



Moorabool University of the Third Age

August Tea Time Talk

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At our first Tea Time Talk (Afternoon tea) at the Baptist Church in Holt Lane we were lucky to have Bob Reid speak to us about the history of Bacchus Marsh. He obviously loves his subject, and he conveyed this in a very enjoyable and insightful way. We heard that the town was named after Captain Bacchus, whose son,

Henry Bacchus, was a forward thinking botanist who studied grasses and other plants, and was amongst the first Europeans to suggest using native grasses rather than imported ones. He brought branchlets of various acacia and eucalyptus trees retrieved from the river, and blown down rather than picked. (as examples of natural

local vegetation) We also learnt that Bacchus Marsh was part of the early sheep farming history of Victoria. Some of us were inspired to do further explorations at the historical society.

Jackie Matters.

See the back page for the forthcoming Tea Time Talks.

Below and left: Bob Reid speaking to our members.



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Special General Meeting

All members of Moorabool U3A are advised that prior to the Tea Time Talk on the 19th October 2009 at 1PM there will be a members only Special General Meeting to vote on Incorporation of our U3A, and on changes to the Rules of Moorabool U3A

Craft Workshops

Moorabool U3A is seeking expressions of interest in small craft workshops. Workshops are to include card making and scrapbooking, and bead worked Angels and woven bracelets are amongst the proposed

workshops to be held. We are arranging for group leaders to show us their skills.

It is proposed that a rotating group of instructors take different craft groups in sequence.

The only additional cost will be for materials and venue gold coin donation.

We anticipate that this activity will be held on a Thursday. Afternoon.

Register now with Gail on 0413 569 709.



Dolls Houses and Miniatures — Course Leader — Jackie Matters

Monday 10:00 to Noon.

The history of dolls houses dates from the 1600's or 1700's, when merchant traders returned home with miniature samples of furniture and furnishings, built into special cabinets, that we have as dolls houses today. Jackie hopes to arrange an excursion to the Melbourne Miniatures Exhibition in July

Card and Board Games — Group Leaders — Jean Adams & Marian Harvey

Tuesday 10:00 to Noon.

We have card games like Bridge, Crazy Whist, Euchre, and Canasta. Together with Board games of Backgammon, Monopoly, and

Scrabble, these games can be played concurrently with players choosing their choice of game including



Dominoes, Bridge and Chess. See below for details of the last two games.

Bridge — Course Leader — Alex Smith

Tuesday 10:00 to Noon.

Contract bridge, or just **bridge**, is a trick-taking card game played by four players who form two partnerships.

The game consists of the auction (often called bidding) and play, after which the hand is scored.

(Wikipedia)

We need more people to register with Gail for this group to start.

Mahjongg — Course Leader — Jan White

Monday 9:30 to 12:30

Mahjongg, is originally a Chinese game over two thousand years old. Jan is



teaching us the basics of the 'Western' or Australian version of Mahjongg. You

will need to purchase a book which sets out the moves and the terminology of the game.

Reading Group — Course Leader — Yvonne Daws

Tuesday 2:00 to 4:00PM

This group meets for the simple pleasure of reading books, talking about books and finding ways of locating and getting hold of books.

Yvonne reports that the group enjoys a highly satisfying exchange of favourite authors and their work. Bacchus Marsh has a good supply of

books and the local Library is very able to secure loans of requested books. We have no set books to read, just those currently being enjoyed.

Computer Studies — Course Leader — Eric Daws

Tuesday 2:00 to 4:00PM

This course is not being run in a structured format, but as supportive to the needs of the group. Additional material is added to make the course

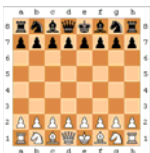
as interesting as possible. Discussion of previous weeks activities can lead to expansion of a particular



topic. Using PowerPoint to make slideshows will be discussed during September.

Chess — Course Leader — Peter Matters

Tuesday 10:00 to Noon.



Chess is a fascinating and competitive game played between two

players. Come along and be involved in this engrossing game. Demonstrations are being held at the

Bacchus Marsh Village shopping centre on the second Saturday.

Conversational German — Course Leader — Peter Matters

Monday 10:00 to Noon.

Our U3A German class is for people who speak only English. The aim is to master the art of conversation in

German which requires learning a certain amount of grammar. The class improves one's knowledge while

being informative. Those who attend the classes find them good fun.

