

## 28 years & 1,000 members plus!

Helen Lunt was our 1000<sup>th</sup> registration and was recognised as such with a small gift at the 29<sup>th</sup> January coffee morning. At time of printing we had registered 1053 members since our inception in 1988.

### A few statistics to ponder

2016 enrolments to date -

**492** members (**121** new **32** lapsed re-enrolling members)      **70%** women **30%** men

### Age groupings

**61-80** years **82%** (70% women 30% men); **45-50** years **3** women; **91+** years **7** women **3** men

**1728** Enrolments in **114** classes

### We live in -

**Castlemaine** (3450) **61%**

Barkers Creek, Campbells Creek, Fryerstown, Guilford (3451) **17%**

Maldon, Baringhup (3463) **6%**

Other: **16%** Includes Surrounding areas, Bendigo, Woodend, City & Interstate



## Travel Invitation to MONA

The **Events Working Group** have organised a group booking to visit **Hobart** and **MONA** - the Museum of Old and New Art, for three nights in **August 2016**.

To join this group you will need to pay the airfare plus accommodation booking fee of **\$225 per person by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** to ensure we get the excellent group price of \$395 per person twin share.

The Jetstar airfare (excluding luggage & seat allocation) is \$170 **per person**; and accommodation is **\$150 per double**. **Sally Sims** of the **Sisterhood** travel agent, 30 Lyttleton Street Castlemaine, 5472 3822 is handling all the financial arrangements.

We plan to travel over on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**, returning on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**. You need to budget for public bus from and to the airport, meals, the ferry and entry to MONA. Of course, there's shopping at **Salamanca Market** on Saturday. Sisterhood Travel needs us to book at least 10

rooms to attract this negotiated price. The balance of the accommodation may be paid at any time up to the **deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> June** at Sisterhood Travel.

If you require a single room there is a supplement, or you may find someone with whom to share. However all these matters are your responsibility to discuss when booking with Sally Sims at Sisterhood Travel.

Max recommends an interesting venue for one dinner, (not the cheapest in Hobart but unique!) called the *Drunken Admiral*, and we might save by having Fish and Chips on the wharf another night.

**U3A Castlemaine will not be handling any of the finances for this trip** - it is the member's personal responsibility. Sorry for the short notice, but to maintain these prices certain payments are necessary, even this far in advance.

I hope many of you will be able to join us for the excitement of experiencing **MONA**.



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### Friday Coffee Morning

Coffee Mornings are held on the first Friday of  
the month at 10am in the Uniting Church Hall.

**April hosts: Coffee Morning Volunteers**

**Speaker: Hetty Veldman** *Into the Aegean in Search  
of the Other ANZACS - an attempt to write WW1  
Nurses back into history*

**March hosts Movies of Merit**

**Speaker: Jacqueline Dinan** - author and social  
historian speaking about what Australian women did  
during World War 2

Do you realise that you can read *Third Thoughts* in full colour on our website? Go to  
<http://www.u3acastlemaine.com/newsletters.html>.

Not just this issue, but you can go back as far 2009.

**DEADLINE FOR APRIL ISSUE OF THIRD THOUGHTS IS MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

## President's message

Maxwell Clarke 5475 1220

*President's comments from the computer desk*



Welcome back, it feels like we are actually back on deck, now classes and so many activities have commenced. To assist classes that run concurrently we have purchased another digital projector, for those Tutors using them, the booking diary now lists DG 1 & 2. Peter Benson is happy to demonstrate the new projector's many upgraded features, to Tutors. I hear that another compact disc player would be useful as there is pressure on the booking of the one we have. Anyone have an unused one at home seeking future employment?

And those meeting have also started again, Working Groups of all sorts, Finance, Events, Governance and of course, Courses are continuing. The front page demonstrates the outcomes that Events WG can achieve; so do think quickly, if you'd like to join members in travelling to MONA in Hobart in August.

The first Coffee morning had an entertaining Carol Waddington from CDHC reminding us all about taking care of ourselves, and our pets in the very hot weather. Please take care of yourselves U3A needs you.

