

Greater Representation on Committee

At the Moorabool U3A Annual General Meeting last month an increased number of members were voted in to the Committee of Management. More than in previous years. Vice President, Eric Daws said 'this shows the confidence there is in the future of our U3A'. After the retire of President Jacqui Matters creating a vacancy, Ross Alcock was elected as President for the two year period.

The position of Secretary was filled by Judy Alcock after being nominated from the floor of the

meeting.

The retiring Secretary Gail D'Elton was not available to continue on the Committee as she will be moving away from Bacchus Marsh.

The position of Treasurer was then decided. Fran Deakin was elected to the position. Other Committee members elected were Anice Harrowfield, Jacqui Matters, Peter Matters and Jan White. They together with Yvonne Daws, Jennie Leach, Pat Liversidge and Vice President, Eric Daws comprise the Committee of Management until the next AGM when those elected last year become due for re-election.



One of the saddest apologies for the meeting was from one of our members. Winifred (Win) Hillberg passed away on Saturday the 12th March. Her funeral was being held at the same time as the AGM. At the conclusion of the AGM a collection was taken resulting in a donation of \$75 to go to the Cancer Council Victoria in memory of Win. She attended the Australian History class.

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Closing date for newsletter submissions for the May issue:-12th April 2011

Class Notes

Games - Rummyking

The tile game Rummyking is presently played on a Tuesday morning at the Bacchus Marsh Retirement Living from 9:30. It is a game that goes under a number of names depending on the manufacturer. Wikipedia lists it as Rummikub. We have recently looked at the rules of the game and amended ours to be like Rummikub.

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Conversation German

When the emperor decreed in the 1790s that everybody had to have a surname, most people chose either their trade such as smith, baker, tailor, cooper, etc., or the place where they were living. My ancestors lived in a village called Mattersdorf (Matthew's Village) and they called themselves 'Mattersdorfer' (citizen of Mattersdorf.). When I arrived in Australia seventy three years ago, the country was still of overwhelming Anglo-Celtic make-up. Hence, 'Mattersdorfer' was then a bit of a tongue twister for the Aussies and to make it easier for them, I cut off the tail of my name.

A few months ago, I glanced through the sports pages and to my total shock I discovered that the Football Club Mattersburg (the place now has a population of 6000 souls and thus the new name), was now playing in the Austrian Premier League and they were actually fifth on the table. For a bit of fun I wrote them a letter of congratulation. Would you believe it, a couple of months ago – on the way to my German class of all things – I picked up a large parcel from the post office – from the Sportsverein Mattersburg, aka Football Club Mattersburg. In it were a beautiful watch, a Guernsey signed by all the team members and last but not least a picture book on the history of the club and a whole lot of pictorial magazines.

You guessed it – perfect teaching material for my German Class.

Peter Matters.

Australian History

This will continue to the end of this term under the leadership of Gail D'Elton until she moves interstate. Next term the group will continue with their enlightening subject with a new leader at the helm.

This group has been looking at women and their place in history.

Bus Trip to Grainger Museum... and Lots More!

After our successful Bus trip last year to the Titanic Exhibition with U3A Ballarat we have been allocated *eight* seats on a bus trip to the Percy Grainger Museum coming up on Thursday 19th May 2011. Cost for the trip will be \$20. Departure will be from the bus stop at the corner of Main Street and Gisborne Road at 9am.

There are number limits on all tours, so people will be asked to select from a range of tour times. Everyone will be able to join a tour for the Grainger Museum (only open in the afternoon) and Medical History Museum, but a maximum of 30 will be able to tour the University Herbarium. Get your booking form in early if you want to join this tour.

You do not have to join all three tours, but can choose instead to leave some time free to browse one collection a little longer, wander through the university grounds, visit another collection altogether or sit and relax and have a coffee. Other museums are also open on the day, including the Ian Potter Art and Antiquities Gallery, the Dental Museum and a number of displays of rare books in the Baillieu Library. For full details go to <http://www.unimelb.edu.au/culturalcollections/collections/melbuniconnections.pdf> A brochure outlining a sculpture trail around the University is available online at <http://www.unimelb.edu.au/culturalcollections/research/H02915%20Sculpture.pdf>

The Tours and Collections

Medical History Museum The collection contains over 6000 items covering the history of medicine in Victoria, from colonial days to the present. A highlight will be the authentic 1847 London Savory & Moore Pharmacy, reinstalled complete with the original fittings, pharmacy jars and equipment. The current exhibition on Blood, will feature prints, artwork and rare medical books.

Grainger Museum Enthusiastic curators will guide us through a sample of the more than 100,000 items collected by Australian-born composer Percy Aldridge Grainger (1882 – 1961). The collection covers correspondence, photographs, visual and decorative arts, music manuscripts and other music related materials.

