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## Food Investigations - Vincenzo's Warm Welcome (by Steve)

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

If for some reason you've forgotten to renew your U3A membership, there is still time.

We will be reviewing the list of members by the end of April so you will still receive emails up until then.

The Food Investigations group's March visit was to Vincenzo's at the Big Apple, on the highway at Thulimbah, and was far more interesting than I for one originally imagined. The photo at right shows most of the 17 or 18 members in attendance, who were treated to a

talk by Cath Cavallaro on the original establishment of this Granite Belt icon six years ago, and then taken on a tour of the

kitchen and storage areas, coldrooms, and of course the delicatessen area and coffee shop.

The next Food Investigation group outing will be to the Jam Factory at Glen Aplin, with morning tea available for \$7.75.



## Future General Meetings - the Poll

As a response to our poll taken during the last month as suggested at the last general meeting, it has been decided that the option most favoured of having a guest speaker at three meetings a year and presentations by our own members on their respective activities at other general meetings will be implemented from now on.

We are also planning to

have morning tea when we have an outside guest speaker.

These ideas were raised by our Vice-President Jim Wilkinson, and will hopefully counteract problems of not enough attendance when a guest speaker has gone to a lot of trouble in preparation for their talk.

Thank you all for your feedback.

### We're Back ART APPRECIATION

I am very pleased to be able to announce that after talks with the new Director of the Stanthorpe Art Gallery, U3A will once again be offering Art Appreciation. Director, Penelope Hillam, is eager to encourage members of the public into the gallery and is working on a number of areas to include community participation. I strongly encourage members to join us on what promises to be the first of many interesting visits, particularly as U3A members Lois Strikland and Norm Clayton will have works on display. Thursday 21st April at 2.00pm. Mary.

## February Dromomaniacs by Jan Martin

### Dromomaniacs

The benefits of lifelong learning were evident in the quality of the beautiful presentation by Jack and Jenny Stoll. They used very relevant music to accompany the scenes of each place visited so that we also were able to be immersed in the delights of New York to Ohio, beautiful autumn colours, the cities, art, architecture and countryside of Spain, and on to Munich. Jack and Jenny were also

able to make good use of the Spanish language skills they have acquired as lifelong learners. It was a very pleasurable trip for all of us but of course only whetted the appetites of the Dromomaniacs. April's guest speaker from the Gold Coast will show us a different way to explore Alaska.

### Poetry Anyone?

There has been a vacant spot in our programme since the demise of the

## Poetry

Computer Group, and the idea has been raised of having a poetry group.

The intention would be to bring along your favourite poem, or one you've composed yourself, and bounce them off others in the group.

**Feedback is sought as to whether this is appealing to members, for the first Friday of the month at the Learning Centre. Tell us what you think!**

*A smile is a light in the window of the soul, indicating that the heart is at home.*

*"You can't do anything about the length of your life but you can do something about its width and depth"*

*Evan Esar*

## Investment Club

by Carol Smallwood

In March, the group welcomed Lesley Saunders, a prospective new member who is interested in the stock market and is keen to see the workings of our group.

Bluescope Steel and Alycone were two stocks under review this meeting as both stocks had fallen in value last month.

This month Alycone had risen from 0.041 cents to 0.059 cents with production ready to start next month, showing just how volatile this stock is at the moment. Bluescope Steel continues its downward trend but the group decided it was not a good time to sell as the market in general was falling due to the Libyan and Middle Eastern unrest and the con-



cerns surrounding oil production in this area.

Our portfolio fell in line with a general fall in the ASX over the last few days due to the above reasons. Market value is \$15,040.72 on 11/3/11.

A general review of all our stocks showed rises for Atlas Iron, Alycone,

Monadelphous, Mirvac and Lynas with falls in Bluescope Steel, Linc Energy and Adelaide Brighton. Nick moved that we don't trade any of our stocks at the present time due to the volatility of the current market. This was seconded by Marion and carried by majority of the group.

Next meeting we will review our stock loss "sell" price; we have done this in the past but we still seem to get caught with some stocks losing more than they should because we hang onto them in the hope they will recover.

Meeting closed at 10.50am. Next meeting will be held 8/4/2011 at LNQ 10am.

## Music for Pleasure

The March Music for Pleasure evening was at Maia Balsillie's, and featured the music of Rivers, Rills and Ripples. The range of music styles was epic, and encompassed classical, popular and even country, with lovely old swing pieces interspersed. A great night's entertainment.

This month (April), the evening will be at Carol van Klaveren's, and will feature Choirs.

## History Group

The April History Group (28th) will be a car pool from Weeroona Park to Tenterfield for a talk by John Sommerlad about Tenterfield's settlement, development, influence of rail, Henry Parkes, the Boer War, WW1 and WW2, and post-war decline and rebuilding. Includes a short bus tour after lunch.

