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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New year to you all and I hope you all had an enjoyable break.



Christmas Breakup

The Christmas lunch was held on 11 December and was enjoyed by 79 of our members. Once again, the Bairnsdale Convention Centre provided us with a tasty meal. We were lucky to be entertained by Beatty Blennerhassett, John Walker and Robert Robiero who was accompanied by his guitar class members Lyn, Glenda and Lee. During the lunch I also had the great pleasure in announcing three new Life Members. Congratulations to Noel Moline, June Treadwell and Bonnie Walker.

Thank you all who assisted in making this a great day.

UMAS (U3A Members Administration System)

We had our first UMAS Assistance days in December which ran very smoothly. Next UMAS Assistance days are Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th January. You are able to go online and pay your membership and enrol in classes, however if you do not have access to a computer and need some assistance there will be someone in the rooms to assist you on these days. Take note of the times later in this bulletin.

Unfortunately, we have had a problem with PayPal. If you paid your membership fees via PayPal, please check your bank account as you will find the money has been refunded to your account. We hope to have this issue solved shortly. The alternative is for you to pay directly into our bank account or pay by cash at the office.

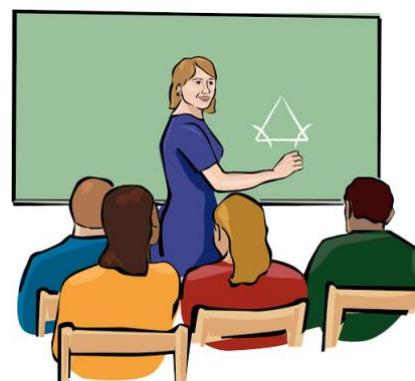
If you choose to pay into the U3A bank account it is **important** that you give your Surname and Initial or your member number as the 'reference'. This will help us acknowledge the deposit as *your* membership fee.

Tutors Information Day

We will be holding an information session for Tutors to demonstrate your access to UMAS and how you can use it to your advantage. UMAS will make a few tasks a breeze.

I look forward to seeing you back at U3A from the 1st of February.

Joy Green
President



U3A Bairnsdale & District acknowledges the following:
Tim Bull and his staff for the assistance given in printing our newsletter
Aussie Broadband for sponsoring our Internet usage
REG FM for providing air time

Vale

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of three members.

Len Burton

Tony Sims

Bryan James

We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.



PROGAM REPORT

We are sorry to say that two of our most popular Tutors are no longer continuing on this year.

- John Rigg whose Photo Management and Tablet classes have been of great benefit to our members over the years, will now retire from teaching. We wish you all the best John and we will miss you here at U3A.
- Bernard West is also retiring after being a tutor since 2010, starting off with Philosophy, then adding Psychology and Neuroscience. Last year during COVID, Bernard took on the task of teaching us Sociology using Zoom, and that proved very popular. In Term 4, back at Room 16, on Monday afternoons, Sociology continued on a face-to-face basis. Bernard, may we say a big Thank You from all the members here at U3A. All good things must come to an end. We wish you and Kath all the best.

Simply Yoga – Thea is running two classes of Simply Yoga on Tuesdays during the holidays. Contact Thea on 0476 253 957 if you have any questions.

Tai Chi – Leslie is running her Tai Chi Arthritis and Falls Prevention classes on Thursdays during the holidays. Contact Lesley on 0410 670 649 if you have any questions.

Another Book Club class will be added on the fourth Thursday of the month. This will be a different format and run by Carol Mills. More news in the weeks ahead, and keep an eye on the Notice Boards for further information.

The Movie calendar is below. We are looking forward to Saturday afternoons for a movie in Room 20 with a cuppa and a debrief.

Other great news is regarding the Be Connected program that U3A has joined. We will now have tablets, both iPhone and Android, that members can have on loan at no cost to themselves. We will have One-on-One tutorials, then the member can take the tablet home to practice on. Just tell the tutors what you want to learn, for example emails, banking, the Web, etc. Any enquiries or to book a tablet please ring Judy Mann on 0419 362 830.

We have some very exciting events happening this year, so watch this space.

- Starting in February there will be a “Living at Home for Longer” presentation.
- In early March we plan to hold Wellness Workshop which will include lunch.

If you find yourself lacking in small change when you arrive to your class, you are very welcome to change your notes at the office. We are able to change any amount. Go on, give us a go at changing your \$50 note into \$2 coins. 😊



Don't forget, it is up to you to become a member for 2021. This bulletin is being sent to the 2020 members, the February bulletin will be sent to the members that are current at that time.

Plus, don't forget to enrol in classes via UMAS. We sent you an instructional booklet late last year. If you can't work it out, we can help you navigate UMAS during the following times:

Monday 18th January from 10:00am until 12:00pm

Tuesday 19th January from 1:00pm until 3:00pm.

Tutors, expect a call from me very soon to finalise the details of our Term 1 program. I will also be inviting you to an information session during the morning of Wednesday 20th January. We will familiarise you with UMAS and the 'Word of Mouth' program that is being installed in Room 16. The session will be followed by an informal lunch.

Judy Mann

Program Co-ordinator – 0419 362 830

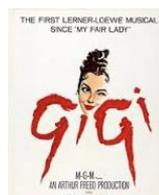
Saturday Movies at 1:00pm

16th January The Road to Bali
Starring: Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour



23rd January The Trouble with Harry
Starring: John Forsythe, Shirley MacLaine, Edmund Gwenn, Mildred Natwick

30th January Gigi
Starring: Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier and Louis Jourdan



6th February Happy Feet
Starring: Elijah Wood, E. G. Daily, Robin Williams, Brittany Murphy, Alyssa Shafer, Hugh Jackman, Nicole Kidman and Hugo Weaving



13th February Blue Steel
Starring: John Wayne, Eleanor Hunt and George Hayes



20th February Lawrence of Arabia
Starring: Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Omar Sharif, Anthony Quinn, Anthony Quayle and Jack Hawkins



27th February Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Starring: Dick Van Dyke, Sally Ann Howes and Adrian Hall



Joke Time

It was Monday morning and Mum was having a tough time preparing a rebellious son for another week at school. "Nobody likes me," he groaned. "Teachers don't like me. The kids don't like me. I just don't want to go anymore," he complained.

"Pull yourself together," said his mother. "School can be tough, but at 40 years of age and as principal of the school you've just got to go."



"Johnny, how much is three times three?"

"Nine, Miss."

"That's pretty good."

"Pretty good! It's bloody perfect."