

The Bulletin

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 *Adult Learners Week* is an international celebration of lifelong and lifewide learning and we are hoping to have an information stall at Goulburn Square (The Mall) next Friday, September 1st from 10am till 4.30pm and Secretary Pat will be there for the day but unless we can get some members to volunteer for an hour or two on the day to help her we may have to cancel, please let Pat know if you are available.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 Come along to *Tea & Talk* for the next in our *Famous Australians Series* at Chatsbury Gardens on Thursday, 7th September at 2pm for a talk on *May Gibbs* and learn more about this remarkable woman, who although was best known as one of Australia's most successful children's book authors and illustrators, was much, much more!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 *Let's Do Lunch* will be at the Hibernian Hotel on this day and there are still tickets available for this at \$15 each – choose your lunch from the menu available when you buy your ticket.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 *Let's Explore* will awaken from its winter hibernation in time to help celebrate Floriade's 30th birthday. Tickets \$20, which are available now, include bus travel and morning tea only – lunch own expense. Please remember this is a *Let's Explore* class activity for members enrolled for that class.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 Members who have tentative bookings for *Strictly Ballroom* are reminded that only payment will secure their booking and payment *must* be finalised by Monday, 18th September or earlier – the earlier the better!

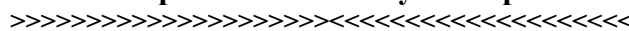
IN THE PIPELINE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (date to be confirmed) Theatre trip to the "Q" Theatre for the Queanbeyan Players matinee performance of *Guys & Dolls* – already a lot of interest has been shown in this trip.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 (date to be confirmed) This is the date proposed for our annual *U3A Christmas Lunch* This is a great opportunity for all our members to get together to celebrate the festive season and the end of another successful year.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018 Can you believe it – this is the date of *U3A Goulburn Mulwaree's 10th Birthday!* It only seems like yesterday when we met in the auditorium of the Workers Club for a public meeting to form a U3A in Goulburn. Well we have booked the auditorium for that day to celebrate our first decade in the very room that our U3A was 'born' with a wonderful lunch and entertainment – please make sure you keep that date free.



Each Bulletin we will be showcasing a different course, last Bulletin the class was *Let's Do Lunch* - this time it is *Creative Writing* by tutor Brian A. Spilsbury The definition of creative writing is writing that expresses ideas and thoughts in an imaginative way – the writer gets to express feelings and emotions that the reader relates to. Being creative and pretending is part of being human, why

else would there be so many books, plays, movies and songs? In our class we look at how to create stories and some of the best stories are drawn from real life situations, but sometimes real life can be run of the mill, quietly flowing so this is where the imagination takes over and we learn to raise the tension into a moving story with colourful characters. We meet fortnightly to discuss the work we do in our own time in between classes, to critique, but not to criticise, and to 'bounce' ideas off each other in a friendly class situation.

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES www.totalchoirresources.com is there to help new and inexperienced choir leaders get the skills and confidence they need to lead their choirs to the best of their ability. You'll find articles covering all sorts of choir-leading topics:- warm ups; rehearsal planning; choir management; performance techniques. Also, 5 simple Rounds for your choir; Podcasts - how to re-energise choir rehearsals with a new perspective; 10 fun and easy warm ups for your choir. This is a free resource.



NEW CLASSES FOR TERM 4 Below are listed some of the new classes planned for Term 4. Full details for them can be found on our website www.gm-u3a.com.au under Term 4 classes.

ARGYLE ART If enough interest is shown, we will be starting an art group in Term 4, if you would be interested please let the office know, 4822 5186, or email info@gm-u3a.com.au

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL Not exactly a new class but the return of an “oldie, but a goodie” *Armchair Travel* will re-commence twice a term from Term 4 on Saturday, October 28 and Saturday, November 25

BALLROOM DANCING For nine weeks - starting Wednesday, October 18 - Tutors, Warren and Debby, will teach you the basics of such dances as Slow Rhythm, Carousel, Canadian 3 Step, Gypsy Tap, Chicago Swing and the Rhythm Barn Dance and if time permits, the Cha Cha and St Bernard's Waltz. We need a minimum of 5 couples for this class to start and learners will need to wear smooth soled shoes (preferably leather) - no high heels or rubber soles.

HISTORY OF NUMBERS Tutor, *Doug Brown*, will be starting this new fortnightly class on Monday, October 16. This fascinating course will chart our use of numbers from the *Ishpango Bone*, thought to be a lunar calendar from 20,000 BCE

INTRODUCTION TO LAPIDARY In this “one off” class, Tutor Sue will show how you can take a rough gemstone – cut, shape and polish it – and produce an object of great beauty and value. This class will be on Wednesday, November 8

LAPIDARY Following on from her introductory class, Sue will start this 4 week 'hands on' class where *you* will take a piece of gemstone which you will cut, shape and polish and mount it in a pendant. This class will start Wednesday, November 15 and finish on December 13, just in time for you to make yourself or somebody dear to you a beautiful Christmas gift!

THE SHARED PLATE Twice a term a small class convened by Pat St George will share and sample a different cuisine from a banquet menu or each person picking a separate dish that everyone shares. This will be on Thursday, October 26 and Thursday, November 23.

THINK TANK Erwin Matthews will be leading this new course in which participants will write short essays on various topics with an emphasis on reasoned arguments. Except for the two lunch time meetings at a local restaurant on Wednesday, October 18 and November 29, participants will work on essays in their own time at home and submit them by email.

DO YOU KNOW ANY OF OUR U3A MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT WELL?

If you know of any of our members who are in hospital or not well or have suffered a bereavement in their family, please let our Welfare Officer, Maxine Elder, know so we can send them a card to know we are thinking of them. You can let the office know by phone, 4822 5186, by email info@gm-u3a.com.au or you can phone Maxine direct on her mobile 0407 491 043.

