



# U3A Granite Belt Inc

## Newsletter

### October 2017

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#### October Calendar

- 3rd Book Group
- 5th TED Talks
- 10th Mosaics
- 10th Music Night
- 12th Excel Course
- 18th Queen Mary Falls Walk
- 18th Garden Group
- 19th General Meeting
- 24th Gallery Talk
- 26th Excel Course

See Page 4 for details of times and places of Activities

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#### Date Claimer December 1st

Christmas Lunch at  
Mason Winery at  
12.30pm.  
An invitation will be  
emailed or posted to  
members at the end of  
October.

#### From the Editor's Desk

The Science Group would like to thank Fran for an enjoyable and thought provoking course *The History of Medicine*. Fran is already considering topics for next year!

Science Group suggestions for 2018.

Topics are:-

- The gut
- Wild Sex
- Human Biology
- Train Your Brain
- Australian Flora

**The gut:** looks at gut structure, faeces, pooing, allergies and intolerances, reflux, vomiting and microbes of the gut.

**Wild Sex:** has three

broad sections: the evolution of sex, the mating game and mating styles.

**Human Biology** discusses Evolution, Food, Health, Inner Workings, stress, Inheritance, Mind and Mental Health, Muscles, Joints and movement.

**Train your Brain** combines theories behind and exercises to aid memory

**Australian Flora:** What is a plant? How to identify plants; Past and present Australian environment; Non flowering plants: Flowering plants...dicots and monocots.

#### Excel Course

The course will begin on Thursday 12th October and then fortnightly. There are 2 vacancies in the course. Please let Calvin know on 4681 4774 if you would like to join the group. You will need to have your own laptop.

#### For Sale

2 tickets to see the Glenn Miller Orchestra on 12th October and 2 tickets to the Russian Ballet on Saturday 21st October. Both are at the Empire Theatre

Please contact Chiyoko or John on 4683 6272 for more information.

#### A Puzzle

This is a puzzle for local historians. The walking group discovered a granite stone and seat in the park to the west of Britannia Street. The

name on the stone and the seat was Stewart Marion. The plaque on the seat referred to the Embroiders' Guild.

Can anyone provide us with more information about Stewart Marion? Please contact Julie at barn.ju@icloud.com or 0417 074 520

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### Group News

#### German

The German group is a small and very enthusiastic group. If you have never spoken a word of German or if you are an experienced German speaker, you are wel-

come to join the group. Please contact Irene on 0437 373 929 for more information.

#### Ukulele Group

The Graniteers meet every Friday at Mountview Wines, Glen

Aplin. Beginner's lessons start at **12.30** and if you are more experienced, the group starts at 2.00pm. New players are welcome to have a go. There are a few ukuleles that can be borrowed until you decide if the ukulele is the instrument for you.

### Book Group

*Fran Tobin*



Our September book was *Can't we talk about something more pleasant?* by Roz Chast. Roz is an author and cartoonist with *The New Yorker*. The subject is the approaching death of her parents, and what to do. Her parents are in denial!

This is a memoir, with both poignancy and humour. It is presented to us using cartoons, photographs, sketches and prose. This is an unusual format, and we all found it a challenge to begin with, but quickly got into the telling. We all enjoyed it very much and it raised many interesting topics for our lively discussion.

Roz is the only child born to elderly parents. The family is

Jewish and lived in an old part of Brooklyn.

Roz reflects on her life and her parents when they are in their 90's and Roz, the child, must become Roz the carer. Her mother is overbearing and her father very anxious. Together they present enormous problems to their daughter as they become increasingly frail, and also develop dementia. There is a poignancy eg, when her mother fell in the apartment, (doing "her stork act" as her mother said) and couldn't get up. Her father couldn't lift, her either. Then each of them decided, reluctantly, that they needed help. There is humour. Roz bought her parents a new heater be-

cause they were feeling the cold. When she rang to ask if they were feeling warmer, her mother replied that "to tell the truth we haven't tried it yet...it has one of those new kind of three-pronged plugs on it. As soon as I file off one of those prongs, I'll let you know."

It is a book worth reading and re-reading.

#### Next Book Group

Tuesday 3rd October  
at 10.00am

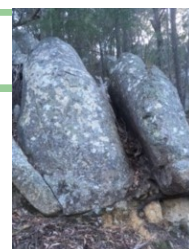
At Lynette's  
Book for discussion  
*The Handmaid's Tale*  
by Margaret Atwood

### Mystery Photo

More mystery rocks this month. These rocks are very local and were sighted during a town walk. Many of you have probably driven or walked past them while

showing visitors around Stanthorpe!  
The prize this month is a self funded coffee and cake at your favourite haunt!  
Carol thought that the photo in last month's

news letter was a gall wasp.  
Congratulations, Carol, you are the winner of the self funded world trip. Have a great trip!??



