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Walking around Port Fairy there are some quiet sitting places that have an extra special atmosphere. These places lift the spirit, allow you to take a deep breath and rest in the present.

Can you recognise these 5 spots? (See back page for answers)

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

GREETINGS to all U3A members as we enjoy mid-spring with the promise of warmer, sunnier days. I am aware of how fortunate we are in Port Fairy with our relative freedom of movement and opportunities to meet with others in our outdoor environment. In comparison our Melbourne-based families and friends live with much tighter restrictions and increased challenges of social isolation and loneliness.

This month members of the committee and I have participated in a number of meetings with other U3As convened by the peak body, U3A Network Victoria. U3A Port Fairy hosted a zoom-based meeting with other U3As throughout the south-west region which provided a valuable opportunity to share our varied responses to the pandemic. U3A Network has offered support, resources, mentoring and information which has informed our planning for the future. I find it interesting how the language around the pandemic has changed.

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On 20 May I spoke about U3A Port Fairy's response to the shut-down at a Victorian-wide panel titled *Coming Out of COVID.* Four months later the optimism of that time seems premature; the State government talks about moving towards a *COVID normal* by Christmas and U3A Network is planning for *Living in the COVID era.* Given the reality of the ongoing health crisis U3As throughout Victoria are recognising the need to change, modify and adapt their programs and practices for 2021, at least until there is a vaccine for COVID-19.

Our Committee of Management has been busy this month considering the sort of programs and activities we can offer in a COVID era, given both the legal regulations and our concern for members' well-being and safety. Although infection numbers are decreasing the health advice is that everyone, and particularly our members, many of whom are more vulnerable to COVID-19, will need to continue to take precautions: to wear masks, to maintain physical distancing and to avoid prolonged periods of contact with other people indoors. Yet we also understand the health and well-being benefits of social connection, face-to-face interactions and active participation in stimulating U3A programs.

Consequently members can look forward to some changes in U3A Port Fairy in 2021. Courses will be delivered in some new ways: in outdoor locations including the garden of Community House; via zoom video conferencing with participants based in their own homes; in large indoor venues that will enable physical distancing; and in very small groups in well-ventilated classrooms. All courses except for those delivered by zoom will require participants to wear masks and observe hand hygiene and follow other health regulations.

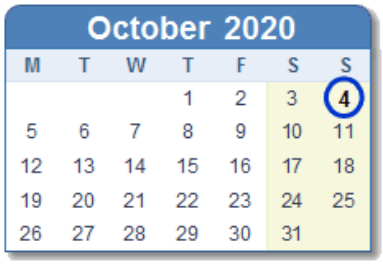
Many of the 2020 courses will resume in 2021 although there will be changes to the way they are delivered. Our course leaders have received positive feedback for the work they have done before and during the shut-down in late March. The range of course offerings for 2021 is evolving and we are now calling for ideas for new courses, and for new course leaders for 2021. In this newsletter there is more information. We encourage you to offer your suggestions for course content and to contribute to the development of new courses individually or with others.

This month we have submitted an application for a Federal Government Volunteers Grant for outdoor furniture – for portable chairs, umbrellas and tables. These new items of outdoor furniture would enable us to hold a range of classes, small gatherings and events in a safe, comfortable and healthy outdoor environment rather than in small classrooms.

We are also planning some outdoor events in November, December and January. These gatherings will allow members to re-engage with each other after a long period of social isolation. Events will include group picnics, an end of year celebration and, in January, a series of open days for information about courses and enrolment opportunities. These social and information events will provide a chance to re-connect, share ideas, meet new members and hear about the different ways that U3A will operate in this COVID era. There are exciting opportunities for members to actively participate and contribute to U3A in 2021 and we would love to hear your ideas, responses, suggestions, stories and hopes!

Kate Donelan

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS Sunday 4th October



REMEMBER
Turn your clocks FORWARD 1 HOUR
Sunday 4th October

In August last year Dr Heather Sheard shared with us the story of Australian Women Doctors in the Great War. We asked her to reflect on the Spanish Flu Epidemic that hit in 1918 and how these doctors coped during those times.

'A Most Peculiar Disease' Part One
Dr Vera Scantlebury, Endell Street Military Hospital, London,1918

Melbourne Doctor Vera Scantlebury had worked as a surgeon at the Endell Street Military Hospital in London for 15 months by June 1918. She was delighted to meet up with her younger brother Dr Cliff Scantlebury on leave from his RAMC Casualty Clearing Station in France.

Dr Vera Scantlebury with her brother Dr Clifford Scantlebury, July 1918, London

But within hours Cliff's temperature had risen alarmingly and an ambulance had taken him to Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital in Millbank. Several days later Vera was also ill. They had both contracted influenza, commonly called Spanish flu in what turned out to be the first and more gentle wave of the highly infectious disease. Vera wrote it *'...is a most peculiar disease, not typhoid, not influenza, not meningitis but symptoms of each some more marked in some cases than others'*.

The Endell Street Hospital of 560 beds for wounded soldiers had a medical staff of more than 180 surgeons, nurses, radiologists, pathologists and orderlies, all of whom were women. It was the creation of suffragettes Dr Flora Murray and Dr Louisa Garrett Anderson and occupied the old five storey St Giles workhouse in Covent Garden. Despite the continued arrival of wounded men, so many hospital staff were ill with flu by late June 1918 that Dr Murray was forced to close two of the wards. Although this first wave of influenza in the summer of 1918 was less aggressive than the later version, Several of the hospital's orderlies became extremely ill.