Melbourne University Herbarium The tour will include: What is a herbarium? The history of the University of Melbourne Herbarium. Participants will view a number of collections of pressed flowering plants, algae, moss and fungi, including two specimens collected by Sir Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander on the Endeavour in 1770.

Detail

Where:

Grainger Museum,
Herbarium & Medical
History Museums,
Melb. University.

When:

Thursday 19th May, 2011.

Time:

Pickup @ 9am Cr. Main
and Gisborne Rd bus stop.

Cost: \$20.

Includes:

Bus to Melbourne and
return; tour of 2 or 3
Museums (free admission)
Limited places available for
Herbarium tour.

Payment:

Bookings will only be made
when accompanied by full
payment. Use the form at
left.

Contact:

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✳ Bookings for the
Herbarium will be E-mailed
to Ballarat to be in the first
in basis list. No ratio
allocated to Moorabool
U3A

Bus trip Booking Form

Name/s: Phone number/s:

E-mail:

Total included:..... \$

Tour Selection: Please select one option on each line. You do not have to attend all tours, and are welcome instead to browse any of the museums which are open, walk around the university or have a cuppa or meal. No set meal times are planned or meals included.

Medical history Museum (24 max per tour) 30 mins dur.	10:30 tour	11:15 tour	No tour - Free time to browse/walk etc.
Percy Grainger Museum (24 max per tour) 30 mins dur.	1:00pm tour	2:30 tour	No tour - Free time to browse/walk etc.
Melb Uni Herbarium (15 max per tour) 30 mins dur.	1:30pm tour	2:30 tour	No tour - Free time to browse/walk etc.

Please indicate your preferences. Places in tours will be allocated on a first in basis.

March Tea Time Talk

At our March Tea Time Talk at the Baptist church, the local Catholic priest, Father Brian Glasheen was happy to talk about either Trotting or Pastoral care ('or maybe both').

He started off discussing the history of trotting as his family was involved in the ownership and racing of trotters. He described the fact that trotters originated from the farming community where they put a stallion over a mare to provide a horse that can race their neighbours to church.

The first trotter in 1780 was Messenger (foaled in England and exported to America). Pacers and trotters were of similar breeding. He then explained the difference in gait between the two and the use of hobbles. His descriptions of life at the Gower park trotting track at the northern Melbourne suburb of Preston kept everyone interested. He listed other trotting venues used around Melbourne; Ascot (Ascotvale), Richmond (owned by



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John Wren), Wood End (as far as he could remember of around the second world war, they raced on a grass track), Showgrounds (that was from 1947), Moonee Valley (at the race track) and now, Melton.

He also expressed concern that the corporate bookmakers were not contributing to the industry; and he thought 'that was wrong'.

The morning finished with the usual round of refreshments. Father Brian's parting comment was "You're a friendly group".



More photos from the AGM



Tea Time Talk; April / May

The April Tea Time Talk to be held at the Baptist Church on Wednesday 27th April at 10am, will have as guest speaker Mr Jason Major, manager of TechNyou at the University of Melbourne's Bio21 Institute.

TechNyou is a collaboration between the university of Melbourne and the Australian government. it is a public engagement program with a focus on new technologies.

TechNyou is to provide a balanced and factual information on science and associated issues, along with opportunities for the public to engage with scientists and other experts on the potential uses for these technologies. It is a public outreach program that tries to engage the public on issues surrounding emerging technologies such as stem cells, nanotechnologies, GM foods, genetic testing...and so on.

We encourage all members to attend and to bring visitors as this will be an interesting forum.

The May Tea Time Talk will be held on the 25th may at 10am at the Baptist Church at 10am. The speaker will be Richard Robinson and his subject is Talking to the World. The talk aim is to take us from the "very old days" (quickly) through to the latest ways of "Talking to the world". It will include: Quick history of communications through to today's internet. Who you will be able to talk to. The ways you will be able to talk to the world via the latest internet. How much (or how little) it should cost. What you need to have, and broadly how much it should cost, and how to set it up. Who to turn to when it does not work.

Relevant questions will be answered during the talk, and in the period afterwards

Disclosure Note: The May talk is general in nature, however Richard has an interest in selling Internet time. Examples of costs from his supplier will be used where of interest. Richard is happy to help anyone with NO obligation.

Moorabool U3A does not endorse any product mentioned in any Tea Time Talk.

Bring
visitors to
this
interesting
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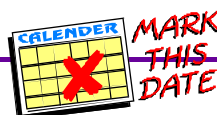


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Diary Notes



Please place the following dates in your diary .

- 1 Promotion & Chess at Bacchus Marsh Village Shopping Centre Saturday 16th April.
- 2 The informal afternoon tea is on the 15th April 2011 at the Loot Café
- 3 Tea Time Talk; Wednesday 27th April at 10am. Baptist Church.
- 4 Happy Easter - Good Friday, 22nd April 2011

Late breaking changes see www.mooraboolu3a.com/events.html

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