



Etty Street Update ... nearly there?

Ministerial Meeting in Melbourne

A meeting was held recently in Melbourne with representatives of the steering committee of "The Campus" at Etty Street, and Government ministers and Senior Advisors.

The Steering committee representatives included the Principal of Castlemaine Secondary College, The Hot Rod Centre, Workspaces Australia, The Goods Shed Taradale and U3A Castlemaine.

In support were Local Member Maree Edwards, the CEO of Mount Alexander Shire, the CEO of Regional Development Victoria and the Chief Commercial Officer of Kangan Tafe Bendigo.

Ministers attending were Steve Herbert (Minister for Skills and Training) and Wade Noonan (Minister for Industry and Employment) together with their advisors, as well as the senior advisor to James Merlino (Minister for Education and Deputy Premier).

Following an introduction, explanation of the situation and expansion of the opportunities available by Mary McPherson everyone was given an opportunity to describe their organisation, and the reason for their involvement.

The presentations showed the need for the project to go ahead on an educational, commercial and community basis. The needs and benefits to Castlemaine were clearly spelled out as well as the consequences for the town if this project

did not proceed. Links were shown with government policy on lifelong education, health and social inclusion, employment and regional development.

It was pointed out that no additional funds were being sought at this stage. Funding for student involvement would come from the current school budget, and that organisations entering a shared use agreement would contribute rent in cash or kind (mentoring and interaction with students). They would also attend to their own maintenance or improvement of the infrastructure under their control.

It was emphasised that this project needed to be approved urgently in order to allow the school and all organisations to commence preparation for a start in January 2017.

Minister Wade Noonan summed up the situation by saying the Education Department needed to make a decision as soon as possible. Maree Edwards asked the Education senior advisor to convey the discussions to the minister immediately in order to expedite the decision.

It was a very successful meeting. We received a very good reception with much interest and agreement in what was presented, and the Steering Committee together with Maree Edwards are optimistic that approval will be given.

Russell Annear

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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.



September Hosts: *Non Book Club & First Tuesday Book Club*

Speaker: Natalie McGregor
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy: The benefits and uses in health care!

October Hosts: The Bridge Classes
Annual General Meeting

Read *Third Thoughts* in full colour on our website

Go to http://www.u3acastlemaine.com/newsletters/newsletter_latest.pdf

DEADLINE OCTOBER ISSUE OF *THIRD THOUGHTS* IS FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

From the (recycled) President's Desk



Regretfully, I have to announce that President Max has felt the need to resign from his post. An issue has been brewing in the Committee of Management and Max believed that it had been inappropriately handled. Without going into details the issue revolved around the behaviour of certain U3A Castlemaine members towards a number of Committee members. Max, with his well-known passionate opposition to violence and abuse, demonstrated by 20 years service, and the award of life membership by *No To Violence/Men's Referral Service* (NTV/MRS) was no longer prepared to stand by, as President, in the face of what he saw as a weak response to instances of bullying in U3A Castlemaine. I respect his principled stance, and hope that he will continue to be a valued member of our great organisation for many more years.

As a result, I have offered to step back into the role of President until the AGM. Pedants amongst you may argue whether that makes me an interim, acting, caretaker, or pro tem President, and those with an unkind streak may consider 'has-been' a more appropriate title. I suppose that, if the house won't sell and Tasmania remains a dream, I might as well do something useful to relieve the frustration!

On a more cheerful note, the ETTY Street proposal is looking more promising day by day. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you can read Russell Annear's account of progress. We look forward to school principal, Mary McPherson, explaining the concept at our September Coffee Morning. The dream of our own home is close to becoming a reality. And what a home it will be!

The State Government is providing our local Council with \$100,000 as part of its *Age Friendly Communities* program. The Committee moved swiftly to exert its influence, and we have been given a seat on the Steering Committee. Watch for reports from Win Jodell as it grapples with the notion of "Age Friendly", and implements programs to support the work of existing community groups such as U3A.

Well Rosalie and I are off to our Tasmanian sanctuary, with a diversion to meet many of you at the *Museum of Old & New Art* (MONA) in Hobart.