Australian History — Course Leader—Gail D’Elton

Wednesday 2:00 to 4:00.

In this Class, we have been looking at how Australia was settled. We have studied the original inhabitants of our land, the first ten Governors, the Convict Era, the Gold Rushes, Peter Lalor and Caroline Chisholm.

We are presently studying how and when the six colonies were established. We will then look at some of the epic journeys of the courageous early explorers



and pioneers and all about how Federation was achieved, and then to go on to look at the more modern history of the 20th century.

Clutter Busting — Course Leader — June Fryer

4th Term

This course is designed to be conducted across two or three sessions on separate days.

Unnecessary clutter in your house and your life can cause



distress! Come along to a lively and fun discussion group and learn how to organise yourself and your life through a series of tips and suggestions. Try out

some ideas and come back to the next session to discuss how it worked. Learn how to say “no” to anyone who clutters up your life. Time will be allowed for individual problem solving.

Quilting Group — Course Leader — Judy Alcock

4th Term

This course, scheduled to start in the fourth term, will be conducted around machine quilting techniques. Bring along your sewing machine

and learn the skills of patchwork and quilting while making a quilt that can go to a good cause. We will start with a traditional

pattern and explore ways of choosing and enjoying colour. Materials will be supplied or you can bring your own to make your quilt.

A Shakespeare Group will start in the first Term 2010

Puntastic

As Editor of a newsletter you get things sent to you for inclusion because its funny. I appreciate humour like the next person, although people’s sense of what is funny does vary. Jackie Matters sent this one; “What is the difference between bird flu and swine flu? One gets Tweetment and the other gets Oinkment”.

Of course this will open a whole discourse on puns and funny (or is that punny or phunny) sayings. Edgar Allen Poe said: "Of puns it has been said that those who most dislike them are those who are least able to utter them." The pun is a very old form of humour, and there are many kinds of puns. A pun is defined by Webster's dictionary as:

"the humorous use of a word or words, which are formed or sounded alike but have different meanings, in such a way as to play on two or more of the possible applications; a play on words."

Two fonts, Arial and Calibri, were in the midst of a bad breakup. Calibri said, 'I'm sorry, you're personality is too bold.' Arial responded, 'You're just not my type...'

In Star Wars, why did the Evil Empire leave Catholic nuns alone? Force of habit.

It's believed that the word 'pundigrion' was the origin of our word 'pun'.

Answers.com has 'pundigrion' as [origin unknown, but prob. the source of **pun**; perhaps a humorous alteration of It. *puntiglio* equivocation, trivial objection] *obs. rare* a play on words; pun.

Just for the pun of it we offer the following.

I recently spent money on detergent to unclog my kitchen sink. It was money down the drain.

Having lots of good cookbooks only makes sense. They contain such stirring events.

I used to be a ballet dancer, but found it too-too difficult.

'In Star Wars, Chewbacca was raised on Earth by human parents. He was an excellent athlete and played baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers. His first year in the big leagues he batted 300 and was named WOOKIE of the year.'

Napoleon placed a chess piece back on the board that had already been captured. Everyone knows that you can't use expired coup pawns. We could keep on going, but if you receive an email telling you that you can catch swine flu from tinned pork - delete it - it's only Spam.



Tea Time Talk

Tea Time Talk (Afternoon tea with Guest Speaker) is held on the Third Monday of the Month at the Baptist Church in Holts Lane Darley at 2PM.

Visitors are also welcome.

On September 21st, come along and hear the local Veterinarian, Peter Shilton, discussing the taking care of ageing pets.

We have arranged for Mirko Cugura from Retirecare Personal Wealth Management to be our guest on the 19th October, to discuss with us some financial issues.

November tea time Talk is still to be arranged and will be held on the 16th at the above location.

Proposed Visit to the Jewish Museum.

Moorabool U3A has received an Invitation to visit the Jewish Museum in St Kilda. We are asking for Expressions of interest to attend. It is proposed that we will go by train to Melbourne and tram to St Kilda. Entry to museum \$8, Pensioner/Concession \$5. All other costs are your own including transport and food.

Once we know approximate numbers, more details will be made available. It is proposed to go on Saturday the 31st October 2009. Please reply to Marion Ingram Social Organiser.