

CHAT SHEET

March 2023

The Gathering

Booking is now open and is essential for the next Gathering on **Friday 10 March** commencing at 12.30pm. Bookings are essential for catering purposes. You are able to book online by logging into u3abawbaw.org.au as you would for a course. If you prefer, you can email courses@u3abawbaw.org.au or phone Lesley Anstee on mob 0408 226 254

Bookings close on Wednesday 8 March.

President's Report

John Parker



Our next Gathering on Friday 10th March is fast approaching, which will include having our Annual General Meeting. The guest speaker will be Mr Rob Robson, Manager of Wesley of Warragul. With the nominations we have now received gives us a full committee, which is very encouraging for our future. If you haven't registered for the Gathering please do so via our web site or contact Leslie Anstee on mob 0408 226 254.

At our last Committee meeting on 24th February, the Committee reviewed our Covid policy in view of current Government policy. There are now no mandated requirements about vaccines or mask wearing (except in hospitals and Aged Care etc). There are however recommendations about getting vaccinated, staying at home if unwell, vulnerable people (including older people) wearing masks and attention to fresh air. It is recommended you check the following web site <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au> for more details and in particular the "Advice for seniors" section.

In view of the above, the Committee adopted the following Motion: -
"Given changes to Covid regulations, the current U3A Baw Baw Covid policy be altered to reflect modified government regulations and further revised in light of subsequent changes to government Covid policy."

This motion will be ratified at the next Committee meeting.

Meetings have been held regarding our lease of the RSL Hall with the Baw Baw Shire and the RSL, as our initial 9 year lease expired on 6th January 2023. A new one will continue from that date with only very minor changes. The new lease will not be proposing an increase in rent. We appreciate the Shire recognising our limited resources.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Gathering on the 10th March.

John

Courses Report

Mary Howlett



LIVE, LEARN, ENJOY FOR U3A BAWBAW IN TERM ONE

The U3A motto has been well adhered to in Term One. What's the Matter hosts lively discussions, Mystery History has gone from an exploration of South America, to Richard the third and then on to the Vatican, and the Soapbox presentations are varied, personal and historical with a dash of humour throughout. The Art History group shared reflections on the beautiful prints of Cressida Campbell and will be looking at Clarice Beckett next month. Book Club members enjoy discussing and offering varied opinions about the shared books and the clever Scrabble players continue to pore over the letters on Friday mornings. And "omnia bene" (all goes well) on Tuesday afternoons at the Latin class. We are all looking forward to the second part of this term, apart from Latin, all members are welcome to enrol in any of the above courses.

Mary



And a big welcome to our newest members –

Annie Gregory & Leonie Carrington

Article for Warragul Gazette *Jenny Hall*

The next U3A Gathering is on Friday 10th March at 12.30pm and it will incorporate both our AGM and a talk by Rob Robson, Manager, of Wesley of Warragul. AGMs are often a time for both consolidation and a chance for some new committee members to add refreshing ideas to our team. We will be reporting on a most successful year. The coming year promises to be full of enthusiasm and vitality with plenty of diverse courses to interest a wide range of members, and a chance to share much knowledge with a bit of fun thrown in too.

Rob Robson, our Guest Speaker at the Gathering, is well known to many of us as in the past he headed up the West Gippsland Arts Centre and was instrumental in its recent renovations. Wesley of Warragul have a varied and exciting program this year: be sure to book in to our Gathering if you would like to hear more about it from Rob.

The Gathering is held at The Royal Hotel, Drouin, where we will partake of a senior's lunch at 12.30pm before the AGM and Rob's talk at 2pm. If you are a retiree with a thirst for learning, come along and join us: you will be made most welcome. Bookings are essential: please phone 0408 226 254 or email courses@u3abawbaw.org.au prior to Wednesday 8th March to secure your place.

The U3A Quiz

Time to test the old brain cells again folks, and this time with a bit of historical knowledge. King George III of Great Britain (1738 – 1820) was described in later life as being quite mad as he apparently had a recurrent mental illness. However this may have been caused by an undisclosed affliction which may have been hereditary. Do you know what the affliction was that may have caused the poor man's illness? Was it —

A) Dandruff	B) Halitosis (bad breath)
C) Psoriasis	D) Painful Haemorrhoids
E) Acute Porphyria	F) None of the above

Answer: E) Acute Porphyria If you got the right answer, treat yourself to two Tim Tams *and* a jam doughnut.

It is time to see how good you are with up to the minute knowledge and news. According to reports in some newspapers in America and elsewhere, some of the richest men in America all achieved something so breathtaking in scope, momentous and awe-inspiring that other mortals are probably completely incapable of achieving! What do you think it was? Was it: —

(A) They paid no tax	(B) They paid zero tax
(C) They paid zilch tax	(D) They did not pay any tax at all
(E) All of the above	

If you got the right answer treat yourself to a chocolate M & M.

Cartoon & Comical Corner

Nigel Beresford & Ruth Renouf



“I’ve crunched the numbers in your retirement account. It’s time to figure out who will be wearing the mask and who will be driving the getaway car.”



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