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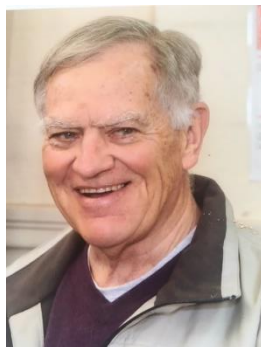
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From the President



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to U3A in 2020. It promises to be another busy year.

Committee Changes

I would first like to farewell those members of the committee who stood down from committee roles at the AGM in November.

Fortunately many of them will continue their active involvement as U3A volunteers. Louise Choy our former Treasurer will be a member of the Courses Sub-Committee. Louise Morauta our former Secretary will take on the role of Facilities Manager. Julia Rymer will continue her important role as University of Canberra liaison officer while Alison Wyse will continue as co-Chair of the Courses Sub-Committee. Last but not least, Dorothy Zenz will continue as Membership Secretary. It is very encouraging that the committee experience of these U3A stalwarts will not be lost to our organisation.

Meanwhile we welcome to the committee Grace Carlisle, Simone Clark, Arthur Dickens, Alex Gosman, Malcolm Pye, Robert Reilly and Thi Na Tran. We have two new Vice Presidents in Sherrill Bell and Lindsay Ray and a new Treasurer in Brian Moir. Each brings a rich mixture of U3A and broad committee and professional experience to their roles and I look forward to working with them.

2019 Outstanding Service Awards and Ten Year Service Certificates

It was my privilege to present Ten Year Service Certificates at the November Volunteers Afternoon Tea last year and Outstanding Service Awards at the Annual General Meeting. The recipients are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. It was humbling to read out the citations for each award at the two ceremonies which have become an important feature of the U3A calendar. The citations documented an amazing record of achievement by all award recipients. This impressive list is testament to the quality and commitment of our course presenters and volunteers. It was typical of the calibre of these members that they tended to downplay their contribution by noting for example that they were part of a team effort with comments such as 'all I did was just make the tea'.

The Year Ahead

I am pleased to report two encouraging developments in the 'wash up' from 2019. Garth Setchell our long serving Tours Officer has been able to form a Planning Group to assist him run the Walks and Tours Program. This is good news for all devotees of the Walks and Tours that Garth has been instrumental in organising. Alex Gosman, the coordinator of the Tuesday Lunchtime Forums, has promised another varied and attractive program for this year with an earlier starting date after Easter.

*Bob Nield
President*

From the Editor

Many thanks to Chris for stepping in with the November/December issue and I'm glad to say that John Grunberg is coming along really well and hopefully will be back into harness real soon. However, this brought home that the editorial team is vulnerable to unexpected incidents. We really could do with at least one more sub-editor. If you are reading this newsletter, clearly you are interested in the information being disseminated. Please consider whether you can step forward. 'Many hands makes light work' and with one more sub-editor we'd only have to do the editing no more than twice per year. The work is not onerous (this column is the only one you actually have to write) and all of us can mentor you through the process. All it takes is having Microsoft Word on your computer and a few skills in its use. Think about it and email editor@u3acanberra.org.au if you can help.

With my IT/AV Help Desk hat on, if you would like to join the team supporting Cook, please email me on helpdeskcook@u3acanberra.org.au – the task is not onerous with two already on the team. We'll give you extensive training.

Bill Blair

Newsletter Timetable for 2020

Please observe the deadline for each edition - it makes our job much easier.

Newsletter Edition	Deadline for copy	Newsletter placed on U3A Website	Newsletter mailed (approx.)
Mar/Apr 2020	14 February 2020	28 February 2020	3 March 2020
May/Jun 2020	14 April 2020	27 April 2020	30 April 2020
Jul/Aug 2020	15 June 2020	29 June 2020	2 July 2020
Sep/Oct 2020	14 August 2020	28 August 2020	2 September 2020
Nov/Dec 2020	15 October 2020	29 October 2020	30 October 2020 (due to AGM)

David Wilson

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U3A Offices: Addresses and Phone Numbers

The U3A ACT Office (ph. 6281 6998) is in the Hughes Community Centre at 2 Wisdom Street, Hughes, ACT 2605, and is usually open Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 4.30. All general enquiries should be directed to this Office.

Our Cook facility (ph. 6251 8005) is in the Cook Community Hub at 41 Templeton Street, Cook, ACT, 2614, and has the same opening hours.

Our Flynn Teaching Rooms (Course activities only; NO public or member enquiry services) are at Flynn Community Hub at 21 Bingle St, Flynn, ACT, 2615. **Please note:** Access to U3A at the Flynn Community Hub is from Hedland Circuit. For more information on holding a course at Flynn please contact the course coordinator for Flynn at flynn@u3acanberra.org.au.

