

# CHAT SHEET

**OCT 2022**

## The Gathering

Booking is now open and is essential for the next Gathering on **Friday 21 October** commencing at 12.30pm. **And this is the special Gathering because it is our Literary Lunch, so don't miss it!** Please contact Steph Wellard at [Courses@u3abawbaw.org.au](mailto:Courses@u3abawbaw.org.au) or phone 0419 509 607 if you wish to attend. Bookings close on Wednesday 19 October.

## President's Report

*John Parker*

The Committee at its last meeting endorsed to continue the vaccine mandate as agreed on 22 October 2021 (available on the home page of our website) until at least the end of this year. It also highly recommended the wearing of masks in the Drouin RSL Hall for our own protection.

In the last Chat Sheet, I indicated the Committee had endorsed the Vision and Mission of our Strategic Plan. We have now agreed on the Goals for our U3A, which are:—

- Provide a range of courses to meet the interests of older people in our community.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with Baw Baw Shire and appropriate local organisations and strive to be well known and respected in the Baw Baw community.
- Manage and operate sustainably - organisationally and financially.
- Apply appropriate technology to support our goals.
- Market U3A Baw Baw in accordance with our Communications Plan.

We are now putting the final touches to the Strategies that will action these Goals. Some members of our Committee are attending a U3A Victoria Conference in Bendigo in early October and we hope to come away with lots of ideas we can apply to our U3A.

Enjoy what the Seniors Festival has to offer in particular our own Literary Lunch on October 21. It looks as if it will be a full 'house'.



And a big welcome to our newest member –

**Gillian Portingale**

## Courses Report

*Stephanie Wellard*

This year seems to have flown by very quickly, and we are now commencing 4th Term. Our 4th Term Course Booklet has been sent to all of our members and is available on our website.

We have an exciting Science Course commencing this term and Mystery History will be running for four weeks via Zoom, so not to be missed. All the members already enrolled in our long term Courses, What's the Matter, Film Club, Scrabble, Book Club, Cryptic Crossword Club and Art History, will be automatically enrolled in Term 4.

Science Course: The Science series commences next Thursday 6th October at 10am. The first session is on Flight and will be conducted by David Ingham. This session will cover the history of flight with a series of twists. For instance who is John Appleby? The controversy of Gustav Whitehead and who were the Bernoulli brothers (not a circus family, maybe!).

Find out how an aircraft stays aloft and the physics which underpins flight. You may even see a model aircraft fly!! Come along and experience the highs and lows of this fascinating topic. [David Ingham Tutor](#)

All of our Courses are open for enrolment, if you require assistance, please contact the Course Tutor or email [courses@u3abawbaw.org.au](mailto:courses@u3abawbaw.org.au) or phone Steph Wellard 0419509607 or Lesley Anstee 0408226254.

## A View from the Bunker

*The Editor*

Well, what a very pleasant surprise to arrive at our esteemed clubrooms on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September for our final class of the term and to find a table filled with delicious snacks and drinks that would be the envy of Matt Preston and George Calombaris. Thanks to Mary and friends we were going to remember the History of Scotland with a bang! Even Jock Zonfrillo would have been impressed!

And now, from our dear friend Geoff Clynes, an irresistible offer:—

Last month, our much treasured Canon printer ended a long life of faithful service and was - regrettably and responsibly - retired. Beyond the mourning period, we find no use for three spare ink cartridges, **type 671XL**, probably worth about \$75, in unopened packs. Would anyone interested please call Geoff Clynes: - 0438 953 753 or [pgclynes@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pgclynes@bigpond.net.au).

Thanks to our roving publicity expert, Ruth Renouf, who penned the following article that appeared in the local Gazette on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. It is a delightful article that pretty well sums up our last term:—

U3A members recently completed a wonderful course on Scotland by holding a ceilidh. This included a real haggis (which was surprisingly delicious with plenty of herbs,) and the traditional toast to Robbie Burns, performed by our own Scot, Robbie Dunlop.

We also partook of traditional Scottish oatcakes, with smoked salmon or herring, “tablet” which is a Scottish fudge, and Cranachan, a delicious sweet comprising raspberries and oats, cream, honey and whisky. This was all washed down with Irn Bru, a soft drink invented in 1901 to take the place of beer and thus keep the steel workers sober when rebuilding Glasgow Railway station.

We are extremely grateful to Mary Howlett, whose research and presentation of so many facets of Scotland was greatly appreciated by all who attended this outstanding course.

In term 4, Mystery History continues, as does “What’s the Matter?” (a current affairs discussion). We are also eagerly awaiting our Science Course which will give us information on how science underpins everyday events. Sessions will include Bridges, Electricity, Rocketry, Flight, Geology, Plastics and Space. In addition, a look at STEM [Science Technology Engineering Mathematics] will highlight the role of science and technology with an insight to the future.

U3A is an organisation for retirees who have a zest for learning, and for sharing their knowledge. We welcome new members: Phone 0419 509 607 for membership details.

And to top off the ceilidh, Ruth took some photographs to remind us of the great time we had.



Enjoying some camaraderie while quaffing Irn Bru and nibbling on cranahan, tablet (fudge) and Scottish oatcakes. Robbie Burns would have enjoyed every minute. I know the folk in the photograph did! Burns would have enjoyed it so much, he would have forgotten how to write a poem about wee mice!



John brings in the haggis without the skirl of the bagpipes, which seems to relieve Kerry Gray.



No, it's not the Vue de Monde restaurant, it's our dear RSL hall decked out and ready to tempt us with delicious morsels.

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**Cartoon & Comical Corner**

**Nigel Beresford**

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have avocados, get 6." A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados."

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Ladies, if a man says he will fix it, he will. There is no need to remind him every 6 months about it.

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