Otherwise, I'll see you at Coffee Morning.

Dick Mack

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U3A Hepburn Distance Learning – Pilot course in *Philosophy*

Professor Adrian Walsh, professor of philosophy at the University of New England, Armidale in New South Wales will be giving a ten week course to Hepburn and neighbouring U3As. The course will commence on 3rd October and finish on 9th December 2016. Thinkers from Plato to Kant and John Stuart Mill will be covered under the heading *Moral Philosophy*, or *How do we decide what is right?*

The course will be delivered online and taught using the Moodle system, widely used by universities in Australia and overseas. The system allows lecture notes and accompanying references to be accessed by enrolled students. It also allows participants to take part in blog type written discussion fora with each other and with the professor. Professor Walsh will, once per week, comment on the topic and the discussion via film clips using the Moodle facility.

In addition to this participants will meet initially to learn about the Moodle system (that is very easy to use) then weekly with a facilitator to discuss the readings and Professor Walsh's comments.

As this is a pilot there will be no charge for participation. At the end participants will be asked to evaluate the course and the Moodle system for possible use on a wider basis. Participants from Castlemaine, Creswick and Kyneton U3As will be most welcome. Numbers will be limited to a maximum of twenty. Further details of the course are on page 4. Could U3A members who want to enrol please advise Luigi Soccio at lms12jan@hotmail.com and provide name, telephone and email details straight away.

Courses Chatter...

At U3A Castlemaine, courses continue to be a vital part of our life and work. Year long classes are still running and some more short courses are just about to start. It has been a good year.

Next Year

The time is fast approaching for us to start preparing our new 2017 Prospectus.

If you are happy to run your course again next year, please let us know.

If you've been thinking about leading a new course next year, please let us know.

If you want to know more about what's involved in running a course, please let us know.

You will find it interesting, fun, challenging and a great way to meet others.

Remember! ... Short courses are sometimes an excellent way to get started.

New Members

If you are a New Member who has recently joined U3A Castlemaine, don't be shy in getting started on the courses of your choice. Many courses still have vacancies in them. All you have to do, once you are a financial member, is to contact the class leader of your chosen course to confirm the details and then join in the excitement of learning with new friends.

Thank You Breakfast for 2016 Course Leaders

In recognition of the contribution course leaders make to U3A Castlemaine, a *Thank You Breakfast* is planned. It will be held at BUDA on Saturday 17th September from 9am to 11am. There are more details elsewhere in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing as many 2016 Course Leaders as possible.

Best wishes for another great month of learning and living.

Colleen Smith and Beverley Orgill

2016 U3A Castlemaine Courses Coordinators
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U3A Kyneton Geology Excursion

Saturday 10th September 2016

10.15am meet at Castlemaine railway station car park.

From 450 million years ago – a one day geology excursion to Castlemaine and Mount Alexander with Dr Julian Hollis, Ph.D, B.sc Hons. Geology.



U3A Kyneton is inviting U3A Castlemaine and U3A Hepburn to join in the excursion.

In the morning you will take a 4km (approx) walk through Castlemaine and Kalimna Park to view sites of geological interest; including high-level river gravels of ancient Forest Creek from 30 million years and marine sedimentary rocks, laid down some 450 million years ago, in the Ordovician Period. The old rocks were tightly folded along north-south axes, before the intrusion of the Harcourt Granite, some 360 million years ago.

12md Rejoin at Castlemaine station for BYO lunch in the park or nearby cafes.

1pm Car pool trip up Mount Alexander visiting Dog Rocks – there is much to see in the granite! We aim to return to Castlemaine by 4pm.

You may choose to attend the whole day, or just the morning or afternoon sessions.

Cost – your travel only

Please contact Excursion Coordinator Alan Moor, **very quickly**, preferably by email u3akyneton@gmail.com or phone 5422 2351 to enrol.

