



Above: Garden group at Finlay's

**July 2011**

## Ulysses Club Donation

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Ulysses Motorcycle Club representatives Georgie Westerhout and Bob Garth attended the U3A Granite Belt general meeting on 16th June 2011 to present a cheque for \$350 as a donation

towards the ongoing 'Quilts for Car-ramar' project.

The Ulysses Club is winding up its local chapter and distributing its funds, and was so impressed with

the Quilts project, through Georgie's mother being in Car-ramar and receiving one of the quilts, that they decided to help the project in this way.

right) and some of the U3AGB members who were involved over a period of months with the sewing of the quilts - (from left - Beryl, Anita, Mary, Jenny & Mim).



The donation will be put towards purchasing more backing for the next batch of quilts, which will

The photo show Georgie and Bob (2nd & 3rd from left) with J.A. (far

be commenced later in 2011, for donating in 2012.

## Food Investigations - Lunch at the Martin's incorporating the Mid-Year Social & Poetry Group

This month, U3A Granite Belt has a great treat - a combination of Food Investigations, the mid-year Social and July's Poetry Group (on the theme of Food) all in one.

This gathering will be held on **Thursday 7th July** at Jan and Graham Martin's residence at 377 Fletcher Road, off the New England Highway at Fletcher south of Glen Aplin.

The event will start from

about 10am, with soup and morning tea, and maybe a few poems from the Poetry Group or anyone else who wants to bring a verse and share it, followed by a noon lunch of camp oven cooked fare, finishing off with some damper and treacle accompanied by a billy tea, at about 2pm. To cover costs, people attending are asked to contribute \$5.00. The meal will start with soup (Corn Chowder) at 10am, camp oven lunch

of roast chicken, beef, venison sausages, bean pot and vegetables at noon, followed by damper and a cuppa to finish. The poems will be on the Food theme, so you can gorge yourself in a literary as well as literal way.

Please let Jan Martin(4684 1264) or Mary Courtney (46837103) know by Friday 1st July if you are attending, for catering purposes.

### Speaker

for this month's general meeting, on **Thursday 21st July**, will be

**Uncle Graham Dillon**

elder of the Kombumerri Gold Coast aboriginal clan, (and an excellent speaker.)

**Don't miss this special event!**

**U3A Granite Belt's e-mail address has changed to: -**

**[u3agb@granitenet.com.au](mailto:u3agb@granitenet.com.au)**

## Maroochydore AGM Cont'd

The financial report showed the Network in a healthy financial position, primarily through obtaining funding to help expand U3A activity throughout Qld, and negotiations for renewal of the insurance scheme are on track, with the likely cost to members of renewal likely to be less than \$2 per member.

Three excellent workshops were conducted on computer topics - on group mail systems, and powerpoint presentations, as well as general Windows 7 information.

The next AGM will be a full conference at the Gold Coast, and all members of U3As in Qld are invited to attend.

## Dogs

*Paddy said to Mick "I'm thinking of getting a Labrador"*

*Mick said "Forget that, Paddy, have you noticed how many of their owners go blind?"*



## Investment Club

The Investment Club (or more formally "U3A Granite Belt Investment Club No. 1" has now been disbanded, and finished its life by delivering its members a small profit.

At the last meeting in June, the Club was wound up, and withdrawal slips or cheques were made out for each member, giving them a return of \$1334 on their original investment of \$1000.

The club has indeed been a learning experience for its participants, and as J.A. has stated - when many of us started, we didn't know what questions we needed to ask about investing and investments.

If however you have an interest in participating in an investment club, the next meeting will explore the idea of starting another one, possibly with changed

parameters. For instance, the last club had a minimum investment of \$1000 but the new one may set a lower base investment; say \$500.

Come along to the next meeting, on Friday 8th July at the Learning Centre at 10am, when the parameters for a new group will be discussed. Hopefully there won't be another Global Financial Crisis to throw a spanner in the works.

## Garden Group Outing to Dawson's Garden

A substantial attendance of 17 members on a fine cool morning, experienced a warm welcome at Pete and Marjie Dawson's place, for a Garden Group outing with a difference - a bird spotting session, with the knowledgeable bird-watcher Pete leading the

group through some of the fundamentals of bird-

watching, such as the best binoculars to use, the

and the right shelter, nest sites, clearings (and plenty of fruit, said Bob Johnson, who has an orchard next door!)



This was a different educational session as well as a convivial social event, and was greatly appreciated

by the Garden group - Many thanks Pete and Marjie.

## U3A Network AGM – Maroochydore 25 June 2011 Report by Steve Courtney

The Network AGM and mini conference of was attended by representatives of 10 U3As in Queensland, held at the RSL Club. President Jim Hales outlined achievements of the Network over the past year, which included the production of promotional material for U3As generally, but more particularly, the setting up of

at least 2 new U3As, at Beaudesert and Atherton, and the expansion of the Network from 19 members at the start of the year to currently 24 U3As, with Cairns joining within the last few days. The election of representatives to the Network management committee resulted in minimal changes, with Alan Williams

of Townsville taking over as Treasurer, Mary Courtney of U3A Granite Belt continuing as Newsletter Editor, and most others re-elected to their previous positions, with new members Adrienne Brougham of North Gold Coast, and Rhonda Weston of Toowoomba.

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## History Group's Visit to Glengallan

Twenty members of U3A history group visited the old homestead of Glengallan on 23<sup>rd</sup> June which was a lovely, clear sunny day. After exploring the grounds we enjoyed an excellent morning tea put on by the Glengallan volunteers. During morning tea we were entertained with a puppet show giving the story of John Deuchar and his family and the rise and fall of Glengallan. Sue, our hostess for the day then showed us through the house which was built in 1867 on the property first leased by the Campbell brothers and named by them in 1841.