Our mail address is now:

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U3A ACT Inc. Members Calendar 2020

UCAN = University of Canberra, Bruce

*Weston Community Hub Neighbourhood Hall, crn Hilder and Gittens Sts, Weston

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
10 Fri	Newsletter published	10 Mon	UCAN Semester 1 starts	3 Tue	Newsletter published
13 Mon	Offices reopen	10 Mon	Committee meeting	9 Mon	Canberra Day Offices closed
27 Mon	Australia Day observance Offices closed	14 Fri	Newsletter copy deadline	10 Tue	Committee meeting
27 Mon	Registration opens for UCAN Courses Semester 1				
31 Fri	Final date for communication with members who have not renewed their membership				
APRIL		MAY		JUNE	
6 Mon	Committee meeting	11 Mon	Committee meeting	1 Jun	Reconciliation Day Offices closed
10-13 Fri-Mon	Easter Offices closed	?18 Mon	Registration for UCAN open Winter term	9 Tues	Committee meeting
14 Fri	Newsletter copy deadline			?1 Mon	UCAN Winter term starts
		?16 Tue	Lunchtime forums commence	8 Mon	Queen's Birthday Offices closed
25 Sat	Anzac Day Offices closed			15 Mon	Newsletter copy deadline
24 Mon	Newsletter published			29 Fri	Newsletter published
JULY		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
		?5 Mon	UCAN Semester 2 starts		
13 Mon	Committee meeting	10 Mon	Committee meeting	14 Mon	Committee meeting
?22 Mon	Registration for UCAN open Semester 2	14 Fri	Newsletter copy deadline		
	Call for nominations for annual U3A awards	30 Fri	Newsletter published		
OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
1 Thu	Membership renewals for 2021 open	?5 Tue	Nominations for new committee close	11 Fri	Offices close for Christmas-New Year break
5 Mon	Labour Day Offices closed	4 Wed	Volunteers' Afternoon Tea 2-4 pm Hughes Hall	14 Mon	Committee meeting
15 Thu	Newsletter copy deadline	9 Mon	Committee meeting		
12 Mon	Committee meeting	18 Wed	Lunchtime forums end		
29 Thu	Newsletter published		3 pm AGM note start time Hughes Hall All members encouraged to attend		

Members should check online courses listing for specific enrolment dates for any courses in which they are interested.

Updated November 2019

Membership Matters

25 Members Awarded 10 Year Service Certificate in 2019

Each year, over 300 members give their time and skills to U3A-ACT by volunteering in all areas of the organisation, as course leaders, office staff, behind the scenes, etc. Indeed, many volunteers devote years to our organisation and this is much appreciated and acknowledged under our awards scheme. You will have seen the call for nominations for awards mid-year. The committee considered these nominations and was delighted to mark this dedication of those volunteers with ten or more years volunteering, with the award of 10 year service certificates.

This year, the President, Bob Nield, announced the 25 members to receive these certificates and many recipients were presented at the volunteers afternoon tea in November.

This year's recipients were:

Ann Baker	Ann has shared her love of painting by teaching Watercolours for over 10 years to many budding artists.
Diana Bice	Diana has been an active office volunteer at the Cook Office manning the office to support members using the Cook rooms.
Phil Burns	Phil has taught the Current Affairs Southside course for 10 years, providing members with a way to keep up to date.
Janis Butt	Janis has been sharing the secrets of Numerology, Astrology and Hand Analysis for 10 years
Christine Campbell	Christine has contributed to our language teaching by presenting courses on Advanced Italian Conversation and Literature for over 10 years
Ramon Contreras	Ramon has combining 2 interests: Spanish music and Spanish language learning by improving member's Spanish encouraging them to <i>Lets sing in Spanish</i> .
John Donnelly	For over 10 years, John has teaching members about Current International Issues, how China Challenges the World, Asia Wakes and the Unsettled World.
Bob Dunstone	Bob has taught a range of history courses, including Britain in the Sudan, Brave little Belgium, Westward the Wagon and Headlong into Disaster.
Gina Hall	For the past 18 years, Gina has supported the leader of the Political Personalities course, including making some presentation and making cakes for every session.
Lesley Harland	Lesley has been an office volunteer at Cook and contributed to its continued smooth running.
Christine Hobbs	Christine has been an office volunteer at Cook and her participation has supported members using the facility.
Mike Ilchef	Mike has taught a number of musical courses over the years such as Music Making, Introduction to various aspects of Harmonica and now Greek mythology.
Victor Isaacs (posthumous award)	Victor designed and lead 28 innovative courses over the last 11 years in a diverse range of subjects.
Marion Jones	Marion has been encouraging members to delve into the mysteries of Cryptic Crosswords for over 10 years. Now we know the meaning of 'turning pale, 7 letters'.

Peter Judge	Peter has taught numerous members the basics of learning French and German for over the past 10 years.
Heather Lawson	For many years, she has run a variety of book clubs including looking at specific authors and encouraged members to write their stories for their grandchildren.
Garth Mansfield	Garth certainly knows and loves the works of the Baroque composer J S Bach, presenting a diverse range of courses on a range of works by JS Bach.
James Nichterlein	James has diverse interests as shown by the courses he has presented, from history, through to evening movies, opera and also computer courses.
Bobbie Pinkerton	Bobbie has been an office volunteer for over 10 years and has greatly assisted Rae, the new Office Manager Hughes, this year when she took over that role.
David Raff	David has been running computer courses as well as teaching members to Understand and Use Digital Cameras.
Elizabeth Silvey	Elizabeth has been leading a French Conversation since 2007, keeping the class abreast of current French language usage and provides interesting current affairs.
Adele Stevens	Adele has shared her love of books by running the First Australians Autobiography reading Group for 10 years.
Robyn Teasdale	Robyn is another book group stalwart, holding the Northside Book Group for over 10 years.
David Townsend	David teaches diverse courses, such as The World of issues, Ideas and Opinions; Contemporary Issues Book Group and a Recorder Group
Tric White	Tric's love of Literature and Drama are evident in her running a course on this subject for over 10 years.

