



Learning at the Lake

Tuggerah Lakes NeWs

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Thank goodness we have finished with daylight saving time.

I seem to have been sleeping in lately, and then I spend the rest of the morning trying to catch up with myself.

Our committee has been busy putting together an interesting term of activities for our members.

All of our regular groups continue, and each one has its following of eager participants. Although the numbers may be small, typically a dozen or so, I know from my own experience at Crosswords and Music that there is a great deal of interaction, and many firm friendships are made.

Of course new members are always made welcome, and we do encourage you to bring along a friend (or four).

Three of our Friday talks will be presented by Betty Brown. Those of you who have heard Betty know what an interesting and well informed speaker she is, and this subject of Deserts promises to be fascinating.

Our heartfelt thanks go to all our regular class leaders, some of whom have been active for many years - without them our U3A would not survive.

So enjoy this short break, I wish you all good health, and I hope to catch up with many of you in Term 2.

- Betty Siegman.
- Editor

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 Ave

Tk-SDCh: St Davids Church Hall

Cnr Hargraves and Victoria Sts, Toukley

French Conversation:

74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

Movies: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay

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Secretary:	Gail Shore	4333 6272
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NORFOLK ISLAND

Recently nine of our members spent a week on Norfolk Island.

During the week the islanders commemorated the sinking of HMS Sirius, the flagship of the Australian First Fleet.

On page 6 of this issue our president Pam McGlinn, gives an account of their holiday.

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, Membership No. and Money
(no renewal form needed)

to
Rhonda MacDiarmid
PO Box 4019
Bay Village NSW 2261

OR direct deposit
Westpac BSB: 032 525, A/c 13 4075
Include YOUR NAME and MEMB. NO. with deposit

TERM : Start: 20th April
Finish: 26th June

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Our first term is over and 2015 is well advanced. A big date in our history as all over Australia we are remembering the 100 year anniversary of the blooding of our first ANZAC heroes. And I mean, 'blooding' in the quite literal sense.

Although at the time of writing this, various events which will be happening around the country are yet to eventuate, by the time you read this, or shortly thereafter all the centenary events will be over.

A very sad time for remembering but still a glorious time in our history. As it has often been said, Australia and New Zealand are probably the only countries in the world who celebrate a wartime defeat as their National Day. Long may the original ANZACS be remembered.

This year we had a lot of members from last year not renewing, and our numbers are once again somewhat lower than we would wish. Despite Pat Carlton, our new publicity officer's best efforts we do not seem to be picking up any new members. Please speak to your friends about us and encourage them to join. Tell them what a friendly, sociable group we are.

If anyone has any suggestions for new courses, or wishes to be a leader, please talk to one of our committee members and tell us what you think. We always welcome new ideas, and any feedback you may have about our present classes, would be much appreciated. We are quite happy to receive constructive criticism.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see my story about our recent visit to Norfolk Island. It is a trip that I would highly recommend and anyone who is interested, please contact me.

Pam McGlinn.

WELFARE REPORT:

We must be a healthy, robust group...I have had no notifications of illness since early this year.

Please let us know if you are aware of someone who might appreciate a card or phone call to let them know our thoughts are with them.

May I give a timely reminder to all to have the 'flu shots as they become available, to avoid winter illnesses.

~ *Marjorie Nilsson*
Welfare Officer

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## What Confucius did not say...

- Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.
- Lady who goes camping must beware of evil intent.
- Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.
- Man who runs in front of car gets tired.
- Man who runs behind car gets exhausted.
- Man who eats many prunes get good run for money.
- War does not determine who is right, it determines who is left.
- Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.
- Man who live in glass house should change clothes in basement.

**PLAY READING****MONDAY**

Leader: Christine Kilner (4399 2748)  
 Email: chrisatseakay@gmail.com  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: 20th Apr; 4th, 18th May; 1st, 15th Jun.

Play Reading is continuing to be very popular. Christine has many scripts ready to go; if you are interested in joining a fun group, please contact her. Members of the male persuasion will be made most welcome.

**MOVIE APPRECIATION****MONDAY**

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)  
 Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay  
 Dates: 11th May, 25th May, 22nd June.

