



U3A Granite Belt Inc.



Website
www.u3agranitebelt.org.au

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Contents

<i>Editorial</i>	P1
<i>Let's Socialize Art Competition Details History of Movies</i>	P2
<i>Garden Group Mosaics</i>	P3
<i>Hot Topics Discussion Group Wednesday Book Group Tuesday Book Group</i>	P4
<i>Committee Members Contact Details U3A Granite Belt Information German Rotary Morning Tea</i>	P5
<i>March Calendar</i>	P6

Some of the trees are beginning to display their beautiful red, yellow and orange autumnal colours, Can we rely on nature to tell us the cooler weather is around the corner?
 Autumn is a time of change and also renewal as the bulbs begin to sprout keeping us waiting for the beauty of their flowers.

April 18th is the time for U3A Granite Belt's AGM. This year will see the introduction of the rules ratified in the constitution last year. The positions of president and treasurer will have to be decided. Next year, the position of vice president and secretary will become vacant. The only hitch to the process is the need to elect a vice president this year. Please contact Marg Porter, the secretary, if you are interested in becoming part of the management committee. Nomination forms for management committee will be sent to all members.

The International Club have asked U3A to apply for funding to upgrade the entrance to the club to ensure all members of the community can access the building easily. Many thanks to Morwenna and Franco who volunteered to complete the application.

Several suggestions have been received re the future of the newsletter. One is just the monthly calendar, the second is a shortened version of the newsletter and third is to keep the newsletter as it is. What is your preference? If nobody responds, do we axe the newsletter completely and use the website to keep members informed? Please let us know.

Les and Julie will be interviewed on TenFM on Wednesday 20th March at 8.30am. Listen in, we would love some feedback!!!

Some people look for a beautiful place

Others make a place beautiful

Hazrat Inayat Khan

Reminder:

The last day for contributions for the newsletter is **25th** of the month. Please keep your contributions to a maximum of **300 words**

Position Vacant

Newsletter editor.

As I will be away at the time several of the newsletters will be compiled this year. I am unable to continue with the role of editor after April. If you are interested please contact me at u3agbnews@gmail.com. The role of editor is not arduous but can be time consuming at the end of each

SAY HELLO TO THE WORLD

Check out great airfares, cruises, hotels, holiday packages and much more!

Come and see us in store today

helloworld
 TRAVEL
 THE TRAVEL PROFESSIONALS
 STANTHORPE

1 Maryland St, Stanthorpe, QLD 4380
 +61 (07) 4681 2144

LET'S SOCIALISE

LES KIRMSSE

Pizza in the Park on Thursday 21st March at 12 noon.

Time to socialise? Come and join other members for a lunch in the park near the Information Centre. Ria, our lunch organiser extraordinaire, would like you to ring or text her by 14th March on 0427 349 977 if you want to join the fun. Please let Ria know if you have any dietary requirements.



Join us at 12 noon for a relaxed time in the park (other arrangements will be made if the weather is wet). The pizzas will arrive shortly after noon. There will be a charge for the pizzas which you can pay on the day. Gluten free and vegetarian pizzas will be ordered. Tea and coffee will be provided. Looking forward to seeing YOU there.

U3A ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Art and Photography Competition

Theme A Scenic View

<i>Art Prize</i>	<i>First Prize \$500</i>	<i>Photography Prize</i>	<i>First Prize \$200</i>
	<i>Second Prize \$150</i>		<i>Second Prize \$100</i>
	<i>People's Choice \$50</i>		<i>People's Choice \$50</i>

Competition is now open and the winner will be announced at the U3A Network State Conference Dinner on 29th May

Entry Forms, conditions, details and more information are available on U3A Beaudesert and U3A Network QLD websites.

THE HISTORY OF MOVIES

TOM DREWELL

In the March session of the American Film industry we'll look at the end of the Silent Era and the beginning of the talkies. The year is 1927 and for the first time an audience hears and sees someone talking on the screen. We'll also have a look at the first Academy Awards presentation (such as it was) when Oscar made his first appearance.