Our meeting with the Castlemaine Secondary College Principal was very encouraging about future use of the ETTY Street site, please read Dick Mack's report on page 9.

On Thursday I submitted an Application to the Mount Alexander Shire Council Community Grants scheme. We are seeking 5 x First Aid Training sessions for 20 members, a Laptop Computer dedicated for the Course Coordinator's use, and another Digital Projector. Decisions will be made in late May, and we expect to receive the funds in June.

Finally, I would like all members to think seriously about themselves or other competent people who might be encouraged to step up to the Committee of Management. I would like to start the next Course Coordinator in an apprenticeship role in July, we still need a Vice President, and both the Secretary and Treasurer will be completing their 2 year terms at the next AGM, apart from others who have indicated they will not be re-standing for the new Committee at the AGM.

Again U3A Castlemaine needs you!

## Courses Chatter...

### Greetings All

#### Enrolments

We had very busy few days over the enrolment period in January not helped by one day when the heat policy came into effect. Unfortunately there have been a few hiccups with enrolments, but happily these are now sorted out. However if you find that you are not on a course class list, or if there are members on a list who are not attending please let me know.

#### The Course Leaders' Information session

On the morning of Wednesday January 27 the Castlemaine U3A Course Leaders' Information Session was held in the Garden Room at Buda Historic House. Those course leaders who attended were given information from several office bearers who spoke about their roles and outlined the ways they could be of assistance to ensure the smooth running of courses. John Waldie gave a comprehensive talk about the MyU3A system as it applies to course leaders, Russell Annear spoke about the venues used for classes, Bev Orgill spoke about class representatives and how they can be of assistance to class leaders, Peter Benson talked about the equipment available for class leaders, our treasurer Peter Batten, explained how to apply for petty cash expenses and records, Robyn Yeoman gave information about our monthly *Third Thoughts* Newsletter and Carol Dorman spoke about her plans for publicity for Castlemaine U3A. Course leaders were all given a kit of materials designed to back up information given at the session.

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## Membership

As at the February 1 our membership was 461, with 106 new members. These 'new' members included people who had been enrolled up to two years ago and had now decided to reenrol for 2016. Since February 1 there has been a steady stream of enrolments coming through the office.

## Classes, venues update and equipment

The first few weeks of classes are now behind us and we have survived the extreme heat very well but summer may still have a few surprises! So keep in mind that the heat policy will come into effect when Castlemaine temperatures are forecast to be 38° or over.

Many classes are now full and waiting lists are being kept for these. A number of changes have been made to other courses. Two classes have been cancelled and one has been postponed. Others classes have been split with classes being repeated, and we are very grateful to those class leaders who have kindly agreed to repeat a class. We anticipate that more changes will have to be made as the circumstances of the leaders change. For example, the move to the cooler climes of Tasmania of our Immediate Past President, Dick Mack and his wife Rosalie Young. Any members affected by changes will be informed by their class leader, so don't panic!

To date 27 classes are being held in private homes and we are very grateful to those who have offered their homes. Fifteen classes are being held in facilities other than the Uniting Church Complex including The Forge for two classes, Leisterville Hall for the yearlong Art Workshop, and the Salvation Army Hall for the Choir and others. The remainder of classes are being accommodated in the rooms of the Uniting Church. This year the Manse Room is again in use each day at various times. We appreciate the flexibility of some course leaders in adjusting their timetables so that we can maximise this occupancy and ensure that it is used as much as possible. In this way we can keep our room rental to a minimum.

We've found that with an increased number of classes, timetable clashes and increased demand another digital projector is urgently needed. The Committee of Management has authorised its purchase.

Until next time,

**Colleen Smith (0409 084 620) and Beverley Orgill (0459 324 455)**  
**Course Coordinators 2016**

## Course Leaders' Information Session in pictures



President Max presents... one half of very full room!



Bev Orgill hands out Course Leader's folders to Norma Rantall and Peter Morris



Anet McDonald & Diane Vits listen intently to Dot Henshall's words of wisdom

Many hours of preparation happen before these events can take place. Congratulations and a huge thank you to all involved, especially Colleen and Bev!



