

Welcome to our May 2020 Edition of U3A Baw Baw's Chat Sheet



With the Covid 19 restrictions , announced by the State Government, U3A Baw Baw's MONTHLY GATHERING, all courses, Mahjong and Scrabble meetings have been cancelled until further notice. We hope all our Members stay safe and healthy and we thank you for your patience and understanding during this very difficult and unprecedented time.



From the President, May 2020

Dear Members,

Joni Mitchell wrote "You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone" I suspect we have all been appreciating what we used to take for granted in this very different time.

Thanks to Ruth, at least we can enjoy the Chat Sheet, Jim has initiated a task for burgeoning poets, Steph has co-ordinated a Book Club and the Fine Film Group is meeting via Zoom. But I am sure we would all rather meet 'live'.

A sub committee under the leadership of Graeme have been working with support from Network to develop a new webpage for U3A Baw Baw. The early stages of this look really attractive and functional. Thanks to all involved.

Network has asked for statistics about our Courses. The Course Committee met with Sally (zoom again) and I was surprised to find out that our overall commitment annually from Tutors and Committee has been 2268 hours. What a generous effort.

Hope you are all keeping well and safe and looking forward to seeing you as soon as it is safe to do so.

Best Wishes Mary



Free to good Home from Geoff Clyne

Geoff has two items of a Canon 650 PGBK XL (large) ink cartridges that he can't use. They cannot be returned because the package is open. The pair is worth over \$60. Anybody has a good home for them? Please Phone Geoff at 0438 953 753 to collect.

U3A Book Club



Our U3A Baw Baw Book Club was launched the first week of second term. We are exploring the works of Helen Garner and Tim Winton, two iconic modern Australian Authors.

The books have been distributed to our Club members and we are all happily reading.

We will be meeting on Zoom to discuss the books and writing and sharing our written thoughts by email.

It is not too late to join, we have all of second term to finish our chosen books. Please contact Steph Wellard, Course Co-ordinator. Mobile 0419509607 or email:

By Kitty O'Meara

"And the people stayed home. And read books and listened,
and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games,
and learned new ways of being, and were still.
And listened more deeply.
Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows.



And the people began to think differently.
And in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses, and made new choices,
and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed. From Russel Brown



U3A 'virtual' Fine Film Group.

If any members are not familiar with Zoom, Course Co-ordinator: Steph Wellard 0419509607 will explain it to you.

All U3A members are welcome to join our Fine Film group by emailing Course Convenor: Barb Brown at barbandruss@gmail.com. Please include your mobile phone number in your email to receive the name of the film for each week.

This is the procedure :-

1. Download the 'SBS ON DEMAND' APP onto your iPad, iPhone or technical device.
2. Every Monday morning a text will arrive at each member's phone telling members of the chosen film to watch that week (all members will watch the same art house film and write their review of the film to share with other members on the last Friday of each month).
3. One member each week will receive a text on the weekend asking her/him to choose a film from their 'SBS ON DEMAND' APP to be viewed by all FF members the following week, this person will then text their choice of film (before the following Monday) to Barb Brown 0433281843, who will group text the name of this film to all members of our Fine Film group.
3. On the last Friday of each month Steph Wellard will send a Zoom invitation to each member.
4. At 11am on that Friday, each member will click on the link in the Zoom invitation and follow the one or two steps to arrive in the Zoom room.
5. Fun will be had by all as, methodically, each member individually will read out their reviews of the 4 or 5 films they have watched that month (or of as many or as little as they were in a position to watch).



Sea Fever
By John Masefield

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I must go down to the seas again,
to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and
a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song
and the white sail's shaking,
And a gray mist on the sea's face,
and a gray dawn breaking.

Dear Members, here is a poem initiated by Jim Connelly, it is a parody of John Masefield's poem "Sea Fever".

Nine U3A Baw Baw members: Sally Alsop, Russell Brown, Jim Connelly, Rob Dunlop, Mary Howlett, Barbara Maisson, John Parker, Di Potter, and Kate Richardson; contributed line after line as the poem was built up and

circulated amongst them

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I must go down to the shops again, to the crowded city street,
And all I ask is the chance to find old friends to meet and greet.

Now the time's come and we're free again and the lockdown's ended,
With a big smile on the people's face and our hearts are truly mended.

I must go down to the shops again, to the scenes I hold so dear,
To volunteer just to reappear and say hello to a real cashier,

To hear once more the children call and the sound far off of the traffic
roar.

Though it's been a while, I can say with a smile, 'We now know what's
worth living for'.

I must go down to the shops again, to my own little corner in town,

And hope to see a familiar face with a smile instead of a frown,

*And all I ask from this kindly friend that I've so been longing to meet, is a
long chat with a flat white and my joy will be complete.*

Thanks once more for your interest and contributions.

Yours poetically and sympathetically, Jim.



U3A Baw Baw Excursion during the month of May/June

**Virtual tour of National Gallery of Victoria Exhibition
Marking Time: Indigenous Art Collection**

Take a virtual guided tour on-line of this wonderful exhibition during May and join a U3A Zoom chat group at the end of May to discuss the exhibition.

Come and join us for our Virtual Gallery Excursions during this time of isolation

Web site: my.matterport.com

Please contact Steph Wellard Art Gallery Virtual Tour Excursion leader on 0419509607

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