Around the classes

Photography and Digital Imaging

July – Subject: *Abstract, Patterns and Minimalist* By Pam Connell

The topic for July was 'abstract, minimalism and patterns', led by Sue Murphy. After an introductory session with tutorials and short videos to give us some idea of the nature and scope of the subjects we were free to indulge our creative and imaginative selves. The possibilities were endless. We visited Antares Iron Art Garden where Roger McKindley made us welcome to explore his exhaustive collection of found objects - mainly scrap Iron, glass, wood, etc. that he has arranged into beautiful sculptures and installations. The work had been done - our job was to endeavour to capture and portray the essence of his artistry. The following week was an indoor session in which lights directed onto brightly coloured papers were seen through glass bottomed troughs containing oil droplets floating on water. With a dash or two of food colouring some weird and wonderful coloured shapes and patterns appeared resulting in some very interesting photographs - great fun for a rainy afternoon.

We also explored the idea of 'intentional blur' for creative effect, for example rapidly focussing in on a subject with slow shutter speed such that the resulting picture looks like something seen from a spacecraft zooming through space - very effective if well executed. And so much more... it was fascinating to see each of our selections of five photos during our last session on the topic - such variety and therefore hardly surprising that there were several ties for people's choice this month. I believe I speak for everybody in saying that we explored new ideas and methods that many had never considered beforehand and therefore we are all winners. Thank you all for your interest in our work.

People's Choice - July 2016

As voted by attendees of U3A Castlemaine's monthly coffee morning, and fellow U3A Digital Photography group members.

Joint Winners: Heather Spicer and Pam Connell.

Windows on Building



I spotted this building in Bendigo recently and was lucky to have my camera with me. I think the multi storey structure, near Target, is for car parking. Photo was taken late morning in overcast conditions.

Photographer *Heather Spicer*

Bike chains



Antares Iron Art Garden presents an overwhelming variety of shapes, colours and patterns such that it was difficult to know where to start. I took so many photos of so many different subjects with a view to covering all aspects of this month's topic, i.e. abstract, minimalism and patterns...this place offered them all in abundance. It was very difficult to choose just one photo but I selected this one because it is straight from the camera with no need for post production tinkering. The beautiful pattern made up of bike chains and cogs was ready made and the various colours of the metals depending on their degree of rust made a subtle and pleasing blend.

Music Appreciation

Every month Bruce Baud provides us with a delightful two hours of classical music. Always enjoyable.

July and August meetings gave us something extra. We were introduced to some new composers. (New to us that is.)

John Field was born in Dublin in 1782 and died in Moscow in 1837. We heard his Piano Concerto no 3 in E flat major and later in the morning the Piano Concerto No 5 in C Major. These were played by the Irish Pianist Micael O'Rourke with the London Mozart Players. Wonderful!

Karl Stamitz was born in Mannheim, Germany in 1745 and died in 1801. He was an accomplished violinist and prolific composer. His works included symphonies, concertantes, and concertos for clarinet, cello, flute, bassoon, basset horn, violin, viola, viola d'amore and different combinations of some of these instruments. We listened to his Concerto for Clarinet, Bassoon and Orchestra in B Flat plus his Symphony for two Oboes, two Horns plus Strings in E Flat.

A third surprise was **George Butterworth**, 1885-1916. *The Banks of Green Willow*.

Now, the reason I'm telling you all this is to encourage you to log into "YouTube", even if you are not a lover of classical music, and **BE DELIGHTED!**

Veronica Hurley 5472 1383



Solo Group

September's get-together will be on Saturday 17th at the home of Ann Lodge.

If unable to attend, please contact either Ann (5470 5915) or Eva (5472 3391). Looking forward to seeing you.

Eva Haarburger

Australian History

During the past few weeks we have been looking at the growth of the development of the woollen industry in Australia.

Clive presented the tale of the use of the river barges transport system to bring bales (and bales!) of wool in the 1840s and 1850s to Lake Alexandrina and Echuca. Geoff followed up on this by outlining the movement of the wool by rail from Echuca to Geelong and Melbourne, before it went overseas.

In September, Geoff will go back to the man who started to whole business, John Macarthur and give a biographical study of his accomplishments.

To change the theme a little, Betty will show us how the Castlemaine Bacon factory emerged on the scene.



These sessions will be at 2pm on Monday 12th and Monday 26th, at the home of Geoff and Beth.

