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TUGGERAH LAKES NEWS

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to 2018, and the beginning of a new year for our Tuggerah Lakes U3A. In spite of our frequent requests, the committee this year remains practically unchanged from last year's. A bit disappointing, but we will do our very best to bring you an interesting selection of activities for the term.

There are a few changes; the Readers Group has a new leader, Margareta Tauni, and a new venue, The Entrance Leagues Club. Details are on page 3. The Discussion Group has lost its leader, Tony Thomson, who sadly passed away early in November. The remaining members of the group have decided to discontinue this activity for the time being.

Our thanks go to all those group leaders who work tirelessly to run classes, and to all our interesting speakers who provide us with food for thought on many topics. We enjoyed the talks last term from two of our members on their working lives, and this term we will hear from two more of our members, who will share some of their travel tales with us.

The Memoirs Group shared some of their work with us at the AGM, and displayed some great talent.

It is obvious from the talks mornings and the AGM, that our members enjoy just getting together with an opportunity to talk to one another over the coffee break; if there are any newcomers, don't be shy, we are a friendly group, and always ready to welcome new members.

Betty Siegman
- Editor

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)**

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~ ~ ~ VENUES ~ ~ ~

Please note the venue addresses below as space constraints prevent us from using the full addresses on the calendar.

Chittaway Bay: Movie Appreciation
34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay

TECC: The Entrance Community Centre
15 Battley Ave The Entrance (cnr Oakland)

Tigers: The Entrance Leagues Club
Bay Village Shopping Centre, southern end

Greens: The Entrance Bowling Club
Warrigal St (Cnr Park Rd)

TBC: The Berkeley Centre, Berkeley Vale
Cnr Berkeley Rd & Heather Ave

Tk-SDCh: St David's Church Hall
Cnr Hargraves & Victoria Sts, Toukley

Canton Beach: French Conversation
74 Evans Rd, Canton Beach

Mah Jong: Home of Rhonda MacDiarmid
6 Moorlan Ave Killarney Vale

TELJ RSL Hall: Friday Talks
Hume B'vard, near Brooke Ave, K'ney Vale

**TERM: Start: Thursday 1st February
Finish: Friday 13th April**

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Here we are at the beginning of a New Year which just happens to be our 20th year. We hope to celebrate this occasion later this year in some special way.

Of the original 37 members of our group these are the following who still remain: Margaret Barnett, Marie Cioccarelli, June Hill, Tom and Judith Marish, Charles Proctor, Dorothy Rhodes, Betty Siegman.

A small but stalwart group who continue to support us in many ways. From the original 37, seven were made life members, 4 have subsequently died, two of whom were our first two Presidents. Although I am the only other life member I was not one of the original, having joined half way through the first year.

It is worth reporting how much hard work has gone into our club during the past 19 years, and how much is still being contributed by so many of our members. We urge all members to be active within the group and to tell us of anything they might like added to make us more interesting. Although we no longer have a discussion group, Betty's very vibrant "Conversations" is still ongoing. Betty works very hard to present an interesting programme and would welcome any ideas from members.

I do hope you like the speakers I have selected for the coming term. I try to be as diverse as possible, although we do have some old favourites amongst them.

I would like to wish all members all the best for 2018 and look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks.

Pam McGlinn.

WELFARE:

Sadly, we lost Tony Thomson in November. Tony died in his sleep and his sudden demise was a real shock to his U3A friends. Condolences were sent to Tony's family.

I have not been advised of any other illnesses or hospitalisations so we must all be keeping reasonably well. Must be the wonderful Central Coast air.

*Gail Shore
Welfare*

- VALE - TONY THOMSON

In early November we were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Tony Thomson.

Tony had been a loyal member of Tuggerah Lakes U3A for many years.

He led the Discussion Group for some considerable time, and also presented a course on Comparative Religion.

Tony was a kind, considerate and caring human being, and he will be greatly missed by his many friends.

LATE NEWS

Margaret Goode passed away in December. She was a member for many years, and President in 2010.

