

Welcome to our July 2020 Edition of Baw Baw's Chat Sheet

Message from the President



Dear Members,

We had high hopes of being able to meet in person very soon, but are conscious of the increased need to be cautious after the latest outbreaks of the Covid 19. The Course Committee is meeting to have programs ready for our return to our rooms as well as offering courses on Zoom with associated training. We are very grateful to

Steph Wellard for all her efforts.

The Committee is not in hibernation!! The work of the Secretary, Treasurer, Network Representative and Publicity continues as well as the many hours that the IT Committee are spending on implementing the new webpage and associated Data Base.

I would like to thank Margaret Theile for her constant efforts as the Membership Secretary. Margaret has handed the baton to Rod Wellard and we are grateful that he has accepted this while being grateful that Margaret remains as a Committee member so that we continue to benefit from her wisdom and experience.

Another Committee member who works constantly on our behalf is Ruth Renouf without whom we would not have this ChatSheet, Thank you for all you do, Ruth.

It is heartening that members have been sending contributions to be shared via this medium. Ruth and I have been reflecting that it is truly becoming a Chat Sheet, the nearest we can get to sharing over a cup of tea. So we welcome your contributions, eg a special birthday celebration, birth of a grandchild, how you have coped with this hard time. If you would like to contribute, please email Ruth at ruth.renouf@yahoo.com.au

And now for the GOOD NEWS!!!!!!

The following motion was passed at the Committee Meeting last Friday
"That members who have paid fees for the 2020 year will have their memberships extended into the 2021 year without paying further fees."

Looking forward to seeing you safe and well very soon

With best wishes, Mary



COURSES REPORT JUNE 2020



Our U3A has been running several Courses on Zoom Term 2. The Book Club, commenced in Term two, and has been conducted on Zoom and through emails. We have been exploring the works of Helen Garner and Tim Winton throughout the term. While we would all love to be meeting face to face, our Zoom experience, has enabled much lively discussion and enjoyment.

The Book Club will continue in Term 3, and we will meet and discuss our books on Zoom and through emails until it is deemed appropriate to return to our Club room. The Authors for Term three will be Geraldine Brooks and Thomas Keneally.

Geraldine Brooks won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel March in 2006 and she has a huge international following, and is a wonderful story teller.

Thomas Keneally, is a Booker Prize and Miles Franklin prize winner, a much loved and venerated Australian Author.

Introduction to Zoom Courses: John Parker has run two of these courses during Term 2, it has been a challenging and exciting experience for those learning to use this new technology. Thank you John.

We will be offering a further two Introduction to Zoom Courses on Tuesday 21st of July at 11am and on the 4th of August at 11am.

Members may enrol for these courses on the U3A Baw Baw web-site, or contact john by email: johnrparker106@gmail.com or text: 0408364159.

The Art Galley Excursion virtual Tours have visited the National Gallery of Victoria and enjoyed the wonderful Marking Time Exhibition that is still running.

We are also visiting the Bendigo Gallery's Bessie Davidson virtual tour, be wonderful to see in person, but very enjoyable on-line.

We will be planning more Virtual Gallery tours in term 3.

Third Term: John Parker will be running a new Course during Term 3 on Zoom, called Did You Know?

John's experiences as Surveyor General involving Australian States and their borders, place names, title and land ownership systems form the basis of his presentations for each weeks classes.

Did you know will commence on 16th July at 10am and will run weekly throughout Term 3. This Course will be run on Zoom.

Please check out the web-site under Courses or the Chat Sheet for further information about this exciting new Course.

For any information regarding our Term 3 Courses please contact: Steph Wellard Course Co-ordinator on 0419509607 Email: courses@u3abawbaw.org.au



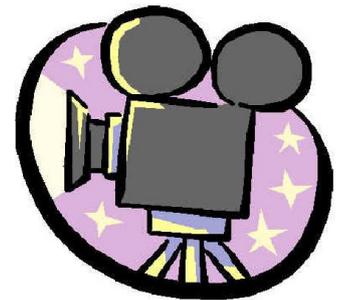
U3A Fine Film Group

Our U3A (Virtual) Fine Films Group has been running since Steph Wellard (Course Co-ordinator) organised our first Zoom meeting on Friday 23rd April 2020.

Our members use either their smart TV, computer or iPad and it's possible to use an iPhone to view the weekly movie on SBS ON DEMAND.

