

CHAT SHEET

SEP 2022

Condolences

The President, Committee and members of our club were sad to hear of the death of one of our members, Walter Broussard. Walter was a well respected and liked member of our club. We offer our deepest condolences to his wife Marie and his family.

Farewell to Barbara & Russell Brown



Our Gathering on 12 August 2022 was a sad day for U3A Baw Baw as we said farewell to Barbara and Russell Brown. They have moved to Melbourne to be close to their children and their families. Both Barb and Russ have had a long association with U3A Baw Baw - over 15 years.

They both joined in July 2007, when our U3A was just 8 years old. Barb and Russ have been tutors and between them have probably attended or been involved in nearly every course that has been run over those 15 years.

They both have contributed much to our U3A, for which we thank them.

Russell was first elected to our committee in 2008, he was Vice President in 2010, President in 2011, Secretary in 2013 and 2014, then had a number of years on the committee, including right up to now.

Jim Connelly contributed to the farewell with a poem for each of them (*See page 5*). Jim was President when Barb and Russ joined as members. In conclusion, the President on behalf of all our members wished Barb and Russ a long, healthy and happy time being close to their family. *John Parker*

The Gathering

Booking is now open and is essential for the next Gathering on **Friday 9 September** 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 7 September.

Mary advises us that the guest speaker at the Gathering will be Di Carson. Di is the immediate past President of Warragul Rotary. She will tell us of the Rotary Project to create a Gathering Space at Rotary Park in Warragul. Di is an informed and engaging speaker and will be sure to give us background on this significant project.

John Parker

President's Report

As indicated elsewhere in this Chat Sheet we had the sad occasion at our last Gathering of farewelling Barbara and Russell Brown. They have been stalwarts of our U3A and will be sadly missed. Thank you Barb and Russ for all you have done for our U3A.

Over the last few months Committee members have been working on updating U3A Baw Baw's Strategic Plan or we could also call it our Future Directions Plan.

It was again considered at our last Committee meeting and is virtually complete, other than for a few small changes. The plan has a **Vision Statement** of "**By the start of 2025 we want to be a leading seniors' organisation in Baw Baw Shire**" and a **Mission Statement** of "**To facilitate shared learning, creative, leisure and social activities for mature age members of the Community**". There are five Goals and a number of Strategies for each Goal presenting options on how we can achieve each one. We will be publishing this to all members as soon as we have made the small changes following a future Committee meeting.

The Committee has also been working on identifying any risks that may affect U3A Baw Baw and its members. This has resulted in an "**Action to mitigate or avoid risk**". As part of our managing any risks within particularly the RSL Hall you will find

Tutors will be calling for volunteers to assist at each class. This will include ensuring only 2 members are in the kitchen at morning or afternoon tea time and another ensuring there are no tripping hazards.

Until the next Chat Sheet, enjoy spring time with hopefully some more sunshine and less rain than what we have had over the last few months.

Stephanie Wellard

Courses Report

Spring has finally arrived and longer days of sunshine are hopefully on the horizon. Our Courses Sub-Committee has been planning Our Spring Term Courses, and the Term 4 Courses Booklet will arrive via your email and on to the Website very soon

HIGHLAND FLING FOR U3A

After ten weeks of hearing about the great Scottish battles, heroes like Robert the Bruce and William Wallace, the ancient history of the Orkneys and Hebrides, the music and poetry, the architecture and literature of Scotland, it is time to celebrate. What better way than to follow the Celtic tradition of a Ceidligh, a time to enjoy good company with Scottish fare, music and the poetry of Robbie Burns. Members may even join in dancing the Highland Fling? The final session of The History of Scotland will be held on September the 15th at 10 am.

Tutor Mary Howlett

SCIENCE COURSE

We have an exciting new Science Course, developed by David Ingham, starting in Term 4. We had a taster of this Course at our recent Gathering and we are all looking forward to being educated and entertained over the coming months.

The Science Course aims to provide an interesting, non-threatening, Science program which gives information about how science underpins everyday events in our lives and also pointers to our future. Sessions include Bridges, Electricity, Rocketry, Flight, Geology, Space. In addition a look at STEM highlights the role of science and technology with an insight to the future.

Tutor, David Ingham

Mystery History

A short term for Mystery History enrolees! Only four weeks to pack in a whole term's worth! An exclusive offer brought to you via Zoom! I know, I know, we all hate Zoom but my wonderful husband and I are heading to South America and we don't want to catch the dreaded 'virus' that lurks everywhere, so the committee has allowed this course to be presented via Zoom (otherwise it wouldn't be happening at all).

