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From The Committee

Happy New Year from Keith, Geoff, Bill, Helen, Paul, Claire, Andrew, Roberta and Adele your committee for 2015. Another year chalked up for Creswick U3A.

Dates to remember.

January 8th Creswick Neighbourhood Centre.

Film "The King and I" this will be preceded by a sausage sizzle Please advise if you are attending by Saturday 3rd so that we know how many to cater for. There is no charge. Food at 12.00 film at 1.00.

January 15th Enrolment Meeting

Please note the new venue is the **Creswick Courthouse Theatre**, Raglan St next to the old Post Office. Commencing at 10.00 am, this is an opportunity to speak to tutors and plan your activities for the term or year. If you are re enrolling and cannot make it on the day please contact Bill or Keith to register for the classes you are interested in. Groups with waiting lists or short courses, please make sure you can attend regularly. If you are registered in a group with a waiting list and fail to attend 3 times without advising the tutor, you will automatically be removed and replaced.

Our Tutors do a wonderful job in preparing and presenting groups in a volunteer capacity and we are grateful to you for your hard work. Members, we thank you for your participation, and attendance throughout 2014 and wish you all the best in your chosen activities for 2015.

We are indeed fortunate to have as our guest speakers for the day Zelda Martin and Nina Netherway who will speak on the **Spires, Towers and Turrets of Ballarat**, this fascinating tour of a little known feature of Ballarat history will captivate you. Your next visit to town will be looked at entirely differently. This will be followed by our usual light lunch.

RSVP By January 8th

On December 9th last year [yes 2014 is last year now] Bill and Keith attended a forum for Class coordinators conducted by the education committee of U3A Network Victoria, in Melbourne. Some of the U3A's had memberships of over 1500 and many in excess of 500; it was pleasing that our own U3A fared well in the number of classes offered and in our administration. A new U3A, Corio which covers Torquay and surrounds, already has over 150 members and we were very impressed with their professional approach. It bears out once again that if your founding committee is strong, as ours was, the platform for success is laid.

There are now 107 U3A'S in Victoria divided into 12 Regions with in excess of 26,000 members. Unfortunately funding has not increased to support this growth.

Network Victoria is itself a volunteer organization with only a couple of paid employees. The Policy and Planning, Education, Finance, Marketing and

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Photography

Ulrich Babst is our photographer, when he snaps your photo it may be included in the newsletter or appear on the Web Site, if you do not want this please advise Ulrich or hide until he leaves.

COMMITTEE

PresidentKeith Robertson

Vice President..... Geoff Parsons

SecretaryBill Morrison

Treasurer Andrew Cossen

Members.....Helen Cossen, Claire Chadder, Adele Morrison, Roberta Rice, Paul Ford

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Publicity committees as well as the Technology Users Group, are all volunteers, contributing time and expertise to help run their own and our U3A efficiently. We are indeed lucky to have this support.

Once again Happy New Year and take advantage of as many offerings as you can in 2015.

GENERAL / ENROLMENT MEETING 15th January

Date - Thursday 15th January- 10.00 a.m. start.

Venue- Creswick Courthouse Theatre (next to old Post Office)

SPEAKERS – Zalda Martin and Nina Netherway will take us on a fascinating journey via an audio visual presentation of History- Identifying Ballarat's Turrets, Spires and Towers.

You will be looking for these landmarks on your next trip to Ballarat.



THE INSIDE JOKE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

"A New Year's resolution is something which goes in one year and out the other !"

What is Celibacy?

Celibacy can be a choice in life,
Or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, my wife and I, listened to the instructor declare, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other.'

He then addressed the men,
'Can you name and describe your wife's favourite flower?'
I leaned over, touched my wife's hand gently, and whispered,
'Self-raising, isn't it?'

And thus began my life of celibacy.

WORLD MOVIES FOR FEBRUARY - MARCH

MAGIC IN THE MOONLIGHT February 5th

Chinese conjuror Wei Ling Soo is the most celebrated magician of his age, but few know that he is the stage persona of Stanley Crawford (Colin Firth), a grouchy and arrogant Englishman with a sky-high opinion of himself and an aversion to phony spiritualists' claims. Persuaded by his friend, Howard Burkan (Simon McBurney), Stanley goes on a mission to the Côte d'Azur mansion of the Catledge family: mother Grace (Jacki Weaver), son Brice (Hamish Linklater), and daughter Caroline (Erica Leerhsen). He presents himself as a businessman named Stanley Taplinger in order to debunk the alluring young clairvoyant Sophie Baker (Emma Stone) who is staying there with her mother (Marcia Gay Harden). Sophie arrived at the Catledge villa at the invitation of Grace, who is convinced that Sophie can help her contact her late husband, and once there, attracted the attention of Brice, who has fallen for her head over heels. What follows is a series of events that are magical in every sense of the word and send the characters reeling. In the end, the biggest trick *MAGIC IN THE MOONLIGHT* plays is the one that fools us all. (C) Sony Pictures Classics

