

Welcome to the December 2021 Edition of our Chat Sheet



PRESIDENT'S REPORT for December 2021



Dear Members.

It is hard to believe that we are reaching the end of a year that has brought so much change to everyone's lives.

This is the final Chat sheet for 2021 and I write in gratitude for all the friendship and learning that I have experienced over the past twelve months, in spite of the restrictions and frustrations caused by COVID 19.

The Committee met last week, full of plans for 2022. Term One has a full program of Courses, some on Zoom but others back in our clubrooms where we can enjoy interacting with each other.

Congratulations and gratitude to the Course committee, especially the co-ordinator, who have kept us going during lock down and are now ensuring that we will continue to enjoy all that U3ABawBaw has to offer.

Fees for 2022 will continue to be \$40 for returning members and \$25 for those who join mid year. The Committee has decided to give notice that there will be a motion at the AGM to increase these slightly in 2023.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on March the 11th. We are seeking nominations for the Committee. Please give this your consideration, our club can only function if we have a forward thinking group who give of their talents to organise courses and functions.

Please note that the zoom courses are for all members to enjoy but only fully vaccinated members can attend face to face courses and Gatherings.

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Gathering at the Royal Hotel, Drouin.

With very best wishes for Christmas and the coming year to you and your families.

Mary





1. At Much Locked Down U3A by Jim Connelly & Jenny Hall
Some folk just spend their time on chitter-chatter
At Much Locked Down U3A
So send them down to us at What's the Matter
I tell you what, we're needing some new topics to discuss
So Robert Dunlop – bless him! - won't then kick up such a fuss
And we can tell Roy Wilson that he's somehow missed the bus
At Much Locked Down U3A.



2. At Much Locked Down U3A
Each Tuesday ends up quite apocalyptic
At Much Locked Down U3A
Why did we get involved with crosswords cryptic?
The truth is that we need just now some boulder to explain
Why we must suffer meekly all this cruciverbal pain
I think my brain has gone at last completely down the drain
At Much Locked Down U3A

3. At Much Locked Down U3A
We hoped that things would get a little better *At Much Locked Down U3A*
Virginia's myst'ry course a dead trend-setter
We used to think the here and now is all we need to know
Why can't we just for once forget the things of long ago?
But now we know much better and the past is all the go! *At Much Locked Down U3A*

4. At Much Locked Down U3A
The virus came along as we were booming *At Much Locked Down U3A*
But then we learnt to beat it with our zooming
We used to think of Melbourne as a smudge there in the west
Till Mary's course revealed to us it is no second best
We'll have our Melbourne, thank you, you can take your Bucharest
At Much Locked-up U3A (Last verse)

5. At Much Locked Down U3A
You'll soon be sitting back, you'll be in clover *At Much Locked Down U3A*
The good news is this song is nearly over
Each month we let our hair down, take each other out to dine
The Seniors Special's something and the fish and chips are fine
So knees up Mother Brown – hurrah! – whoops there! – don't spill the wine!
At Much Locked Down U3A All gone now, last chance *At Much Locked Down U3A* Cheerio,
Tootle-pip *At Much Locked Down U3A.*



U3A FILM CLUB

U3A Film Club met at La Passion on Friday 26 November. It was our first "live" meeting for several months. Zoom technology has served us well during Covid but it was great to meet face-to-face and share a meal together for a change.



In 2021, the group watched, discussed and rated 46 films, of which 35 were screened by the Warragul Cinema. The other 11 were chosen by members from SBS On Demand during weeks when the cinema was locked down.

Members are currently voting for their favourite films of the year. However, based on monthly score averages, here's a hot tip for possible outcomes, in no particular order:

Top 10 Showcase Films

The Truffle Hunters, Dream Horse, Penguin Bloom, Nitram, Summerland, Supernova, The Power of the Dog, Eiffel, The United States vs Billie Holiday, High Ground.

Top 3 SBS Alternate Films: Faces Places, Maudie, Their Finest.

We are very grateful for the "Showcase" screenings at Warragul Cinema. They give us a full cinema experience combined with the luxury of quality films that very few country towns would get to see. John McKinnon, Tutor.

Did I read that sign right? BY Nigel Beresford

Toilet out of order. Please use floor below.

In a laundromat: automatic washing machines: please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.

In a London department store: bargain basement upstairs

In an office: would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken



Outside a second-hand shop: we exchange anything - bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?





Course Report

The end of Term 4 for 2021, is fast approaching, and what an interesting and entertaining time we are having, despite all the ups and downs of Covid disruptions.

We have been stimulated and challenged by Jim's **What's the Matter**, and have been delighted and entertained by Virginia's sometimes gruesome, and wonderful **medical tales**. Our **Marvellous Melbourne** series has taken us to the wealth and splendour of many of our early suburbs, and Institutions to the depths of our Sewers.