Each week one of our 12 members sends a text to Barbara Brown (Course Convenor) with the name of the film she/he has selected for our members to watch on SBS ON DEMAND. Barbara then sends that film name to all members via email and so the fun begins.

At the end of the month Steph emails a Zoom invitation to all members and the Zoom meeting takes place where each member gives their review of the films they have viewed for that month. Interesting discussions branch from listening to the many and varied reviews which reveal the insights our members have gained in their observations in watching these films.



Since commencement the films we have watched are:-

- IDA
- The Secret Scripture
- Hunt For The Wilder People
- Angry Inuk
- The Telegram Man
- Female Agents
- My Left Foot
- Rosalie Blum
- Dede

Barbara Brown

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands ??

In line this morning at the Post Office, three people came in wearing masks....

PANIC !!!

Then they said "This is a robbery" and we all calmed down



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The KNIGHT'S TOUR. This puzzle goes back as far as the ninth century. Take a chess board of 8 by 8 squares (or, better, draw up an 8 by 8 grid on paper)
Place the knight in the top left hand corner (or any corner.)
Using the knight's normal chess move (one forward and two sideways, or two forward and one sideways), visit every square on the board without landing on the same square twice.
For an easier puzzle, do the same thing with a five-square grid. This time, place the knight in the middle square to begin with.
You can find multiple solutions by simply googling 'The Knight's Tour'.
Jim Connelly



[The Chatsheet Quiz](#) by Robert Dunlop

Well friends, is Covid-19 getting you down? Is self-isolation bothering you? Time to challenge the old brain cells with the Chatsheet Quiz.

This man is regularly in the news and has a high profile. Who is he and what does he do? Is he —



- 1) The lead singer of Guns and Roses
- 2) The lead guitarist of Cold Chisel
- 3) Donald Trump's speechwriter
- 4) Scott Morrison, the Prime Minister of Australia
- 5) None of the above.

The first correct answer will go into the draw for a second-hand Covid-19 testing kit

[The Friends of Paynesville Library](#) would like to invite U3A members to enter their Short Story Competition.

The Friends of Paynesville Library Inc. after much consideration, decided to hold their annual Short Story Competition 2020.

They feel it might be a nice distraction for those folk who are interested in writing and have been isolated because of Covid19 and would like to invite U3A members to participate.

Perhaps you may not have had time to compose a story before—so now might be the time to sit down, try and take your mind off the woes of the world and let the words flow. Who knows a new career or hobby beckons!

The Friends have a website: www.friendsofpaynesvillelibrary.com which has a brochure that can be downloaded.

NB Entries close on Friday, 28th August 2020



Extract from the Gazette - Tuesday 22 June



A new U3A Baw Baw 'Zoom' class from John Parker

Many U3A Baw Baw members are now beginning to make use of online classes using 'Zoom', the online video conference application. A very important and relevant course running this term is "An Introduction to Zoom" which allows U3A members with no knowledge of the 'Zoom' application to learn how to use it and participate in classes. More of these classes will be run as required. At some stage we hope to be back at our regular venue, the RSL building in Drouin, albeit under strict Government guidelines for social distancing. At present all current U3A Baw Baw members are encouraged and advised to visit the new web site for news and information on courses and activities.

All U3A members have now been issued with a membership number and should update their personal information on the new web site, this is a critical part of the new U3A Baw Baw web site which has many benefits for our members.

One new and unique online course for Term 3 will be 'Did you Know' to be presented by John Parker. It will commence on Thursday 16 July at 10am as a 'Zoom' class and run weekly at the same time until the end of term.

John's varied experiences as a past Surveyor General included being involved with Australian States and their borders, place names, title and land ownership systems, electoral boundaries, international organisations including the United Nations, the World Bank and Governments, will form the basis of his presentations for each week's class. Presentations will include; 'How Australian States came about', 'Issues with Victoria's Borders', 'Importance of Geographic Names', 'Australia's role in land ownership systems in developing countries', and much more..

John, a past president of U3A Baw Baw, grew up locally in Ripplebrook and attended Drouin Central Classes and Drouin High School. Prior to being Surveyor General of Victoria he was Chief Surveyor of the State Electricity Commission of Victoria. His initial 19 years of work was in a private firm of surveyors, engineers and town planners.

Should you wish to discuss the course with John, he can be contacted on 0408 364 159 or by email, johnp.u3abb@gmail.com .

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