Yes, you are most welcome to join us!

Geoff Walker 5470 6652

Popular Music

Thanks to Phil Fletcher for running the class so ably while Bronwen and I enjoyed a short break.

During those two weeks the group listened to cover versions of familiar songs (I believe covers of Beatles songs), and then a session when everyone brought along some music that they thought would be unfamiliar to others in the group.

We will end August with the music of *Rogers and Hart*, and start September with the contributions of Canadians to popular music and it has been considerable, especially since the 1960s.

We will then enjoy two weeks of classic (not classical) albums. After that who knows!

Peter Stephens 5472 3904

Over Eighties

The group will meet on September 14th at 12.15pm at *Skydancers*, Blackjack Road Harcourt.

Please advise Betty Henchman (5472 2139), or Eileen Park on (5472 5213) regarding attendance. Friends are welcome to come and smell the flowers too.

Eileen Park 5472 5213

Singing Together

Our numbers have been low this month, because of illness and members escaping to warmer climates.

We have been trying to learn a song from South Africa in Zulu, but how our tongues get tied trying to pronounce the few words. We shall keep trying hard.

We have said farewell to Margaret Gaal, who relocated to her family in England. Margaret kindly made lovely red scarves for the ladies and ties for the men to wear with our uniforms when we sing at functions. A big thank you to Margaret. Adrian Thomas has moved to Gisborne near his family.

We are practising for a couple of functions in October, when the weather will be warmer.

Angela Sye 0434 201 701

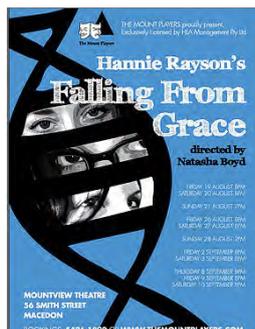
Play Watchers

Well ... on Sunday 21st August U3A Castlemaine Play Watchers set off in appalling weather and came home through torrential downpours, but the Macedon Player's Hannie Rayson play, *Falling from Grace* far exceeded our expectations.

The little theatre is lovely too. Free tea and coffee before and at interval, sherry too! The production was tight, the set interesting, the actors excellent, and above all the script was delivered in short scenes, was up to date and compelling. We all six enjoyed it immensely.

Win Jodell
5472 3792

Falling from Grace
until 10th September
at Macedon



Friday Garden Group

A small band of intrepid garden fanciers went to Guildford, in spite of persistent rain, and enjoyed the hospitality and the garden of our hosts Terry and Lyn.

Their garden has been developing over the last ten years from cleared land to sheltered treed hillside. The view from the top of the their hill is wonderful ... the property stretches to a valley.

Tube stock of local trees and shrubs from *Mandurang Nursery* and other local nurseries has been used to blur the lines of the farmland around them. Terry has lost count of the number of plantings, but believes it to be more than 4,000 over the years.

The garden close to the house is planted with natives with just a sprinkle of roses and lavender to soften things. Further out from the house the wattles were doing their thing and the *Grevillia*'s were coming into flower. They have problems with wallabies and rabbits fancying their tender plants, but fencing is gradually beating the wild life.

Dams and tanks ensure that there is water for their garden and the thriving veggie patch.

In September we'll visit two local gardens - on the 16th a garden in Castlemaine, and on the 23rd a Harcourt garden.

On another note we are looking for someone to run the group next year. If you'd like to know more you can speak to me.

Bronwen Stephens 5472 3904



Guitar Playing and Playing Ukulele

Numbers have been low as members have been away in warmer climates.

The songs we play are improving each week and the strumming of various rhythms is also improving as we now strum together in time to each other.

It is planned that we shall play with the choir at a function in October. This is our goal.

Keep practising

Angela Sye 0434 201 701

Bonjour from French I

The skilled Jacqui Turnbull has been conducting weekly French classes for 10 students around her dining room table this year.

We are all beginners, but according to Jacqui we are making good progress. We are enjoying composing sentences and trying them out on our classmates. Who would have thought that conjugating verbs would be fun? There is always encouragement from Jacqui, and each other, and most importantly we laugh loudly and often.