The staff were devastated when an orderly who had served since the first days of the hospital in 1915 died of post-flu pneumonia in the first week of July. Vera wrote that one of her soldier patients was '*fearfully ill'* and on July 15th another had died. She believed that the young men already weakened by trauma, wounds and sometimes with lungs damaged from gas were particularly susceptible. The second and far more deadly wave of influenza came in October 1918 and it is estimated that more than 50 million people died around the world. The mortality rate was particularly high in the 20-40 years age group and at the Endell Street Hospital 24 young men and women died in November and December of 1918 just when they should have been celebrating an end to the horrors of four years of war.

In 1918 there were no vaccines to halt the spread of the pandemic and no anti-biotic medications to reduce the bacterial infections, like pneumonia, that often followed the flu with devastating effect. In Britain the death toll was more than 200,000 and there was little that doctors and nurses could do for their patients. Aspirin was used to reduce fever and oxygen masks to help with breathing. Endell Street used isolation, screens and masks. They tried quinine and morphine, fluids and bed rest but the disease continued to fill their patients' lungs with bloody fluid. Not far away across the Channel in Abbeville France, Melbourne Sister Elsie Tranter wrote '*This is a cruel disease. No matter how hard we work or what we do for the boys, the germ seems to get stronger and the boys succumb. Surely they have suffered enough already*'.

Part 2: Dr Marjorie Little, Pathologist, Etaples, France, 1918-1919 in our November Newsletter:

This month we meet Netta Hill and John Miller

Netta Hill

What is the name of your course and why did you become a course leader?

Introduction to Tai Chi. I have practised Tai Chi for over 30 years and found it beneficial to my health and well being, so I love to share that with others.

How long have you lived in this region and where have you come from?

I am a "10 pound Pom". I trained as a Registered Nurse at St Bartholomew's Hospital London. I arrived in Melbourne in 1967. Since 1975, I have lived and worked as a nurse and a chaplain in the Western District, apart from 4 years in Adelaide. I have lived with my husband Allen in Port Fairy for 24 years.

What has sustained you during the pandemic?

The wonderful space of Port Fairy to walk and bike ride. My faith, the garden, friends, phone contact with my 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Lots of Zoom meetings, and far too much Netflix.

What is something that people might not know about you?

I walked a marathon when I was 50. And I was ordained as a Deacon in the Anglican Church in 2018.

John Miller

What is the name of your course and why did you become a course leader?

Science…naturally! *and* **Earth, Wind and Fire.**

I have a life-long fascination for the natural world and I just wanted to share what I have discovered with others in our community.

In Shanghai this time last year on way back from British Colombia.

How long have you lived in this region and where have you come from?

Almost 5 years ago, Maggie and I moved from Soldiers Hill in Ballarat. We had met at the University of Ballarat. We enjoyed a sojourn in Brunswick, Melbourne before returning to Ballarat.

I am originally from Ferny Creek in the Dandenong Ranges and spent all my working life in western Victoria as a ranger in various national parks, lecturing at Ballarat University and later as a consultant ecologist.

What has sustained you during the pandemic?

I have had a lot of fun preparing self-guided walks and other articles for U3A on stuff that I find interesting like leeches, snails and tiny plants. Plus it has been great getting other people involved and learning so much from them. The time has flown by.

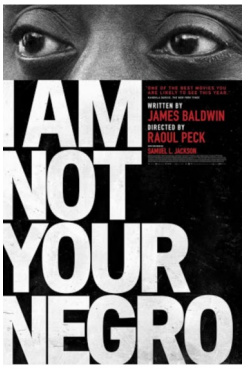
What is something that people might not know about you?

I am actually 6'3" tall and can run really really fast. I also used to have hair.

ESSAYS AND IDEAS - an essay and a documentary

On the subject of ….. BLACK LIVES MATTER

ESSAY: ***Letter from a Birmingham Jail*** by Martin Luther King, Jr. A brilliant essay relevant for right now. It was written in secret when Dr. King was imprisoned as a participant in nonviolent demonstrations against segregation. This essays is easily accessible; just type in ***Letter from a Birmingham Jail*** in your browser and it will come up in a PDF form.

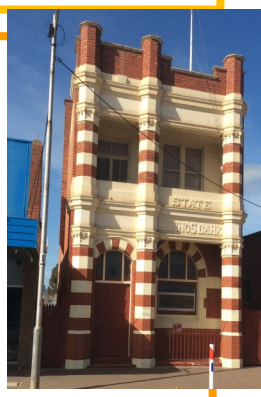


Or go to the Courses page on our website and the link to selected essays:
https://u3aportfairy.com/courses/

DOCUMENTARY*: I Am Not Your Negro* — An Oscar nominated documentary derived from the writings of James Baldwin, author, activist and public intellectual. The documentary dramatises Baldwin's memoirs of Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr and civil rights activist, Medgar Evers, murdered by a segregationist in 1963.

Available via Beamafilm from your library. ***Maggie Currie***

WANDERING THE WORLD . . . *But not Just Yet*



Return to Warracknabeal *By Michele Crowe*

I was lucky to be able to set off on a Road Trip early in August between the 2 lockdowns.

My destination was Hall Gaps but my journey included towns of the Wimmera and the Central highlands.

However, the highlight of my trip was Warracknabeal.