**Movies will be shown only in the mornings at  
 9.30-12noon**

**PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED**

**Please note that movies will not be shown on  
 Monday 27th April.**

**Monday, 11 May: PHANTOM LADY:** 1944 (84 mins) Ella Raines, Alan Curtis, Franchot Tone, Fay Helm, Regis Toomey. Film noir suspense as an innocent man (Curtis) is framed for the murder of his wife. His secretary (Raines) seeks the real killer with the help of Curtis's best friend (Tone). Produced by Joan Harrison, former screen writer to Alfred Hitchcock.

**Monday, 25 May: THE EDDIE DUCHIN STORY:** 1956 (117 mins) Tyrone Power, Kim Novak, James Whitmore, Victoria Shaw. Set in the era of big bands and grand ballrooms, this is the musical biography of Eddy Duchin who set New York society on fire in the 1930s and 40s. "An emotionally rare motion picture scored to the unforgettable music of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Frederic Chopin and Oscar Hammerstein"

**Monday, 22 June: SUSPECT:** 1987 (116 mins). Cher, Dennis Quaid, Liam Neeson, John Mahoney. A Supreme Court Justice takes his own life. A woman is found dead - the victim of a grisly murder. A homeless Vietnam vet stands accused.. Cher and Dennis Quaid take the law into their own hands in this suspense thriller where everything is revealed in court - except the truth.

**THE READERS GROUP****MONDAY**

Secretary: Vicki Rollinson (4389 1984)  
 Email: vrolo@hotmail.com  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: 27th April; 25th May; 22nd June

This is not a Book Group - 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**

**Contact: Barbara Skurr 4392 4158.**

All excursions require sensible shoes, sunscreen, hat and water.

**All walks commence at 10:00 am.**

Map references: WYONG 2015 Phone Directory.

**21st April RED GUM FOREST**

Meet Vietnam Vets Cafe  
 Map 33 7 A  
 Bring or buy food and drinks

**5th May CHAIN VALLEY BAY**

Meet Joshua Porter Reserve  
 Map 19 1 F  
 Bring or buy food /drinks

**19th May TUMBI BRIDGE**

Meet Bluebell Park  
 Map 40 3F  
 Bring or buy food/drinks

**2nd June ROCKY POINT**

Meet Don Small Oval, Tacoma  
 Map 36 2 E  
 Bring food/drinks

**16th June HAMMOND CANAL**

Meet John Howard Reserve  
 Map 25 3 F  
 Bring food/drinks

**KEEPING THE MARBLES ROLLING****TUESDAY**

Presenter: Rhonda McDiarmid (4332 2300)  
 Email: rxm55@bigpond.com  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: 21st Apr; 5th, 19th May; 2nd, 16th Jun.  
 Time: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

The class will continue this term, exercising our brains to solve various puzzles, learn new techniques, and also have lots of fun. A very challenging and interesting afternoon.

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**CONVERSATIONS****TUESDAY**

Contact: Betty Siegman (4332 08670)  
 Email: betty\_siegman@hotmail.com  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: 28th Apr; 12th, 26th May; 9th, 23rd June  
 Time: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

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 emailed to the class for viewing at home. If the topic interests you, come along to the class, where we re-screen the clips, and break after each one for some lively discussion. This is becoming an interesting afternoon, new members and opinions are always welcome.

**Some of the topics covered to date are:**

Corruption: Is it widespread?

Aging: What's good about it?

Communication: New technologies

Islam—Getting to Know You

Invasion of Privacy: Is Big Brother here?

The BIG Questions—How could God allow a tsunami?

Genetically Modified Food—for and against

**MUSIC APPRECIATION:****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
 Venue: The Berkeley Centre  
 Dates: 22nd Apr; 13th, 27th May, 10th, 24th June.

If you love classical music, why not come along and refresh your soul for a couple of hours amongst like-minded friends. Learn something about the lives of famous composers, what they are like as real people.

**CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP:****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)  
 Venue: St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley  
 Dates: 22nd Apr; 6th, 20th May; 3rd, 17th June.  
 Time: 9:30 to 12:00.

We are going well in our new timeslot and the extra time means we all have plenty of time to read our 'creative' efforts. After all, there is no point in being a budding writer unless you have an audience to read to. Our classes are a lot of fun, with some of the efforts produced in class time causing much hilarity. Come along and join the fun.

**CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS:****WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: 6th, 20th May; 3rd, 17th June.