OSA Awards presented at AGM

The President Bob Nield announced the 2019 Outstanding Service Awards to eight members at our AGM on 21 November. OSAs are given to volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to U3A over a period of time. Any member can nominate someone for an award.

Chad Addison has made a significant and sustained contribution across the organisation, developing and implementing better IT system solutions. He also contributed to the coordination of the IT effort within U3A before the new IT structures were put in place.

Jack Cornell has presented 51 courses over eight years, the highest number of courses ever presented by a course leader! The courses Jack led ranged from energy efficiency to iPads, and Japanese. He also streamlined the room bookings function as a member of the Courses Subcommittee.

Edith Hackworthy has been on the Courses subcommittee and a critical member of the data team for the Courses Subcommittee since 2013. She has helped to ensure that the data team are able to maintain processing and meet all deadlines while also maintaining the team esprit de corps.

Kathy Hedger has been a joint manager of our Cook office since 2012 as well as the manager of operations support across Hughes and Cook until Flynn came on line in 2018. Kathy served on the U3A committee for five years and is the convenor of the Australian History course at Yass.

Victor Isaacs – awarded posthumously

Victor Isaacs presented 28 diverse courses over the last 11 years as well as being a guest speaker, an active assistant and volunteer in many other courses. The courses Victor led ranged from Australian newspapers to railways, world borders and how American presidents are elected.

Heather Lawson has made a significant contribution as a course leader over 12 years, running 42 courses on reading and writing. Her writing courses have included courses entitled ‘Quivering quills’ and ‘With love from the Grands’.

Jocelyne Macleod served as Office Manager at Hughes for eight years, recruiting and training a team of volunteers to keep our office open. Before she became office manager Jocelyne was an office volunteer at Hughes, a role she is continuing with today.



Chris Paterson served on the U3A committee for six years, three as President. Chris set up the MoU with the University of Canberra and led U3A through important changes including the move to the rolling course prospectus and the establishment of our Flynn campus.

Awardees of Outstanding Service Award 2019, (L to R), Edith Hackworthy, Heather Lawson, Chris Paterson, Agnes Boskovitz (receiving the award for her husband Victor Isaacs whose award was posthumous), Jocelyne Macleod and Kathy Hedger.

Absent: Chad Addison, Jack Cornell

New Committee Elected

Despite it being a very hot day, U3A members turned out to the Annual General Meeting on 21 November to hear how U3A had fared throughout 2019 and to elect a new committee to serve the organisation in 2020.

The retirement of a number of long-serving committee members means that the 2020 committee will consist of a mixture of old and new faces.

While our new committee members may be new to U3A administration, they certainly bring with them a wealth of experience in administration and work with various other committees. We are lucky they have chosen to share their expertise with us!

The new committee consists of the old hands: President Bob Nield, in his second year as President; Vice Presidents Lindsay Rae and Sherrill Bell, who both served on the 2019 committee; Treasurer Brian Moir, who was Deputy Treasurer in 2019 and Rhonda Jolly, in her second year as Secretary.

New members are: Grace Carlisle, who has 30 years public service experience; Simone Clark, who also brings considerable public service knowledge to the committee, Arthur Dickens, who has participated on, and directed many and varied voluntary and not-for profit committees; Alex Gosman, who brings a wealth of private sector corporate knowledge to deliberations; Malcolm Pye, another experienced ex public servant; Richard Reilly who has worked in project management and still runs a small consultancy business and Thi Nha Tran, who has a great deal of committee and representational experience.

Philippa Horner, who was a committee member in 2019, will also be part of the committee decision-making processes by virtue of her position as Chair of the Courses Sub Committee (Philippa shares the position of Chair of the CSC with Alison Wyse).

All the committee members look forward to helping to make 2020 another successful year for U3A ACT.

Pictured are most of the members of the new committee. Back row from left to right – Arthur Dickens, Malcolm Pye, Brian Moir (Treasurer), Bob Nield (President), and Alex Gosman.

Front row – Lindsay Rae (Vice President), Sherrill Bell (Vice President), Simone Clark, Thi Nha Tran, Rhonda Jolly (Secretary) and Richard Reilly

Not present for photo Grace Carlisle



U3A Course News

Warrani Chorale : A Musical Celebration

Warrani Chorale's end-of-year concert on 20 November at Weston Creek Uniting Church was entitled "A Musical Celebration," and it was just that. A large appreciative audience was treated to a wide selection of songs which included many timeless favourites as well as several numbers from well known musicals such as "West Side Story" and "Wicked." After the concert everyone enjoyed the famous Warrani hospitality with a generous morning tea.

The last event for 2019 for choir members was the in-house Christmas party and concert on



Wednesday, November 27. It was a fun morning with some of our talented members providing items and plenty of laughs. It was also an opportunity for the choir to acknowledge the hard work of our two conductors Helen Swan and Natalie Collis during the year. As well, sadly, we farewelled our wonderful pianist Shirley Cramp who has been our full-time accompanist for the past four years. Shirley plans to use her retirement to travel and visit friends.