I should mention that I love the region known as the Wimmera. This is because my Dad had an aunt and uncle who owned a wheat farm just outside Minyip. Dad spent all his school holidays with them on the farm. Then when the first of us 4 children came along, we likewise holidayed there.

I remember that my Aunty Mary used to shop at Horsham or Warracknabeal for items she couldn't buy in Minyip.

Driving up the Henty Highway, I had no memory of what Warracknabeal was really like, but as soon as I drove into the Main Street, I just loved it.

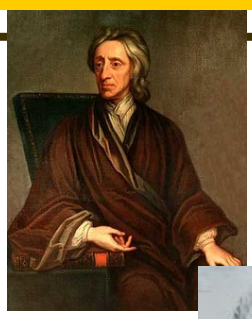
It is beautifully kept — all buildings carefully looked after and trees planted down the middle of the street. There are many old red gums by the side of the wide Yarriambiack Creek and walking trails alongside the creek.

As for the old houses, many were beautiful with lovely large gardens. I enjoyed walking around taking photos. It was very very quiet, probably people were inside their houses enjoying a siesta!

I eventually drove away feeling that Warracknabeal exuded a deep peace and quiet happiness.
I thoroughly recommend a trip to Warracknabeal and the Wimmera.

Send in your quirky little Australian adventure to inspire others to visit in person or online!
It could be around Port Fairy, in Victoria, or even, one day across the borders!

Western Philosophy



The same number of Zoomers blossomed out across the screen for the resumption of Western Philosophy at the start of second semester, rather like the plum blossom in my garden.

After encountering the heavy hitters: Locke, Hume and Kant we will be tackling: ***The Crisis of Modern Science.***

See: https://sites.google.com/view/philosophy-u3a-port-fairy/home

Steve Mackey

Current Affairs

Interested in Current Affairs? You can join the current affairs mailing list by sending an email request to: jillburgoyne2@gmail.com

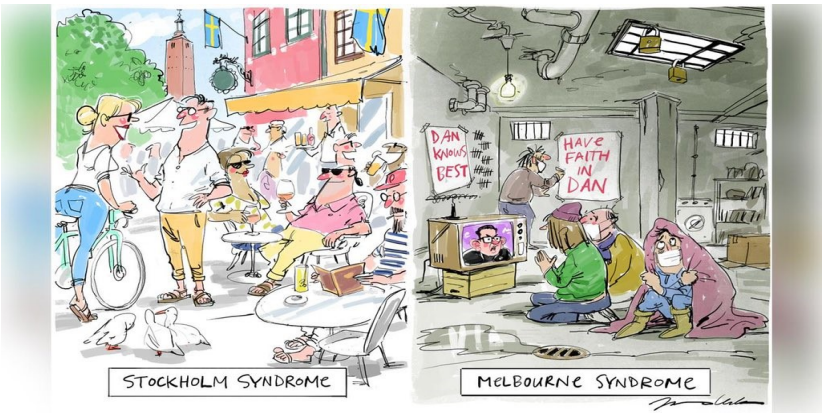
Welcome to the members who have recently contacted me to receive the Current Affairs articles. I hope you are enjoying the topics. There is so much going on in the world at the moment, not only related to Covid-19 but also the Australia/China relationship and the US election which is fast approaching.

I would like to recommend to you all an SBS documentary titled Hillary. It is a 4 part series about the life of Hillary Rodham Clinton. Whatever your politics I found this a very interesting documentary not only about one woman's life but also as a fascinating perspective of women's choices in the age in which Hillary Rodham Clinton has lived. The film starts off as a 2016 campaign documentary and 1700 hours of behind-the-scenes footage was filmed. The final documentary became about much more than the campaign and as quoted in one of the articles reviewing the documentary "*It's part of the arc of women's history, advancement, and the choices that are made*". The final version of the documentary Hillary was premiered at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival and was selected for the 70th Berlin International Film Festival.

The first episode screened on SBS last Wednesday the 16th September and there are 3 more episodes screening on SBS from Wednesday 23rd or you can watch it all on SBS on Demand.

Jill Burgoyne

Jill's cat has her own opinion about sewing as well as current affairs



The Great Composers

Good Listening

The Port Fairy Spring Music Festival is another casualty of COVID 19 this year.

Visitors and locals love to enjoy music in our unique venues but they cannot be used this year for obvious reasons.

However all is not lost - when the severe restrictions currently in place in Melbourne ease back, there are plans to record some wonderful recitals that will hopefully be ready to stream in a special week of concerts in November.

Also, our Artistic Directors, Stefan and Monica, are delving into the archive of ABC Classic and discovering fabulous recordings from the early days of the Festival which will be streamed to celebrate the 30 years since the first Port Fairy Spring Music Festival in 1990 – 30 years ago!

When these plans come together we will be shouting the news and encouraging everyone to connect to the digital concerts.

Eda and Ruth

Science ... Naturally

…..keeps rolling along.

We have been on a virtual trip to the Lake Aringa Water Reserve and also discovered the identity of the world record holding plant that lives there; we have had a look at red seaweeds and even leeches on fish! The Birds of Port Fairy survey is in full swing and the butterfly survey is just waiting in the wings for some nice warm weather before it kicks off. No rest for us!

All of the guides and other articles that have been prepared so far, as well as a fabulous gallery of member's bird and other photos, are now available on the U3A Port Fairy website.

Just go to the U3A Port Fairy website and click on **Courses** to see what is available – but keep checking it as more is added each week.