A very lively class with lots of happy chatter, mostly (but not all) about crosswords. Beginners are always welcome. Not only do we learn the 'tricks' of doing cryptic crosswords, but have lots of fun doing so. After a few sessions you will become as addicted as the rest of us, and mightily impress all your friends.

**FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME:****THURSDAY**

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396 7847)  
 Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach  
 Dates: 23rd Apr; 7th, 14th, 21st May;  
 4th, 11th, 18th June.  
 Time: 1.30pm –3.30pm

Contact Henriette if you are interested in learning French, either at a beginner level or to improve your conversational French. Esperanto is also available.

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

Leader: Tony Thomson (4358 3655)  
 Email: tonyt@westnet.com.au  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: 24th Apr; 8th, 22nd May; 12th, 26th June.

Members are invited to take turns to chair the meeting, and bring along topics for discussion by the group. This group has been meeting for quite some time, and is extremely popular.

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

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)  
 Email: pamlakeside@bigpond.com.au  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Dates: Every Friday from 24 Apr to 26th June.  
 Time: 1.00pm-3.30pm

Mah Jong is a game that originated in China, and involves skill, strategy and calculation. Come along any Friday and try your luck with this friendly group.

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— 1st MAY —

**THE DESERT LANDSCAPE (Part I):**

**Where, Why and How It Exists**

Speaker: Betty Brown  
Secretary: John Collis (4333 9079)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance

Deserts are located in very specific areas of the earth . . . find out why this is so and what their characteristics are. You'll find they are unique regions, and maybe you are in for a few surprises when you are introduced to a 'desert landscape'.

— 15th MAY —

**THE DESERT LANDSCAPE (Part II):**

**The Unique Flora and Fauna and Human Existence in Deserts**

Speaker: Betty Brown  
Secretary: Margaret Tauni (4332 5408)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance

The flora and fauna of the desert regions are also unique. They have developed special skills to be able to survive in such a harsh environment. Some animals are really quirky little critters and some plants will amaze you with their lifestyle.

— 29th MAY —

**THE DESERT LANDSCAPE (Part III):**

**The Australian Deserts and the Great Artesian Basin**

Speaker: Betty Brown  
Secretary: Pam McGlenn (4390 2451)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance

This one is all about Australian Deserts . . . where they are and why they are so dry and yet so different. The Australian flora and fauna is strange and wonderful and we'll discover why this is so. We'll also look in some detail at the Great Artesian Basin because it is also an arid area yet has some fascinating features that link it back to what Australia was like millions of years ago.

— 5th JUNE —

**POWER of ATTORNEY:**

Speaker: Stephen Cutler  
Secretary: Gloria Watson (4332 7077)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance

Making a Will is important for each person but giving a power of attorney may be just as important if at some time financial, personal, medical and lifestyle decisions need to be made and one's capacity to make such decisions has been lost. Just what decisions can an Enduring Guardian make, does anyone supervise these decisions? An important presentation for each of us to attend.

— 19th JUNE —

**HARGRAVES HOUSE:**

Speaker: Eva Seale  
Secretary: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance

A brief history of the first gold discoveries in Australia, Noraville Homestead and the man who built it in 1853.

This is followed by a description of the house, important events of the time and how people living around Tuggerah Lakes in the nineteenth century coped without any of our modern conveniences.

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~~~ NORFOLK ISLAND ~~~

Nine of our U3A members have recently returned from a trip of eight days to Norfolk Island.

We advertised this last year in our newsletter as a special that is available to all U3A members and there were 30 U3A members from Canberra and a few from Victoria while we were there. We had several events where we mixed with these other U3A members. This tour is still currently available and I have all the details if anyone is interested. You may take the trip at any time which suits you. There are some major events happening on the island this year, and I can give you further information on these if required.

Those of us who went had a really marvellous time. So much so, that later this year I am going to give a talk on the Island and its history. A topic which is really fascinating, and I will include our own story and photos of what we did.

While we were there, it was the 225th anniversary of the sinking of the *Sirius* which was a truly momentous event in our very early colonial days. We were given many tours and talks on this and other topics and came away much better informed about the island and its people.

Two of our members, Kath Sewell and Irene Smith (Sisters) and First Fleeters, are direct descendants of the original first settlers from Norfolk. They were amongst the ones who struggled ashore when the *Sirius* sunk. As Kath was heard to remark, "we wouldn't be here if they hadn't made it ashore". The trip for them was especially memorable.