BYO lunch or use local eateries. Morning tea (BYO) on arrival. This is the trip which was deferred from last August.

## Garden Group - Pike's Creek Homestead Visit



The March activity was a visit to the garden of Pikes Creek Homestead - a very peaceful and beautiful place, the home of Kate and Andrew Finlay, 40 km west of Stanthorpe. The garden features a few very old trees such as deodar cedars, magnolia grandiflora, liquidambar, fig, and pomegranite, and many more planted over the past 30 years such

as a pin oak, scarlet oak, alder, celtis, golden elm, ginkgo, feijoa, box elder, mulberry and proven tough shrubs and climbers like holly, crepe myrtle, eleanus, es-calonia, may, box, viburnum, ceanothus, berberis, camellias, honeysuckle, ficus, and virginia creeper, planted since the property was purchased. The 'before and after' pictures at right show just how neglected the house and garden were back then and what a few years of enthusiastic, sometimes back-breaking, and always very pleasurable work can achieve.



## Tenterfield Museum Visit by History Group

An enjoyable morning was spent by members exploring the different buildings at the Tenterfield Centenary Cottage and Petrie Cottage Museum complex, built in the 1870s. So much to see, so many memories stirred as we discussed which particular implements or appliances we remembered parents or maybe grandparents using.

The museum houses an extraordinary number of artifacts, photos, tools, vehicles, machinery etc. The room dedicated to General Sir Harry Chauvel was very interesting, it also contains memorabilia of JF Thomas who is renowned for defending "Breaker" Morant in his court martial during the Boer War. We could have spent a couple of days there and not seen everything. At

lunch time we made our way along the Lismore road to see the beautiful avenue of pin-oaks on the eastern outskirts of Tenterfield, then stopped to have lunch at heritage listed 'Deloraine', circa 1870, a picturesque granite building set amongst the trees, originally a hotel, now housing a restaurant and a bed & breakfast establishment.

## Mystery Photo

*If you think you know what this picture is let Steve know and as usual if you are the first to reply you get the around-the-world self-funded trip. If you can also identify just where it is you can throw in an extra country as well.*



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The German language group is having a break while our teacher is overseas and will recommence sometime in August. Details will be in the newsletter then.

**Programme for April 2011**

**Weekly Activities - April**

- 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 Walking Group - from Heritage Park - 8.30am Contact: JA Dvorak  
" " - Art Group - Senior Citizens Room - 9.30am to 4pm - cost \$5 Contact: Laurie Astill

**Fortnightly/ Monthly Activities - April**

- 1st Fri (1st) - Available slot in programme - shall we slot Poetry in here?  
1st Mon (4th) - Myths and Legends - 1.00 pm at STEPS - Topic: The Hymn to Demeter Convenor: Steve  
1st Wed(6th) Carramar Quilts/Sewing Session - Summit CWA Hall 9:30-3:00pm Contact Mary Courtney  
1st Thur (7th) - Discussion Group - 10am at Learning Centre - Discussion of topics in the news. Contacts: Roy Werner, Steve Courtney  
2nd Fri (8th) - Investment Group - Learning Centre - 10.00am - Review the investments Contact: JA Dvorak  
2nd Tue (12th) - Music for Pleasure - Venue: Carol's, 11a Aplin St - 7.00pm Theme: Choirs Contacts: Carol/ Oriël  
2nd Thurs (14th) Food Investigations - Jam Factory, Glen Aplin  
3rd Fri (15th) - Digital Photography Group - 10am at the Learning Centre - Theme: Experimental session Contact: Liz Drake  
3rd Mon (18th) - Myths and Legends - 1.00 pm at STEPS - Topic: Ancient Egyptian Mythology Convenor: Steve  
3rd Wed (20th) - Garden Group - 10am - Venue: Mark Newman's residence (Watters Rd) - native bees/wildlife - Contact: Kerrie/Leon  
3rd Thur (21st) - General Meeting - 10am - Learning Centre - Guest Speakers from Toastmasters Contact: J A Dvorak  
3rd Thur (21st) - Art Appreciation - Stanthorpe Art Gallery, Weeroona Park, 2 - 3pm Talk and Walk with Director Contact Mary  
4th Fri (22nd) - Dromomaniacs - 10am at the Learning Centre - guest speaker on Alaska Contact: Jan Martin  
4th Thur (28th) - History Group - meet 9.00am at Weeroona Park - Topic: Tenterfield history, arranged by Oriël - Convenor: Jenny Stoll  
4th Thur (28th) Book Club - Lorenza's Coffee Lounge - 2pm - Contact: Mary. Book for April: to be advised



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