Or this link here: https://u3aportfairy.com/courses/

If you are not already on the mailing list just email John jmiller3350@gmail.com – you don't want to be the only one missing out!

John Miller

Why has the blowfly landed on the Starfish Iris Ferraria crispa and where was this photo taken?

Go to the Port Fairy website as above for more information.

MOVIE CLUB — ART HOUSE IN-HOUSE

This month we are looking at Canadian arthouse movies.

Recommended:

Maudie—based on a true story of a woman named Maud Lewis who lived in Nova Scotia. (1903-1970). She suffered from severe arthritis and in spite of the many difficulties in her life, she created amazing folk art and became internationally recognised in the late 1960s.

I love her colourful work and you can see it on line. Oh—and get your hankie out for this movie!

The Necessities of Life—about an Inuit hunter who has to leave his homeland for treatment at a sanatorium in Quebec. It was inspired by a tuberculosis epidemic that broke out in the Inuit population of Canada's Far North in the 1940s and 50s. A delicate, emotional movie—and relevant to first nations people everywhere.

You may need that hankie again.

Anne of Green Gables —This production was made in 2016.

A retelling of L.M. Montgomery's story of Anne Shirley.
A wonderful story for grandchildren and for yourself.

If there are any more hankies—they will be needed here!

Send in your review of a Canadian movie you enjoyed
Prizes for best review!

GALLERY TOURS — You can now find our past online gallery tours on the U3A Port Fairy Website.

From the Courses Link, select Regional Gallery Visits and the link to virtual visits during Covid

Maud Lewis—Folk Artist

As one of the recommended movies above is based on the life of the artist Maud Lewis, we have included some of Maudie's art.

It is very folkie, but simply beautiful. She originally sold her painting for around $2.00 but now her art sells for between US $8,000 to $20,000.

Here is a sample of her work.

Maggie & Maureen

History of Port Fairy

At our September Zoom informal chat session, Judith recommended two historic walks.

These walks have been prepared by Glen Foster, volunteer tour guide with Port Fairy Visitor Information Centre. The walks are self-guided and are supported with photos courtesy of the Port Fairy Historical Society.

The first one covers Battery Hill and the Moyne River; the second features The Wharf and Port area . Others include The Historic Township of Port Fairy and Historic Walks in Port Fairy, Koroit, Mortlake and Tower Hill

If anyone is interested, these excellent walks, real or virtual, may be accessed on the Port Fairy Visitor Information website: www.portfairyaustralia.com.au/trails-and-tracks/#

Judith Kershaw.

Wars of the Roses and The Royal Oak Port Fairy

Until the recent renovations, the prominent building at 9 Bank Street was known as The Royal Oak Hotel (previously called The Commercial, itself an abbreviation of the Commercial Travellers Association).

But why are there so are many hotels called Royal Oak both here in Australia and in England?

Civil war broke out in England in 1642 between the Royalists (Cavaliers) and the Parliamentarians (Roundheads). Oliver Cromwell and his 'Model Army' prevailed, leading to the trial and execution of King Charles I in 1649.

Following the final defeat of the Royalists at the Battle of Worcester in 1651, the King's son (also called Charles) escaped to Boscobel House in Shropshire. While there he spent a day hiding from Roundhead patrols in an oak tree before escaping to exile in France.

The tree became known as the Royal Oak. An oak tree descendent from the original still stands in the grounds of Boscobel House and is a popular attraction.

Cromwell died in 1658 and by 1660 the regime had collapsed. Charles returned for exile and was restored to the throne as Charles II.

Michael Crowe

Ideas for new Courses in 2021

A new restructured U3A Port Fairy will be back in 2021. Kate has mentioned in her report of the many changes that will take place in the new Covid era. We need to consider ways we can be connected and engaged—as well as safe—in the Covid normal.

Details of courses will be available before the end of this year.

Meanwhile, we are seeking new courses, activities and ideas, as well as volunteers who may like to facilitate a group.

While many of our favourite courses will be returning, let us know what courses you would like to see running in 2021. Please send in any ideas for new courses including:

- Small group activities
- Outdoor activities and courses
- Zoom sessions — one of or a short series of sessions
- Also courses that allow members to participate in a one off presentation, such as in ***20th Century Women*** and ***Wandering the World***.

Any ideas for courses, please email: u3aportfairy@gmail.com or contact Kate, Maggie or Sue Goy if you would like to discuss your idea. (Phone numbers on page one)

We welcome your ideas and participation

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LEARN, LAUGH, LIVE

LISTEN: The Victorian Seniors Festival reimagined has joined with Victorian community radio stations to broadcast the 2020 Radio reimagined programs.

Find your local radio station and download their Victorian Seniors Festival radio reimagined program.: https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards/local-radio-schedule

WATCH: Watch performances from the 2020 Seniors Festival reimagined. https://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards/watch-now (From this link scroll to the bottom of the page to see the list of weekly performances for your to browse through.

U3A Port Fairy — informal chat sessions via Zoom

zoom chat sessions

Join us for an online chat using Zoom

Our first U3A Port Fairy Zoom chat session was on 10th September. About 15 members participated in a chat about how they were occupying their time during the Covid restrictions. Some members new to Zoom had received training sessions with Maureen and were now happy to zoom with friends and family as well as participate in the many Zoom presentations offered by a variety of organisations. Port Fairy members are welcome to join in with the Warrnambool zoom presentations listed on page 13.