A Memorial Service for Margaret will be held at the Warnervale Regional Uniting Church, Warnervale Rd, Warnervale, at 2 pm on Saturday 3rd February.

Although Margaret had been in a nursing home in Sydney, her family arranged the Service here as all her most recent friends live locally.

Walkers please note

We are required to classify walks according to the following criteria:

Easy: Flat ground or low gradient slopes with clearly defined and safe paths and few if any steps.

Moderate: Moderate gradients, and/or more than a few steps - most of which have a hand-rail, and/or with paths, tracks or beaches having some, but not many, minor safety hazards such as roots, stones or rocks.

Hard: Paths, tracks or beaches with many minor safety hazards such as roots, stones and rocks, and/or with more than a few steps many of which do not have a hand-rail, and/or with many steps with or without handrails.

The rating will be found alongside the walk title on page 3.

MOVIE APPRECIATION: MONDAY

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)
 Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay
 Dates: 12 Feb; 26 Feb; 12 Mar; 26 Mar

Times: Movies shown mornings, 9.30-12noon

PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED

Monday, 12 February: GETTING SQUARE: (2003) 100 mins. David Wenham, Sam Worthington, Timothy Spall, Gary Sweet. Sam Worthington and David Wenham play ex cons determined to go straight, but it's not easy with temptations from former criminals everywhere. "... a cleverly scripted, very Australian crime comedy" David Stratton.

Monday, 26 February: 23 PACES TO BAKER STREET: (1956) 103 mins. Van Johnson, Vera Miles, Cecil Parker. Writer, Phillip Hannon, (Johnson) is a blind man who overhears part of a conversation in his local pub that involves a child who has been kidnapped. He contacts the police but they offer no help, so he teams up with his butler and his ex-fiancée, Jean (Vera Miles) to bring the kidnapers to justice. Their sleuthing soon leads them to a nanny agency with dire repercussions.

Monday, 12 March: THE COUNTRY GIRL: (1954) 100 mins. Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, William Holden. Bing Crosby plays an alcoholic, guilt-ridden former music star desperate to make a comeback. William Holden is the hot-shot Broadway director in need of a 'name' star for his new production, and Grace Kelly plays Crosby's long-suffering wife, both weary of her husband's weaknesses and wary of Holden's motives. Nominated for seven Academy Awards.

Monday, 26 March: NO WAY OUT: (1987) 109 mins. Kevin Costner, Sean Young, Gene Hackman. In a fit of rage, Secretary of Defence, (Hackman) murders his mistress, (Young). To avoid a scandal, Hackman's aide invents a more enticing killer, a Russian spy, then enlists Naval Commander, Tom Farrell, (Costner), to find him. But Farrell also has strong connections to the victim, and all the clues he's been hired to uncover are pointing straight at him. in a desperate race against time, Farrell's search for the killer is not only a matter of national security, but also a matter of saving his own hide.

PLAY READING: MONDAY

Leader: Christine Kilner (4399 2748)
 Email: chrisatseakay@gmail.com
 Venue: TE Community Centre, Battley Ave
 Dates: 5, 19 Feb, 5, 19 Mar

The group will continue to meet at The Entrance Community Centre, but now in Class Room A, across the playground from the room currently in use. We hope this will prove more suitable, as it contains toilets and access is easy from the Battley Street entrance.

MY MEMOIRS MONDAY

Leader: John Haydon (0403 797 585)
 Email: john@haydon.id.au
 Venue: Tigers Club, Bateau Bay
 Dates: 5, 19 Feb; 5, 19 and 26 March.
 Time: 1:30pm to 3:30 pm

Members meet every two weeks in the Bistro. As 2nd April is Easter Monday, the class plans to meet a week earlier, on March 26th.

THE READERS GROUP: MONDAY

Secretary: Margareta Tauni (4332 5408)
 Email: marg_tauni@hotmail.com
 Venue: The Entrance Leagues Club (Tigers)
 Dates: 12 Feb; 12 Mar; 9 Apr

The group will meet in the Bistro at 10:00 (or before if you wish, the club opens early). Members are required to sign an attendance sheet but no fee is payable. Coffee may be purchased from the coffee shop as required.

