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NEWSLETTER: Term 3, 2018

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AN APPEAL FOR NEWSLETTER COPY Do you have any special things to share about your class (special activities, guest speakers, special achievements of members etc.), or anything else of interest to share with members? . Send any copy for our newsletter to Graeme Allen at guballen@bigpond.com, or through the office or at the U3A Geelong email address.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN Garry Kinnane

I've been reflecting lately on **what a great place Geelong is to live in**. This is especially driven home to me every time I go to Melbourne and try to negotiate the nightmare traffic that has been building to near impossible proportions in recent years. Compared with that, Geelong traffic is a breeze. A friend was visiting us for the first time last weekend, and she couldn't believe how quiet the place was. 'Where is everybody?', she wanted to know. Of course, she wasn't trying to get along Fyans Street or through Belmont at 8.45 in the morning. But peak hour moments apart, Geelong remains an easy, laid back place to get around.

We're lucky in the **beautiful natural offerings** that the town enjoys, too – it has both a river and bayside water attractions, and it's no time to get to an ocean beach. Add to that the lovely parks – the Botanic Gardens remain one of the oldest and most interesting in the country – and the riverside walks, the views from suburbs such as Highton and Wandana Heights, and really I can't think of a sizeable Australian town that is blessed with so many natural advantages.

And then there is the growing **cultural life** of the town. We have an excellent theatre complex, a brilliant new Library, and Costa Hall has become the home of our own Geelong Symphony Orchestra, which has in the past couple of years been putting on marvellous performances blending our own local musicians with distinguished visiting conductors and soloists. Just last

weekend we hosted the Australian Youth Classical Music Competition, featuring some of the budding stars of the future. And all of this is not to forget that we still have a pretty good AFL team too!

So if I'm sounding like a spruiker for the local civic authorities, it's only because at my age – I'm 80 this year – I am so grateful to have such easy access to so much beauty and interesting activity. I've lived in many places, both in Australia and abroad – and all I can say is, I'm so glad I chose Geelong in which to end my days. Nor do I think we need ever apologise for appreciating the good things about the place where we live.

In our own small way, we at **U3A Geelong is making our contribution** to the liveability of the town as well. Compared with other U3As, we punch well above our weight in the number and range of courses we offer, and the standard that our tutors achieve. And of course the input from the class members is crucial to the success of these classes. So we can give ourselves the occasional pat on the back for the continuing effort that everybody who participates in our activities.

And while I'm mentioning **activities**, I hope members are catching up with our latest innovation, the "Let's Do Lunch" events that take place whenever we have a visiting speaker, run by our newest Committee Member, Nanette Tunnecliffe, and her colleagues from the Dog Handling group. There are more visiting speakers coming up in Term Three, including two distinguished academics in the field of foreign aid. So keep yourself informed by checking our website regularly, as well as the Cobbin Farm noticeboards, our Facebook page on the internet, and the list of courses on the enrolment page, which are regularly being added to. Remember, too, that Open Day is coming up, and a possible Melbourne Cup day event, when Springtime enables us to finally put this cold winter behind us.

So keep reading, writing, talking, walking, eating, drinking, and enjoy the company of your fellow members.

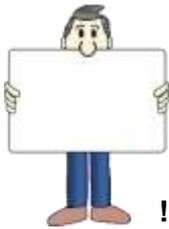


suggestions.

APPEAL FOR TUTORS At the last Meeting of the Committee of Management, a decision was made to send out an appeal for possible tutors for interest areas requested/suggested from/by members. Our number of classes is down and openings exist for new classes. The list below gives

- Talks by Police about Safety in the Home.
- Can we Utilize COTA courses?
- Falls Prevention.
- Sign Language
- Struggling with mobile phones and computers.
- Superannuation.
- Finance and Shares for Beginners.
- Quilting.
- Changes to Centrelink

If any member can help by providing a course in any of the areas mentioned or in any other area of interest or knows of people who can help us out as tutors, please make contact with us through the office.



FRIDAY DEAKIN LECTURES

In **September**, Two Deakin Lecturers will present information on *International Development Aid Programs*

1. FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 11 AM-12 Noon in the Chapel PROFESSOR MARK MCGILLIVRAY will speak on –

“SWEDISH AID TO TANZANIA - HAS IT HELPED THE POOR?”.

