

2011 Second Term

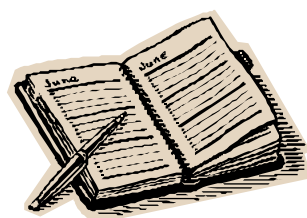
Another term has started and enclosed with this newsletter is the term class and group listing. There are no major changes from last term but a promise of things to come.

Moorabool U3A has three criteria for running a class or group.

1. Someone to lead or teach any subject,
2. Members willing to learn the subject on offer and
3. The choice of venue.

This last criteria is usually not a major problem as there are organizations willing to help us.

If you have any suggestions for classes or groups please contact the Secretary.



Ballan Autumn Festival

Last March Moorabool U3A was in attendance at the Ballan Autumn Festival. We occupied the position outside the Mechanics Institute hall and provided entertainment in the form of Chess games with the giant chess pieces. We also handed out promotional material and information packs about our U3A.



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Closing date for newsletter submissions for the June issue:-17th May 2011

Class Notes

Book Club

In the first term, we have read The Eyre Affair, by Jasper Fforde, A Man's Got To Have a Hobby, by William McInnes, and Tears of the Giraffe (a Mma Precious Ramotswe story) by Alexander McCall Smith. We were meant to read Chocolat by Joanne Harris, however it was not available, so we are reading them out of sequence.

As you can see all of the above books are vastly different, and raised great discussion points.

We began the second term on the 28th of April at the Baby Black Espresso Bar and meet between 2 and 4pm.

Anyone interested? Just drop in and join us. You'll be very welcome.

Yvonne.

Computer Studies

Although this group have been allocated different rooms at The Laurels during the past month the challenges of running a group with such diverse computer knowledge throws up aspects that require quick thinking with the fallback of a promise of research. The nature and setup of the computers will not allow the group to explore photo enhancement but allows many other aspects to be covered. The group meet during school term on a Tuesday afternoon.

Australian History

This term the history group will continue with Pat Liversidge as leader. Pat expressed the feeling of the members of being saddened that their leader, Gail, as she was leaving. Pat also added their thanks for her valuable contribution to the group. She will be missed. The format will continue with the other ladies taking it in turn to research and present some aspect of Australia's history of note.



At the final class of last term, the Australian history group presented Gail with a small gift of their appreciation of the efforts she put into her presentations.

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Members Bar B Que.



A members Bar B Que was held on Sunday the 27th March at Jennie's place in McFarland St.

It was a pleasant day of friendship.

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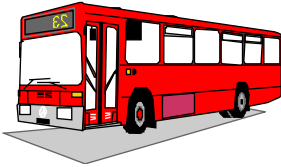
Newsletter - change of look.

We have had comments about the changed layout of 3-News. We have gone for a more open less cluttered look. 3-News in our first year was meant to be a document to be distributed widely for disseminating information about our U3A and the classes we run. This changed in our second year to include a wider subject range appropriate to our U3A including trivia notes.

The previous layout had served its purpose. Now it was time for a change. One could say a rounded look, no less serious when necessary, hopefully an encouragement to read look. The addition of a pull quote or call-out with a highlight phrase is aimed to that end.

Any and all submissions for the newsletter are welcomed and please discuss the submission with the Editor in case you duplicate something already prepared. Please note the closing date is only for late changing items because at that time most of the newsletter will have been laid out and making changes *creates more work*.

Bus trip to Grainger Museum



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open.

As advised in our last newsletter in conjunction with U3A Ballarat we are conducting a bus trip to the Percy Grainger Museum on Thursday 19th May 2011. As the Grainger Museum is only open in the afternoon other tours are included. By the time you read this the Herbarium tour could be booked out but everyone will be able to join the Grainger and Medical History tours.

You do not have to join all 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. There are other museums 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.

Trip includes Bus to Melbourne University and return and tour of museums (free admission). Departure at 9am corner Main and Gisborne Road bus stop.

Bookings will only be made when accompanied by the full payment of \$20

Contact Eric Daws on
0402 217 264.

Alzheimer's Australia - Dementia support group

'Dementia and the changes' was the subject of the dementia support group talk that was held at the Anglican Church Hall in Gisborne Road Bacchus Marsh last month. The meeting presented by Alzheimer's Australia Vic. was an information session outlining why dementia causes changes, changes in communication and changes in behaviour and how to respond.

The meeting was attended by some carers and people interested in getting to know some of the warning signs of the onset of dementia. Some carers present told of some of their experiences and problems.

We at Moorabool U3A are mainly of an age group where Dementia and Alzheimer's could be present and we need to be aware of how to handle the situation.

Garlic?

On Saturday the 4th of April I attended a workshop at the Diggers club at St Erth, Blackwood. The workshop was on growing garlic and how easy it was to grow. We were introduced to many different types of both soft neck and hard neck varieties. There were soft neck varieties like Silverskin, Melbourne Market and Dynamite (a strong type with a hint of chilli taste), and hard neck varieties of Monaro Purple, and Oriental Purple. Russian Garlic is actually a leek which forms a tall flower head and can be decorative. Garlic can be used as companion planting with things like roses to be a natural protection from insects like aphids. It is reported that beets and cabbage can also pick up the flavour of companion garlic improving their flavour.

A lot of the garlic available in supermarkets is imported and is subjected to Methyl Bromide fumigation as all garlic imported into Australia is fumigated. Around 80% of garlic is from China because it is cheap and there is doubt as to what other hazardous chemicals has come in contact with the product. Caroline Trevorrow in her article in the Diggers catalogue wrote "It is ironic that by eating garlic today, you may be doing yourself more harm than good". She goes on to say "The simple answer to ensuring that your garlic is indeed fresh and healthy is to grow your own".

We can agree with that growing garlic can be easy; so the question is 'why is it imported?'.
Eric Daws.

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Tea Time Talk

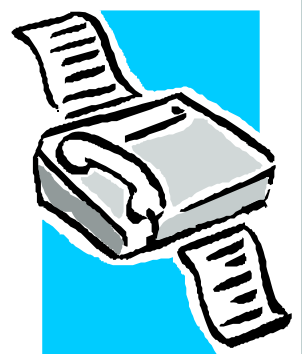
The Tea Time Talk this month will be held on the 25th at 10am at the Baptist Church. The speaker will be Richard Robinson and his subject is Talking to the World

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.





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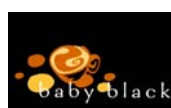
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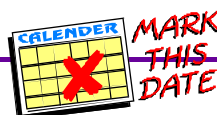
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Diary Notes



Please place the following dates in your diary .

- 1 Promotion & Chess at Bacchus Marsh Village Shopping Centre
Saturday 14th May and the 11th June.
- 2 The informal afternoon tea is on the 20th May 2011 at the Loot Café
- 3 Tea Time Talk; Wednesday 25th May at 10am. Baptist Church.

Visitors are welcome at all of the above activities.

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

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