

## Welcome to the May 2021 edition of the U3A Baw Baw Chat Sheet.

\* **May Gathering: Friday 14th @ 12:30pm \***

At the Royal Hotel , Drouin.

Members are invited to attend Lunch at their own expense.

As it is essential to book due for COVID-19 reasons, please advise U3A Secretary on :0490 770 062 if you are able to attend.  
No later than Tuesday, 11 of May.



### A Message from the President



Dear Members,

What a beautiful season Autumn is!!.. John Keat's beautiful poem paints the picture of "*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun*"

Even in the Australian bush where the change in foliage is not as dramatic as with the European trees, Autumn brings beautiful crisp mornings followed by "mellow" days.

Enough of my ramblings, I am writing this in a sunny spot looking out over red and golden trees and enjoying the beauty before facing the task of raking them up!!.

The Committee met last Friday and we read the regulations for gatherings in Community Halls.

The 2 square metre rule limits our numbers to 30 but with the necessity for 1.5 metres apart unless everyone is wearing a mask, we are very limited and will not be returning to our rooms for the next month at least.

This is disappointing but we need to be cautious and obey the regulations. Therefore, courses will continue as per the Course booklet and the Gathering for May will be held at the Royal Hotel.

John Parker has set up a QR Code for us in readiness for when we can meet physically.

I hope you all keep well and are able to enjoy this Indian Summer.

Best Wishes      Mary

### NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

U3ABawBaw are grateful that their application to the Community Development Grants Program 2020/2021 was successful and \$2,445 was awarded to purchase a **Defibrillator**. We are grateful to Nigel Beresford for his part in applying for the grant and to the BawBaw Shire for their ongoing support.





**FROM THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL TO THE ROYAL HOTEL**  
**Drouin**



Jenny Hall has sung with the Welsh Male Choir at the Royal Albert Hall in London.



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April, members of U3A Baw Baw were fortunate to hear her sing a Welsh national song, "Unwaith Eton", in Welsh, at their Monthly Gathering at the Royal Hotel in Drouin.

All present deemed this a world-class performance and Jenny received an enthusiastic ovation! As a contrast, the next act was a poem written by Sally Alsop about her positive experiences at U3A. This expressed her enjoyment of the many courses in which she has participated and was delivered with great panache.

The finale was a parody taken from the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "Pinafore" sung by Clive Alsop. Clive entertained everyone with his rich baritone voice, singing about his experiences at U3A including some memorable moments with other U3A members. During the performance, the audience joined Clive in singing the chorus.

Forget the International Comedy Festival, enjoyment and laughter were the order of the day for all present!

**U3A Baw Baw** is a volunteer learning co-operative of retired or semi-retired people who share many educational, creative and social activities. Members participate in a diverse range of classes and discussion groups as well as a monthly gathering over lunch. New members are always very welcome...



More information about U3A can be found on the webpage at [u3abawbaw.org.au](http://u3abawbaw.org.au) or ring 0490770062





### Thank you Baw Baw U3A!

You've made our week, you've made our day.  
 We've been to places far and wide, through all the world and countryside.  
 We've learnt of things we didn't know, from witches hanging in a row.

To waterfalls of worldwide fame (Which shamefully we couldn't name)  
 That thunder down in beauty clear, and there they are, to us so near!  
 Our IT knowledge much expanded (the new web page was quietly handed  
 Down to us to get on line!) Thank God for John (and Graeme) who made it fine.

Explored new music never heard, and laughed at humour quiet absurd!  
 And all this done with volunteers who do it all to please their peers.  
 I've read new books and seen good art, had Zoom excursions through a park  
 With Turner, Roberts and McCubbin. Worked well with Steph, who's fairly stubborn.

Organizing great new courses, ever searching for new sources  
 For all the members to partake

**IT'S ALL FOR FREE FOR HEAVENS SAKE!!**

Why more don't join and then belong?  
 Let's change their mind with young Clive's song!!!

Sally.

### When We Came Here

To the tune of "When I was a Lad" (with apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan)

When we came here, we learnt new ways, Of keeping heart and brain engaged  
 We joined 3A, we'd heard it said: "That those who ran it were all 'well-read'!"  
**That those who ran it were all 'well-read'!**

I LISTENED to their lectures so carefully, That now I know so much and that is good for me!

**He listened to their lectures so carefully**  
**That now he knows so much and that is good for he!**

These courses all they made me learn (For knowledge more I sure did yearn).  
 So I listened more to the Tuesday course. And loved it all from that resource.  
**He loved it all from that resource!**

I noted all their lectures so carefully. And now I know so much and that is good for me.

