcome.

FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME:**THURSDAY**

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396.7847)
 Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach
 Dates: 9th, 16th, 23rd Oct;
 6th, 13th, 20th Nov; 4th Dec.
 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 French conversation and is designed for those with a basic knowledge of the language, say from school days. If you are interested in learning Esperanto, Henriette will be able to assist you.

DISCUSSION GROUP:**FRIDAY**

Contact: Tony Thomson (4358 3655)
 Venue: diggers@ the entrance
 Dates: 10th, 24th Oct; 14th, 28th Nov

This friendly group has been continuing strongly for some time now, and have covered a wide range of topics. Come along just to listen, or to share your views with others. New members will be made very welcome.

MAH JONG:**FRIDAY**

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue: diggers@ the entrance
 Dates: Every Friday (10th Oct to 5th Dec)
 Time: 1.00pm-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. This is a very popular class.

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THE FORMER SOVIET UNION: FRIDAY
: "The time I spent in the former Soviet Union"

Speaker: June Goss
Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
Venue: diggers@the entrance
Date: 17th October

A personal account of time spent in Moscow during the years 1976, 1984 and 1986. June studied Russian and later became a translator for Radio Moscow's English language transmission service. She intends to bring some of her "Russian Treasures" to show people as she talks of her experiences.

NOT JUST A STONE FRIGATE FRIDAY

Speakers: Frank and Jacqueline Rice
Secretary: John Collis (4333 9079)
Venue: diggers@the entrance
Date: 7th November

The story of HMAS Maitland during the years 1940-1946. This was an important naval shore establishment in Newcastle during World War II. The talk will include plans, photographs and stories from surviving and deceased veterans.

HISTORIC HOUSES OF WYONG SHIRE FRIDAY

Speaker: Margaret Blundell
Secretary: Doreen Morley (4385 7843)
Venue: diggers@the entrance
Date: 21st November

This illustrated talk, derived from her 2007 MA thesis about the historic houses of the Central Coast, will provide the audience with a detailed overview of the historic dwellings of Wyong Shire. It will cover where they are, what they look like, why they are considered historic and the likelihood of their continued survival or demise. Included will be images of historically listed dwellings that have been demolished or greatly altered.

THE LEGENDS OF CHRISTMAS: FRIDAY

Speaker: Peter Cane
Secretary: Rhonda McDiarmid (4332 2300)
Venue: diggers@the entrance
Date: 5th December

This talk will tell us where we get some of the items we use to define Christmas. Where did the tree originate, the tinsel, the holly or even Santa Claus? There are fascinating stories and theories for all of these and many more. Are they true or just stories to tell the young ones?

WHY NOT GIVE A TALK?

U3A Network NSW maintains a wide range of courses on a multitude of subjects. Information can be accessed from the Network website at <http://www.courses.u3anet.org.au>. Links to the Catalogues appear on the right of the screen.

Course material and Powerpoint slides are available, and our committee will give you every assistance in preparing your talk. Have a look, it may be easier than you think. Below is a brief sample of the many courses available

- Victorian Britain
- The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
- Australian History - 19th Century
- The Six Wives of Henry VIII
- Myths and Legends
- South African History to 1900
- Geoffrey Chaucer: his Life, Work and Times
- Shakespeare and the Modern World
- Shakespeare's Shylock: Villain or Victim?
- The Arthurian Legend
- Five Mysteries of the Sea
- Irish Myths and Legends

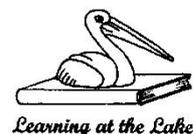


*As this is our last Newsletter for 2014,
your committee would like to wish you all
a very Merry Christmas,
and good health and happiness in 2015*



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7th October-8th December



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| 6 Oct Public Holiday | 7 Oct | 8 Oct | 9 Oct | 10 Oct |
| | WALK CRACKNECK POINT (See page 4) MARBLES ROLLING (diggers) 1:00—3:00 | MUSIC APPRECIATION Betty Siegman (TBC) | FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm-3:30pm (Canton Beach) | DISCUSSION GROUP Tony Thomson (diggers) MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (diggers) |
| 13 Oct | 14 Oct | 15 Oct | 16 Oct | 17 Oct |
| MOVIE CLUB John Richards 9.30am-12.00pm (Chittaway Bay) | CONVERSATIONS (diggers) 1:00—3:00 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (diggers) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh) | FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30-3:30pm (Canton Beach) | FORMER SOVIET UNION June Goss (diggers) MAH-JONG 1:00pm-3:30pm (diggers) |
| 20 Oct | 21 Oct | 22 Oct | 23 Oct | 24 Oct |
| PLAY READING Christine Kilner (diggers) | WALK HAMMOND CANAL (See page 4) MARBLES ROLLING (diggers) 1:00—3:00 | MUSIC APPRECIATION Betty Siegman (TBC) | FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm-3:30pm (Canton Beach) | DISCUSSION GROUP Tony Thomson (diggers) MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (diggers) |
| 27 Oct | 28 Oct | 29 Oct | 30 Oct | 31 Oct |
| MOVIE CLUB John Richards 9.30am-12.00pm (Chittaway Bay) THE READERS GROUP (diggers) | CONVERSATIONS (diggers) 1:00—3:00 | | | PLAY READING PRESENTATION (diggers) See Page 2 MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (diggers) |
| 3 Nov | 4 Nov | 5 Nov | 6 Nov | 7 Nov |
| PLAY READING Christine Kilner (diggers) | WALK JULIE LUFF BOARD WALK MARBLES ROLLING (diggers) 1:00—3:00 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (diggers) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh) | FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm-3:30pm (Canton Beach) | NOT JUST A STONE FRIGATE Frank/Jacqueline Rice (diggers) MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (diggers) |

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| 24 Nov | 25 Nov | 26 Nov | 27 Nov | 28 Nov |
| MOVIE CLUB John Richards 9.30am-12.00pm (Chittaway Bay) THE READERS GROUP (diggers) | CONVERSATIONS (diggers) 1:00—3:00 | MUSIC APPRECIATION Betty Siegman (TBC) | | DISCUSSION GROUP Tony Thomson (diggers) MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (diggers) |
| 1 Dec | 2 Dec | 3 Dec | 4 Dec | 5 Dec |
| PLAY READING Christine Kilner (diggers) | WALK COLONGRA BAY (See page 4) MARBLES ROLLING (diggers) 1:00—3:00 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (diggers) CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (Tk-SDCh) | FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30pm-3:30pm (Canton Beach) | LEGENDS OF CHRISTMAS Peter Cane (diggers) MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (diggers) |
| 8 Dec | 9 Dec | 10 Dec | | |
| ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and CHRISTMAS PARTY (diggers) See page 1 | | | | |

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