New Members : At the start of 2020 we would welcome new members to join us at Warrani Chorale. If you love singing and would like to be part of a friendly group of ladies, please join us at Yarralumla Uniting Church at 9.45 am on Wednesday, February 5 when we recommence our weekly practices for the new year.

Choir member Leonie Leonard who was the soloist in the choir's rendition of "All My Trials."

Margaret Martin

Brindabella Orchestra's Final Concert for 2019

This photo was taken of the Brindabella Orchestra (formerly U3A Orchestra) on Sunday 1st December at their final concert for the year at the Weston Community Hub Neighbourhood Hall, a venue which the Orchestra now considers their “new home”. Rosalie Hannink was the conductor for this concert. The orchestra performed traditionally classical pieces by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Borodin and Grieg. For something a little different, the Orchestra brought back the audience's memories of Billy Joel by closing the first half of the concert with “Just the Way You Are”, and then produced some toe-tapping and smiles with their final concert item “The Muppet Medley”.

The Orchestra would welcome new members, especially violins, violas, horns and trumpets. If you are interested, please see the website www.brindabellaorchestra.net for more information.

Brindabella Orchestra's next concert will be on 3rd May, 2020 and will be conducted by Alpha Gregory OAM, and will take place at Weston.



Course SHE074.04 – Landscapes of the NSW South Coast

U3A Course SHE074.04 was conducted along the NSW South Coast during the period Tuesday 19 November to Friday 22 November. The four-day excursion started at Ulladulla on the first day looking at Sydney Basin sedimentary sequences and fossils and ended at Myrtle Beach near South Durras. The second day started at Batemans Bay and ended at Moruya looking at SE Australia's oldest rocks of an accretionary complex attached to the Lachlan Fold Belt. Some sharp eyes found malachite at Surf Beach.

The third day started at Moruya and ended at heritage listed Tilba Village looking at igneous rocks at places like Bingi Bingi Point and Gulaga above Tilba. The fourth day started at Bermagui and ended at Merimbula investigating volcanic and sedimentary rocks of the Eden-Comerong Rift. On the first three days there were 22 participants. On the last optional day there were 6 participants. Excursion notes were been distributed a few weeks before the excursion began and a “meet and greet” was held at the Hellenic Club, Woden.

Examining basalt dykes intruded into Moruya Tonalite igneous rocks at Bingi Bingi Point.



Feedback from participants seemed to indicate that they were very pleased with the way things had gone. There was



no crisis, apart from one puncture (repaired in 30 minutes early one morning). The weather was significantly cooler than in Canberra during the week (mid 20's deg.C) but still reached about 31 deg.C on Thursday. Everyone coped, with help from a cool sea breeze. During the week there were significant bushfire hazards in the north of NSW and Qld. At all times a watching brief was kept on the NSW Parks and Wildlife web site for possible park closures.

Group photo at the Glasshouse Rocks of the Narooma-Batemans Bay Accretionary Complex.

Doug Finlayson

U3A Australian History 2019 Christmas Party



museum with its exhibits dating back to the early 19th century and the founder of Galong Castle Ned Ryan, through to the days of the monastery when it trained young men to be Redemptorist priests, between 1918 and 1975.

The Christmas lunch was served in the monastery's dining room and consisted of a hot traditional Christmas dinner, followed by plum pudding and custard. Red and white wines and beer were also available to help us celebrate the end of a successful and satisfying year. The lunch was a great time to chat to other class members and get to know others in our large class which has more than one hundred members. After lunch, those with the energy, walked up the hill behind the monastery to the holy grotto. We then returned to Canberra, arriving back at Hughes, just before 5.00 pm.

U3A members wishing to join the class in 2020, should contact the Class Convenor Ray Blackmore, as advised in the 2020 U3A ACT Prospectus.

The photographer is Ewa Nilsson.

Each year for the final class of the year, the U3A Australian History A Class has ventured into the countryside for a Christmas lunch at a variety of historic locations. This year, the location of our lunch was St Clements Retreat Centre, the former Redemptorist Monastery at Galong, NSW. This event was organised by our class Tours Organiser, John Davenport.

For this year's lunch, 72 people attended travelling to Galong, near Harden by coach and private cars. The catering team at St Clements, greeted us on arrival with baskets of freshly baked hot scones, jam and cream and tea and coffee, which we enjoyed in the historic Galong Castle, attached to the former monastery. The group was then divided in to two, with one group touring the monastery complex with local historian Richard Reid and the other group inspecting the



John Davenport

January Drop in Board Games

Are you sitting at home in January with nowhere to go or no one to visit? Would you like to drop-in for a fun opportunity to play old favourite card or board games or put together a jigsaw? This get together is also a chance to make new friends and learn new skills. Bring along a game you wish to play or even teach. *Ticket to ride* is a constant favourite but the range includes Scrabble, Monopoly, Chinese checkers, Boggle, Reef, Catan.

If so, come along to Hughes and join us in January on Tuesday afternoon on 14th & 21st 2-4pm; Wednesday afternoon on 15th & 22nd 2-4pm; and Thursday morning on 16th and 23rd 10-12 noon sessions. Unlike last year, in 2020 for the January sessions, there is no enrolment, just drop in and pay your \$2.50 a session, including tea/coffee and biscuit. Come to as many sessions as you like.