We have four subjects on offer, and although they are not in order, we will be touring some wonderful places with Mystery History again. The world of Stonehenge - that iconic masterpiece of child-proof home building; *Robin Hood -Men in Tights* will also make an appearance; Zoe and Theodora, those Byzantine ladies of the palace and then over the Low Countries for some dabbling in the stock market. What more eclectic mixing could we get!

I hope to see you on the small screen in Term 4. [Tutor, Virginia Rowley](#)

Art History will continue into Term 4, and an excursion to The Archibald Exhibition is being planned.

Should you require assistance with enrolment, or have any queries regarding our Courses, please contact the Course Tutor or Steph Wellard, at Courses@u3abawbaw.org.au

Excursion to Twenty Melbourne Art Exhibition

13 members of the U3A Arts Appreciation Group recently visited the Twenty Melbourne Painters Society Exhibition at the Glen Eira City Council Gallery. The Twenty Melbourne are in their words "the home of traditional realist, tonal and impressionistic painting," and what a great feast for the eyes they provided!

We were given a guided tour through the gallery by the artists, John Orlando Birt and Ross Paterson, who spoke of their techniques and lives, including their many trips abroad painting and teaching, often in places like Venice. All paintings were for sale and ranged in price from about \$550 to almost \$7,000.

The Twenty Melbourne were formed in 1918, when Max Meldrum and his followers broke away from the (then) very conservative Victorian Artists Society. Membership is restricted to 20, most remaining for life once they have been invited to join, keeping the group prestigious and unique.

Lunch was enjoyed by the group in Einsteins 251 Café, Hawthorn. — see below





Thanks to Jenny Hall for the article and Ruth Renouf for the photos

The Editor **A View from the Bunker**

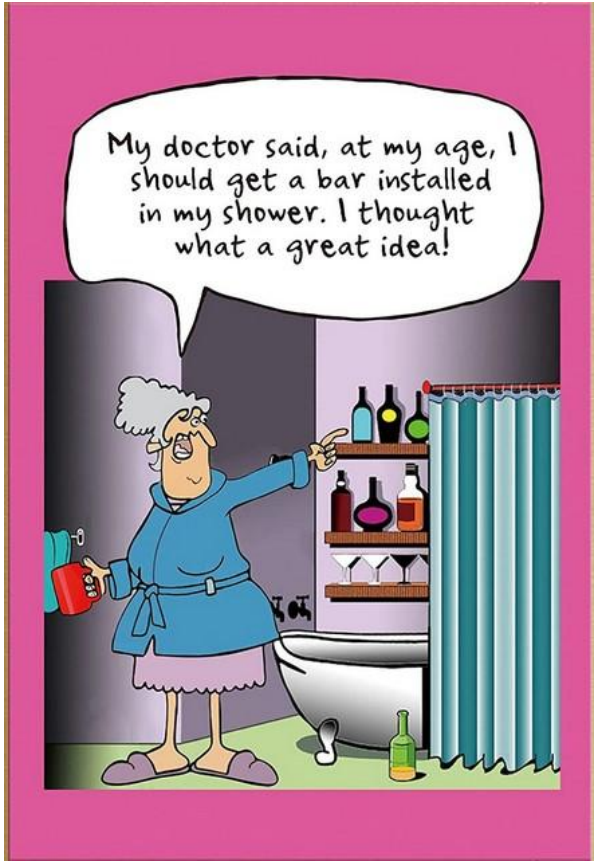
And speaking of the farewell to Barbara and Russell, our poet and wordsmith, James Connelly, has put pen to paper and come up with two poems addressed to both Barbara and Russell, as follows:—

<p>Russell Brown ...</p> <p>Educator Facilitator Originator Imaginator Contemplator Initiator Stimulator Scintillator Motivator Conciliator Participator Pontificator Illustrator Number-plater Heavyweighter Straight-as-straighter The hot potater ...</p>	<p>Barb'ra Brown, Barb'ra Brown The sweetest girl in this ol' town She smiles when she talks She glides when she walks She makes me think of thistledown</p> <p>Barb'ra Brown, Barb'ra Brown The sweetest girl in this ol' town Her dress is Dior Her make-up top-drawer My head starts to spin all upside-down</p> <p>Barb'ra Brown, Barb'ra Brown The sweetest girl in this ol' town Her jewel'ry's Georg Jensen It's lovely and then'some Comparisons go crash tumble-down</p> <p>Barb'ra Brown, Barb'ra Brown The sweetest girl in this ol' town</p>
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	<p>She's gracious and kind A meticulous mind She's an adjective more than a noun</p> <p>Barb'ra Brown, Barb'ra Brown The sweetest girl in this ol' town You've been everyone's friend We wish you joy without end In your new home down there in ol' Melbourne-town</p>
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Cartoon & Comical Corner

Nigel Beresford



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