



CHATSHEET

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THE GATHERING

Booking is now open and is essential for the next Gathering on Friday 8 April commencing at 12.30pm. Please contact Steph Wellard at Courses@u3abawbaw.org.au or phone 0419 509 607 if you wish to attend. Bookings close on Wednesday 6 April.

Condolences

We are sad to hear of the death of one of our former members. **Dorothea Durkin.** Dorothea (Thea) was a well respected and liked member of our club. She was in the film club and was in her 100th year. We offer our condolences to her family.



I'm sure you will all recognise this delightful group of people? No, it's not Donald Trump's guests at Mar-a-Lago, nor is it the cast and crew of the upcoming *Australian Survivor*. It is in fact the new committee for 2022 – 2023. Back row (L-R) Rod Wellard, [Secretary,] Mary Howlett, John Parker, [President,] Robert Dunlop, Ted Benjamin, Russell Brown. Front row (L-R) Stephanie Wellard, [Courses Co-ordinator,] Ruth Renouf, Lesley Anstee, Ann Corcoran, [Treasurer,] Jenny Hall. *Photograph by Nigel Beresford*

John Parker **President's Report**

Welcome to this month's chat. A new committee was elected at U3A's Annual General Meeting on 11 March. You can find who they are in the picture above. They are happy to have a chat about any matters you may wish to discuss about our U3A. Thank you to the retiring members of the committee for their contribution - Donna Darcy, Geoff Clynes and Gordon Dadswell. To Mary

Howlett, who has been President for the last three and a half years, a big thank you for your leadership, made even more difficult due to the pandemic and lockdowns. A warm welcome to Jenny Hall and Lesley Anstee, who were elected to the committee at the AGM.

The new committee recently met and there was good discussion on a range of matters, including how we can take our U3A forward. We would like to broaden the range of courses offered, but need tutors to make this possible. If the facilities at the RSL Hall are not suitable for a particular type of course, we are happy to investigate more appropriate ones in Warragul, Drouin and surrounds.

Next term there will be no live-streaming of face-to-face classes. This may return in the future when there are members available to assist. It was agreed, for the classes being held in the RSL Hall, we would make morning and afternoon tea available during a class break, however all members will need to bring their own cup. The current washing up facilities are not considered sufficient to maintain Covid free standards. The committee endorsed keeping the Gatherings at the Royal Hotel for the time being.

There are still two positions on committee that were not filled at the AGM. If any member would like more information about these please contact me or other members of the executive. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next Gathering on 8 April. Until then let's keep our brains and bodies active and enjoy autumn.

Stephanie Wellard

Courses Report

The Course Committee has been planning an exciting program for Term Two. We will be running one major new Course in Term 2 in the absence of Mystery History, as Virginia takes a well-earned holiday. The new course, which will be co-ordinated and led by John Parker, is called *The Origin of some of Victoria's Service Authorities and Departments*. It will run on Thursday morning in our RSL Club Rooms.

As a result of the interest that was shown in the History of Melbourne’s water supply, sewage and drainage systems as part of the Remembering Melbourne series, we now plan to investigate some of Victoria’s (or even Australia’s) early service authorities and departments. Please refer to our U3A Baw Baw website, for a complete list of the topics to be covered in this course. John Parker will be seeking volunteers who can add their personal history or a family story to one of the topics in this very interesting course.

We also have a Singing Group commencing under the direction of Jenny Hall, who has had a life time of experience, singing and conducting Choirs and arranging music. The singing group will meet on a Tuesday afternoon in Jenny’s home. Jenny will be auditioning for Choir members.

What’s the Matter, Film Club, Art History, Book Club, Beautiful Gardens of the World, Cryptic Crossword Club and Introduction to Zoom, will be continuing in Term 2. Our Term 2 Course Booklet planning is in progress.

