



## *Moorabool University of the Third Age*

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

We are coming to the end of our second year of existence. From the forming of the steering Committee in 2008, Moorabool U3A has survived the forming pains to be the organisation it is today. We have maintained a membership of over 55 people and are looking forward to achieving greater things in 2011. On behalf of the Committee of Management we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a pleasantly Happy New Year.

3-news is interested in your activities over the Christmas break. Do you have any photos that you would like to share with us? If we have more stories than we can fit into the newsletter we will publish them on our newsletter page of our website.

See you nicely relaxed next year.

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#### Term dates for 2011

Term 1  
4th February to 8th April

Term 2  
27th April to 1st July

Term 3  
18th July to 23rd Sept.

Term 4  
10th Oct. to 22nd Dec



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## Seniors Festival Lux Radio Theatre

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Off on the 8:20 train, David and I went to the city - changed trains and eventually ended up at Moorabbin station. A short walk took us to the Kingston Town Hall.

After a time we were ushered into a very nice large hall and sat down. A theatre organ bathed in pink lights spiralled its way up from below with the organist playing music of the 50's and 60's. The light changed to lime, orange and blue and still it made music. Gradually the organ disappeared and there was a hush. The stage was set with five chairs, a microphone and a table. On the table was a small door with a door bell, chain, keyhole and key. also on the table were a glass bottle of water, cup and saucer and spoon, a whistle and a large pumpkin with a nail sticking out of it. A large box containing gravel was on the ground. In walked the actors and the Lux Radio play commenced. We saw each item used, including the pumpkin - it was a murder at the end!!!

What a thrill, what a day and in "Be Inspired Senior's Week".

U3A Moorabool play readings are held every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month during this fourth term.

Jennie

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## Paraprosdokian

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A **paraprosdokian** (from Greek "παρα-", meaning "beyond" and "προσδοκία", meaning "expectation") is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader to reframe or reinterpret the first part. An example is "She got her good looks from her father, he's a plastic surgeon." (Groucho Marx).

Some paraprosdokians not only change the meaning of an early phrase, but also play on the double meaning of a particular word, creating a syllepsis. Now that's become two words of the day.

Syllepsis has been described as being 'a semantic incongruity that is often humorous'.

"She lowered her standards by raising her glass. Her courage, her eyes and his hopes"

"Are you getting fit or having one?" (From the television program M\*A\*S\*H).

"[She] went straight home in a flood of tears, and a sedan chair". (Charles Dickens).

From the old to the current time.....

Come the (computer) revolution, all persons found guilty of such criminal behaviour will be summarily executed, and their programs won't be! (Numerical Recipes).

No further correspondence will be entered into.

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## Kingston Town Hall Theatre Organ

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The Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ currently installed in the Kingston City Hall, was originally installed in the State Theatre Melbourne in 1929. This organ is one of only four having the Style 270 classification. The others were the first organ to be installed in the Regent Theatre Melbourne, the State Theatre Sydney, and the Trocadero Theatre, Elephant and Castle, London. Apparently, the Australian organs were somewhat different to the Trocadero organ, by having a piano, a 32' diaphone (State Melbourne and State Sydney only), and an Oboe Horn (instead of the Troc's English/Post Horn) installed, amongst other minor differences.

The Moorabbin organ was removed from the State Theatre in 1963, and subsequently installed in the Moorabbin Town Hall by members of The Theatre Organ Society Australia (TOSA) Victorian Division, for the then Moorabbin City Council (now Kingston City Council), which still owns the organ. The pipe chambers (Main, Solo and Percussion) are situated high up at the rear of the stage.

With this organ some changes have occurred over the years. In the 1930s, the Oboe Horn from this organ was swapped with a rank of Krumet pipes from the Plaza Theatre Melbourne Wurlitzer (This organ is now in Adelaide at Pulteney Grammar School (1969)). The Krumet rank remained until the 1970s, when it was replaced by a Post Horn, which had been purchased with money raised by a benefit concert.

Unusual for Wurlitzer, but common to the Style 270 (Except apparently the Trocadero, Elephant and Castle organ), was the installation of a Grand Piano, which normally is situated on stage with the organ console. The piano is electrically actuated from the organ console; however the mechanism to make the hammers strike the strings is vacuum operated, the vacuum being supplied by an on-board vacuum pump.

When originally installed, this organ had two consoles, but on removal of the organ from the State Theatre, the second console was sold to private interests, and eventually found its way to Adelaide, where it became the console of TOSA South Australia's Capri Theatre Organ.