### 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

## Garden Report

*Lear McCosker*

The group visited Peter Burnell's Spring Creek Seedling Nursery. Peter began his working life as an electrician. His work took him to nurseries so he decided to start his own, so from small beginnings, he built his present most-impressive set-up. Peter grows seedlings on contract for vegetable growers, one grower, Rugby Farms takes 120,000 seedlings a week. They draw up a program for the season and Peter grows the small the seedlings.

The operation starts with sowing the grower's seeds in trays filled with a seedling mix of pine bark, coir and peat moss. These are placed in a germination room at 17 to 18 degrees until the seeds germinate. Once germinated, the seedlings are taken to the 1ha greenhouse to be grown and hardened. Hygiene is essential and pests and diseases are monitored closely. No insecticides are used, predatory insects are released into the greenhouse to control aphids and other pests. Peter also grows strawberry runners in high hydroponic troughs where the runners cascade down, then separated and

planted into seedling trays to form strong strawberry plants.

Peter has a roadside stall where the public can purchase 10 vegetable plants for \$3.00

**Next Garden Group**  
**Montview Rose**  
**Garden, 3 Rose Street,**  
**Killarney**  
**18th October. Cost**  
**\$5.00**  
**Meet at Weroona Park**  
**at 8.45am to carpool**

## Local History Group

The group outing in September was to Bolivia Station.

Bolivia Station was settled in the 1840s. It was named by Bolivian migrants as the area reminded them of Bolivia. The present owners, the Bulmers purchased the property as a working farm in 2011. The house was in a derelict condition when the property was

purchased.

Fran Bulmer decided that she would use the homestead as a venue for patchwork weekends and tours of the homestead. Some of the rooms have beautiful pressed metal ceilings that have been cleaned and repainted. Some of the carpets in the house date back at least 40 years and they are still in good

condition.

The group moved into the banquet room where a sumptuous morning tea was laid out on a wool classing table that had been in use for its original purpose until 2 years ago. The table has been given a glass top. Many thanks, Fran for a very interesting and informative tour.



## News from the Stanthorpe Art Gallery

Franco Arcidiacono is attempting to organize a number of Art Gallery talks that will interest members of U3A. Franco is trying to organize times that don't clash with other U3A activities.

Franco has asked Gabrielle Trabucco to repeat his sculpture talk.

**The date is Tuesday**  
**October 24<sup>th</sup> at**  
**10.30am.**

Franco is also talking to the Art Department at the Southern Queensland University. It is likely that there will be talks organized covering topics such as, ceramics, practical art theory and possibly architecture.

Keep reading the newsletters for dates and times.

Many thanks, Franco for organizing the gallery talks and trying to fit in with U3A members. Franco sees us as a lively and interested audience!

Please don't disappoint Franco, come to the Art Gallery on 24th October.



**Gallery Talk**  
**Tuesday 24th**  
**October**  
**At 10.30am**  
**with Sculpture**  
**Gabrielle Trabucco**





## U3A Granite Belt Inc Activities

October 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

**1st Tues (3<sup>rd</sup>) 10.00am**

**Book Group: Venue: Lynette's**

**Book for Discussion:** *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

**Contacts:** Mary Courtney 4683 7103, Esme 4693 3324

**1st Thurs (5<sup>th</sup>) 10.00am**

**TED Talks: Venue: Learning Centre**

**Topics:** On Music and Passion and What moral decisions should a driver less car make?

**Contact:** Julie 4683 2823

**2nd Tues (10<sup>th</sup>) 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 (10<sup>th</sup>) 7.00pm**

**Music for Pleasure: Venue: John and Chikoyo's**

**Topic: Musicals**

Please bring a plate to share for supper.

**Contacts:** Carol 4681 3495, and Silvia 4681 1771

**2nd Thurs (12<sup>th</sup>) 10.00am**

**Excel Course Venue: Learning Centre.**

**Contact:** Calvin 4681 4774

**3rd Wed (18<sup>th</sup>) at 8.45am**

**Garden Group: Venue: Montview Rose Garden Killarney**

Meet at Weroona Park at 8.45am to car pool for the trip to Killarney. Please bring a chair, mug and a plate to share for morning tea

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

**3rd Thurs (19<sup>th</sup>) 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 (26<sup>th</sup>) 10.00am**

**Excel Course Venue: Learning Centre**

**Contact:** Calvin 4681 4774

*When you rise in the morning think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.*

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