Professor McGillivray is Research Professor of International Development. His work has been on the evaluation of Aid Programs and he has led a project on which his lecture is based.

Many of us have contributed to aid programs and evaluating them is difficult and this work has been made one of the key areas of research at the Alfred Deakin Institute

2. FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 11AM -12 Noon in the Chapel ANTHONY WARE will speak on –

“WHAT IS MYANMAR’S ROHINGYA CONFLICT ABOUT, WHY DOES AUNG SUU KYI RESPOND AS SHE DOES AND WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT IT ”

Anthony is Senior Lecturer in International and Community Development and has a special interest in Myanmar.

These two Lecturers are in the forefront of Research in their areas of expertise. We are privileged to learn from them and come to a better understanding of world affairs.

Enrol online or through the office

David Galloway



NEWS FROM THE CLASSES



Vale-- Betty Wall. We are very much saddened to learn of the death of our friend, Betty. She was a wonderful contributor to our discussions and could always be relied on for logical and interesting opinions on the many diverse topics we have discussed at our classes. Her bright, optimistic manner was very much admired by us especially as she came to terms with her illness. Joining the Discussion Group in 1996 she was the most experienced of us all and she will be deeply missed. Our loving thoughts are with her family at this sorrowful time.

Joan Keating, Tutor.

U3A Choir Public Performance



U3A GEELONG CHOIR performed at THE WESTERN DISTRICT CHORAL FESTIVAL HELD AT "THE SPACE", GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL ON JUNE 18, 2018

It was a most enjoyable and rewarding opportunity for U3A Geelong Choir to present ourselves to the wider community as part of this festival celebration of song and the joy that people obtain from singing together in groups. Fourteen choirs participated in an afternoon of fine music making and friendship. It was a chance for choirs to perform at their best. And, as one reviewer noted, "They did not disappoint".

Participating Choirs: The Geelong Chorale, Colac Chorale, Wondrous Merry, Apollo Bay Community Choir, Geelong Youth Choir, Raise the Bar Vocal Group, Geelong Harmony Chorus, Welsh Ladies Choir, International Harvester Choir, Sing Australia, Geelong, Vox Box, U3A Geelong Choir, Geelong College Community Choir, The Choir of Geelong Grammar School.

The music ranged from a 16th century madrigal, to folk songs from around the world, through popular songs, songs from musical theatre and old favourites. Our own Choir sang two numbers – "Any Dream Will Do" from the Rice/Lloyd-Webber musical, *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, and a Linda Spevacek arrangement of the Irish Folk song "Down By the Sally Gardens"..



The smallest group was 8 voices, the largest around 40 voices. There were youth choirs, mixed choirs, a female choir, and a male choir. The youngest singers were of primary school age, and the oldest at least 90.

The afternoon ended with all singers merging onto the stage for a massed choir performance of the widely covered Toto hit "Africa".

The 2 photos show U3A Geelong Choir performing individually and part of the rousingly powerful massed Choir that ended a memorable experience for all of us at the conclusion.

Graeme Allen

This Term is going to be interesting as the Choir is looking forward to preparing to sing at various Residential Aged Care & Retirement Village Concerts. We will be introducing some very interesting new arrangements, as well as singing "old" favourites from our Repertoire.

Dawn Cunningham



History Class Celebration
celebrate his birthday In style!!!!

Richard Critchlow's History class helped him

THE GEELONG ADVERTISER. FRIDAY, JUNE 22,

THE ROYAL VISIT TO GEELONG
Birthday Honours
(From Our Own Correspondent)

Her majesty Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, together with a Mr. Brown visited Grovedale today.

Her majesty presented a special award to Mr. Richard Critchlow. In presenting the honour to Mr. Richard Critchlow, her majesty, Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India (from 1876) made the following speech.

"One has to do one's duty as your Queen, therefore on behalf of my Dear departed Albert, we have made the long and arduous journey to the Antipodes in Australia, to the small settlement of Geelong to visit my loyal subjects and Bestow this very special award to Mr. Richard Critchlow.