You may even enjoy it so much you enrol in the board games course running once a month from February to November!

Julia Rymer



Tuesday Forum

The very popular U3A/COTA Tuesday Lunchtime Forums will re-commence on 21 April 2020 at the Hughes Community Centre and run until mid November. The Forums will start nearly a month earlier than in 2019 reflecting their growing popularity and again promise an eclectic mix of first class speakers addressing topics such as domestic and international current affairs, environmental matters etc. The earlier date also reflects the willingness of the small dedicated bunch of volunteers who bring the Forums “alive” to provide more time to the Forum – more later.

Initial speakers will include some of those well received speakers from last year either addressing new topics or in the case of, for example Brexit, a topic where the situation has changed dramatically in the past 9 months. The Organising Committee is in the process of confirming speakers and dates for April and May and details on speakers and topics will be provided by February on the U3A website and in the March-April newsletter.

Topics and speakers already confirmed include:

- a Brexit update and where to next;
- A Form Guide to the Forthcoming Inter-Generational Report;
- The Past, Present, and Future of Mt Stromlo;
- One year since the 2019 election- the state of politics in Australia;
- A lifetime in Journalism (Jack Waterford - ex Editor Canberra Times) and
- Australia’s relationship with our near neighbours in the Pacific.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with the Forums and with a longer program we will need back-ups to existing members (for holidays etc) in such areas as tea and coffee services, money collection, room set out. With the retirement of long standing volunteer Ann we are looking for a volunteer to share with other team members the organisation of the tea/coffee service to Forum attendees and the guest speaker(s)’.

Please contact Alex Gosman (alexander.gosman@bigpond.com) if you would like to assist as a volunteer. We also welcome suggested topics or speakers for talks

Alex Gosman

Attending Classes at the University of Canberra in 2020

Would you like to attend in to lectures at the University of Canberra at no cost? If so, you have the opportunity to do so under a Memorandum of Understanding that U3A ACT has with the University of Canberra. This Memorandum was renewed last year and allows U3A financial members to audit units at the University of Canberra at its Bruce campus.

Auditing is defined as **listening**. Over the past few years, U3A members have audited a variety of units and have found the experience rewarding, saying that the units have been of a high quality and very interesting, though demanding as they are part of tertiary level courses. Assignments and exams are not included in this auditing and as U3A members are not officially enrolled in any courses or units, no certificates are awarded nor accreditation given. U3A members must register to audit courses and will be accepted if space permits. Make sure you register before the system is closed at the start of the semester. The University will advise if your application is successful and provide additional information. You may attend lectures and access the unit’s LearnOnline (Moodle) website. You may be allowed to participate in the unit’s tutorials and workshops at the unit convener’s discretion.

U3A members must be current U3A financial member for each year you apply to audit units to be eligible to do so without paying university fees.

Key dates for Semester 1 :

Registration commences 27 January 2020

Semester 1 commences 10 February

Check out the University website for U3A members at <http://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/learning-at-uc/university-of-the-third-age-u3a-members> (or search its website for ‘U3A’). Here you will find information on attending the University and links so you can search for units of study, timetables and the registration form. The Frequently Asked Questions gives lots of useful information too.

If you require any help, please email me at ucanberra@u3acanberra.org.au

Julia Rymer U3A member/UC Liaison

U3A Classics of the Cinema

Thursdays 1:45pm, Southern Cross Club Woden. Please note numbers are limited, you must join the group before attending screenings. There will be a term fee of \$20.

6 February - 14 May 2020:

6 February	Vertigo. 1958. 128 mins Dir Alfred Hitchcock. Starring James Stewart, Kim Novak. Retired police detective is hired by a friend to keep an eye on his wife. One of Hitchcock's most discussed films
13 February	The Philadelphia Story. 1940. 112 mins. Dir George Cukor. Starring Katherine Hepburn, Cary Grant, James Stewart. Comedy about a society girl who yearns for a down to earth romance. Later musicalised as High Society
20 February	Looking for Alibrandi. 1999 102 mins Dir Kate Woods, starring Pia Miranda, Greta Sachi and Antony LaPaglia. An affectionate look at three generations of strong-willed
27 February	Touch of Evil. 1958 108 mins. Dir Orson Welles. Starring Orson Welles, Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Marlene Dietrich. Heston and Welles tangle in murder investigation in sleazy Mexican border town.
5 March	The Letter. 1940. 95 mins Dir William Wyler. Starring Bette Davis, Herbert Marshall. Based on a Somerset Maugham story, a murderess tries to cover up her deed by pleading self defence
12 March	African Queen. 1951. 105 mins Dir John Ford. Starring Humphrey Bogart, Katherine Hepburn. Combination of drunkard Bogart and spinster Hepburn travelling downriver in African in the First World War
19 March	Sunday too far away. 1975. 95 mins. Dir Ken Hannam. Starring Jack Thompson, John Ewart. The rivalries and problems of macho sheep shearers.
26 March	Titfield Thunderbolt. 1953 84 mins Dir Charles Crichton. Starring Stanley Holloway, George Ralph. Ealing comedy about villagers who are attached to their railroad and want to run it themselves.
16 April	Teahouse of the August Moon. 1956 123 mins Dir Daniel Mann. Starring Marlon Brando, Glenn Ford. Comedy about army officers involved with the Americanisation of Okinawa after the Second World War.
23 April	Midnight Lace. 1960. 108 mins Dir David Miller. Starring Doris Day, Rex Harrison. A shrill murder mystery with an unbelievable plot line.
30 April	Mrs Miniver. 1942. 134 mins. Dir William Wyler. Starring Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon. Drama about middle class English family learning to cope with war
7 May & 14 May	A Star is born: 1954. 153 mins Dir George Cukor. Starring Judy Garland, James Mason. Doomed Hollywood star couple, she is on the way up, he is on the way down.

