

## Victorian Seniors Festival Edition

### Moorabool U3A & Seniors Festival

The festival, now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, celebrates and acknowledges older Victorians. The theme for 2011 is ***Be inspired.***

Opening day at Federation Square is from 10.30 am to 4.00 pm on Sunday 2 October where Moorabool U3A will be present at the Carnival of Learning with other U3As. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October the theme of *Moorabool U3A Experience* will be on display at the Bacchus Marsh Village Shopping Centre from 9am to 1 pm where group and class leaders will be present to answer any questions that you may have.

Moorabool U3A is using the Seniors Festival to promote and encourage a learning Cooperative with the sharing of knowledge between members.

All that you need is a love to learn something new or to share your knowledge.

Most of the free V/Line travel available to Victorian Seniors Card holders during the festival does not require a booking – simply take a seat on the V/Line bus or train and have your Seniors Card ready for inspection. Free travel on V/Line is available during the Seniors Festival during October: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>, through to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. (Phone information from Vline)



### Fund for Games

Moorabool U3A this year, through U3A Network Victoria, applied for a funding grant under the Office of Seniors Victoria Program Growth Support Fund. The fund is designed to allow U3As to purchase equipment necessary to better deliver programs to students. As the games group was using borrowed equipment owned by the members, the grant permitted us to purchase a compendium of games. With this result, Moorabool U3A can now offer a wider option of game activities for more members



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Closing date for newsletter submissions for the November issue:- 18th October 2011.  
E-mail submissions to [newsletter@mooraboolu3a.com](mailto:newsletter@mooraboolu3a.com).

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## Class Notes

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Classes and groups run by Moorabool U3A not only have a serious learning side to them but are enjoyable and fun. In many of them you can hear laughter and lively discussion mingled with the serious stuff. For more information phone the Secretary on 0407 929 312 or see our web site at [www.mooraboolu3a.com](http://www.mooraboolu3a.com).



### Mahjong

Wow what a month for mahjong! We are now the proud owners of three new mahjong sets, and we are all looking forward to using them. Mahjong may be a complex game to play but it is fun and we have a great time. New players are welcomed.

Jan White

### Games

As described on page one Moorabool U3A received funding to purchase equipment necessary to better deliver programs to students. With this funding we were able to purchase a number of games to use. Games that include Dominoes (double 9 and 15), Rummikub (Rummyking) for up to 6 players, Cribbage, UNO, Scattergories, Perudo, Canasta and more. We still run the Scrabble and now can have more than one group. With Scrabble, Pat gets very excited when she has a win over the more experienced Gloria. These games are played on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30.



### Computer Studies



The challenges of Computer studies are well explored in this group. With participants from raw beginners through to advanced skilled users, we cover the fun side of computing to discovering family things with those participants doing their genealogy. It is amazing what discoveries that can be made during your research. Computer Studies: 1:30 to 3:30, Tuesdays during school terms. With all our classes and groups prospective members can try before joining.

### Australian History.

The Australian History group meet on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm at the Baptist Church in Holts Lane. Although small in number, they are all interested in our history. We have studied explorers, pioneer men and women, parliamentarians and medics. Currently we are studying pioneer women; they are truly inspirational. Our studies have given us insight to all the hardships and deprivation they endured in their search for a better life. Through their foresight and forbearance, today we all enjoy the fruits of their labours.

Patricia Liversidge.

## Social Report, murder mystery night.



During August we had a **murder mystery night** at Jan's place in Melton. What a fun night we had trying to figure out who killed Hoo Hung Woo. All the guests dressed to impress in their Chinese outfits and looked great for their parts.

It was clear on arrival at Jan's house that we were going to have a fun night, from the Chinese lanterns and masks decorating the house, to the beautiful table settings - even the mood music was all things Oriental. Jan had prepared a wonderful Chinese meal including fortune cookies. The meal was delicious.

After many twists and turns, intrigue and false leads the culprits were exposed and the murder mystery solved.



Unfortunately the hostess playing the role of Pentagon was the killer. Much laughter and digressing happened, Thanks go to Jan for a good night and also thanks go from Jan to all who attended.

Margaret, Jan & Eric.

## Saturday

Saturday morning late August, went for a walk to the local shop to buy a newspaper. Just one of the two I buy for the week. The weekend magazine has the large sudoku with interlocking puzzles to add complexity and to test the brain.

On the way I paused to watch and listen to a very happy Goldfinch sitting in a tree. It made a lot of chatter and zzzit zzzit noises. It wasn't concerned that I stopped to observe it. Further along a skink scurried across the footpath to get out of my way. Another was sunning itself on a fence. It was a pleasant sunny day without a cloud in the sky, a sign of early spring.

Sitting on the balcony with the paper, I had a visitor, a homing pigeon from a neighbour's hutch. White with grey flecks through the wings. The feathers down its legs made it look like it was wearing leggings. I can hear Kestrels in the distance. Be careful bird! A small flock of Galahs silently fly past. I read the paper. A flock of Cockatoos get upset when the Kestrel circles them. Noisy lot!

An aeroplane flies over, out of Tullamarine going west. Adelaide? Perth? Somewhere!

I finished reading the paper. Must now concentrate on that sudoku.