We will continue with some informal zoom chat sessions whilst more people begin to feel confident in this online environment.

We have two informal Zoom sessions scheduled in October:

Afternoon Drinks at 11.00 am on Tuesday 6th October

And

Movie Chat at 2.00 pm on Thursday 22 October

If you have not yet used Zoom and would like some practice prior to these sessions, email us or phone Maureen on 0418210011. You will also find some information on how to participate in Zoom on our How to Page on our website —- visit: **https://u3aportfairy.com/how-to/**

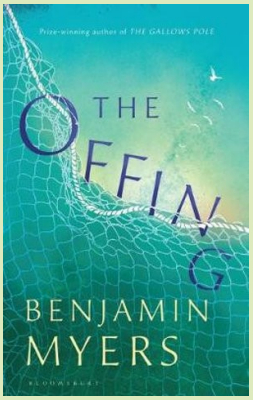
Invitations will be sent separately to all members — just click on the link a few minutes before the sessions begin.

BOOKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At our first U3A Port Fairy members Zoom session on 10th September we not only caught up with some members finding out what they were doing in lockdown, but also discussed some recommended reading.

Miles Franklin Literary Award won by Wiradjuri author Tara June Winch for her novel The Yield

HERE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS . . .



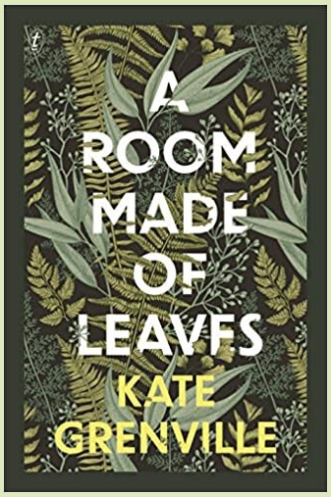
Eda Ritchie:

The Offing by Benjamin Myers

The Yield by Tara June Winch

Kate Donelan:

A Room Made of Leaves by Kate Grenville - also recommended by Graham Evans

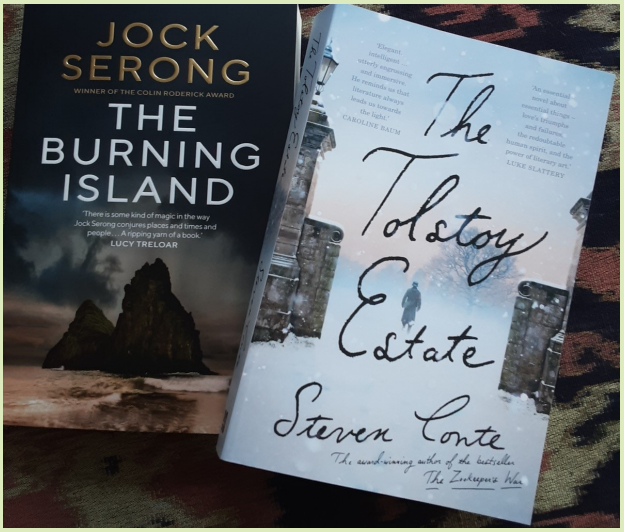


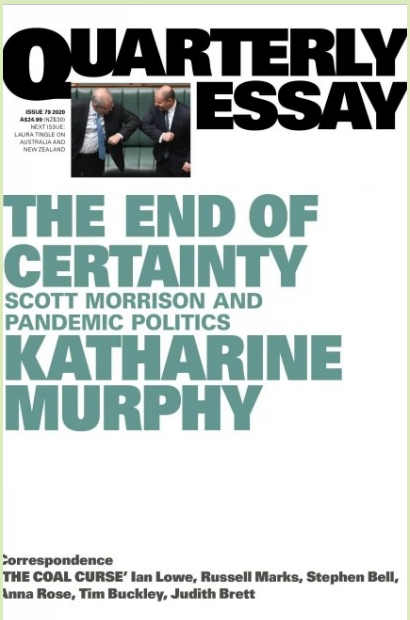
Also from Graham—***Quarterly Essay*** by Katharine Murphy

Graeme George:

The Burning Island by Jock Serong

Hidden Hand by Clive Hamilton and Mareike Ohlberg





Support our local authors and book sellers!

U3A Warrnambool continues to welcome U3A Port Fairy members to participate in their special ZOOM Tutorials!

All tutorials will commence at 2.00 pm on the Tuesdays as listed below.

Invitations to join each of the tutorials will be issued by email from Peter Dexter, President U3A Warrnambool