We have been looking at the fascinating history of the **Boyd Dynasty in Art History**. What an amazing family of Artists they were.

The Book Club has been enjoying the novels of Anne Tyler and back to enjoying lunch at La Passion in Warragul.

Film Club has returned to the Cinema once more and enjoying the Monthly Lunch Meeting.

Planning for Term one 2022 is well underway, and we are excited to be returning to our RSL Club Rooms in Term One.

Our very popular Courses, **What's the Matter** and **Mystery History**, will be returning to face to face classes, as will two new Courses, **Weather Events, Trends** and **Stories and Australian History-Lite**.

We welcome back, **Mahjong** and **Scrabble** in Term One, after such a long wait to be reunited in the Club Rooms.

The **Film Club**, **Book Club** and **Cryptic Crossword Club** will continue to meet Monthly at selected venues.

We will continue to offer Courses via zoom in Term One, **Art History**, **Cryptic Club** and two new Courses, **Beautiful Gardens of the World** and **Cryptic Crosswords for beginners**.

A fully detailed description of all of the Courses will be included in the Course Booklet for Term one 2022 and will be available to members via email and to view on our Website, shortly.

Thank you to our Tutors, who prepare our Courses and to all the members who participate and attend the classes.

Steph Wellard Courses Co-Ordinator On behalf of the Courses Committee.



[CONDOLENCES](#) We are sad to hear of the death of one of our early members, Wendy Butterworth . Wendy presented well received history classes in the early days of U3A BawBaw and was a well respected and liked member. We offer condolences to her family.



U3A Baw Baw The Christmas Gathering

Friday 10th December at 12.30pm

The U3A Baw Baw Christmas Gathering will be held at the Royal Hotel Drouin at 12.30pm on Friday 10th December.



Booking is essential for lunch and only those who have booked will be able to attend. Please reply before **WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER** so we can organise the attendance numbers with the hotel.

We have some wonderful entertainment planned for our Christmas lunch, so come and enjoy the fun. Please get your booking in early.

Please be advised that the Committee of U3A Baw Baw has determined that attendance at any face to face class or activity is subject to provision of proof of full vaccination in accordance with the Victoria Government Covid 19 regulations.

The Royal Hotel management requires sign in via their QR code and proof of full vaccination.

Please email **Steph Wellard: courses@u3abawbaw.org.au** or phone, **0419509607**

U3A Baw Baw Gathering 12th November 2021

As usual, the Royal Hotel in Drouin did us proud with a great venue, carefully monitored in compliance with Covid-19 restrictions, an excellent choice of dishes for lunch. Their patience in waiting on the tables was commendable given that more than a few people forgot their table number or actually moved tables.

Once lunch was finished, we had a rollicking good start to this month's Gathering. Jim Connolly, our noted lyricist, and Jenny Hall our very own concert pianist, (magnanimously agreeing to play on a clunky electronic keyboard), combined forces to deliver a rousing rendition of "At Much Locked Down U3A". Sung to the tune of "There's Much Binding on the Marsh", the chorus from all 42 of us who attended gave new meaning to the concept of musical harmony!

Then we were treated to a continuation of the series of interviews with U3A Baw Baw identities Russell Brown had commenced at a previous Gathering. Russell interviewed 4 more of our U3A members, keeping us guessing with hints as he introduced each one until their identities were revealed by way of a portrait Russell had drawn in crayon. Very impressive too.

Russell subjected the interviewees to intense "interrogation" revealing that **Donna D'Arcy**, is an inspired and inspiring teacher of French - a committed Francophile, **Gerhard Theile** is a multi-talented renaissance man - a true polymath, **Vera Hartlett** is an outstanding success story of post-war immigration - a genuine exemplar of culture and refinement, and **Di Potter** does not want mobile phones in her future - she sees herself as the embodiment of all that is good in living and learning through U3A.

A good time was had by all! Rod Wellard



Invitation to Recruit Participants for Homeside Study

Hi U3A Baw Baw members. We have been asked to assist in recruiting participants for the HOMESIDE study being run by the University of Melbourne.

Here's their email request to us:

We would be incredibly grateful if you could help us to reach potentially interested caregivers and people with dementia by sharing information about HOMESIDE with your network, by including our study information in a newsletter and/or displaying our flyers (we are happy to post these to you) at your centre. Please let us know if you are happy to do so or have any further questions.

I have attached the study flyer.



Homeside-A4-eFlyer.pdf

Please direct anyone who is interested to contact the HOMESIDE

email address: homeside-australia@unimelb.edu.au
anticipation, Hilary Farmer The HOMESIDE Team

Our thanks in



To all our members: A Safe and Merry Christmas and Happy 2022. Editor : Ruth Renouf