Eric Daws.



### Social Reminders.

October the 4th -  
Morning Melodies at  
Tabcorp Park.

Card Making day,  
Wednesday 26th  
October.

Trivia/Pictionary day,  
Wednesday 23rd  
November.

Christmas lunch.  
Wednesday 14th  
December.

**Details on page 5**



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## Class Notes - Continued.

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### Quilting



For 3 hours each Thursday ...

We cut fabric into strips and shapes which we sew together to make blocks. We arrange blocks into patterns and add borders. We pin quilt tops to batting and backing and quilt them. We learn new skills. Quilts get made – 17 so far in 2011.

We also share techniques, patterns, books, magazines, DVDs, ideas, photos of grandchildren and holidays, cake recipes, life stories and an occasional scrummy something for morning tea!

We are grateful that people donate fabric, which makes this good work and this good time possible.

Judy Alcock.

### Book Club

Meets every Thursday afternoon in school term-time, at Baby Black Café in Bacchus Marsh, between 2 and 4pm.

The group reads, sips tea or coffee, chat and enjoy each other's company.

We enjoy talking about the 'book of the month' and share thoughts about the other books we read.

Come along and join in the pleasure.

Yvonne, Leader.

### Digital Photos

Digital Photos – Fri 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Course Leader – Ross Alcock

- The two hour long sessions cover three aspects of digital photography:
- Taking photographs with your digital camera
- Transferring the images from your camera to your computer and managing your computer's filing system
- Editing and preparing your selected photographs for printing

The sessions are adjusted each week to suit the needs of the participants.

### Play Reading

The aim of this group is to have fun in bringing to life a playwright's script by simply reading the character's lines out loud. Recently we tried out some one act plays written for radio broadcast with success doing a test recording in the process. Sessions will continue from 2:00pm to 4:00pm each 2nd and 4th Friday of the term month

### Social Afternoon



This gives us the possibility of intermingling with members of other classes and groups in a free enjoyable atmosphere over a cuppa without the formality of subject matter. It allows members that normally do not see each other to chat and become acquainted. It is also one way to hear about local activities. This social get together occurs once a month at the Loot Garden Café on the third Friday of the month at 2pm excepting January and December.

Eric Daws.

"The minute I dropped out (of college) I could stop taking the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting."

Steve Jobs  
Apple Computers.



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## Social Activities. By Jan White.

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October the 4th. **Morning melodies at TABCORP PARK** featuring Dire Straits.

\$20 per head includes a really nice lunch and scones, jam and cream. Book early with Jan 9747 8285.

**Card making day** using stamps and different textures of papers.

Wednesday October the 26th at 10.00 am.

\$10 per head includes a light lunch and materials to make 4 cards each,

Address 1 Dianne Place West Melton book with Jan 9747 8285

### Trivia/Pictionary day

Wednesday 23rd November at 10.00 am at the Baptist Church Holts Lane Bacchus Marsh.

\$2.00 entry fee and there will be raffles and a door prize. Bring a plate preferably with food on it..

Phone Jan for information on 9747 8285

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat and we are going to the Court House Hotel for lunch on the 14th December. at 12 noon.

3 course meal for \$15.50 ( there is no voucher with this ).

Please book early with Jan on 9747 8285



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## Psychology

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One day a college professor of Psychology was greeting his new class. He stood up in front of the class and said, "Would everyone who thinks he or she is stupid please stand up?"

After a minute or so of silence, a young man stood up.

"Well, hello there sir. So you actually think you're a moron?" the professor asked.

He replied, "No sir, I just didn't want to see you standing there all by yourself."

If you Can't be  
a good example,  
you will have to  
be a horrible  
warning.

Catherine Aird.  
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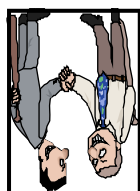
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## 3-News Editor

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This newsletter, 3-News, has been under the editorship of Eric Daws from the first edition. Now, 28 issues later, in an attempt to reduce Eric's workload, Moorabool U3A is seeking a member volunteer to take over the task. There is a communications sub-committee defining what is required from each media operation, including this newsletter. The editor will be required to implement the content to produce effective communication to primarily the membership and with past newsletters to prospective members when the newsletter is included with information packs.

Volunteers are requested to contact the secretary on 0407 929 312 for more information.



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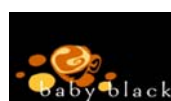
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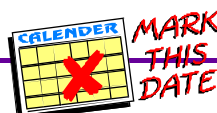
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## Diary Notes



Please place the following dates in your diary .

- 1 Chess at Bacchus Marsh Village Shopping Centre with the giant chess pieces, Saturday 8th October following the "Moorabool U3A Experience" on the Friday.
- 2 Informal afternoon tea is on the 21st October 2011 at the Loot Café, 2pm.
- 3 Christmas card making 26th October.
- 4 Morning melodies 4th October.
- 5 Pictionary/Trivia day 23 November at Baptist Church.
- 6 Christmas Lunch: 14th December.

} Call & make bookings  
with Jan on  
044 747 8285

Late breaking changes see [www.mooraboolu3a.com/events.html](http://www.mooraboolu3a.com/events.html)

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