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Films/DVDs courtesy of National Film and Sound Archive

Premises courtesy of Canberra Southern Cross Club

Open Studio: The Creative Hub

Open Studio emerged into the U3A world in 2014, inspired by one particular visit to an art opening in Abbotsford, Melbourne. It was not so much the art exhibition that inspired, but the community of artists in residence at the back of the shop front gallery. Each rented a space in which to work. They lived and worked together in that space but each followed their own artistic journey. It was reminiscent of the Paris café life in the early 20th Century where painters, poets, writers and philosophers gathered in the evenings to discuss and debate the meaning of art. They visited each other's studios, wrote manifestos, and carved out the direction of art in the fast moving world of mass production and mechanisation.

Open Studio does not presume to be considered in this sort of category but does offer a space for each member to spend a couple of hours per week to follow their own creative urge without judgement. It offers a space to network, to share work, thoughts and experience, and invariably friendship and connection to other creative souls. There are very few boundaries. In fact, crossing the boundaries of creative activity is encouraged. For some it is a slow-paced contemplative space in which to dream, revive, survive and leave refreshed, sometimes with a new idea to work on in their own studio. For others it is a noisy, robust arena in which to strut and exchange ideas. Technical skills are not essential as forging one's own voice is all important and often easier when starting with a blank sheet. What is essential is curiosity and fearless enthusiasm to start the journey and do it your way.

Over the 5 years there have been poets and writers, musicians, the textile driven, performance artists, story tellers, a resident activist, and, of course, painters and photographers in its midst. What has emerged is the call for themes which often act as a catalyst for a group project as well as a starting point for those with creative block. Themes emerge from group discussion and are optional. Some members prefer to just work on their own projects. In 2019 the theme was 'Water' that produced the group project, 'The Ocean' hanging, pictured with this article. There is no leader, teacher, instructor. Members are happy to offer advice and suggestions but exploring, researching and discovering by 'doing' is a vital part of the journey.

Open Studio is not for everyone. But if you have a burning drive to be creative and connected, then we welcome visitors to come along and see if we fit each other. But first contact MamSahb for an invitation through email 2014openstudio@gmail.com



MamSahb

Canberra U3A Recorder Orchestra's Double 'Choir' Day 9-10 November 2019

Several times each year, Margaret Wright conducts a full day of recorder playing, and invites members of U3A recorder groups from around the country to attend. These are good examples of U3A networking.

The final such event for 2019 was her annual 'Double Choir' Day, for which she sourced music which is especially written or arranged for two 'choirs' of recorders playing at each end of a hall. As she says, the two opposing 'choirs' are trying to replicate the effects pioneered by Gabrieli in St Mark's, Venice, in the sixteenth century. There, the opposing choirs were positioned in the high balconies, and the music soared across the space. For us, church and



school halls must suffice!

This year, one of the U3A members from the Coast suggested that Margaret might like to be the guest conductor for the Milton/Ulladulla recorder groups, so that they could experience playing in a large orchestra, with some of the larger recorders.

For this event, the forty-strong group of players came from Gosford, Sydney, Canberra, Bateman's Bay and the Milton/Ulladulla area. Milton school hall was the venue, and it proved to be perfect. The players were divided into two 'choirs' one at each end of the hall, to perform the beautiful music from the sixteenth century Renaissance to the twenty-first century.



This was all under the baton of Canberra's experienced and inspiring Margaret Wright, and was a new experience for many of the participants. It's a tribute to Margaret's skill and patience, that by Sunday lunchtime, the double 'choir' effects were working very well. She was able to coax new players to give of their best, and they were delighted to be part of the orchestra. More experienced players, of course, held the 'choirs' together, and Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling" from 'The Creation' was a roof-raiser!

Several small groups played some prepared pieces to entertain everyone before enjoying the lunch generously provided by the hosts.

Thanks are due to the host U3A members for their meticulous organisation, and to Margaret for her generosity in sharing her expertise and enthusiasm to so many recorder players for so many years.

Graham Lyons and others Milton/Ulladulla U3A

U3A Walks & Tours Program

DISCLAIMER

Most activities involve some element of risk. Bushwalking, in particular, is an inherently dangerous activity and requires an appropriate level of fitness. Whilst both U3A ACT Inc and the National Trust (ACT) maintain public liability insurance and will endeavour to protect your safety, they cannot remove all the dangers. Both organisations must also assume that participants, by booking, consider themselves to have appropriate levels of fitness and mobility. Those undertaking activities should therefore be aware that they participate at their own risk.