Latin Tutors - Janet Gilmore & Wilf Savage



For some, there's no escaping the dishes. Well done, Colleen & Rosalie!



As always, Committee members provided a delicious morning tea

### Coffee Morning — first for 2016



Busy morning – trading & raffling!



THANKS to Sally Kaptein's Petanque class, ably assisted by some new volunteer members, for hosting and providing morning tea.

Membership and MyU3A support person Hazel Annear with Judith Staudte



Members Ruth Wilson & Jill Bryan



## GOLDEN MILE HERITAGE GUIDED WALK IN MELBOURNE

offered by **Hidden Secrets Tours**

We have planned a tour of elegant Collins Street with Hidden Secrets Tours (which just happens to be run by the daughter of one of our members!) This walk is a 'must do' activity for history buffs to learn about Melbourne's history as we amble gently along Collins Street. The tour takes us into buildings such as the elegant gothic interior of the ANZ bank, plush European style hotels, the Athenaeum and the Melbourne Town Hall. The tour takes approximately two hours (toilet stops are included), so you need to be able to walk comfortably for that period of time, but remember the pace and gradient are both gentle.

**Date: Tuesday 31st May - Time 10am - 12 pm**

**Cost: \$20 (this is a concession price for more than 10 participants)**

**Meeting Place: Outside Visitors Centre  
Federation Square at 10am SHARP**

We propose to have lunch at the completion of the tour at either the Vic Market or else the cafe at CAE in Flinders Lane.

For further information contact Sally Kaptein by email: [walmer@castlemaine.net](mailto:walmer@castlemaine.net)

**To Pay:** please pay at the Office or Coffee Mornings by 6th May. Please note we really prefer the correct amount in cash, thank you!!

The Dome at 333 Collins Street - The Golden Mile



**WELCOME** ... to the many new members to U3A Castlemaine this year, and **Welcome Back** to some who have re-joined us as new members after some time away. Please pop **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm** in your diary for the **2016 NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME** to be held at Buda Historical Home, Hunter Street, Castlemaine.

U3A Castlemaine

## Annual Mystery Autumn Automobile Amble

Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2016

Don't just pencil this date into your  
Events Calendar

**No!**

**Write it in Big, Black, Bold, Capitals**

Once again for your delight, we are running another sedate, interesting, educating, friendly yet challenging, tour of our beautiful local country-side visiting some perhaps unknown man-made wonders & picturesque beauty spots.

Hone your observational skills, challenge your mental abilities, think outside the square, and tune up your musical limerick writing talents.

*Why?* I hear you ask. Well, who wouldn't want their name engraved on the "Perpetual Jane & Graeme Quinn" trophy *and* have one year's thrill of displaying this much sought after prize on your very own mantelpiece?

Arrive at Camp Reserve 9am to register

We will be leaving from Camp Reserve at 9.15am. \$5 per car (to cover cost of prizes) + \$2 per person (entry fee to a M.M.W.) B.Y.O. everything for morning tea, including a folding chair. Lunch will be at a nice venue with a price range of \$12 to \$22 at your own cost.

**Caution:** Car-pooling is to be encouraged. Apart from the friendly company, it helps to prevent disputes between driver and navigator.

P.S. This will be my last rally.

Welcome to the future with Alan & Colleen Smith from 2017

**Wilson Buntton**  
[bunwilbar@gmail.com](mailto:bunwilbar@gmail.com)



## LOST PROPERTY



Some items were left in the hall after the December Coffee Morning and Christmas luncheon. They await their owner/s at the U3A Office in the Octopus, Duke Street opposite the Castle Motel.

# Around the classes



Coursera offers free online courses from top universities and educational institutions around the world. The website –

<https://www.coursera.org>

provides a comprehensive list of courses offered by these institutions.

Last year U3A Castlemaine offered a program based on an Australian Literature course offered online through Coursera by a Western Australian University, and a small group met together on occasions to discuss the program's themes. This year I thought that we might promote the range of Coursera programs, and I offered to act as a go-between for participants.

