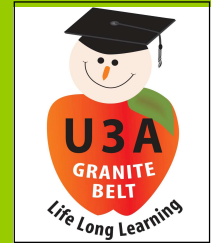


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# U3A Granite Belt Newsletter



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## Social-Picnic

Our first Social event for this year will be a BYO picnic at Donnelly's Castle.

The picnic is planned for **Thursday 11th March**, leaving Weeroona Park in Stanthorpe at **11am**, car pooling to Donnelly's Castle, so if you want a lift, or to offer a lift, be at the park, opposite the Police station, just before 11am.

Take a picnic lunch (BBQs are available) and your own drinks, and we would plan to return to Weeroona Park by 3pm. If it rains, it's off.

## Digital Photography

At its last meeting, the Digital Photo Group decided to have a **competition, to take the best Apple and Grape photo**, on any theme. It will be judged by the members—just take your photos and bring them along next time, in your camera or on a stick. No prizes—just kudos!

## Activities of Groups

**Dromomaniacs:** We have talked about festivals and other events, and the next meeting, in March, we are going to talk about the 10 natural wonders or man-made wonders of the world, that we have seen or want to see. Come along if you like the idea of armchair travel!

### Left Right and Centre:

This course, covering political philosophies, has obviously struck a chord with members, as numbers started a 9, and have now risen to 14. Lively discussions have taken place in the first 2 weeks of the course.

## U3A Art Club - Success at the Show

Members of the U3A Art Club have exhibited an abundance of talent recently, with members picking up a plethora of prizes at the recent Stanthorpe Show.

The Fine Art categories entered in the Show, and the prize winners from U3A Granite Belt's Art Club were:

### **Class 2 Oils/acrylics**

2nd prize Laurie Astill

### **Class 3 Pastels**

1st prize Peter With

2nd prize Norm Clayton

### **Class 4 Drawing**

1st prize Peter With

### **Class 7 Portraiture**

1st prize Laurie Astill

### **Class 9 3D Works**

2nd prize Peter With

From a small group of enthusiastic artists, this is an outstanding result.

Congratulations to all the prize winners, and to all members who entered the Show. Congratulations also to Vo Hall on the success of this group.

## Music for Pleasure

Oriel Neilsen's new unit in Harris St will be the venue for Music for Pleasure in March. The theme, first names, allows you to pick any music genre, provided it is named with a first name, and of course, is at least 50 years old. Without a doubt, these evenings are one of the highlights of U3A's monthly programme.

## Cryptic Crosswords

U3A Granite Belt has a new activity, starting on Monday 1st March. **Cryptic Crosswords** commences at STEPS at 1pm. Convened by Barbara Nicholls, it will introduce you to the concept of cryptic crosswords, and how to solve them. Come along to help you to keep your brain alive.

## Insurance4U3A

U3A Granite Belt has advised the U3A Network Qld that we are keen to be part of the combined public liability/ volunteers accident insurance scheme, after having been advised that the costs per member are likely to be less than \$1 per member. In comparison, we have been paying around \$10 per member with our current insurer.

This will be a wonderful saving on our annual costs, and will enable us to look at other expenditures which were previously out of our league.

### Dates to Note

#### in March

March 1st - St David's Day, Patron Saint of Wales, and of Poets

March 1st - The Scots celebrate Whuppity Scorie Day, a Scottish festival of noise-making, to drive away evil spirits.

March 16th - Henry VIII in 1534 severed ties with the Church of Rome

March 17th - St Patrick's Day, Patron Saint of Ireland

(Many thanks to the USA Cairns Bulletin)

### **Shave for a Cure**

Former President of U3A Granite Belt **Liz Drake** is taking part in the Leukemia Foundation's Shave for a Cure this year.

She has coloured her hair, but will shave it all off during March for the cause.

We wish you every success with your campaign, Liz.

If members can see their way clear to support Liz's fund raising, please do so!

**Best of luck, Liz**

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Conundrums

If a vacuum cleaner really sucks, does that mean it is good or bad?  
Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?  
Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?  
If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?  
Why do "tug" boats push their barges?

*Programme for March 2010*

**Weekly Activities**

- Every Mon - MahJong, Cribbage, Sewing (mornings) Various activities in afternoons - at STEPS - from 9.30am to 4.00pm Contacts: Mim Sheahan, Mary Courtney  
" " - Art Group - Senior Citizens Room - 9.30am to 4pm - cost \$2 Contact: Vo Hall  
" " - Jonola (cards) - at RSL - 1.30pm - Contact: Liz Drake

**Fortnightly / Monthly Activities - March**

- 1st Mon (1st) - **New activity - Cryptic Crosswords** - STEPS at 1pm - Contact: Barbara Nicholls  
1st Thur (4th) - Yarn Group - 10am at Learning Centre - Discussion of topics in the news. Contacts: Roy Werner, Steve Courtney  
1st Fri (5th) - Computer Club - 10am at Learning Centre - Contact: Steve or J A Dvorak  
" " - Left Right & Centre - A Brief Guide to Political Ideologies - 1.00pm at the Learning Centre - Contact: Steve  
2nd Tue (9th) - Music for Pleasure - Venue: Oriell Neilsen's at 7.00pm - Theme - First Names (50+) Contact: Carol or Oriell  
2nd Thur (11th) **Social Picnic - Donnelly's Castle** - meet 11am at Weeroona Park (opp. Police Station) - Contact: Steve  
2nd Fri (12th) - Investment Group - Learning Centre - 10.00am - Review the investments Contact: Nick Smithers  
3rd Mon (15th) - **New activity - Cryptic Crosswords** - STEPS at 1pm - Contact: Barbara Nicholls  
3rd Wed (17th) - Garden Group - 10am - Venue: McCosker's, 335 Amosfield Rd Contact: Kerrie and Leon  
3rd Thur (18th) - General Meeting - 10am - Learning Centre - guest speaker: Andrew Ferrier, on organic lamb Contact: Steve  
3rd Fri (19th) - Digital Photography Group - 10am at the Learning Centre - Photo Comp: Best Apple & Grape picture Contact: Liz Drake  
" " - Left Right & Centre - A Brief Guide to Political Ideologies - 1.00pm at the Learning Centre - Contact: Steve  
4th Thur (25th) - History Group - 10.30am - Learning Centre - Topic: History of Riverboats on the Darling - Prepared by Esme Hobba  
" " - Book Club - Lorenza's Coffee Lounge - 2pm - Contact: Mary Book for March: to be advised (will be available at Library by end Feb)  
4th Fri (26th) - Dromomaniacs - 10am at the Learning Centre - Topic: The 10 natural or man-made wonders I have seen or want to see - Contact: Jan Martin

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