See you Friday 8th March at 10.30am at the International Club.



GARDEN GROUP**LEON MCCOSKER**

Garden Group visited Belinda and James Lister's property "Mary Meadows" in Dalcouth. We enjoyed morning tea in Belinda's beautifully cool Music Studio where Belinda gave the history of their house and garden.

They purchased the 26-acre property from John Lindsay in 2019. John and Julie built the house in 2004 and Julie planted the large trees giving structure to the garden.

Belinda has created gardens around the trees using salvias, foxgloves, and roses. She has used tea tree mulch for weed control and moisture retention.

There are several raised beds to grow a supply of vegetables for family and friends. They have put in a pool which is great for the family on these hot days.

We thanked Belinda for her hospitality allowing us to visit their garden.

Next outing for the U3A Garden group on Wednesday 20th March, will be a visit to Tony and Andrea's garden, at 2 Armstrong Lane, Eukey.

Meet in Weeroona Park at 9.30 am to car pool, bring a chair and morning tea to share.

**MOSAICS****KATHY WILLIAMS**

Hello! Fellow U3A friends. Members of our group were very successful at the Stanthorpe Show. We all enjoyed participating with the follow results:--

Margy - Highly Commended and an Encouragement award.

Lorrelle - 2nd and Highly Commended.

Kathy - A 1st and two seconds.

Julie - A 1st

Members have begun new projects and are thinking of their entries for the 2025 Show!

New participants are welcome. Come along for three hours of creativity and chatter. Contact Margy on 0459 513 852

The Mosaics Group would like to thank the Management Committee for providing funds to purchase shelving on which to store tiles, grout and other items.

**COURSES AND ACTIVITIES**

Please contact Mary 0427 142 331 if you have ideas for new courses or activities.

*HOT TOPICS DISCUSSION GROUP**JULIE BARNES*

The group realised their discussion of the Gaza War did not resolve any issues of any war—and particularly the effect on innocent people and children. One of the members of the group quoted Abraham and his writings that suggest the Israelis should have possession of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Not all members were in favour of this suggestion.

The date of the group has changed to the first Thursday of the month.

March's topics for discussion are Youth Crime and "should Australia become a cashless society?" Come along to the Learning Centre at the High School on Thursday 7th March. Bring along a cuppa to enjoy while we discuss the issues.

Please text Julie 0417 074 520 if you are interested in attending.

*WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP**PAULINE STEWART*

The book for discussion was *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith (aka JK Rowlings of Harry Potter fame).

This gripping mystery tells a compelling story of London's "glittering society" through to the depths of the human person and shattering trust.

The book's prologue focuses on a highly successful supermodel, Lula, who falls to her death from her luxurious high rise apartment Or, was she pushed???

The dialogue is masterful. Each character is fleshed out so we begin to know every player and who, where and why they are in the story.

The hero is a private detective Cormoran Strike, who I feel is completely different from the PDs in this genre. We discover Cormoran is an ex-war vet with psychological and physical issues from his upbringing living in squats with his mother to the loss of - half a leg while fighting in Afghanistan. He has few clients and is struggling financially. In other words, his life is in disarray.

The book received excellent and spirited discussion from the group and a follow up on the next book in the series is being considered later in the year as this formidable writer has produced several other books in this series.

The book for discussion for March is *Boy* by Roald Dahl.

*TUESDAY BOOK GROUP**MARY COURTNEY*

February's book was *The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Japanese writer Yoko Ogawa, the choice of late member June Horn.

An unlikely story centred around the relationship between an elderly professor of mathematics suffering from a medical condition which allows him to remember only the previous eighty minutes and his housekeeper and her young son. The professor's life centres around the creation of maths problems and in particular mathematical patterns in everyday life, combined with an interest in baseball up to the time before an accident which resulted in his unusual condition. The close relationship which develops between the three main characters is a lesson in love and compassion which is so often lacking in today's modern world. Whilst the subject matter would seem to be of interest to only a few readers, this gentle tale of human kindness and understanding won us all over and was a beautiful and fitting choice with which to remember June.