**He noted all their lectures so carefully**  
**And now he knows so much and that is good for he.**



Then Soap Box came one Thursday morn, And it opened up a brand new dawn!  
 I then heard more 'Off the Beaten Track' , And plan to go both there and back!  
**He plans to go both there and back!**  
 I watched all their photos so carefully, That now I know so much and that is good for me!  
**He watched all their photos so carefully**  
**That now he knows so much and that is good for he!**  
 I spoke to you of the local court, And what will happen if you do consort.  
 You may get told to pay a fine, Or go to Jail if you cross that line!  
**Or go to Jail if you cross that line!**  
 I gave to you a lecture so carefully, That now I know so much and that is good for me!  
**He gave to us a lecture so carefully**  
**That now he knows so much and that is good for he!**  
 We've had such fun with you all its true But moving now is what we'll do  
 We'll move down there and we'll learn some more  
 But it won't be as good as it was before!!  
**But it won't be as good as it was before!!**  
 I listened to your lectures so carefully, That now I know so much and that is good for me!  
**He listened to your lectures so carefully**  
**That now he knows so much and that is good for he!**  
 Sally and Clive

Welcome to our new Member,  
 Elizabeth Jacobsen



### Courses Report



Term 2 Courses are up and running, and have commenced via Zoom and at alternative venues.

We are enjoying lots of interesting discussions at "What's the Matter", with Jim Connelly and exploring amazing Earthly Delights and Frights with Rod Wellard. For further information on the weekly presentation of Earthly Delights and Frights, please refer to the Course Booklet or our U3A Baw Baw Website: [u3abawbaw.org.au](http://u3abawbaw.org.au)

The Book club is redolent with mystery and excitement, from our Book Club authors, John Le Carre and Rose Tremain.

We are planning an Art Gallery visit or two, and time spent studying the French Impressionists with Art History. The Film Club is enjoying attending the weekly Fine Films at the Warragul Cinema and the monthly Film Club Lunches, held at the Railway Hotel in Warragul.



**Courses Report**



***Mystery History***

***Hello Mystery History buffs,***

I am sorry we have missed so many weeks of history for this term but poor health strikes all of us. I am well on the road to recovery now and hope to be back on Tuesday 11th May with a new instalment of astonishing history of somewhere, sometime in our world. I have decided to defer the medical history (a bit too close to home, at the moment!) and focus on some standalone subjects. I am thinking we will look at:

***History of an axe murderer;***

***An Irish Island;***

***Ancient and (not so ancient) Chinese custom;***

***The most important condiment;***

***Three famous people (well, five actually);***

***and a major food group - an important history.***

***These are in no particular order so you will have to tune in to find out what we will be delving into each week.***

***As usual for COVID times, I will send a ZOOM Invitation on the Monday before each lecture. I do hope you can join me as I resume my search amongst the oddities of someone else's history.***

***Virginia Rowley, Course Tutor***

Another busy and exciting term ahead, thanks to our Tutors and all our members who participate in the Courses.

All of our Courses for Term two are open for enrolment. If you require any assistance with enrolment in Courses please email Steph Wellard:

**[courses@u3abawbaw.org.au](mailto:courses@u3abawbaw.org.au) or phone, 0419509607.**

**Steph Wellard**

**Courses Co-ordinator**

**A View from the Bunker**

I noticed an article in the Warragul Gazette of 26/05/20 in which one of our members, Nigel Beresford, had won a prize in the local photographic competition for his photograph of a building in Sydney.



The building is the Dr. Chau Chak Wing Building, which forms part of the University of Technology Sydney campus. The building was designed by a famous Canadian-American architect called Frank Gehry. Well done Nigel, and I'll bet we didn't realise we had a famous photographer in our midst. Robert Dunlop





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## Music - 100 Favourite Symphonies online, offered by World U3A

We have received information from World U3A who are exploring how U3As can interact in subject groups across the world.

One such group they provided us with is a link, which was thought our members might be interested in, is to a music group containing 100 Favourite Symphonies. They are available to listen to via the following link -

<http://ecoach.org.uk/100symphony.htm>



There is a facility available where if you wish to comment on a particular piece of music you can post a response.

If you find this concept to be of interest please let Steph Wellard on **0419509607** or John Parker on **0408364159**, know.



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48th National  
Photographic Exhibition

Friday 14th May - Sunday 16th May

West Gippsland Arts Centre

Cnr Smith and Albert St, Warragul (enter via Civic Place)

10am-4pm daily

### A View from the Bunker

Browsing through Twitter the other day I came across a tweet which I thought was both relevant and funny. See what you think.

*A homeless guy asked me for money today. I looked in my pocket and all I had was a \$20 bill. "Do I really want this money going towards drugs?" - I thought to myself. – "Nah!" – So I gave him the \$20*  
Robert Dunlop

**The King of Spain has been quarantined on his private jet.**



**That means the reign in Spain stays mainly on the plane...**

Your Editor: Ruth Renouf