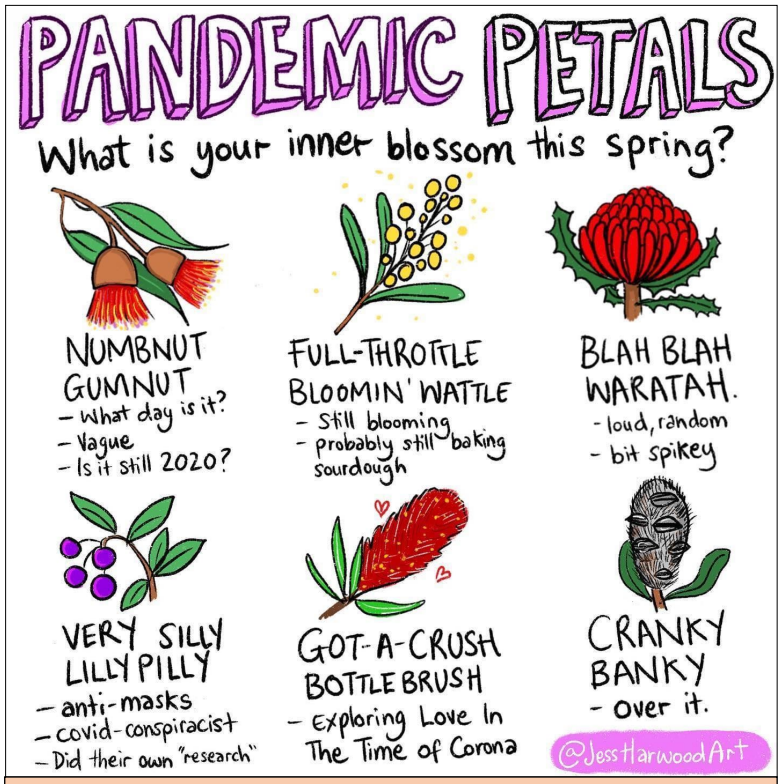
If you think you might like to give it a go, please contact Peter Dexter by either email or phone: plsinoz@gmail.com or 0417431277

OCT 6	**SOPHIE COUCHMAN: Warrnambool's Chinese families and their place in Australian History** From the Artso family who served in both World Wars to the Chinese who cultivated market gardens, the Warrnambool area has a surprisingly rich Chinese history. Using this local history as a starting point, this tutorial will explore Australia's long Chinese history and challenge you to think about the point at which Australia's Chinese history simply becomes Australian history.
OCT 13	**DAVID SOUTH: Psychology and Road Safety** The number of people killed on the roads in Australia rose steadily to a peak of 3,798 in 1970 and has steadily declined since then. In 2019, 1195 people were killed. Over this whole period the number of people using the roads, and the number of vehicles, rose steadily, so the drop since 1970 is remarkable. It did not just happen - throughout this period a lot of programs aimed at preventing deaths on the road were instituted. Programs were of many different kinds - the roads became safer, traffic management systems became simpler to use, vehicles became safer to crash in, and road user behaviour changed. This presentation is about the programs designed to change behaviour.
OCT 20	**DICK WHITAKER: The Weather Map and How to Read It** Weather maps – or more properly synoptic charts - began appearing in newspapers in America in the 1840's and they gradually became a permanent fixture in the press from then on. Australia's first weather map appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald on 5th February 1877. Despite the advent of computers, radar imagery and satellite photography, synoptic charts are still fundamental to our understanding of the current meteorological situation. In this talk we look at how synoptic charts are assembled and how broad features of the current weather situation can be deduced from them.
OCT 27	**DICK WHITAKER: A Piece of Pi** Pi – the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter - has been a source of wonder to mathematicians throughout history. Rather than being a simple number, as we would expect, it is full of hidden complexities, and crops up in an amazing number of theoretical and physical processes. It seems to be a fundamental chord in the symphony of the universe. This talk looks at the history of its discovery and the investigations of its nature that continue into the present day.
NOV 3	**Adam Fletcher, Ailiche Goddard-Clegg, Loren Tuck, DEAKIN UNIVERSITY: The Hycel Project** Hycel will be a ground-breaking Australian facility for testing, manufacturing, optimising, and training in new hydrogen technologies located at Deakin University's Warrnambool Campus. Hydrogen is a key part of Australia's transition to clean energy and Hycel is focused on ways to use hydrogen rather than processes to produce it. Hycel will work with researchers, industry, government, and community to ready Australia for the hydrogen economy. The Hycel team will provide an overview of the project and what it could mean for south west Victoria

What's happening in your garden?

In the last newsletter we asked for input into the newsletter or other inspirations on the Theme of Garden Creatures. With Spring officially started there is so much going on.

Here are the responses . . .



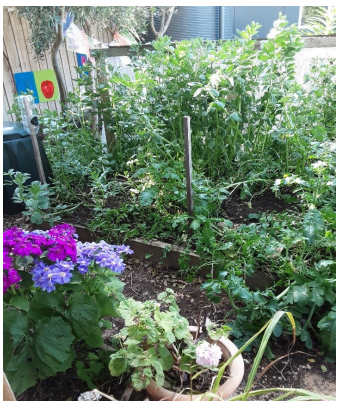
A Covid response from Val Hastings

Green pastures and backyard visitors at John & Maureen's

Joan Moloney has sent in some photos of her garden with beautiful blossoms and the warm sunshine is so welcomed

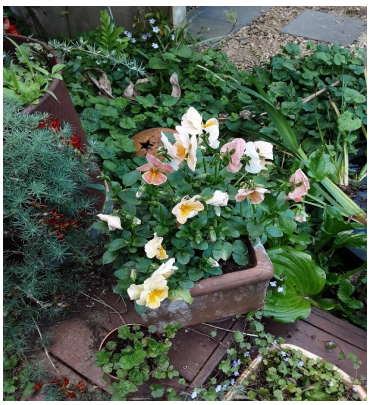
John and Maggie's Backyard

The highlights of our garden are seeing the fruit trees blossom



Everything is coming to life

Out with the red paint



Those little pansies keep giving

A Fairytale from Maggie Leutton: Fey in the garden

Crazy it may seem . . .

Arriving at 3 score and ten a couple of years ago ... I decided to have some fun ... entertaining 50 plus friends and family on the Beach for a Pancake Brunch … with the help of my most favourite man of course!