Each term is celebrated with a meal and camaraderie after class.

Next year we plan to complete French I, with Jacqui committing to the second year of our two part course.

Jacqui and our fellow classmate, Jacqui's husband John, are heading to France and Italy for a holiday. We wish them *Bon Voyage*, and promise to maintain the momentum with French revision whilst they are away.

Thank you for providing such a positive learning environment Jacqui. We will miss you and John.

Rosie Nicholas



Left-Right: Jacqui, Rosie, Art, Jan, Jeanette, John, Jane, Teeshia, Glenda, Hans, and Ailsa

HOUSE TO SHARE

Lovely Castlemaine stone house 7kms from the station and shops with a generous bedroom; own bathroom; second room could be a shared guest room or separate sitting room; well appointed kitchen, cosy wood fire.

This could suit someone who likes a quiet environment and rural aspect. I'm flexible and easy to get on with; prefer no pets, but would consider for the right person.

\$130 per week plus share of electricity bill.

Call **Julie** for more details: **0419 394 254**

Coffee, Cake and Conversation

Our group will meet next time on Friday 15th September, 3 pm at the Guildford Store.

We had a very warm afternoon up at the old Castlemaine Gaol at the *Governors Cafe* with an account of interesting travels that some of our group had recently experienced.

We had a new member too that made it interesting as we nearly all had our name tags!

Another new person for our group has not been able to attend yet, but we wait in anticipation.

We do welcome new people even though it is nearer the end of the year than the beginning.

Looking forward to meeting again.

Peggy Munro 5472 2086

Circle Dancing Returns *Newcomers welcome (men too)* **Come along - Have a go - Have fun**



Enjoy a gentle workout for your brain + body
Feel the joy of the music and rhythm
Learn the steps in a relaxed and easy manner
Some gentle and flowing ...
Some more lively and energetic
No experience necessary

First and third Wednesday of the Month
10am-12md ... 7th September to 7th December

Uniting Church Hall, Lyttleton Street

Enrol on MyU3A or at the office

Enquiries: **Anet McDonald + Jo Thompson**
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Betty Friedan (1921 – 2006) said:

Aging is not lost youth, but is a new stage of opportunity and strength.



Valé Val Anderson

Many members will be sad to learn of the death of Val Anderson in Ellery House on 17th August. Val battled serious illness for many years and unfortunately had not been able to participate in U3A activities for the last few years of her life.

Like many of us Val was a refugee from the city who found a quiet haven in Castlemaine. When her husband died she threw herself into U3A activities and it became her second home. Val was a great organiser and was our first dedicated Office Manager. In typical no-nonsense style she soon had the office shipshape and not only compiled the first archives, but was a major contributor to the first members' handbook and the Committee policy manual. Val served three terms as Secretary and two terms as Newsletter Editor as well as seven years as Membership Officer. She was made a life member in 2009 for her outstanding contribution to the organisation. Val also taught computer related courses at the Castlemaine Library.

Val had a great interest in writing and published a family history, *The Nelson Milbanke Saga* in 2011. Her experience was a great help to the U3A Castlemaine working group that researched, wrote and published *25 years And Counting a history of U3A Castlemaine* published at the time of our 25th birthday celebrations in 2013.

It is no exaggeration to say that without her contribution the book would never have happened and that U3A would be a lesser organisation.

Peter Stephens

Rewards of Volunteering

Winter is well upon us with cold and rain and bare trees ... But not inert ... Within the core of our trees and below the surface of the cold earth ... Life is busily in motion, preparing to emerge in spring. So, we humans in U3A Castlemaine need to ponder and consider ... might we emerge and nominate for a Committee position at our Annual General Meeting in October?

So, with gratitude for our present Committee, it's time for new people to step up to the mark ... and have a go. Our committee is made up of office bearers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and a number of ordinary committee members ... and all positions are declared vacant at the AGM.

So ... I invite you to consider, and nominate for a place on our Committee for next year.

Yes...it takes commitment Yes...it takes an effort Yes...it takes time But ... there is a flip side ...