In other words, if there is a course you are interested in, go ahead and enrol in it from the Coursera website, and let me know. I will then circulate your interest to the other enrollees. If anyone else is also interested in that Coursera program, they can then let me know and I'll put you in touch with each other so that you can form a group to discuss the subject together and mutually support each other.

For example, one member has already enrolled in *Greening the Economy: Sustainable Cities*, offered through Lund University, Sweden. Another has enrolled in *Modern Art & Ideas* course offered by MOMA in New York. If either of these topics appeals to you, enrol in it yourself and let me know and I'll put you in touch with the relevant member. The two of you could then decide how, when, and where you could support each other throughout the duration of the program.

It's a new approach, offering a greater range of topics to keep our minds active, and perhaps from humble beginnings this might grow to be a major learning strategy for U3A members in the future.

In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, browse the catalogue on the Coursera website and let me know what takes your fancy.

**Dick Mack**

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## Music Appreciation

Bruce Baude 5472 4574

Congratulations to Bruce and Diana Baude as *Music Appreciation* celebrates 25 years of continuous classes. Our first gathering for 2016 was a truly special event.

When the group began in 1991 with 14 members, Peggy Shaw and Barbara Maund were both present, and they continue to enjoy classes whenever they can. Other members with a long association include Enid Chapman, Anne Ferguson, Clive Carmichael, Bev Jefferies and Pat McKay. HOWEVER ... they couldn't enjoy the sessions any more than we new arrivals, who collectively wonder why we haven't been coming for 25 years too. This month's attendance was 16 including 6 new people who were warmly welcomed.

Over the past few years Bruce has experienced ill-health, but always, with the assistance of Diana, managed to come up with a delightful program every month.

The first half of our February program was Paganini's *Violin Concerto No.1*, followed by music for the French horn and piano ... Beethoven's *Sonata for Piano and Horn*, and then Mozart's *Concerto Rondo* setting a very fitting atmosphere for the special morning tea Diana had prepared for us.

When the chatter and congratulations had died down we finished the morning with Beethoven's *Triple Concerto for Piano, Violin, Cello and Orchestra in C Major*. A wonderful morning - Thank you, Bruce and Diana.

**Veronica Hurley**

## Over Eighties Luncheon

This month's gathering will be at the Five Flags, Campbell's Creek on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 12.15 pm. Please let Eileen know if you are coming.

**Eileen Park 5472 5213**



## Coffee, cake and conversation

Meeting for the first time at the *Five Flags* we were able to name more than forty places where you could get a coffee in the Shire of Mount Alexander. We will not be able to try them all but will meet next on MARCH 18th at the earlier time of 3pm at *TREAD* in HARCOURT.

The option chosen by our large group decided to keep together and to meet around a large table where all can see and hear each other.

We may split up as each session progresses, who knows? Topics for conversation will be varied; and if as on our inaugural meeting will be flowing happily without much deliberate direction.

We look forward to a happy year.

**Peggy Munro** 5472 2086

## Basic Music Theory

We are all enjoying the course and are finding it most interesting and helpful in understanding music terminology and basic reading of music, which is a language in its own right.

This is a 6 week course, so a repeat of this course will open on 18th March at 2 pm.

**Angela Sye**  
0434 201 701



## Guitar Playing and Ukulele

After some very mixed sounds trying to tune our instruments on day one, we started to play a simple tune. Now we have managed to play a couple of simple tunes and are strumming 2 basic chords.

Managing to keep in time with each other is a challenge, but after lesson three we are accomplishing that task.

We have a good laugh at our mistakes, so it is fun trying to play together.

**Angela Sye** 0434 201 701

## Singing Together

We opened the year of singing on 2nd February and welcomed new members - Ann Bowditch, Jeanette Johnston, Narelle Thomason and Marcia Dean. We hope you all enjoy singing together with us.

We are learning some new songs - namely *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* (no time to sleep in this song as it is a very lively number), *Can you Hear the People Sing?* (Oh! how we sing this with gusto), *Song of Peace* in parts and *The Holy City*.

Sadly, Rae Hawkins cannot be with us as she is still in hospital. We visit her and keep her in touch with the choir activities.

**Angela Sye** 0434 201 701

## Australian History

The theme for this year is the history of transport, and the effects that it had on growth of communities and industry.

