



# U3A Granite Belt Newsletter



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## Charges for use of STEPS and Senior Citizens

Following the proposal put forward in the last newsletter, for the introduction of a fee of 50 cents per person per day to apply to members attending activities at STEPS on Mondays and the Senior Citizens room on Wednesdays, feedback which has been received indicates that members are in favour of this proposal.

It has therefore been decided by the Executive that this arrangement will commence from the beginning of September. Members attending STEPS on Mondays, and the Senior Citizens room on Wednesdays, are asked to collect the fee, and pay the collections to the Treasurer when convenient i.e. possibly at the general meetings.

The Committee intends to monitor the arrangement, and will start from that point to make contributions to both Irene Grevis-James, the organiser of the German classes, and Mary Courtney for the forthcoming patchwork course, for their rental outgoings.

Members are hereby thanked for their courtesy and fairness in considering this issue, which has applied fairness to our growing financial commitments.



## Computer Group Morphs into Newsletter Group

With the number of computer group attendees falling to almost nil, it was decided at the August computer group meeting that it would discontinue, and that a session for people interested in using Microsoft 'Publisher' to compose newsletters might be more attractive and useful to a greater number of members, so the newsletter group will start this month at

10.00am at the **Learning Network room** at the High School.

It could be a lot of fun to compose a family newsletter with a few photos included, especially at Christmas, to send around to family members scattered far and wide, as so many of our families are. An alternative to Facebook if you are not interested in using that!

## Spring Social

**Morning Tea at the Learning Centre for Adult Learner's Week**

*As a contribution by U3A Granite Belt to Adult Learner's Week, we are again having a Public Morning Tea at the Learning Centre on **Friday 3rd September** from 10 am till 12 noon, to serve both as our Spring Social, as well as to publicise what U3A does in Stanthorpe.*

*Please come along and support your U3A*

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## Yarn Group Discusses Items in the News



A lively discussion ensued when the members of the Yarn Group got together to explore ideas about several topics in the news at the moment, (and it wasn't *all* about politics!) This type of feed-back discussion is quite popular at the moment, as can be seen by various TV and radio programmes on air.



### Guest Speakers ?

Are there any topics that members would like to hear discussed by a guest speaker at our monthly meetings?

If anyone has a suggestion about this, or perhaps would like to have an earlier guest speaker back again to give us more information about his or her subject, please let JA or Steve know so it can be arranged.

Has anyone worked out yet what was missing from Jack Stoll's "Lipogram"?

### The Granite Belt Dance Club Inc.



Invites all

Senior Citizens to a FREE

Concert for Seniors

at St. Joseph's Hall on

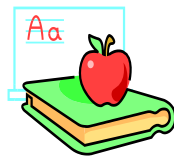
Saturday, September 11,  
Starting at 1.30 pm

Featuring the talents of  
local artists

Free afternoon tea  
will be served after  
the concert

*"The covers of this book are too far apart"*

*Ambrose Bierce's famous one sentence review, quoted in The Nation.*



### Education

We sometimes hear older people stating that: "They only got an 8th grade education", and maybe we think they don't know very much.

The test below is part of an end of year test paper they had to sit for to get that 8th grade education in **1895** in the USA.

### Orthography (Grade 8 Test - USA - 1895) [Do we even know what this is??]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.' (HUH?)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word: bi, dis-mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicates the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, fain, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication. *(And no, I don't know all the correct answers either!)*

### Some Suggestions

Jim Wilkinson has put forward some interesting ideas for future activities that we could take part in occasionally as a whole group and not just small interest groups.

One was that as Deputy Mayor Peter Blundell is to be the guest speaker at our next general meeting, we think about some questions and ideas to put to him, that he could take to the SDRC town planner, as to what plans Council has for out-

door space/ parks, and its intentions towards making those spaces "seniors friendly" and connected, for easy access, as it is vitally important that all seniors are encouraged to get outdoors.

Jim has also put forward a few other ideas for future consideration, and these will be included in the next newsletter.

**Proof-reading is a dying art!**

**Miners Refuse to Work After Death**  
*(Good-for-nothing lazy so-and-so's!)*

**Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant**  
*(See if that works any better than a fair trial!)*

**Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide**  
*(They may be on to something!)*

**Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges**  
*(You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?)*

**New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group**  
*(Weren't they fat enough?)*

**Kids Make Nutritious Snacks**  
*(Do they taste like chicken?)*

**Local School Dropouts Cut in Half**  
*(Chainsaw Massacre all over again)*  
**And the winner is ...**

**Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead**  
*(Did I read that right?)*

*Demonstration for Garden Group*

The Garden Group spent an informative morning at Sue and Bob Johnson's place on Wednesday, benefiting from Barry Murphy's years of experience with dahlia propagation and very successful showing. He showed us how to locate the growing bud on each tuber before planting, and discussed correct fertilizers etc, and offered to help anyone who required some hints. The garden group will arrange a visit to Barry's place when his dahlias are flowering to see their glorious display. He would like to see more gardeners enter their own dahlias in the Dahlia Show, which he organizes. We finished the morning with morning tea and a wonderful slide show on DVD of stunningly beautiful prize-winning flowers from various dahlia shows around Queensland.