We were able to admire the beautiful cedar staircase and the elegant drawing rooms of the era, marvel at the dead cat entombed in the foundations, and view the first water toilet ever on the Darling Downs. When you next visit Warwick look for the sandstone pillars and iron gates which were relocated to Leslie Park as a memorial to the Leslie Brothers! Glengallan wants them back.



The topic for our next History Group on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10am will be "The Rabbit Proof Fence" and "The Dog Fence" researched by Esme Hobba and Steve Courtney.

## Dromomaniacs (aka the itchy feet brigade)

It is strange the things we choose to **souvenir** – some are gifts, others deliberated purchases, but often most precious of all are findings". All are mementos of another time and place, and serve us in our senior years as a reminder of times and places that have paved the path of our lives.

Our group's novel, interesting and varied assortment

included shells, carvings, silver and amber jewellery, the work of artists and craftsmen/women from many cultures, and natural findings from various parts of the globe, including Australia. Snow from Switzerland and a flower & soil from Princess Grace's garden might not hold the same form as when they were found but hold fond

memories.

Hits of the day were Mary's beautifully hand dyed, spun and woven wall hanging from Cuzco, and Graham's framed Rolls Royce hand crafted from clock parts, but I'm sure many of our necks would be proud to display Dot's radiant black pearl.

## Mystery Photo

Last month's mystery photo wasn't really a mystery - it was a stump on the side of Sugarloaf Rd which bears a property number. But to be honest, I was looking for an inventive rather than literal description, and **Nev Winter's** contribution was "a petrified elephant dropping uncovered during the



floods." You can't get more inventive than that, so Nev was last month's

winner of the self-funded world trip. The photo at left is this month's puzzler - if you know where it is or what it is, you could be the July winner of the self-funded world trip. E-mail your guesses to Steve by the middle of the month, for your chance to be the July winner.

### Music

*My neighbor  
knocked at my  
door at 2.30 this  
morning...Can you  
imagine that  
...2.30am?*

*Luckily for him, I  
was still up play-  
ing my bagpipes.*

### Viewing the Newsletter %

For those who may not know, when our newsletter is opened on the computer it is showing at 103%. You can enlarge the size of it for easier reading by clicking on the tiny arrow next to the 103% button at the top of the window and getting a drop-down box, then choosing whichever % you require.

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*Hope to see you at  
the Winter Social on  
Thursday the 7th,  
(details opposite), a  
camp-oven cookout  
which will be a great  
opportunity to get  
together with mem-  
bers you may not see  
at other times.*

*Do bring a warm  
coat!*

## Programme for July 2011



### Weekly Activities - July

- Every Mon MahJong, Cribbage, Sewing (mornings) - at STEPS  
from 9.30am to 12.30pm Contact: J A Dvorak  
" " - Jonola (cards) - at RSL - 1.30pm - Contact: Liz Drake  
Every Wed - Heart Foundation (U3A) Walking Group - from Heritage Park -  
8.30am Contact: JA Dvorak  
" " - Art Group - Senior Citizens Room - 9.30am to 4pm - cost \$5  
Contact: Laurie Astill

### Monthly / Fortnightly Activities - July

- 1st Fri (1st) - School Holidays - **note change to programme** - Discussion Group  
will be 2nd Thursday, Poetry will be at the Social.
- 1st Thur (7th) - **Food Investigations / Poetry / Social (combined activity)** - 10am at  
Jan/Graham Martin's, 377 Fletcher Rd. Glen Aplin - Camp oven cook  
ing - Cost \$5 per person. This will be the mid-year Social, and will  
incorporate the Poetry Group (for this month only).  
Anyone needing a lift out to the Martins, meet at 9.30am at Weeroona  
Park
- 2nd Fri (8th) - Investment Group - at Learning Centre - 10.00am - Formation of  
new group - Setting of guidelines for operation of a new investment  
club. - Contact: JA Dvorak
- 2nd Tue (12th) - Music for Pleasure - 7pm - Venue: John and Chiyoko's, 1623 Texas  
Rd Topic: Celestial bodies Contacts: Carol/ Oriël
- 2nd Thur (14th) - Discussion Group - 10am at Learning Centre - Discussion of any  
topics in the news. Contacts: Roy Werner, Steve Courtney
- 3rd Fri (15th) - Digital Photography Group - 10am at the Learning Centre - collating  
photo display for open day at Hilton St - Convenor: Liz Drake
- 3rd Wed (20th) - Garden Group - 10am - Venue: **to be advised**
- 3rd Thur (21st) - General Meeting - 10am - Learning Centre - Speaker: Uncle Graham  
Dillon, elder of aboriginal clan Contact: J A Dvorak
- 4th Fri (22nd) - Dromomaniacs - A walk in Girraween to The Junction, if the track is  
open, if not, you will be notified. Car pool if required at 9am at  
Weeroona Park, bring own picnic lunch and water. Contact: Oriël 4681  
3648
- 4th Thur (28th) - History Group - 10.00am at the Learning Centre - Talk on the Rabbit  
Proof Fence and the Dingo Fence (by Esme and Steve)  
Convenor: Jenny Stoll
- 4th Thur (28th) - Book Club - Lorenza's Coffee Lounge - 2pm - Contact: Mary Courtney  
Book for July: **The Chimney Sweeper's Son** by Barbara Vine



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