For the two sessions in February Geoff prepared studies on 1850s transport from Melbourne to Castlemaine. This dealt with the Calder Highway and the late 1850s rail line through to Bendigo. We looked at the importance of the creeks, the problems with people, equipment, housing, crime, and food. The industries, businesses, and travel facilities that were established.

We were able to view some old projection slides and photographs, sketches, and map work. We enjoyed much active discussion and many revived memories. We now know a lot more about Castlemaine and Campbells Creek!

We meet at Geoff and Beth's home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. In March we shall have only one opportunity, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, as the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday is Easter Monday. We shall look at the changes and development in transport methods, systems and equipment, not only in our local area, but also in other parts of Victoria.

You are most welcome to join us.

**Geoff Walker** 5470 6652

## Solo Group

The next meeting of the Solo Group will be Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at the home of Dot Henshall. If you need venue details ring Eva on 5372 3391 or Dot on 5472 5108.

**Eva Haarbarger** 5472 3391

## 2016 Caravan Camping

Our first 'class' took place as a trip all the way 22 km east of Echuca on the Goulburn river at the River Bend Caravan park. Eight people including two guests enjoyed the spacious and very green lawns of the park, the pool and a dip in the river.

Discussions led to some ideas for future trips. Most were for two to three hours travel and a few for four to five hours. It was hoped that some would be at least adjacent to some of the State's National Parks. Group members will be advised of the next destination soon.

Overall, a good start on the lovely green lawns.

**Max Clarke** 5475 1220



## Musicals

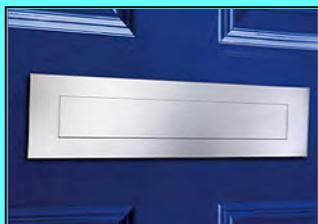
Gathering for the first session for 2016, Julie Andrews greeted us introducing *The History of Broadway*, and we were away. Tap dancing, singing and gliding down elaborate staircases with the Ziegfeld Follies George M. Cohan upped the energy and Fanny Brice reminded us of the great talent she was.

We are all primed for our next meeting when *Showboat* makes an entrance setting the scene for all the 'musicals' that followed.

**Jan Gower** jangower@hotmail.com

## DID YOU KNOW...?

The U3A Office at the Octopus building, Duke Street now has a slot in the door for hand delivered mail, forms, newsletter items, etc. So, even if the office is closed, you can still post!



## A home of our own Dick Mack

After 12 months of meetings and false starts relocation of U3A Castlemaine to the **Etty Street campus of Castlemaine Secondary College** now seems likely.

Principal of the college, Mary McPherson is keen to develop the campus as an educational and community hub when it is vacated at the end of this year. U3A Castlemaine is a key stakeholder in this scheme.

At a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February Mary advised members of our Accommodation Working Group that the College would retain possession of the campus if it continued to be used for educational purposes. She is negotiating to use it as an on-the-job training facility for students in hospitality, business management, event management, and information technology.

Mary is proposing a number of 'shared use agreements' with U3A, the Hotrod Centre, and other community groups. This would give U3A access to all the facilities we need. All maintenance would be the responsibility of the College, but we might need to do some painting and decorating of the areas we use. We could have exclusive use of some office and teaching spaces, and shared use of specialist rooms and auditorium. Most furniture items, and many resources would be left behind for our use.

The College would retain overall management of the campus. A campus Board would be created as the governing body, and U3A would have permanent representation. Issues related to rental and usage costs, and transport facilities would be worked out in association with the Board and the College.

A further community meeting has been scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> March. This meeting will outline the proposal, seek further expressions of interest and form an interim Board. The first Board meeting is proposed for 17<sup>th</sup> March, and will meet monthly thereafter.

This is a tremendous opportunity for us. All U3A activities could be comfortably housed on the one site, with adequate parking and at a moderate cost. However, there is still much work to do before we can be certain of this opportunity.

Watch for updates in future issues of the newsletter and at coffee mornings.

## Warnings!



A few days ago I received an email from Australia Post telling me that I had not been home when they had tried to deliver a parcel. I must collect it within 30 days or I would be charged \$2.09 per day for storage.