**FOOD INVESTIGATIONS**

A group of 15 members of U3A Granite Belt visited 'Heavenly Chocolates' at Girraween on a bitterly cold and blustery day in August, to investigate the manufacture of chocolates, and to enjoy a wonderfully warming drink of hot chocolate or coffee in very congenial surroundings.

The Food Investigations group is having a great time visiting the various food production facilities around the Granite Belt, learning about the ingredients and processes involved, and next month will be going to Mount Stirling Olives at Glen Aplin, and Fudge Cottage.



**Mystery Photo**

Last month's picture must have had you all mystified as there were no correct answers offered. It was a photo of a collection of Fairy Martin's nests, taken by Liz at the Longreach Hall of Fame.

This month's picture may prove no less mysterious. If you know what it is, send your answer to Steve by email or phone, by mid September - and if you're correct, you will of course, win the self-funded around the world trip., if you're happy to pay for it!



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### German Group Reminder

The next German lesson  
**only** will be held on  
**Wednesday**  
1st September

At Oriël's place:  
Unit 7, 19 Harris Street

### Investment Group Decision making time!

It is very important that all 13  
investors attend the next  
meeting, to decide **what will**  
**happen to our money**, and  
to vote for a new committee

*Rest satisfied with do-  
ing well, and leave  
others to talk of you as  
they will.*

*Pythagoras*

## Programme for September 2010

### Weekly Activities - September

- Every Mon - STEPS - MahJong, Cribbage (mornings from 9.30am). Sewing and handcrafts (9.30am to 1pm). - Contacts: Mary Courtney, J-A Dvorak  
Every Mon - Jonola (cards) - at RSL - 1.30pm - Contact: Liz Drake  
Every Wed - Art Group - Senior Citizens room, Civic Centre - 9.30am to 1.00pm - cost \$4.00 - Contact: Laurie Astill

### Monthly / Fortnightly Activities - September

- 1st Wed (1st) - Beginners German - **Oriël's Place** this week only, at 10.00am, Convenor: Irene Grevis-James. See reminder adjacent.  
1st Thur (2nd) - Yarn Group - 10.00am at **Learning Centre** - come along and have a discussion about the election, or whatever. Convenors: Steve and Roy  
1st Fri (3rd) - **Spring Social and Adult Learner's week public morning tea** at Learning Centre instead of the **New** Newsletter Group for this month only. 10.00 - 12noon at **Learning Centre**. Convenors: J-A & Carol v K  
1st Mon (6th) - Design in Your Life, STEPS Building commencing 1.00 pm Contact: Mary Courtney  
2nd Wed (8th) - Patchwork, CWA Hall, The Summit 9:00 - 3:00pm (\$30 for six session course) Contact: Mary Courtney  
2nd Thur (9th) - Food For Thought - Mt. Sterling Olives & Fudge Cottage, Collins Road, Glen Aplin, 10:00am Contact: Mary Courtney (Members meet at Weeroona Park at 9:30am to car pool).  
2nd Fri (10th) - Investment Group - **Learning Centre** - 10.00am - Change of office bearers? - Venue changed due to School requirements Contact: Nick Smithers  
2nd Tues (14th) - Music for Pleasure - Venue: Jan and Graham's place, 377 Fletcher Rd, Fletcher, at 7.00pm - Theme: Rose. Contact: Carol/ Oriël  
3rd Wed (15th) - Garden Group - 10.00am - Venue: To be notified Contact: Kerrie and Leon McCosker  
3rd Thur (16th) - General Meeting - 10.00am - **Learning Centre** - Guest speaker: Peter Blundell, Deputy Mayor. Contact: J A Dvorak  
3rd Fri (17th) - Digital Photography Group - 10.00am at **Learning Centre** - Theme: Photo Chains / Subjects from Digital Photography for Seniors. Contact: Liz Drake  
3rd Tues (21st) - Beginners German - STEPS at 10.00am - Convenor: Irene Grevis-James  
4th Wed (22nd) - Birdwatching - in recess for a while. Contact: Peter Dawson  
4th Thur (23rd) - History Group - To be notified  
Contacts: Esme/ Jenny  
" " - Book Club - Lorenza's Coffee Lounge - 2.00pm - Contact: Mary Courtney - Book for September: 'Boycott' by Lisa Forrest  
4th Fri (24th) - Dromomaniacs - talking about travel - Carol's place at 1/11a Aplin Street, about the Philippines. Contact: Jan Martin

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