Rewards and Worthwhile Aspects: I asked our present Committee of Management and working group volunteers:

What are the rewards and worthwhile aspects of being (President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, Ordinary committee member) that you have experienced?

And here 'tis what they said:

- *The rewards are huge, what one gives cannot be measured and the returns in terms of satisfaction for things done well far outweigh efforts expended.*
- *It's a great way to meet people similarly motivated.*
- *Volunteering is claimed to be good for one's health.*
- *One of the benefits is to realise how much work some people contribute.*
- *You meet and become friends with members with whom you may never have shared a class.*
- *In regards to the events - I have enjoyed working with motivated and intelligent people, sharing imaginative ideas of what we could organise in the way of special events for our membership and guest speakers for our monthly coffee mornings.*
- *Helps keep my brain active and keeps me connected with the general community.*

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*Message to
2016 U3A Glass Leaders*

Thank you for all the hard work and effort you've put in to helping us provide a wonderfully varied and exciting program of classes and courses for the members of U3A Castlemaine this year.

To show how much we appreciate you, we have great pleasure in inviting you to a special 'Thank You Breakfast' at BUDA Historic House and Garden, Castlemaine.



Saturday 17th September

9am to 11am.

We hope that you can join us.

Colleen Smith 0409 084 620

Bev Orgill 0459 324 455

The Recent Visit of U3A Deepdene to Castlemaine

On Tuesday August 9th 23 members of the U3A Deepdene Historic Walking Group visited Castlemaine to see some of the sights that are offered in this town, and to meet for lunch with a few of our members. It was a beautiful, sunny day for their one hour walk guided by Margaret Theobald. After the walk, some of our members drove the Deepdene group to Buda for lunch organised by Tom Comerford. After lunch Tom and Beryl Leavesley took the group on a tour of the Buda garden and house. When the tour was over our members drove the visitors to the train station for their return to Melbourne.

We have received an email thanking us for our efforts in helping make the day memorable and with the suggestion that, if desired, one of their members could return to speak at a coffee morning next year on a science topic.

Joe Scoglio

HEDGE OPEN GARDENS

Marion, Penny, Janet, Heather, and Peggy are opening their gardens on the Sundays in September for our visitors to enjoy the BULBS and BLOSSOMS of SPRING.

This winter's rains have been truly wonderful and all the gardens should be looking great!

Information regarding property addresses and opening times at –

<http://www.thehedge.net/open-gardens-2016.html>

Peggy Munro 5472 2086



Attention Course Leaders 2017

If you are intending to offer a course next year it is time to submit an application.

**The form is available on the U3A
Castlemaine website -
www.u3acastlemaine.com**

The best way to use the form is to download it to your computer, tab to each field to complete details. Then email the form to

u3a.courses@gmail.com.

Contact John Waldie on 0400 858 581 or at the email address above if you prefer a paper form. Paper copies are also available from the U3A office in Duke Street.

We need new History courses for 2017. Our history stalwarts Tom Comerford and Dick Mack are not offering courses next year. Are you a history buff? What will you offer?

Closing date for applications is
Thursday 15th September 2016

Visit the Melbourne Botanical Gardens in its Spring Flowering

Tuesday, October 18th

The events committee has organised a one and a half hour walking tour of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens on Tuesday, 18th October at 10.30am. We will be shown the gardens in full blossom and be given its history.



COST - The cost is \$9.60 per person (exact money please) and we need a minimum of twelve people. The **payment deadline** is the **October 7th coffee morning**.

TRANSPORT - We will get to the gardens by public transport. The 8.06am Castlemaine train will get you to Southern Cross by 9.27am and then take a tram to Swanston Street for another tram along St Kilda Road to the Shrine of Remembrance. The Visitors Centre for the gardens is in Birdwood Avenue, opposite the Shrine.

MEETING PLACE - Meet at the Visitors Centre at 10.15am.