As I was expecting daffodil bulbs ordered before Christmas I made a special trip with my iPad (with all the problems of parking and queues) to pick it up.

When I showed the Post Office staff the email I was told it was a scam. Luckily my iPad had refused to download the label as directed. This is a warning in case other members receive such an email.

Perhaps I should have noticed that the email was sent at 11pm!

**Penny Garnett**

## Stop travelling con men.



## Travelling Con Men

If a tradesman unexpectedly appears at your door with an offer that sounds to be too good to be true, they may be a travelling con man. You can say no and tell them to leave.

**Report any details on 1300 133 408.**

## Good news column



**Australian Hearing** opened a permanent centre at 177 Barker Street, Castlemaine on

## Goldfields Libraries - Castlemaine

### Alzheimer's Australia – Coping with Changes in Behaviour

Examine changes in behaviour caused by dementia and possible triggers. Learn a problem-solving approach to better understand and manage these changes. Suitable for family carers.

**Thursday 24th March 10:30am-1pm**  
**FREE**

In celebration of the internationally significant and totally fabulous exhibition *Marilyn Monroe* presented by Bendigo Art Gallery and Twentieth Century Fox, Goldfields Libraries are going retro! Join us as we have fun with the 50's!

### Double Movie Feature

Come to one or come to both!

#### 1) *Women He's Undressed*

Documentary film directed by Gillian Armstrong about the life of Australia's most prolific costume designer and triple Oscar winner Orry Kelly. Orry designed costumes for 282 movies in Hollywood's golden era for stars like Marilyn Monroe, Bette Davis and Humphrey Bogart, amongst others. (2015, 96 minutes)

#### 2) *7 Year Itch*

Marilyn Monroe and Tom Ewell star in a romantic comedy. (1955, 105 minutes)

**Thursday 21st April 5pm - 6.30pm**  
**and 6.45pm - 8.30pm**  
**FREE**

### *The Dressmaker* - A Literary Event

Join Rosalie Ham, author of *The Dressmaker* 'an Australian gothic novel of love, hate and haute couture', and producer of the movie Sue Maslin for a wonderful discussion about the inspiration, characters, cast, costumes and landscapes that brought the book to life on page and screen. What has life been like for them since the film's outstanding success? Book sales and signings.

**Thursday 28th April 5pm - 6pm**

Experiencing "ROUGH WEATHER" with your Computer, iPad etc?  
Come and visit the CVAU Group



We can make your Life much smoother and Brighter



Central Victorian Apple Users Meets on the 4th Thursday off each month at the Salvation Army Hall, Kennedy Street. Welcome to All.

Thursday 24th March at the Hall 7pm  
"Photos"

Thursday April 28th at the Hall 7pm  
"iTunes"

Plus Very Popular Q&A Sessions At All Meetings and Other Interesting Items.

## ATTENTION: GENEALOGISTS

News from Public Records Office  
Victoria

### Writing History with the Archives

The public records office is partnering with *Ancestry.com.au* over the next six months to bring a series of informative seminars to the Victorian Archives Centre.

The series kicked off in January with a booked out session presented by author Hazel Edwards on *Writing a Non Boring Family History*.

If you missed out on this session be sure to check out Hazel's website [http://www.hazeledwards.com/page/aspiring\\_writers.html](http://www.hazeledwards.com/page/aspiring_writers.html) for some of her best tips.

Other upcoming sessions include:

- Mental Health Records (Feb 29th)



## Castlemaine Continuing Education

Inspire | Engage | Create



Castlemaine & District Continuing Education (CCE) aims to empower people to engage and connect through ideas, learning and enterprise for an inspired, engaged and creative community. There are vacancies in the Committee for Executive positions and for ordinary members. The Committee meets once a month on the second Monday of the month at 5.30pm for an hour. The Committee's main aims for 2016 are to work to make CCE sustainable into the future and to promote partnerships. Please contact Jane Gehrig at CCE on 0354 723 299 or by email:

[manager@cced.com.au](mailto:manager@cced.com.au)

## Hobo Playhouse presents

From the production team that brought 'Outsiders' to the Castlemaine Fringe Festival & the Melbourne Fringe Festival in 2014/2015

***Come back for light refreshments after the service***

A play by Julie Day

By arrangement with Origin™ Theatrical, on behalf of Samuel French, inc.