BARRY LYNDON February 12th

Based on the Victorian novel by William Makepeace Thackeray, *Barry Lyndon* tells the complex and subtle story of a sensitive, intelligent and ambitious man trapped in a society which has no use for him. Despite the obstacle of his Irish birth in relative poverty, Raymond Barry (Ryan O'Neal) manages by various stratagems and devices to become the wealthy but ill-respected Barry Lyndon. Fooled into leaving his home by the family of the girl he had hoped to marry, Barry becomes a soldier in the a war fought on the European Continent. His adventures teach him how to manipulate people, paving the way for his success. His crowning achievement as a social climber is his marriage to Lady Lyndon (Marisa Berenson), the beautiful and wealthy widow of an English ambassador to the courts of Europe. His stepson, whom he despises, becomes his nemesis. The slow pace given this film by director Stanley Kubrick is a deliberate evocation of the sensibility of the times and gives added force to the retelling of the novel. The film's lavish cinematography was highly acclaimed and it won Oscars for "Art Direction," "Costume Design" and "Musical Score," adapted by Leonard Rosenman from classical sources.

THE RAILWAY MAN March 5th

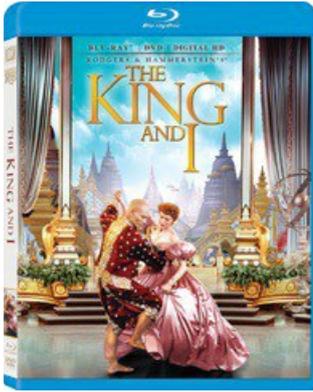
Based on the remarkable bestselling autobiography, *THE RAILWAY MAN* tells the extraordinary and epic true story of Eric Lomax (Colin Firth), a British Army officer who is tormented as a prisoner of war at a Japanese labor camp during World War II. Decades later, Lomax and his beautiful love interest Patti (Nicole Kidman) discover that the Japanese interpreter responsible for much of his treatment is still alive and set out to confront him, and his haunting past, in this powerful and inspiring tale of heroism, humanity and the redeeming power of love. (c) Weinstein

SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK March 12th

Life doesn't always go according to plan. Pat Solatano (Bradley Cooper) has lost everything -- his house, his job, and his wife. He now finds himself living back with his mother (Jacki Weaver) and father (Robert DeNiro) after spending eight months in a state institution on a plea bargain. Pat is determined to rebuild his life, remain positive and reunite with his wife, despite the challenging circumstances of their separation. All Pat's parents want is for him to get back on his feet-and to share their family's obsession with the Philadelphia Eagles football team. When Pat meets Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), a mysterious girl with problems of her own, things get complicated. Tiffany offers to help Pat reconnect with his wife, but only if he'll do something very important for her in return. As their deal plays out, an unexpected bond begins to form between them, and silver linings appear in both of their lives. -- (C) Weinstein

World Movies are held at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre from 1pm

FILM and SAUSAGE SIZZLE - January 8th at Creswick Neighbourhood Centre



The King and I, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammersteins 1951 Broadway musical hit, was based on Margaret Landon's book Anna and the King of Siam. Since 20th-Century-Fox had made a film version of the Landon book in 1946, that studio had first dibs on the movie adaptation of The King and I. Deborah Kerr plays English widow Anna Leonowens, who comes to Siam in the 1860s to tutor the many wives and children of the country's progressive King. [Yul Brynner recreating his Broadway role-and winning an Oscar in the process]. The culture clash between Anna and the King is but one aspect of their multi layered relationship.

Through Anna, the King learns the refineries and responsibilities of "modern" western civilization; Anna meanwhile comes to realize how important it is for an Oriental ruler to maintain his pride and to uphold the customs of his people. After a successful evening entertaining foreign dignitaries, Anna and the King celebrate with an energetic dance, but this is cut short by a bitter quarrel over the cruel punishment of the King's new Burmese wife Tuptim Rita Moreno, who has dared to fall in love with someone else. Despite the many rifts between them, Anna and the monarch come to respect and (to a degree) love one another.

