



U3A Granite Belt Inc Newsletter December 2017



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December Calendar

- 1st Christmas Lunch
- 12th Mosaics
- 12th Music Night

January 2018

- 17th Garden Group

YOU HAVE A BRAIN IN YOUR HEAD AND FEET IN YOUR SHOES. YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF IN ANY DIRECTION YOU CHOOSE. DR SEUSS

THIS "ADVICE" WAS GIVEN TO A YEAR 12 STUDENT WHEN HE FINISHED SCHOOL AND HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO WITH THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

HE WORKED VARIOUS JOBS AND THEN, BY CHANCE, WAS OFFERED A JOB AS A NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER FOR A SMALL COUNTRY NEWSPAPER. HE WAS NOT A PHOTOGRAPHER BUT TOOK THE JOB. HE IS NOW EMPLOYED BY THE TIMES AS A PHOTOGRAPHER AND HAS WON AWARDS FOR HIS WORK.

From the Editor's Desk

Thanks

As the year winds down or up to Christmas and January, I reflect upon a year of growth and the ever intriguing ideas the group contacts develop to stimulate our minds and bodies.

A huge thank-you from all members of U3A to the tutors and the contacts for each of the group activities.

I would also like to thank the Ukulele Group for their promotion of U3A in the community. This dedicated group of musos play at various venues in the district and U3A is always mentioned.

Many thanks, Angela and Dave and the Ukulele Group.

Many thanks are extended to the contributors to the newsletter. Quite often, I sit down to ponder on the contents of the newsletter and then realize that two people in particular have contributed items and photos for the newsletter. Thank-you Leon and Fran for your regular contributions to the newsletter.

By-Laws

If you have not received a set of By-Laws that were emailed or sent out with the newsletter, please contact Carol so that you can receive a copy. The By-laws will become effective from 1st December.

Are you are Facebook user or follower ? If so, have you liked the U3A Facebook page? Any items that are pertinent to U3A are welcome to be posted on the page. Some photos of Queen Mary and Boonoo Boonoo Falls taken by the walking group have been posted on the Facebook page.

*Merry Christmas
a Safe and
Happy New Year
to all members and
their families*

Mystery Rock Competition

I can't help myself. I love looking for rocks that people might recognize. The winner of this month's Guess Where the Rock Is competition wins

a coffee or tea, or a drink of your of choice at Zest. The rock is very close to the centre of town and in a position that is very easily accessible on foot.

Please contact Julie at barn.ju@icloud.com or 4683 2823 to claim the prize.



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Garden Group

The Garden Group met at John and Chiyoko's beautiful garden. We enjoyed a shared morning tea by the huge dam with ducks swimming on the water.

We then explored John's vegetable garden and were staggered by the variety of vegetables and, for some of the group who have small gardens, by the size of the vegetable garden!

Some of the group were watching the skies and wondering when it would rain. And when we sat down to lunch, the skies opened up. Umbrellas were fetched from cars and by the time everyone was sheltered from the rain, the sun began to shine again!

Many thanks, John and Chiyoko for sharing your amazing garden with us.



Is Irene going to use that trowel?

See Page 4 for details of January's Garden Group outing.

Book Group

Esme Hobba



Our book of the month *Our Souls at Night* was written by Kent Haruf and published posthumously.

The group loved the book and were caught up in the story from the first sentence: "And then there was the day when Addie Moore made a call on Louis Waters."

Imagine making the proposition yourself .."I wonder if you would consider coming to my house sometimes to sleep with me."

It is understandable to read about and talk about loneliness. There is loneliness even in a continuing marriage - but it is intriguing to try and understand the COURAGE it might take for a lonely person to make a plan and act upon it as Addie Moore did. For it could be have been a disaster, loss of face, the risk of rejection and ridicule; the prospect of meeting the propositioned

one in the neighbourhood or supermarket-and having to confront one's ongoing loneliness-but also the failure of an idea. But Addie was lucky in Louis!!

But Louis needs courage, too, and the "willingness to risk."

What made it work?

Openness (in conversation and behaviour)

Honesty
Humour

Respect (they thought well of each other)

Trying not to worry about the opinion of others
The courage to be themselves.

They both dealt quite well with the intolerance and intrusion of gossipy neighbours, but it was Addie's son whose selfishness and blindness ended the brief period of happiness. In addition, he used his son

as a tool to blackmail his mother!

Addie and Louis' story is a reminder about tolerance, forgiveness, understanding and wisdom and the right to feel free in one's senior years. It is a story of hope and that modern technology can offer another way!