For any questions contact Joe Scoglio on 5472 2396 or at u3acm.events@gmail.com

Review of the U3A Castlemaine visit to Degas at the NGV

On July 28th a group of us went to this year's *Midwinter Masterpiece Season* at the National Gallery of Victoria. On show was a huge exhibition of the works of Edgar Degas that included oil paintings, drawings, watercolours and sculptures. If one saw the advertisements for the exhibition one would think that there would only be paintings of ballet dancers on display. Far from it. The NGV did itself a disservice by not referring to the variety of Degas work on show. Before entering the exhibition we were given an informative one

hour lecture on the background to Degas' life and works. Such information can make all the difference to one's appreciation of the work. Added life was given to the portraits when we knew the story of the people painted. One could trace the changes in Degas' style from fine draftsman in his early years to his use of splashes of colour in his later years when his eyesight was failing him.

All in all it was an excellent day sharing new visions with friends. Perhaps some of us were even inspired to get back to the easel.

Joe Scoglio



Musicals ... the Gershwins

Another musical feast this afternoon, compliments of the Gershwin brothers...Ira and George. Brothers, but poles apart in personality. Ira, the eldest was introverted and quiet, he became the lyricist. George the composer, however was the life of every party he attended, and proficient at everything he turned his hand to...horse riding, golf, tennis and for a short period art, namely painting.

These brothers were another example of musical talent to arise from the poor Jewish immigrants who fled Europe for the U.S.A. in the late 1800s. George and Ira's parents settled in New York, and the rest, as they say is history!

Not only did we listen to such classics as *Swanee*, *Rhapsody in Blue* and selections from *Porgy and Bess*, but we watched them performed by artists Al Jolson, Fred Astaire, Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald...a treat.

We left reflecting on the achievements of a short life, as George died at just 38 from a malignant brain tumour, but leaving us with his musical legacy.

Till next month when I report on *Oklahoma*.
Cheers from...**Jan Gower**.

MyU3A Q & A

and other technical stuff

For assistance with MyU3A email the details of your issue to myu3ahelp@gmail.com.

Also -

When you click on  from our website you will see this button

MyU3A Member Instructions

Click on this for a guide to using MyU3A.

Course Leaders – Tutor Login

Q. *I'm a Class Leader so can I use the Tutor Portal?*

A. Yes. MyU3A uses 'Tutor' as a general term for Class Leader, Course Leader or Tutor.

Q. *How do I get into the Tutor Portal?*

- A. 1. Go to the U3A Castlemaine website – www.u3acastlemaine.com
2. Under **Index** Click **Member Login**
3. Then click **Tutor Login** as below

If you are a current tutor, login by clicking here:

Tutor Login

4. Enter your member ID and password - a list of your classes appears.

Are you new to U3A Castlemaine? Wondering what this MyU3A is about?

MyU3A is a business management software package designed for U3A organisations by members of U3A Geelong.

It is web-based, very fast and features high-level security and privacy protection. It assists management in all aspects of our organisation, and can be used on any device that has Internet access.

Q. *That sounds fine, but why do I need to know about it?*

- A. MyU3A allows you to manage your membership:
- You can join or renew your membership.
 - You can update your personal details.
 - You can enrol in classes.
 - You can apologise for non-attendance in a class or classes.
 - You can withdraw from a class.

Course Leaders

Please remember to ...

***Enter your class attendances into MyU3A.**

***Advise the Venues Coordinator when you have not, or plan not to use a rented space.**

Q. *I don't have a pc, so what can I do?*

A. You can use a smartphone, an iPad or tablet, in fact any device that can access the Internet. Or go to the local library and use the public computers.

Q. *So how do I use MyU3A?*

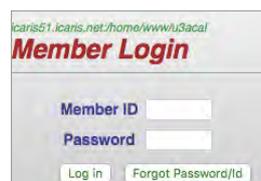
A. After joining you will receive an email from auto@myu3a.net with your ID and password.

1. Log on to our website www.u3acastlemaine.com
2. Under **Index** Click **Member Login**
3. Click on Member Login again -

If you are an existing member, click this button:

Member Login

and use your ID and password



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Member Login

Member ID

Password

Log in Forgot Password/Id

Then follow the MyU3A Member Instructions – see top of the first column on this page.

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Do you have an email account?

Is your inbox FULL?

Get in there and Delete! Delete! Delete!