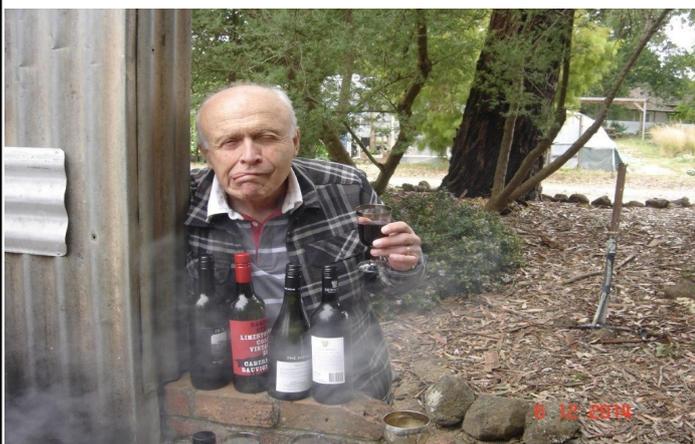
When the King dies, Anna agrees to stay on to offer help and advice to the new ruler of Siam, young Prince Chulalongkhorn

This film will be preceded by a sausage sizzle at 12.00pm movie at 1.00pm RSVP 3rd January to Bill or Keith.

U3a Xmas Party 2014



"The Chefs"



"Andrew at his best"



NAME TAGS:

Please wear your name tag to all U3A events.

If it is not convenient to wear your name tag, eg: playing table tennis. Please keep it with you with the "IN Case of Emergency" details filled in.

If you do not have a name tag please contact a committee member.

CODE RED:

On Code Red days all U3A activities are cancelled.

In case of a **U3A General Meeting** contact U3A by mobile or email.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

U3A Committee Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Creswick Library.

3:30 - 5pm sharp!!!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Newsletter contributions are always welcome. Please email your article to u3a3363@gmail.com

PAYMENT OF FEES BY DIRECT DEPOSIT:

We are pleased to see a number of our members are using this convenient method of payment. Just pop into the Bendigo Bank and the friendly staff will assist you in filling out a payment form which will go directly into the Creswick U3A account.

Deposit directly to: Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Account No. 137 271 003

Please make sure your NAME is on the pay information/ reference information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

2015

3 rd January	Leisurely Lunch " Amphitheatre Hotel "
3 rd January	RSVP for catering at free Sausage Sizzle/ Movie
8 th January	Movie " The King and I" and Sausage Sizzle- 12 noon start.
8 th January	RSVP General Meeting
15 TH January	General Meeting- Class Enrolments for 2015 Audio visual presentation- Speakers. Luncheon
5 TH February	World Movies - "Magic in the Moonlight"
7 th February	Leisurely Lunch "Dig at Newstead."
12th February	World Movies - "Barry Lyndon"
5th March	World Movies - "The Railway Man"
7th March	Leisurely Lunches." Avoca Hotel"
12th March	World Movies - "Silver Linings Playbook"

Class Co-ordinators Report

At the moment this job is shared by Bill and Keith, if you need anything, contact either of them. After the January 15th meeting a new class timetable will be prepared including the times and dates of new activities, available online, via e-mail or post. There are a number of new items being proposed so come along and see how they fit into your itinerary, some are cooking, some are learning but all are interesting. The next newsletter will be published March 2015.

P Plate Philosophy



Philosophy began in the Jurassic period when a group of Dinosaurs known as Philoraptors would roam about eating their neighbours and dispensing theories. Socrates Rex and the little known Platosaur were the main practitioners.

Many Philosophical subjects were covered such as why some smaller Dinosaurs chose to live in close proximity to the Philoraptors, whether the approaching Asteroid would affect their lifestyle, was vegetation decline adding to global cooling and whether their very short arms were a result of medication their mothers had taken while they were in the egg. Armed with this knowledge this long running group is now no longer a beginners class hence the change of title.

Vacancies for this group are very limited and a wait list may have to be employed.

More BBQ Photos



2015 CLASS TIMETABLE

Yearly Classes: Monday, February 2nd – Friday, December 4th 2015

Semester One: Monday, Jan 2nd – Friday, Jun 26th 2015

MONDAY YEARLY CLASSES

Subject	Date/Time	Venue	Tutor/Contact	Description
Bush Walking	2nd & 4th Monday of each month 9am – 11am	Behind the INFO Centre	Helen 5345 2853	Join the group for a moderate walk around various Creswick locations, and then enjoy a cuppa & chat.
Creswick History	2nd & 4th Monday of each month 10am – 12 noon	Creswick Library	Geoff	Explore Creswick's rich & fascinating history as you uncover truths or challenge inaccuracies.
Mah-jong	Weekly 1pm – 3pm	John Curtin Hostel	Gail 5345 2360	A game which originated in China is played with small tiles & is a combination of skill & luck.
Cryptic Crosswords	1st & 3rd Monday of each month 1pm – 3pm	C'wick Neighbourhood Centre	Malcolm 5345 2568	Join an enthusiastic group who delight in taking on the challenge issued by devious compilers.