Establishment of Walks and Tours Planning Group:

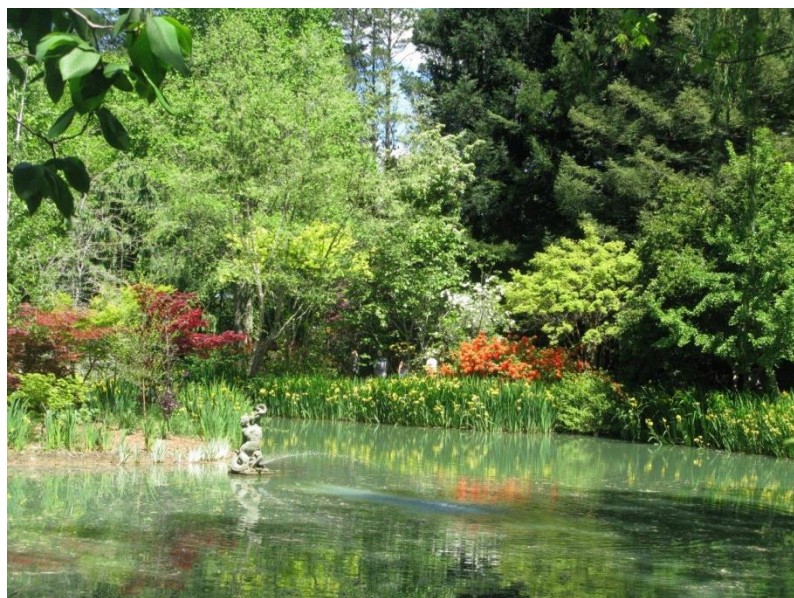
As advised in the last U3A ACT News, a Walks and Tours Planning Group has been established to ensure the long-term viability of the U3A ACT Walks and Tours program. Whilst Garth Setchell will, for the time being, remain the U3A ACT Tours Officer, with Pam Behncke as assistant, the role of Bookings Officer will be transferred to Fran Brooker with possible support from another person in respect of financial management and banking. Another prospective role under consideration is that of Publications Officer, to collate and edit details of proposed activities so that they are published in good time, in U3A ACT News and/or eBulletins, for the information of U3A ACT members.

Other current members of the new Planning Group, which held its first meeting on 27 November, are Bobby Pinkerton, Jocelyne Macleod and Kaaren Sephton. Whilst 5 of the new Planning Group are already involved in the planning of future walks and tours, many more persons, willing to arrange and lead walks and/or tours, will be needed independent of the Planning Group to ensure a viable future. If you feel you have the ability to conceive and deliver walks or tours, please contact Garth Setchell (ph 62901100) as soon as possible.

If you wish to book for any of the following advertised walks or tours, please email your request to tours@u3acanberra.org.au, noting that this generic email address may move between a limited number of persons over the year. If you don't have email access – and not otherwise – please phone your booking to Garth Setchell on 62901100 or Fran Brooker on 0430-224196.

If you require more information about a particular walk or tour, you may contact the leader where contact details are given. Otherwise email your request to tours@u3acanberra.org.au.

Part of the garden of Red Cow Farm, visited on the recent 'Spring in the Southern Highlands' tour - Sun 27 Oct 2019.



CURRENT U3A ACT WALKS & TOURS PROGRAM

One day coach tour to Gounod's 'Faust' – Saturday 22 February 2020.

Prompt action is required to obtain any of the few remaining places available on this tour to the Sydney Opera House, to attend a matinee performance of Gounod's 'Faust'. The coach will pick up from Deakin (7.10am), Civic and Ainslie, which should just leave enough time to partake a light lunch on arrival in Sydney before the opera commences at 12.30pm. The tour will be led by Garth Setchell. The tour price of \$335pp for A-Res, \$290pp for B-Res or \$235pp for

quite good C-Res seats includes coach travel, morning tea and dinner, with return to Canberra between about 9.00 and 9.30pm. Because of the need to pay Opera Australia by their deadline, places cannot be guaranteed for bookings received after 15 January. When booking, please ensure you notify your seat preference, pick-up point, contact details and any special dietary requirement (if any). Queries only to setchell@pcug.org.au.

Yarramundi Reach Walk – Thursday 5 March 2020.

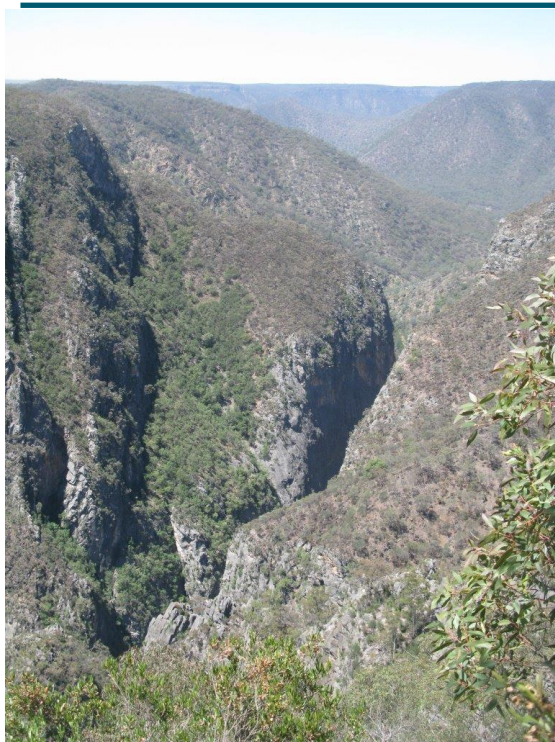
Wendy Whitham has volunteered to lead this morning walk from Barrenjoey Drive, back across Scrivener Dam and then along the southern shore of Lake Burley Griffin to the vicinity of the Yarralumla Nursery. Participants will need to assemble in the parking area between the Yarralumla Heritage Nursery and Yarralumla Gallery/Oaks Brasserie by 9.30am. The group will then travel in some of the cars to Barrenjoey Drive for the start of the walk, which will include the National Rock Garden, the Lindsay Pryor Arboretum, Warrina Inlet and the northern edge of Westbourne Woods. At the conclusion of the walk, a little after midday, a second car shuttle will be needed to reunite with their cars, those drivers who provided the initial car shuttle. An attempt will be made not to inconvenience anyone wishing to lunch at Oaks Brasserie. The cost for this walk is \$5pp, payable on the day, but prior booking to tours@u3acanberra.org.au is essential. Queries only to wendysw@optusnet.com.au.