The topic for 12th Feb is 'Novels from 1900-1950'.

Topics for remainder of the term to be confirmed, and will be advised by email.

WALKS: TUESDAY

Contact: Barbara Skurr 4392 4158

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

Map references: WYONG 2017 Phone Directory.

Meeting at 10:00 am.

FEB 6th BUFF POINT EASY
 meet EDGEWATER PARK Map 26 A5
 Bring food/drinks

FEB 20th CRACKNECK POINT BATEAU BAY EASY
 Meet SUTTON RESERVE
 East end Parkside Ave Map 46 C3
 Bring food/drinks

MAR 6th SALTWATER CREEK KILLARNEY VALE EASY
 Meet ROTARY PARK Map 41 F8
 Bring food/drinks

MAR 20th CASUARINA RESERVE Via Geoffrey Rd EASY
 Meet CHITTAWAY SHOPPING CENTRE Map 35 D9
 Bring or buy food/drinks

APR 3rd CANTON BEACH EASY
 Meet Vietnam Vets Cafe Map 33 A7
 Bring or buy food/drinks

MARBLES ROLLING**TUESDAY**

Secretary: Rhonda MacDiarmid (4332 2300)
 Email: rxm55@bigpond.com
 Venue: Greens Bowling Club (upstairs)
 Dates: 6th, 20th Feb; 6th, 20th Mar; 3rd Apr
 Time: 1:00—3:00 p.m.

We have welcomed some new members into this course, and we are all enjoying the mental stimulation plus interesting conversation. If you would like to keep your old grey matter ticking over, then come along and join in. There will be a small charge for course material for the coming term.

CREATIVE WRITING**WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Pam McGlenn (4390 2451)
 Email: pamlakeside@bigpond.com.au
 Venue: St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley
 Dates: 7th, 21st Feb; 7th, 21st Mar, 4th Apr
Time: 9:30—12:00

One of our most popular classes, this group produces some outstanding work. Numbers are limited, check with Pam if you wish to join.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS**WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
 Email: betty_siegman@hotmail.com
 Venue: Greens Bowling Club (upstairs)
 Dates: 7th, 21st Feb; 7th, 21st Mar, 4th Apr

We meet upstairs at the Greens, and there is a lift available in the foyer. We have welcomed a few newcomers, who seem to be enjoying the class and the company. Clues are explained as we go, and if at first it seems difficult, you soon learn the technique, and you never need to be bored again while there is a cryptic within reach.

MUSIC APPRECIATION:**WEDNESDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
 Email: betty_siegman@hotmail.com
 Venue: The Berkeley Centre (see P1)
 Dates: 14th, 28th Feb; 14th, 28th Mar, 11th Apr

We meet in the Boronia Room at the centre. Mostly classical music, with a little more modern at times. Learn about the well known composers, and also some you may not know. A relaxing morning with a friendly group.

FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME:**THURSDAY**

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396 7847)
 Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach
 Dates: 1, 8, 15 Feb; 1, 8, 15, 22 Mar;
 5, 12 Apr
 Time: 1.30pm –3.30pm

If you would like to improve your conversational French, Henriette will make you most welcome in her home.

CONVERSATIONS**THURSDAY**

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
 Venue: TECC, Battley St, The Entrance
 Dates: 1st Feb
 Time: 1:00 — 3:00 pm.

Our venue is The Entrance Community Centre, Building E, Training Room 1. Betty has decided to meet once only each term, as it is becoming more and more difficult to find subject matter. We have covered Democracy, Globalisation, Drones and Robots, Driverless Cars, The Future of Work and many other topics. Any suggestions for future topics would be most welcome.

We have a projector and large screen, and show a selection of video clips on the topic for the day, with breaks for discussion (often quite animated). Why not join in, we'd love to see you.