Guests headed off in Teams with a bag containing a 'Fey' *(elves, fairies, mainly Scottish, appearing to be under a spell, unreal, enchanted, often in high spirits, whimsical, strange and otherworldly Fey creatures)* and some instructions to name this whimsical being and take photos of their character in particular locations around our historic harbour village depicting 'his-story'. A friend and I had fun painting these guys ... giving them Fey characteristics to endear them to their Team.

Reports came in — our guys were seen on Café tables, peering through fences, in and around St John's, on a push bike, trolley, in a basket, bush walking, stuck behind gaol bars, sunbaking on the rocks, fishing, manning the boats riverside, birdwatching in the hide, and so it goes … lots of fun, curiosity & laughs from locals alike.

The photos were classic and the stories very innovative. The photos came back, and were downloaded becoming our backdrop for the lunch session with sangria at Southcombe Park .

These Fey may now appear in groups in our garden when we entertain outside … as they don't like the winter so hibernate!

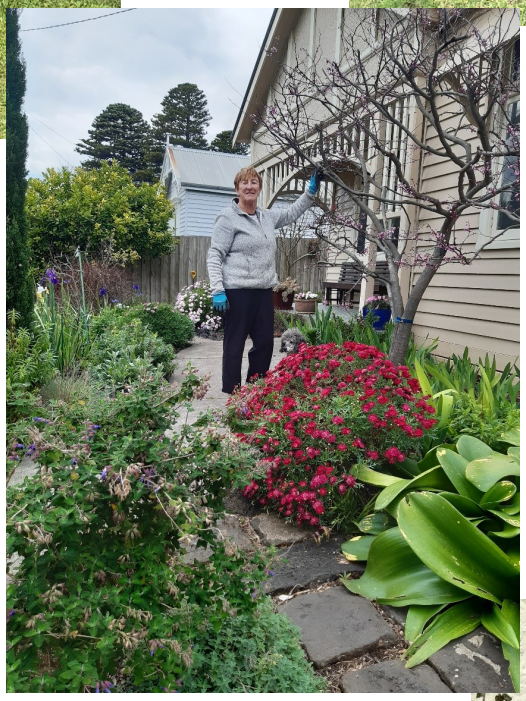
Spring brings them out and they move around at leisure depending on the elements and whim..

Oh, and yes, there's loads more to the story of course!

What's going on in Ted and Kate's back yard!

A new puppy:

Stella a Golden Labrador has already taken on the job of garden assistant, helping Ted Donelan to replace the garden hose



Marea Ellard's gorgeous garden.

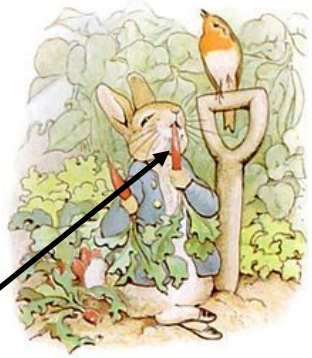
A bee resting on the Lavender and Marea with her beautiful little Poodle, Misty beside her.

The Curious Case of the Disappearing Broccoli . . .

Camilla Kelly has a lovely garden and anyone who knows Camilla, also knows that she lovingly looks after her flowers, trees and vegetables.

A few weeks ago however, Camilla was astonished (to say the least) to find a massacre had occurred in the vegetable patch. **Every one of her fully grown broccoli had been sharply cut off the plants.** ***Who would do this?***

Camilla's lovey spring garden with her dog Sox beside her.