March's choice is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

AIMS of U3A Granite Belt Inc.

To provide members with affordable education and learning activities covering a wide range of different subjects.

To provide members with the opportunity to study and learn in a relaxed environment.

To nurture the minds, bodies, and souls of members.

President:	Julie Barnes	0417 074 520
Vice-President:		
Secretary:	Margaret Porter u3agbinc@gmail.com	0491 093 157
Treasurer:	Denise Harslett	0428 833 168
Minutes Sec:	Morwenna Arcidiacono	0490 241 356
Activities Coordinator:	Mary Courtney	0427 142 331
Publicity Officer:	Les Kirmsse	0488 787 905
Webmaster:	Lynda Blackstock	0421 327 377
Facebook Admin:	Lynda Blackstock	0421 327 377
	Julie Barnes	0417 074 520
	Marg Porter	0491 093 157
Grievances	Contact the Secretary for more information.	
Newsletter	Send articles to u3agbnews@gmail.com by 25th of the month.	

Postal Address

PO BOX 250
Stanthorpe Qld 4380

Phone

0491 093 157

Email

u3agbinc@gmail.com

Website

www.u3agranitebelt.org.au

Bank Account

Heritage Bank
BSB 638070

Account Number: 13712268
(Heritage Members add S21 to the account number.)

GERMAN

IRENE GREVIS-JAMES

Hello Again! Many thanks for a happy and informative class at Lin's place. The film, "Merkel", c.2022, showed a totally humble, capable, honest & caring Chancellor; "... a leader without ego" as Tony Blair described her. Let me know if you'd like to borrow the DVD.

Guten Tag, alle Studenten. Willkommen für die letzten Klassen vor Ostern, d.h. 5 & 19 März, 2024! Wir haben einen guten Tag bei Lin gefeiert; vielen Dank, liebe Lin! Alles war gut: Freundschaft, Essen und der höchst interessante Film: „MERKEL“, c. 2022. Jetzt geht's weiter mit den normalen Themen: lesen, schreiben, hören, sprechen.



Rotary Club Aging Well Morning Teas are held on third Friday of the month (15th) at 10.00am at 15 Hilton Street. All welcome.

****Please bring your morning tea. Other information is included in articles or group reports.**

Day/s	Activity	Venue	Contact
Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Walking Group 7.00am	Outside The Reject Shop	Ria 0427 349 977
Every Monday	Tai Chi 10am & 1pm	International Club	Kaye k.mcc3@hotmail.com
Every Monday	Mahjong from 1.00pm	International Club	Robyn 0423 153 514
Every Tuesday	Dam Pluckers 2.00pm	International Club	Heather 0448 800 491
Occasional Tuesdays	German	RSL	Irene 0437 373 929

Date	Activity	Venue	Contact
Tuesday 5th	Book Group 10.00am	International Club	Mary 0427 142 331
	German 10.00am	RSL	Irene 0437 373 929
Wednesday 6th	Book Group 10.00am	International Club	Julie 0417 074 520
Thursday 7th	Hot Topics Discussion Group 10.00am	High School	Julie 0417 074 520
Friday 8th	The History of Movies 10.30am	International Club	Tom 0468 384 587
Tuesday 12th	**Mosaics From 9.00am	Pete's Shed	Margy 0459 513 852
Tuesday 19th	German 10.00am	RSL	Irene 0437 373 929
Wednesday 20th	**Garden Group 9.30am Meet at Weroona Park	Loughmore House, 2 Armstrong Lane Eukey.	Kerrie 0488 732 638 Denise 0428 833 168
Thursday 21st	Pizza in the Park 12 noon	Near the Information Centre	Ria 0427 349 977
Tuesday 26th	**Mosaics From 9.00am	Pete's Shed	Margy 0459 513 852
Thursday 28th	Science 10.30am	High School	Fran 0411 103 171