Great news, we are re-introducing tea/coffee/biscuits for morning and afternoon tea, in our Club Rooms. Members are responsible for bringing their own cup. The Committee voted in favour of continuing our Gatherings at The Royal Hotel in Drouin. They have been very successful and extremely well attended and have provided an excellent opportunity for our members to socialise over lunch and be entertained by guest speakers.

The Chatsheet Quiz

Robert Dunlop

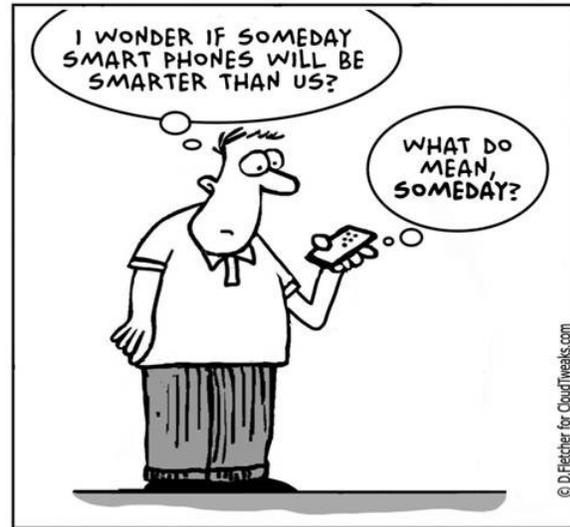
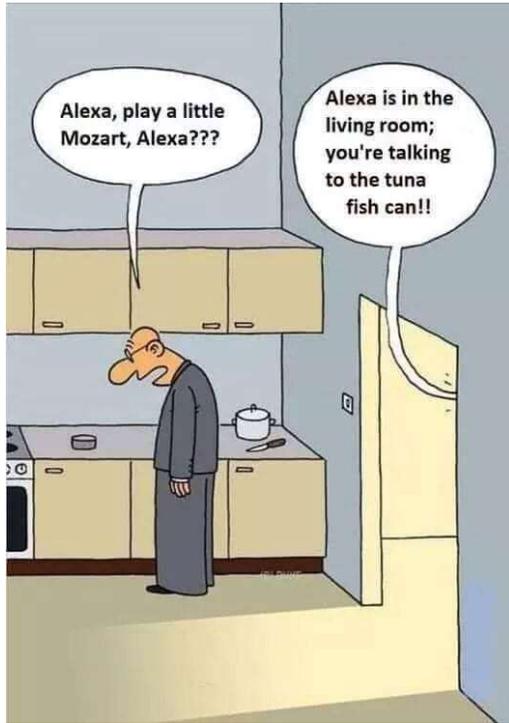
It is time for another great Chatsheet quiz to take your minds off Covid, folks. A famous Attorney General, who became Australia's 12th Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, was called a rather unusual nickname, after an industrial dispute at Port Kembla, New South Wales, in 1938. Do you know what he was called? Treat yourself to a Tim Tam if you know the answer. Was it? –

1) Pig Trotters Bob	2) Pig Belly Bob
3) Pig Tail Bob	4) Pig Iron Bob
5) Pigs Can Fly Bob	6) None of the above

The answer, of course, is **4) Pig Iron Bob**. Some of his supporters took umbrage at that nickname and changed it to Big Strong Bob.

Cartoon & Comical Corner

Nigel Beresford



Robert Dunlop **And Finally from the Editor's Quill**

Well, when it comes to entertainment, the last couple of weeks in March was a beauty. Anh Do, that wonderful painter and comedian, was at the West Gippsland Art Centre (WGAC) on 25 March. On 27 March, at Wesley of Warragul, the Latrobe Chorale sang short sacred works from Vaughan Williams, Mozart and Mendelssohn and also on 27 March at the WGAC, the Gippsland Symphony Orchestra, Gippsland's own community orchestra, played classic romantics from Mozart, Grieg, and Schubert. And when you add the Farmer's Market to the mix, it doesn't get much better than that.

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