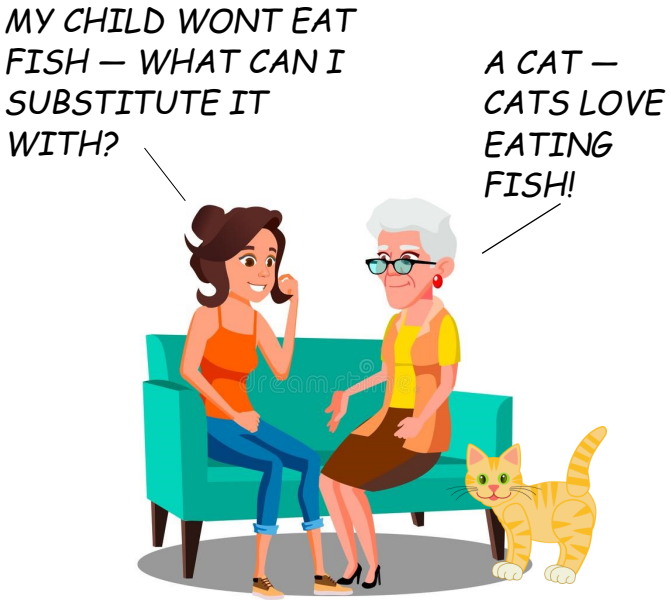
Suspect brought in for questioning

Cryptic Puzzles—Birds of Port Fairy

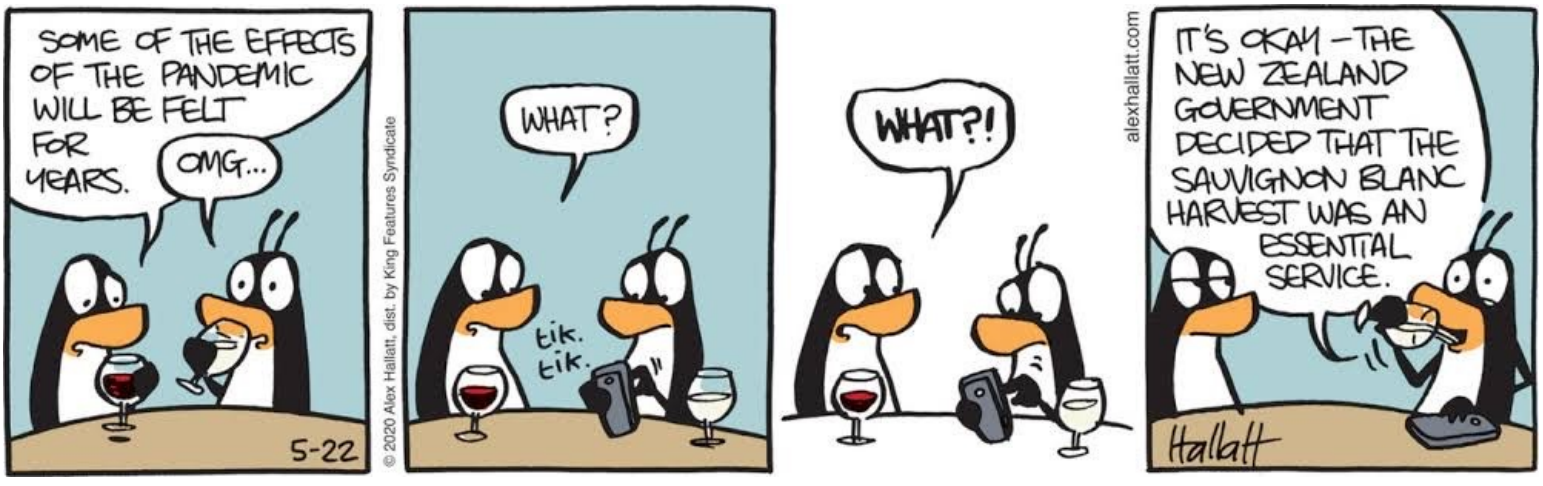
1. Bad end changed slow lean (6, 5)
2. I, Alan Raust, destroyed Pendelbury, for example (10, 6)
3. Mark's petty verbal attack (6'1, 5)
4. Initially, Leon Orville Nolan got charged. Blimey Fitzgerald! (4-6, 7)
5. Venerated royal angler (6, 9)
6. Sounds like a really good kebab holder (5, 4)
7. Saw average old tea tossed (7, 9)
8. Will he shake his booty? Sounds like it! (6, 7)
9. Hot after big ball (5)
10. Large regret, but not right (5, 5)
11. Cutlery invoice (9)
12. Crazy Ann is enthusiastic after dark. Ron, he is crazy too (7, 5, 5)
13. Robin, the talking horse, is a quiet intimate (6, 6)

Thanks Tim & Carolyn!

ANSWERS: Next page — no peeking!

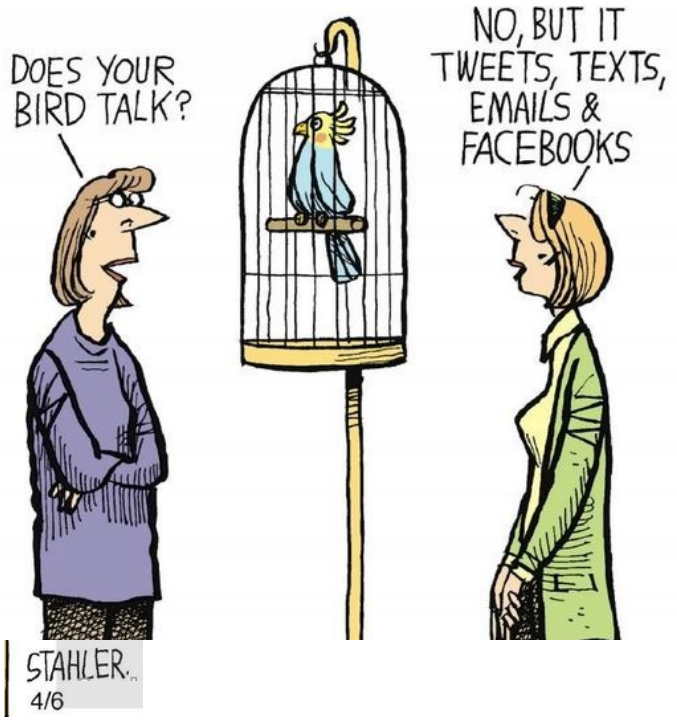


I love Parrots in the Spring-

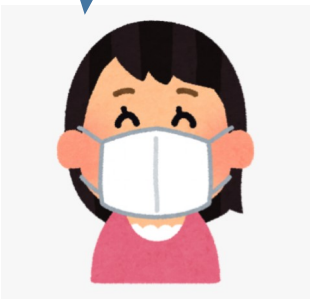


CRYPTIC ANSWERS: –Birds of Port Fairy.

1. Banded Stilt
2. Australian Magpie
3. Latham's Snipe
4. Long-billed Corella
5. Sacred Kingfisher
6. Great Skua
7. Spotted Pardelote
8. Willie Wagtail
9. Galah
10. Great Egret
11. Spoonbill
12. Nankeen Night Heron
13. Hooded Plover



So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pundemic



Sitting Spots: 1:Start of the Rail Trail at Regent Street; 2: On the way to the lighthouse; 3: East Beach; 4:Port Fairy Botanical Gardens and 5: Apex Park

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