Directed by Jeff Jones

Featuring Sue Bester as Beth, Susan Casey as Enid, Carol McCoy as Pat, Steve Cooper as Father Jim, Catherine Koerner as The Singer, and introducing Pietra Dekker as Vanessa

**Tickets are \$25 full price & \$15 concession**

**Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/KAZE](http://www.trybooking.com/KAZE)**

Venue: Trades Hall, 127 Mostyn St., Castlemaine

Four shows only!!

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 8pm

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 8pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March @ 2pm

Limited Seating with General Admission Only

This production is part of the 2016 Castlemaine Fringe Festival

- Researching Your Historic Home: 6 May - bookings open in March
- How to Write A Non Boring Memoir: 24 June - bookings open in April.
- Find Your Black Sheep with Crime Records: to be confirmed.

Keep an eye on the PROV website for booking information as it comes to hand.

<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>

# MyU3A Q & A

As members of U3A Castlemaine we are doing what we have always done, just in a different way. We complete a membership form every year, pay the fee and choose the courses that interest us. The MyU3A online system allows you to do those things yourself, if you so choose. Importantly, instead of trying to compile everything on pieces of paper or huge spreadsheets the system allows the course coordinating team to administer courses and memberships more effectively. If you have a problem with MyU3A send an email with the details to [myu3ahelp@gmail.com](mailto:myu3ahelp@gmail.com)

Some common questions are highlighted below.

**Q. I've just handed in my forms and paid the fee – what happens next?**

A. You will receive an email advising your U3A Castlemaine ID, and password for MyU3A. This may take a couple of days.

**Q. Okay, I've got them now, so why do I need them, what can I do with MyU3A?**

A. You can log on to MyU3A and review your chosen classes; delete a class if necessary; apologise if you can't attend a class; select a new class; change your password; update your personal details; print a list of classes.

**Q. Fantastic, but how do I find this MyU3A?**

- A. 1. Go to our web site [www.u3acastlemaine.com.au](http://www.u3acastlemaine.com.au)  
2. On the left side under **INDEX** click on **MEMBER LOGIN**  
3. This takes you to the Member Login page for MyU3A.  
4. Click on **Member Login** (existing members)



5. Enter your ID and password and click on **Log in 2016**.  
6. There is your MyU3A member page displaying your personal details and the courses you have chosen!

Look for more Q&A about myU3A in our next issue of *Third Thoughts*.

## MEMBER NEWS

**Graeme Quinn**, a founding member of U3A Castlemaine has been very unwell, and has asked that the equipment keeping him alive be turned off. 'Graeme was a larger than life figure and a wonderful provider of hospitality. Family and friends will sorely miss him, and many in U3A will mourn his passing' said Sally Kaptein.

Graeme was President, Secretary and all round supporter of U3A Castlemaine. He started the mystery car trial and contributed in many ways to the success of our U3A.

### Barbara Bunton

Many members have received well wishes or congratulations from U3A Castlemaine sent by our Tributes person Barbara Bunton.

The tributes person deserves her own tribute - she recently celebrated a Big Birthday and was sent a card and good wishes from all of us. *Happy Birthday, Barbara!*

### Deidre McDougall

Deidre is doing well after her recent hip operation. We wish her successful rehabilitation and a speedy recovery.

## Bird Watching

Anyone interested in an informal group to look at BIRDS is invited to join in on

**8.30am - 10 am THURSDAY 3rd MARCH**

for a preliminary discussion and look around at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens.

**Meet** at the BBQ shelter adjacent to the car park by the children's playground off Downes Road.

Please bring binoculars (bird watching is disappointing without them and they cannot be shared), and wear a hat; bring water, sunscreen and a snack if you wish.

We suggest we meet once a month on the first Thursday morning, perhaps starting at 9am in the winter.

**Locations:** bring your suggestions please!

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