



November 2010

Reg and Jean celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary



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Jean and Reg Keehn were foundation members of U3A Granite Belt, when it was taking its first tentative steps back in 2003/2004, and have been great contributors to activities ever since. So it was an occasion worth noting when recently Reg celebrated his 90th birthday, and very soon afterwards, he and Jean celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Jean was born in Brisbane in 1925, studied nursing to gain the triple certificates,



and she and Reg married in 1950, and lived at The Summit. In her later career, she was Sister in Charge at Blue Nursing in Stanthorpe for many years.

Reg was born in Stanthorpe in 1920, and ran a fruit farm at The Summit

for many years. He has seen amazing changes in his lifetime, including the introduction of cars, phones, electricity, radio, TV, computers etc. At 85,

Reg won our competition to design the U3A Granite Belt logo.

We in U3A are privileged to have Jean and Reg as members and friends, and they continue to show us what U3A is all about.



U3A Online Courses: Any members wishing to check on U3A Online Courses please go to www.u3aonline.org.au click on 'Course List' in the banner, and then scroll down to see what is available.

You are sure to find subjects that will interest you.

Another of our foundation members, **Mim Sheahan**, celebrated her 80th birthday recently with lunch at Felsberg Winery, with family and friends.

Mim was born, raised and educated in Geelong, Victoria. On leaving school she was employed as a weaver in the woollen mills. She later married and had three children, moved to Ballandean while they were still teenagers, and



later moved to Stanthorpe when she married

Gordon Sheahan.

Mim is enjoying her retirement and keeps herself busy with her garden, playing mahjong and cards, and takes part in many other activities since joining the U3A group. Mim also likes to travel whenever the opportunity arises.

Congratulations, Mim, on reaching this milestone, and we wish you many more to come.

What's Coming Up?

Knowledge and Wisdom

*Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit-
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*

Christmas Break Up/ Food Investigations

It was decided that the Food Investigation's visit for December would also include the U3A Granite Belt Inc's Christmas Breakup.

We have booked in for morning tea at The Bramble Patch, Townsend Road, Glen Aplin for 10:00 am.

It will take the form of a morning tea with waffle baskets included. Cost is \$8 per head unless you want a special coffee or different drink, in which case you will pay extra for that yourself.

It was suggested that in-

stead of a Secret Santa, everyone donate a gold coin or note, which would then be donated to Granite Belt Support Services .

Numbers are required, please let Mary know by 3rd December, if you will be attending.

"Myths and Legends" Course for Next Year.

The next course we are undertaking from U3A Online is Myths and Legends, and is now due to start on the commencement of activities in the New Year. It will be on Mondays at 1pm in STEPS. Please let Steve know if

you are intending to participate, so that the necessary logistics can be planned

German for Beginners.

Course convenor **Irene Grevis-James** has reported that a small but enthusiastic group has continued to come to grips with the German language - English's mother tongue - and interest has been expressed in carrying on next year. For the present, however, the current course will go into recess on Tuesday 7th December.

Lipogram (by Adolphus Higginbottom)

Some months ago, we had a Lipogram submitted by **Jack Stoll**, which created quite a bit of interest, but obviously defeated most members, as no correct guesses were submitted.

It also must have fuelled the creative juices for one member, as someone (the name is undoubtedly a 'nom de plume') has taken the trouble to submit another Lipogram (a passage

with something missing) to test us again. Here it is, so see if you can work out what is missing in this verse:

*"With words I truly am a ham,
so thought I'd try a lipogram;
But sad to say I found a catch,
for words I try don't want to match.*

*As I rock slowly in my chair,
and hours turn into a day,
My wish is God will gladly grant
most small things for which I pray.*

Adolphus Higginbottom"

Send your guesses to Steve by mid November.

Strike a Light

*How is it that one careless match can start a bush fire,
but it takes a whole box to start a camp fire.*

Investment Club in October

Discussion of investment of the balance of our investment account, following the sale of McMahon shares last month, was extensive and lively. The Investment group has in excess of \$1500 to invest, with the proceeds of the McMahon sale plus the funds currently held in our



bank account.

The investments discussed were MacMin (Alcyone), Elders and Eastern Star.

It was decided to invest the amount of \$1000, and to keep some funds in the club's account.

It was agreed to invest in relatively-local silver miner, MacMin (Alcyone), which was currently trading at 4.7 cents, and a quantity of 21188 shares was purchased through Etrade.

Dromomaniacs (by Jan Martin)

Guest Speaker **Lindsay Rickard** came from Brisbane to give us an interesting power point and anecdotal account of a trip by a group of 6 friends through the 350 year old hand-dug Canal du Midi in the south of France, connecting the Mediterranean to the Atlantic to bypass Spain. From negotiating locks along the donkey towpaths to cycling or walking to nearby villages for supplies, from purchas-

ing wine from local vineyards and plucking ripe cherries from overhanging trees to the purchase of \$120 worth of cheese for dinner – the girl at the fromagerie was VERY pretty – this account of a relaxing and beautiful holiday had Dromomaniacs rushing to check their bank accounts.

TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER 26th is -
“WORKING IN RE-

MOTE AREAS OF THE WORLD”, so anyone with that sort of experience is urged to join us and share their stories. As a backup topic “**My favourite mountain picture**” – it could be sunset from Mt Marley or a snowstorm in the Cairngorms! Your own photo or one in a book are both welcome.

War doesn't determine who's right - only who's left

GARDEN GROUP (by Leon McCosker)

This month's Garden Group had retired **DPI Extension Officer, Andy Jordan** talk to us on insects in our gardens. Not all insects are pests and Andy described the difference between chewing and sucking insects and the role of beneficial predators to control the harmful insects. Try to use less chemicals as they kill every thing including the predators, Andy suggests the

“Two Brick Method” probably the safest (ask Jim Wilkinson to describe this method). I'm sure everyone learned a lot from Andy's talk.

We had a great roll up (28) to celebrate Reg and Jean Keehn's 60th Wedding anniversary with a finger food lunch. Reg and Jean were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for all the time and effort Reg has put into

the Garden Group and they were also presented with a pot plant.

Next Garden Group will be our Christmas Break-up at Mignon Wanstall's property Brushabers Road Wallangarra, on Wednesday 17th November. We will make this lunchtime, so bring your lunch and chair. Car pool at Weeroona Park at 10.30am for further directions.

Don't argue with an idiot. He'll beat you with experience

Mystery Photo (Picture supplied by Liz Drake)

Here is the new photo for this month. This may be a simple little feature of the newsletter, but judging by the number of people who look forward to, and have a go at guessing the picture each month, U3A Granite Belt has a lot of enquiring minds amongst its



members. Because we didn't have one in Octo-

ber, there was no self-funded trip around the world given away, but there will be this month. If you think you know what this is (at left), send your answer to Steve by mid month - you could be off on your self-funded trip, at the click of your mouse!

For Sale

Four-in-one sound system.

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Graham and Kay
to arrange an inspection*

Evening News

The evening news is a program where they begin with "Good Evening", and then proceed to tell you why it isn't!

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Thanks to **Nev Winter** for pearls of wisdom, and to **Liz Drake** for photos

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Programme for November 2010

Weekly Activities -

- Every Mon - STEPS - MahJong, Cribbage, Sewing and handcrafts (9.30am to noon). -
Contacts: Mary Courtney or J A Dvorak
- Every Mon - Design in Your Life - STEPS at 1:00pm - Contact: Mary Courtney
Finishing November 1st
- Every Mon - Jonola (cards) - at RSL - 1.30pm - Contact: Liz Drake
- Every Wed - Art Group - Senior Citizens room, Civic Centre - 9.30am to 1pm -
cost \$5 - Contact: Laurie Astill

Monthly Activities -

- 1st Wed (3rd)- Patchwork for Beginners - Summit CWA Hall - Contact Mary Courtney
- 1st Thur (4th) - Yarn Group - 10am at Learning Centre - come along and have a
discussion about the news, or whatever else you wish to bring up.
Convenors: Steve and Roy
- 1st Fri (5th) - Computer (Newsletter) Group - find out how to put the newsletter together, or
how to use Publisher or Power Point Convenors: Steve & JA Dvorak
- 2nd Tue (9th) - Beginners German - STEPS at 10am Convenor: Irene Grevis- James
" " - Music for Pleasure - Venue: John and Chiyoko's place, Texas Rd
at 7.00pm - Theme: Animals Contact: Carol/Oriël
- 2nd Wed (10th)- Patchwork for Beginners - Summit CWA Hall - Contact Mary Courtney
- 2nd Thur (11th)- Food For Thought - 10:00am - Visit: Esme Hobba's - cooking with a pizza
oven Contact Mary
- 2nd Fri (12th) - Investment Group - 10am at Learning Centre - reviewing the portfolio
Contact: J A Dvorak
- 3rd Wed (17th) - Garden Group - Christmas Break-up (lunch) at Mignon Wanstall's
property Brushabers Road Wallangarra. Car pool at Weeroona Park at
10.30am Contact: Kerrie and Leon McCosker for further details.
- 3rd Thur (18th) - General Meeting - 10am - Learning Centre - Guest speaker: Bill Bonner
on East Timor Contact: J A Dvorak
- 3rd Fri (19th) - Digital Photography Group - 10am at Learning Centre - Theme: Sub
jects from Digital Photography for Seniors Contact: Liz Drake
- 4th Tues (23rd) - Beginners German - STEPS at 10am - Convenor: Irene Grevis-
James (finishing for this year on 7th December)
- 4th Wed.(24th) - Patchwork for Beginners—Summit CWA Hall—Contact Mary Courtney
- 4th Thur (25th)- History Group - in recess for a while - to resume early 2011
Contacts: Esme/Jenny.
- " " - Book Club - Lorenza's Coffee Lounge - 2pm - Contact: Mary
Courtney - Book for October: Check Library for what's available
- 4th Fri (26th) - Dromomaniacs - 10am at Learning Centre - Topic: Working in remote
areas of the world (See page 3 for details) Contact: Jan Martin



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