Being a poor defenceless and bereaved widow as One is, we are not amused to find such Rabble here. However, one has the comfort of my dear friend Mr. Brown.

Commander Richard Critchlow please step forward to receive this special Honour.

I dub thee
Sir Richard, Duke of Coro Bay, and Royal Keeper of the Historical Record."



THEATRE ROYAL.
Mr G. MERRICK—On One Shilling—Solo Lovers.
THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25.
Mr & Mrs Clarence Holt in the "Men of the Wilderness."
To conclude with the favorite Piece "Whiskell at Greenwich"
Boxes, 10s. Stalls, 5s. P. 1s.

GEELONG Chamber of Commerce.
Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the rules, Messrs. McKellar, Simons, Mackerras and Warner retire from the Committee in rotation; and that Mr Christopher has resigned, but that all are eligible for re-election; that Messrs. Douglas, McKellar, Simons, and Warner, have offered themselves as candidates; and that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members, for the purpose of filling up the said Five vacancies, for the reception of a minority of the Committee's proceedings during the past year, and for other business, will be held on Monday, July 2nd, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

By order of the Board,
HENRY C. WIGG, Secretary.
Geelong, June, 1900.

HAMPDEN and Heytesbury Road
District.—In pursuance of the X. Section of Act 16 Victoria, No. 49, and in compliance with a requisition presented to me, I hereby convene the Annual General Meeting of the Landholders and Householders in the above named Road District to be held at the Elephant Bridge Hotel, Derington, on Saturday the 7th day of July next, at Eleven o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing members to form the Rate Board, and to fix the rates of Assessment for the ensuing year, &c., &c., in conformity with Acts 16 Victoria, No. 49, and 17 Victoria, No. 29.

JOHN L. CURRIE, J.P.
Lara, 6th June, 1900.

[For those getting a hard copy - Sorry about the quality and size of print but this is how I received the material and figured that it was important enough to be included despite the quality. There was no indication of from whom the material came so I cannot refer you to them for a better look.]



AN IMPORTANT LINGUISTIC CONNUNDRUM: What is the gender of a computer?



A SPANISH Teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. "House" for instance, is feminine: "la casa." "Pencil," however, is masculine: "el lapiz."

A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether "computer" should be a masculine or a feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender ("la computadora"), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic;
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval;
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay cheque on accessories for it.

The women's group, however, concluded that computers should be Masculine ("el computador"), because:

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem;
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have got a better model.

☀ I'll leave it to you to decide which of the two groups provided the better answer on the grounds of possible bias!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Let's Do Lunch!

What began as a madcap idea in the middle of the night has now taken on a life of its own. This purely social venture creates an opportunity for people to sit around, enjoy a light lunch and meet and talk with other members from other classes.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first two.

A huge vote of thanks to everyone who helped with the setup, food preparation, serving and clean up, especially our intrepid team from the Dog Handling Class.

Keep an eye out for details of the next one – check us out on Facebook – and get in quick with a booking as numbers are limited. Nanette Tunncliffe



New/Upcoming Courses and Events:

Comparative Theology Discussion Group Thursdays 1.30-3.30 Cobbin Farm

This is a group for anyone interested in hearing other people's ideas about religion. This includes agnostics, atheism, the role, or not, of religion, science, the idea of creation, the big bang, evolution, and what are the good parts of the main religions, those being Buddhism, Christianity, Muslim, Judaism, and Hinduism

U3A MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON 6TH NOVEMBER 2018

Ladies pop on you hats and your gladrags!

Gents dust down your suits and polish your shoes!

The Melbourne Cup Luncheon is on!

More details to follow..

Keep an eye out for the possible following:

Guest Lecturers	TOPICS
Fri 19 th October	The First Peoples in our area
Fri 26 th October	History of Regional Geelong
Fri 2 nd November	The Museum without Walls
Fri 9 th November	Nautical History of Corio Bay

Keep an eye on the Website Course list for updated details



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: From T.S.Eliot, the last of his *Four Quartets*, Little Gidding, comes this statement about the search for life's meaning –

“We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time”

See you in Term 4. Happy continuation of your exploration through your studies at U3A Geelong!

Graeme Allen (Editor)