



U3A Granite Belt Inc

Newsletter

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July Calendar

- 6th TED Talks
- 11th Mosaics
- 11th Music Night
- 13th History of Medicine
- 18th Book Group
- 19th Garden Group
- 20th General Meeting
- 26th Girraween Walk
- 27th History of Medicine

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Aims of U3A

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

U3A WEB SITE

The U3A website address has had to be changed as GraniteNet community based website will be de-commissioned on 30th June. As a result, our new web address is:-

<http://mysd.com.au/u3a/>

You may have noticed that Lynda, our website administrator extraordinaire, hasn't been able to upload the June Newsletter to the website. Lynda is currently away and may not be in a position to upload newsletters for several months. If this inconveniences you in any way, please contact Julie.

As a result of these events, I can only ask the question, would U3A Granite Belt be better served with our own web-

site? The management committee would like to address this issue at the July General Meeting. If you have any ideas re the website and website content you would like to share with the group, please come to the meeting on **20th July**. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please email or phone Julie prior to the meeting with your ideas/thoughts. The phone numbers and email address are on Page 2 of the newsletter.

Suggestion for A New Group

Movie Group

Do you enjoy a trip to the movies? As there is no theatre in Stanthorpe, it would mean a trip to

Warwick or Tenterfield to see movies but car pooling is an option.

Interested? Please contact Silvia 4681 1771, for more information.

Ukulele Group

The Graniteers are practicing for Snowflakes in July this weekend. The group will play in Maryland Street at 10.30am and Midday in the Piazza on Friday. Come and sing along with the group or tap your feet in time to the music.

The beginner's group is practicing hard and they should be up to performing very soon.

The group has lots of performances in the next few months.

A question answered

At the May local history group meeting, Kerry Ryan was asked a question relating to the difference in height between Storm King Dam and

Stanthorpe.

Kerry discovered that the height difference is 80 feet.

For those of the group

who prefer metric measurement, the difference is 24.384 metres!

Many thanks for the information, Kerry.

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Words for a Bibliophile (with thanks to Readings)



Bibliosmia (noun)

The aroma of a good book

Abibliophobia (noun)

The fear of running out of reading material

Tsundoku (noun)

The condition of acquiring reading materials but

letting them pile up in one's home without reading them

Shelf-righteous (adjective)

The feeling of superiority about one's book shelf.

Librocubicularist (noun)

A person who reads in bed.

Readultery (noun)

The feeling of being unfaithful to one book by reading another at the same time.

Angsticipation ((noun)

The feeling when you finish the latest book in a series and there isn't a publication date for the next book in the series.

Book Group

Fran Tobin

The Harp of the South

The book was written as an entry in a competition run by the Sydney Morning Herald.

It is a book about the Darcys, descendants of immigrant Irish Catholics, and set in the slums of Surry Hills in the late 1940s. The family of 4, father Hughie, mother Margaret (a.k.a. Mumma) and 2 daughters, Roie and Dolour, live amid great poverty. There are rats, and the ever present bed bugs. Outside toilets, no bathroom, and everyone crammed into a few rooms. When Margaret's mother came to live there is no spare bed.

When it won the prize, the

book received mixed reviews. Many loved it. Others hated it, and doubted its authenticity. But Ruth Park, and her husband, Darcy Niland, were poor newly-weds, and housing was desperately short in Sydney at the time, and they lived in such a tenement as described in the book. Ruth Park knew what she was writing about.

The Darcys had nothing. We found it difficult to believe that life was so hard in Sydney, immediately after the end of WW11. The poverty was a point of animated discussion in our group. Our group are of an age when we had poor childhoods, money-wise, but nothing as

desperate as the Darcys, and their neighbours. But there was a great sense of loyalty and community among the slum dwellers.

We agreed that it was an excellent book, and were glad that we read it.

Book Group will discuss

The book and the film

"The Lady in the Van"

By Alan

Bennett

at 17 Teale Road, The Summit.

July 18 at 10am

Food for Thought

One of the members of U3A spent a very enjoyable afternoon learning how to make bread - both sour dough and yeast based bread with Steve from Zest.

Would you like to spend a very enjoyable Sunday

afternoon learning how to make bread?

Steve is happy to have a class for 6 people and yes, there would be a cost - about \$116 per person for the class. This amount can be reduced

if we can persuade some willing tasters to join the group for a glass of wine and a chat after the class.

Contact Julie 4683 2823 if you are interested.

Garden Report

Leon McCosker

Garden Group met at the Learning Centre this month for garden group with a slight difference.