We also saw the unloading of cars and other items, via the island lighters (small boats) as there is no port whereby ships can get close enough to unload, but must stand to, further out beyond the reefs, while the small ships bring in everything which is required for island living. It was intriguing watching the derricks swing out and pluck the cars from the boats and then swing across to land them safely on the pier.

Altogether, an exceptional holiday, and one I would recommend to everyone.

Pam McGlinn.



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| 20 Apr | 21 Apr | 22 Apr | 23 Apr | 24 Apr |
| PLAY READING
Christine Kilner
(diggers) | RED GUM FOREST
Walk, see page 3

MARBLES ROLLING
Rhonda McDiarmid
1:00pm-3:00pm
(diggers) | MUSIC APPRECIATION
Betty Siegman
(TBC)

CREATIVE WRITING
9:30-12:00
(Tk-SDCh) | FRENCH CONVERSATION
Henriette Vanechop
1.30pm-3:30pm
(Canton Beach) | DISCUSSION GROUP
Tony Thomson
(diggers)

MAH JONG
1.00pm-3.30pm
(diggers) |
| 27 Apr | 28 Apr | 29 Apr | 30 Apr | 1 May |
| READERS GROUP
Vicki Rollinson
(diggers) | CONVERSATIONS
Betty Siegman
1:00pm-3:00pm
(diggers) | | | THE DESERT LANDSCAPE (Part I)
Betty Brown
(diggers)

MAH JONG
1.00pm-3.30pm
(diggers) |
| 4 May | 5 May | 6 May | 7 May | 8 May |
| PLAY READING
Christine Kilner
(diggers) | CHAIN VALLEY BAY
Walk, see page 3

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Rhonda McDiarmid
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Tony Thomson
(diggers)

MAH JONG
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(diggers) |
| 11 May | 12 May | 13 May | 14 May | 15 May |
| MOVIE CLUB
John Richards
9.30am-12.00pm
(Chittaway Bay) | CONVERSATIONS
Betty Siegman
1:00pm-3:00pm
(diggers) | MUSIC APPRECIATION
Betty Siegman
(TBC) | FRENCH CONVERSATION
Henriette Vanechop
1.30pm-3:30pm
(Canton Beach) | THE DESERT LANDSCAPE (Part II)
Betty Brown
(diggers)

MAH JONG
1.00pm-3.30pm
(diggers) |
| 18 May | 19 May | 20 May | 21 May | 22 May |
| PLAY READING
Christine Kilner
(diggers) | TUMBI BRIDGE
Walk, see page 3

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|---|--|---|---|---|
| 25 May | 26 May | 27 May | 28 May | 29 May |
| MOVIE CLUB
John Richards
9.30am-12.00pm
(Chittaway Bay)

READERS GROUP
Vicki Rollinson
(diggers) | CONVERSATIONS
1:00pm-3:00pm
(diggers) | MUSIC APPRECIATION
Betty Siegman
(TBC) | | THE DESERT LANDSCAPE (Part III)
Betty Brown
(diggers)

MAH JONG
1.00pm-3.30pm
(diggers) |
| 1 Jun | 2 Jun | 3 Jun | 4 Jun | 5 Jun |
| PLAY READING
Christine Kilner
(diggers) | ROCKY POINT
Walk, see page 3

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Rhonda McDiarmid
1:00pm-3.00pm
(diggers) | CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS
Betty Siegman
(diggers)

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(Canton Beach) | POWER OF ATTORNEY ETC
Stephen Cutler
(diggers)

MAH JONG
1.00pm-3.30pm
(diggers) |
| 8 Jun | 9 Jun | 10 Jun | 11 Jun | 12 Jun |
| QUEENS BIRTHDAY

PUBLIC HOLIDAY | CONVERSATIONS
Betty Siegman
(diggers)

1:00pm-3:00pm
(diggers) | 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) |
| 15 Jun | 16 Jun | 17 Jun | 18 Jun | 19 Jun |
| PLAY READING
Christine Kilner
(diggers) | HAMMOND CANAL
Walk, see page 3

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Rhonda McDiarmid
1:00pm-3.00pm
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Betty Siegman
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9:30-12:00
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Henriette Vanechop
1.30pm-3:30pm
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Eva Seale
(diggers)

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