Next Book Group

**Tuesday 6th
February
At 10am
At
17 Teale Road
The Summit
Persuasion
by
Jane Austen
Please come with
more ideas of
books to read in
2018**

**Aims of U3A
Granite Belt Inc**

To provide members with affordable education and learning activities covering a wide range of different subjects

To provide members with the opportunity to study and learn in a relaxed environment

To nurture the minds bodies and souls of members

Group Reports

Walking Group

The walking group and two other members ventured to Queen Mary Falls and the following Saturday Boonoo Boonoo Falls - on a cold and wet day - during the month. We all agreed that the Boonoo Boonoo Falls were beautiful and on the day we visited, mystical as it was very misty. We felt that it was like the atmosphere created in the *Lord of the Rings* movie. We intend to visit there again. Our day was made complete

with lunch at the Bohemia Teas Rooms in Tenterfield!

Craft Group

A small but dedicated group meet at the CWA Rooms every Monday.

Jonola

8 or 9 members meet at the RSL on Monday afternoons.

Mosaics

We welcomed 3 new members to the group. One of these members has been to lessons in mosaics and is passing on her information in her very quiet way. We will finish the year with a breakfast outing on 13th December.

Book Group

Welcomed a new member who will become a member of U3A next year.

German

The group meets at the CWA Rooms, irregularly, on Tuesdays. One of the members has complained that she is given homework! My suggestion, Irene is that you contact me for that person's name and give her more homework next year!!!

Excel Course

This is continue in 2018 as several participants have been away. Many thanks, Calvin for sharing your knowledge of Excel.

Student Awards

Congratulations, Spencer (from Stanthorpe High School) and Eve (from St Joseph's School) on winning the U3A awards that were presented at their respective Awards Nights.

Our congratulations are extended to both students on achieving the criteria developed by U3A.

The Criteria cover school results and contributions the students have made to the school community and the wider community of Stanthorpe. The group hopes that the bursary will assist the students to continue on a journey of life-long learning .

The photo is of Kerrie presenting the award to Eve at the St Joseph's Awards Night.



Some Brain Teasers

What are the next three letters in the following sequence?

J,F,M,A,M,J,J,A _ _ _

A family lives on the top floor of a 10 storey building. Every day their son takes the elevator from the family's unit on the top floor to the ground floor and goes to

school. When he comes home in the afternoon, he uses the elevator to get to the fifth floor, and then uses the stairs for the remaining five floors. Why?

You are driving a bus. At the first stop, two women get on. The second stop, three men get on and one woman gets off. At

the third stop, three children and their mother get on and a man gets off. The bus is grey and it is raining outside.

What colour is the driver's hair?

Give me food and I will live; give me water and I will die.

What am I?

1. S,O, N. The sequence is the first letter of the months of the year.
2. Because he can't reach the buttons higher than 5
3. Whatever colour your hair is!
4. Fire

Answers



U3A Granite Belt Inc Activities

December 2017



Weekly Activities

Monday 10am - 12 noon	Sewing/Crafts CWA Rooms, Victoria Street Contacts: Anita Knight 4681 0942 (sewing) Dot Stewart 4681 1334
Monday 1.30pm	Jonola, RSL Marsh Street Contact: Dot Stewart 4681 1334
Friday 1.00pm	Ukulele Group Mountview Wines Contact: Elaine Winks 4681 4774
Mon, Wed & Fri 6.30am	Walking Group Meet at Zest Contacts: Julie 4683 2823, Carol 4681 3495
Occasional Tuesdays 10am	German Language CWA Rooms, Victoria Street Contact: Irene 0437 373 929 for details

Monthly / Fortnightly Activities

2nd Tues (12th) from 9.00am	Mosaics: Venue: Pete's Playroom at Margy's Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. No lunch in December. Contacts: Margy 4681 0102 for more details
2nd Tues (12th) 7.00pm	Music for Pleasure: Venue: Silvia's Topic: Christmas Music Please bring a plate to share for supper. Contacts: Carol 4681 3495, and Silvia 4681 1771
January 2018	
3rd Wed (17th) at 10.0am	Garden Group: Venue: Kerrie and Leon's Amosfield Road Please bring morning tea to share, a mug and some ideas for Garden Group in 2018 Contacts: Leon & Kerrie 4681 1737, Elaine 4681 4774, Carol 4681 3495

An Aphorism is: A short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or a general truth. Some examples are:

The nicest thing about the future is.....that it always starts tomorrow.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is.....when you are in deep water.

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of dark.....to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

I've reached the age where.....happy hour is a nap!

THE REALLY HAPPY PERSON IS THE ONE WHO CAN ENJOY THE SCENERY ON A DETOUR.

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