MAH JONG:**FRIDAY**

Secretary: Rhonda MacDiarmid (0403 293 175)
 Venue: 6 Moorlan Ave, Killarney Vale.
 Dates: Every Friday, 2nd Feb to 13th April.
 Time: 1.00pm-3.30pm

The group meets at the home of Rhonda MacDiarmid. Mah Jong is an interesting game, and a great way to spend an afternoon.

FRIDAY TALKS

— 2nd FEBRUARY —

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

Part 1: THE PHILIPPINES

Speaker: Ross Carlton

Ross will talk about an unusual cruise among the more remote islands of the Philippines with an organisation called Tao expeditions who have a great relationship with the locals. The boat was a small one of the local design known as a Banca. With no on-board accommodation, he cruised during the day and slept ashore. It was an opportunity to visit an area off the beaten track.

Part 2: THE GREEK ISLES

Speaker: Christine Kilner

Christine recently spent five weeks travelling to several Greek Islands and parts of Croatia, on her own and in her own way. She remembers the clear sun-kissed beaches, the wonder inspired by history and mythology of ancient sites, and the contact with friendly people, many of them young travellers. She would like to share some of her photographs and experiences, and give you a glimpse into her personal way of travelling with its difficulties and blessings.

Come and join her on her adventure!

— 16th FEBRUARY —

THE MAJOR PLAYERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST 1910-1920

Speaker: Margaret Bevege
Secretary: John Collis (4333 9079)
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

Today's Middle East was created between 1910 and 1920. Those decisions still affect today's world. Who were the Major Players? What were their motives and hopes for the future? They included TE Lawrence (of Arabia), General Allenby, the ANZACS, the Young Turks, the Frenchman Picot, The Emir of Mecca and his sons, Ibn Saud, the German spy Curt Prufer, the Zionist Aaronson family, the British Arab specialist Gertrude Bell and William Yale of the US Standard Oil.

— 2nd MARCH —

VOLCANOS IN AUSTRALIA

Speaker: Betty Brown
Secretary: Rhonda MacDiarmid (4332 2300)
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

We really are the "Lucky Country" - we don't have a Mt. Agung, or a Mt. Etna, but that wasn't always the case - our history has been just as violent - and we have plenty of evidence to prove it! Come along and find out if we really are as safe as we appear to be.

Is the future a potentially dangerous one, or can we sit back and relax - well removed from Mother Nature's violence?

— 16th MARCH —

AUSTRALIAN LIFESTYLE 1940s and 1950s

Speakers: Rodney Russell
Secretary: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

In this **interactive** session with the audience, we will consider the **daily life** Australians led in the 1940s and 1950s, and even consider the **language** they used.

We begin in the war years (1939-45) and come through to the 1950s. Most of us will remember these periods.

— 6th APRIL —

MARY, QUEEN of SCOTS Martyr, Myth or Pawn?

Speaker: Helen Smith
Secretary: Helen Rawlings (4334 5818)
Venue: TELJ RSL Hall, Killarney Vale.
Time: 10:00 am to 12:00

Much has been fantasised about Mary, Queen of Scots - films made, stories told. She was born into the brutal reality of the tribal culture of Scotland at the end of the Middle Ages.

Join Helen Smith as she looks at the diverse strands which encompass the life of Mary, Queen of Scots. How close did she come to being the Queen of France, England AND Scotland?

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5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
<p>PLAY READING Christine Kilner (TECC)</p> <p>MY MEMOIRS John Haydon 1.30pm-3.30pm (Tigers)</p>	<p>WALK BUFF POINT See page 3</p> <p>MARBLES ROLLING 1.00-3.00pm (Greens)</p>	<p>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Betty Siegman (Greens)</p> <p>CREATIVE WRITING 9:30—12:00 (Tk-SDCh)</p>	<p>FRENCH CONVERSATION Henriette Vanechop 1.30—3:30pm (Canton Beach)</p>	<p>MAH JONG 1.00pm-3.30pm (See Page 1)</p>
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