The organ was completely refurbished by members of the society, in 2004/2005, with the electro-pneumatic relay and switch stack being removed and replaced by a solid state equivalent. It was presented to the public at the Easter 2005 Convention.

*Information courtesy of The Theatre Organ Society Australia, Victorian Division.*

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## Sudoku Solution next month

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			8		5			6
	3					1	8	
		8		7				
	8				9	6		
6	1						7	8
		7	2				5	
				5		4		
	4	9					3	
3			4		2			

The rules are simple.

Each 3x3 box as well as each column and row must contain all the numbers from 1 to 9.

Rating: Devious

Last month's solution>>>

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5	8	3	7	1	6	9	4	2
1	2	7	9	4	8	6	5	3
4	9	6	3	5	2	7	8	1
9	6	4	8	7	1	3	2	5
8	3	5	2	6	4	1	7	9
7	1	2	5	9	3	4	6	8
3	7	9	6	8	5	2	1	4
2	4	8	1	3	7	5	9	6
6	5	1	4	2	9	8	3	7

<b>U3A MOORABOOL BOOK CLUB – READING LIST FOR 2011</b>					
<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>BOOKING DATE</u>	<u>LATEST RECEIVING DATE</u>	<u>DISCUSSION DATE</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
The Eyre affair	Jasper Fforde	NOV 1 2010	3/1/2011	FEB 3	Novel about literary crime
A man's got to have a hobby	William McInnes	DEC 1 2010	3/2/2011	MAR 3	An Australian memoir
Chocolat	Joanne Harris	JAN 1	7/3/2011	APR 7	Novel: Lent vs a chocolate festival
Palace walk	Naguib Mahfouz	FEB 1	6/4/2011	MAY 6	First volume of the Cairo trilogy
Tears of the giraffe	Alexander McCall Smith	MAR 1	2/5/2011	JUN 2	No.1 Ladies detective agency
Well schooled in murder	Elizabeth George	APR 1	7/6/2011	JUL 7	Detective novel
Dear Fatty	Dawn French	MAY 1	4/7/2011	AUG 4	Auto biography, humorous
The gentleman's garden	Catherine Jinks	JUN 1	1/8/2011	SEP 1	Australian historical novel
Notes from a small island	Bill Bryson	JUL 1	6/9/2011	OCT 6	Non-fiction: leaving Britain
Mrs Cook	Narelle Day	AUG 1	3/10/2011	NOV 3	Historical novel
Tuesdays with Morrie	Mitch Albom	SEP 1	1/11/2011	DEC 1	American, philosophical, non-fiction

### Substitute titles:

*March* Geraldine Brook  
*Eucalyptus* Murray Bail  
*Little white secrets* Catherine Jinks  
*The dressmaker* Rosalie Ham  
*Windmill Hill* Michael Jacobson

The Book Club meets each Thursday between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Baby Black Coffee and Espresso Bar in Bacchus Marsh. The members read the listed books and more beside! We compare authors, and books we are or have been reading, while enjoying a tea or coffee at this most comfortable venue. We also enjoy the social chit-chat and the more serious discussion of current news items and other matters of import.

The book currently being read is the first one on the list for 2011, "The Eyre Affair" by Jasper Fforde. It is set in England in 1985, but not the England we remember. The Crimean war has never finished, travel by airship is common, classic literary figures and movements have

massive cult followings. Thursday next has one parent who time-travels. Literary crime is so prevalent that there is a special Government Department for fighting it, and this book follows Literary Detective Thursday Next's efforts against a very nasty criminal.

The list for 2011 is quite broad, and should offer something for everyone.

I thank the members of the Book Club for their support during the year, and for their valuable and appreciated input into the Club. Our final meeting for 2010 will be on the 16th of December, and we will meet in very late January or early February to begin our reading year.. See you then and a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS. Yvonne Daws



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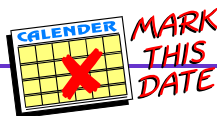


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### Diary Notes



Please place the following dates in your diary .

- 1 Membership renewal applications for 2011 is now open.
- 2 The informal afternoon tea this month is being held on Friday the 17th at The Loot Café 2:00 to 4:00pm. This activity is very popular.
- 3 The Tea Time Talk & morning tea is not being held this month.
- 4 Membership Registration Day is Saturday the 4th December 2010 and again on Saturday 22nd January 2011 at the Village Shopping Centre.
- 5 Chess demonstration and promotion at the Bacchus Marsh Village Shopping Centre, 4th December.
- 6 Classes start on the 7th February 2011

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