Barbara Bowyer spoke of a plan to landscape the untidy area leased by *ArtWorks Granite Belt Inc* at the Stanthorpe Railway Station. If you have any unwanted plants eg day lilies, agapanthus, contact *ArtWorks*. Any plants donated would help to improve the outlook around the station.

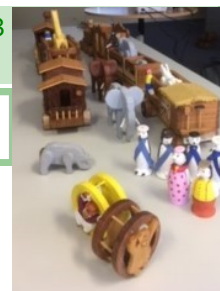
Jim Wilkinson set up his amazing model trainset

"Animal Circus Train". Jim created the model using scraps of various woods including New Guinea rosewood. The model will be on display at the Art Gallery.

Calvin played a DVD -a Duckumentary - on the life cycle of the American Wood Duck. The photography of the eggs hatching in the hollow of a tree 70 feet above the ground and then the tiny ducklings floating down towards the sound of the mother who was swim-

ming in the pond was amazing. The DVD followed the lives of the ducks for a full year. Photography of other ducks landing and taking off from water, diving under water and swimming in rapids reminded us of the magic of the natural environment.

Calvin then showed us some interesting British Birds on DVD including the Puffin, Nightingale and the Blue Tit.



*Next Garden Group
Pruning Roses with
Leon and Calvin
on Wednesday
19th July at
McCosker's
335 Amosfield
Road at 10.00am*

Walking Group

An energetic group of 6 set off on the Junction Walk at Girraween on a sunny but cold Wednesday.

The photographers in the group ensured that there were several stops along the way. Time to regain some momentum, have a refreshing drink and regain some energy to continue the walk. The walk was at a leisurely pace so that the magical essence of

Girraween could be savoured.

The group enjoyed the walk as a change from the usual walk around Quart Pot Creek or the streets of Stanthorpe.

Some of the adventurous members of the group have decided to climb Bald Rock and would welcome anyone who would like to join us.

We will keep you informed re days and dates of these walks.

Girraween Walk

Wednesday 26th July

We will leave town at 8.00 and set out from the Car Park at Girraween at about 8.45am.

If you would like to join us for morning tea/lunch, we hope to be back at the picnic area by about 11.00am.

TED Talks

Ted talks began in 1984 following a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged.

The talks are short, usually about 18-20 minutes, and cover a wide range of subjects from science to business to global issues.

The topics are chosen to reflect the interests of the members of the group and some that relate to courses offered by U3A at a particular time.

The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Learning Centre. As there are about 15,000 talks from which to choose, it will

take a considerable length of time of all the topics to be exhausted.

One of our favourite speakers, Sir Ken Robinson will give a short powerful talk *Bring on the Learning Revolution* at the July group. Please join us for a thought provoking and stimulating discussion.

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty.

Anyone who keeps learning stays young.

The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

Henry Ford



U3A Granite Belt Inc June Activities

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 7.30am

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

1st Thurs (6th) 10.00am

TED Talks: Venue: Learning Centre

Topics: When I die, recompose me, Bring on the Learning Revolution,

Contact: Steve 4683 7103

2nd Tues (11th) from 9.00am

Mosaics: Venue: Pete's Playroom at Margy's

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Contacts: Margy 4681 0102, Kerrie 4681 1737 for more details

2nd Tues (11th) 7.00pm

Music for Pleasure: Venue: Courtney's Eukey Road

Topic: Musicals

Please bring a plate to share for supper.

Contacts: Carol 4681 3495, and Silvia 4681 1771

2nd Thurs (13th) 10.30am

A Short History of Medicine Venue: Learning Centre
The Laboratory

Contacts: Fran 4684 1253 or Julie 4683 2823

3rd Tues (18th) 10.0am

Book Group Venue: 17 Teale Road The Summit

Book and Film for Discussion: *The Lady in the Van* by Alan Bennett

Contacts: Mary Courtney 4683 7103, Esme 4693 3324

3rd Wed (19th) 10.0am

Garden Group: Venue: McCosker's 335 Amosfield Road

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea

Contacts: Carol 4681 3495, Leon & Kerrie 4681 1737, Elaine 4681 4774

3rd Thurs (20th) 10.00am

General Meeting Venue: Learning Centre

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea

Contacts: Julie 4683 2823, or Carol 4681 3495

4th Thurs (20th) 10.30am

A Short History of Medicine Venue: Learning Centre
The Laboratory

Contacts: Fran 4684 1253 or Julie 4683 2823

An aphorism is a short, pointed sentence that expresses a wise or clever observation or general truth. E.G.

The nicest thing about the future is...

That is always starts tomorrow.

If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have any sense at all.



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