Sheepdog and Shearing Demonstration at 'Gold Creek' Station – Thursday 26 March 2020.

This exclusive self-drive morning activity has been organised by our leader, Kaaren Sephton, with 'Gold Creek Station', commencing at 10.30am and concluding with a two-course BBQ lunch, with provision for vegetarians if advised when booking. The driveway accessing the Station is off Victoria Street, Hall, about halfway between the Barton Highway's southern exit to Hall and Hall Village itself. There is plenty of parking at the Station, which was the working part of the much larger former property, the homestead for which was acquired by the ACT Govt and is now surrounded by suburbia. The tour price is \$60pp payable in advance. Bookings to tours@u3acanberra.org.au close on 19 March. An optional free-entry visit to the Hall Village Museum will be led by Kaaren after lunch.

'Rotherwood' and Bungonia – Wednesday 8 April 2020.

This quite diverse one-day coach tour will be led by Garth Setchell and commences with an inspection of, and morning tea at, the impressive historic property 'Rotherwood', just past Tarago, by courtesy of Dr John and Mrs Sue Sheehy. The coach will then continue on to the historic township of Bungonia (18km S of Marulan), through which ran the original roads from Sydney to Goulburn and Braidwood. Here we will be taken on a guided tour of the cemetery, historic village centre and two churches – one, St Michael's, commenced in 1839, is believed to be the oldest Catholic Church still in use. A BBQ lunch will also be served in the Community Hall. After lunch, we will then visit Bungonia National Park, with its spectacular gorge scenery and limestone sinkholes. Due to road conditions, it may be necessary for those wishing to



view The Slot from Adams Lookout to undertake a level 3km return walk. Those less agile will be transported to The Lookdown as an alternative. Return to Canberra will be via South Goulburn, Lake Bathurst and Bungendore.

The all-inclusive cost for this tour is \$88pp. Pick-ups will be from Deakin (7.45am), Civic and Ainslie, with return in the same sequence for a change (i.e Deakin about 5.45pm, then Civic and Ainslie about 6.15pm. Bookings to tours@u3acanberra.org.au. Queries only to setchell@pcug.org.au.

A view of The Slot in Bungonia National Park.

Anzac Southern Aurora Rail Tour – Friday 24 to Wednesday 29 April 2020.

Prompt action will also be required to secure any remaining places on this exclusive rail tour, using restored carriages from the iconic ‘Southern Aurora’, which is being operated by St James Rail of Sydney – an organisation through which U3A ACT has secured a few places on three previous rail tours worked around Anzac Day celebrations.

This tour starts and ends in Sydney with overnights in Cootamundra, Parkes, Dubbo and Werris Creek, using stationary sleeping cars with ensuite facilities for sleeping. Apart from the cost of getting to/from Sydney by Murrays Coach (\$41 each way), SJR’s cost of \$4370pp includes your own roomette or twinette (for two) plus all meals and side attractions. These include the spectacular climb up the Illawarra Escarpment to Robertson, the Anzac Day ceremony at Coolamon, a nearby winery lunch, several attractions around Orange, a tour of the Siding Spring Observatory, the Rail Museum at Werris Creek and some Upper Hunter treats, to name a few. There is already a small U3A ACT contingent. Queries to setchell@pcug.org.au.

Historic Braidwood – Sat 2 and Sunday 3 May 2020.

Keep these dates free. Subject to the outcome of bushfires in this region, U3A ACT has been granted permission by the Women’s Committee of the National Trust NSW to participate on this weekend of private house inspections around Braidwood, in conjunction with the National Trust (ACT), as we have done several times previously in recent years – e.g. Millthorpe/Carcoar, Lower Hunter, Mudgee, etc. The plan would be to operate a coach from/to Canberra on each of the days. No bookings yet. More details later.

Norfolk Island – July 2020.

A repeat of this year’s very popular tour to Norfolk Island is being pursued by Pam Behncke with Potter Travel. More details later.

Fiddler on the Roof – Saturday 12 September 2020.

This one-day coach tour will transport you to a matinee performance of Opera Australia’s performance of ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ at the Sydney Opera House. A tour price, including travel, morning tea and dinner, of around \$270 for A-Res seats or \$210pp for B-Res seats seems likely. Although bookings are not yet open, you might wish to reserve the date.

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