TUESDAY YEARLY CLASSES

Subject	Date/Time	Venue	Tutor/Contact	Description
HERITAGE FRUIT	2nd & 4th Tues monthly 1-3 pm	Contact Tutor	Keith 0490104332	This group has been going since U3A began in Creswick & is still going strong. We look at all aspects of fruit growing, varieties & species. Join us for cider making this year.
MOSAICS	3rd Tuesday of each month 11am – 3pm	Railway Workshops	Elaine 5345 1161	Even if you are not 'arty' you can still create items of beauty, so join our friendly group & try your hand at this ancient art form – Mosaics.
BACK IN THE GAME	Weekly 3.30 – 4.30pm	Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall	Bill 5345 2995	Exercise activities which vary & are tailored for the needs of seniors. Low impact activity with high impact fun!
TAI CHI	Weekly 4.40 – 6.10pm	Creswick Neighbourhood Centre Hall	Eva 5345 2568	Tai Chi is a low impact, peaceful exercise program, ideal for seniors.
SCRABBLE	Weekly 1.00 – 3.00pm	John Curtin Hostel	Carol 5345 1500	These classes cater for experienced players or beginners. So why not join us for an afternoon of fun and challenge.

WEDNESDAY YEARLY CLASSES

Subject	Date/Time	Venue	Tutor/Contact	Description
POKER	Weekly 10.00 – 12 noon	Contact Tutor	Andrew 5345 2853	Why not enjoy a game of Poker without breaking the budget? \$2 buys you \$1000 of chips to have fun with while trying to win a game.
500 CARD GAME	Weekly 1.00 – 3.00 pm	Contact Tutor	Andrew 5345 2853	Why not enjoy a Wednesday afternoon playing 500, together with a chat and laughter.
KNITTING GROUP	Weekly 1.00 – 3.00 pm	Creswick Neighbourhood Centre	Tracey 5345 2313	Ever wondered how to use circular needles, cast on or do a stretchy cast off? Why not make a vest or pair of socks for winter. Join us and have fun learning this and more!

THURSDAY YEARLY CLASSES

Subject	Date/Time	Venue	Tutor/Contact	Description
WORLD MOVIES	1st & 2nd Thursday of each month 1.00 – 3.00 pm	Creswick Neighbourhood Centre	Keith 0490104332 Bill 5345 2995	Creswick U3A movies. Spend a pleasant couple of hours viewing a wide range of enjoyable movies. Some will make you laugh, others will make you think.
PHILOSOPHY	4th Thursday of each month 1.00 – 3.00 pm	Creswick Library	Bill 5345 2995	Looking for the deepest study of Ancient, Modern & European philosophers? This group is NOT for you. Looking for a pleasant couple of hours where you leave with something to think about? Then give it a try.
MEDITATION	Weekly 2.00 – 3.00 pm	Contact Tutor	Paul 5345 8280 0412 149 423	Feeling the strain of modern living? Learn to block it all out & relax completely, while learning techniques to help you face problems and cope more easily.

FRIDAY YEARLY CLASSES

Subject	Date/Time	Venue	Tutor/Contact	Description
COFFEE & CURRENT AFFAIRS	Weekly 9.30 am – 11.00 am	Red Fox, Albert St, Creswick	Helen 5345 2853	Why not join a few friends & chat about all kinds of topics, on Friday morning, while enjoying a cuppa & maybe something sweet to eat.
TABLE TENNIS	Weekly 2.00 – 4.00 pm	Creswick Railway Workshop	Andrew 5345 2853	Table Tennis is usually played in round robin pairs on 2 tables. Have fun as well as exercise and new members are always welcome.
COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP	4th Friday of each month 2.00 – 3.00 pm	Contact Tutor	Keith 0490104332	Join our group for a coffee & chat about any computer problems, software or maybe share your expertise or simply find out how computers work!

NEW CLASSES - CROQUET

FRIDAY 10-12 Weekly CROQUET - Doug Lindsay Reserve. Victoria St Creswick. Contact Geoff 0409 213673

SATURDAY LUNCHES

Subject	Date/Time	Venue	Tutor/Contact	Description
LEISURELY LUNCHES	1st Saturday of each month 11.30 am at the Information Centre Car Park Creswick	Various	Helen 5345 2853	Throughout the year, we lunch at a variety of cafés, restaurants and hotels, within a radius of Creswick of up to 45 minutes drive. Join us on the 1st Saturday and enjoy a leisurely afternoon among friends.

- * 3rd January, 2015 Amphitheatre Hotel
- * 7th February, 2015 Dig at Newstead
- * 7th March, 2015 Avoca Hotel
- * 4th April, 2015 Hepburn Springs Pavilion