



The Conveyor

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Jack Boog's photo outing
Group photos Pam Allen



Cover photo
Yvonne Pascoe



PHOTO OUTING COMPETITION

On Tuesday 27 June 2023 around 35 members of the Beginner and Intermediate Photography classes (and their partners and visitors) joined Jack Boog for a photoshoot.

Photos were taken at 2 locations in preparation for submitting 3 photos for a competition being judged 2 - 4 July 2023.

The group met at Michael Perry Botanic Reserve at Stonyfell at 10 am. After a week of exceptionally heavy rain we were fortunate to have a fine day - though the temperature remained low. The themes for 2 photos at this site were "Running water enhances the experience" and "The magnificence of the trees 'make' the place".

We spent an hour negotiating muddy and slippery conditions to seek out the elusive "best" shot.

Around 11 am we moved to Tusmore Park where the theme was "My unique view of the connection between bridges and trees does wonders". The wide open area of Tusmore Park gave us an opportunity to view the numerous bridges and impressive trees to find our unique views.

Around 12 noon we adjourned to the Marryatville Hotel for a pleasant get together over an enjoyable lunch. Thanks to Jack for choosing 2 wonderful sites and the opportunity to use our newly acquired skills. Thanks to Pam once again for organising an excellent venue for the lunch.

Wendy Scott



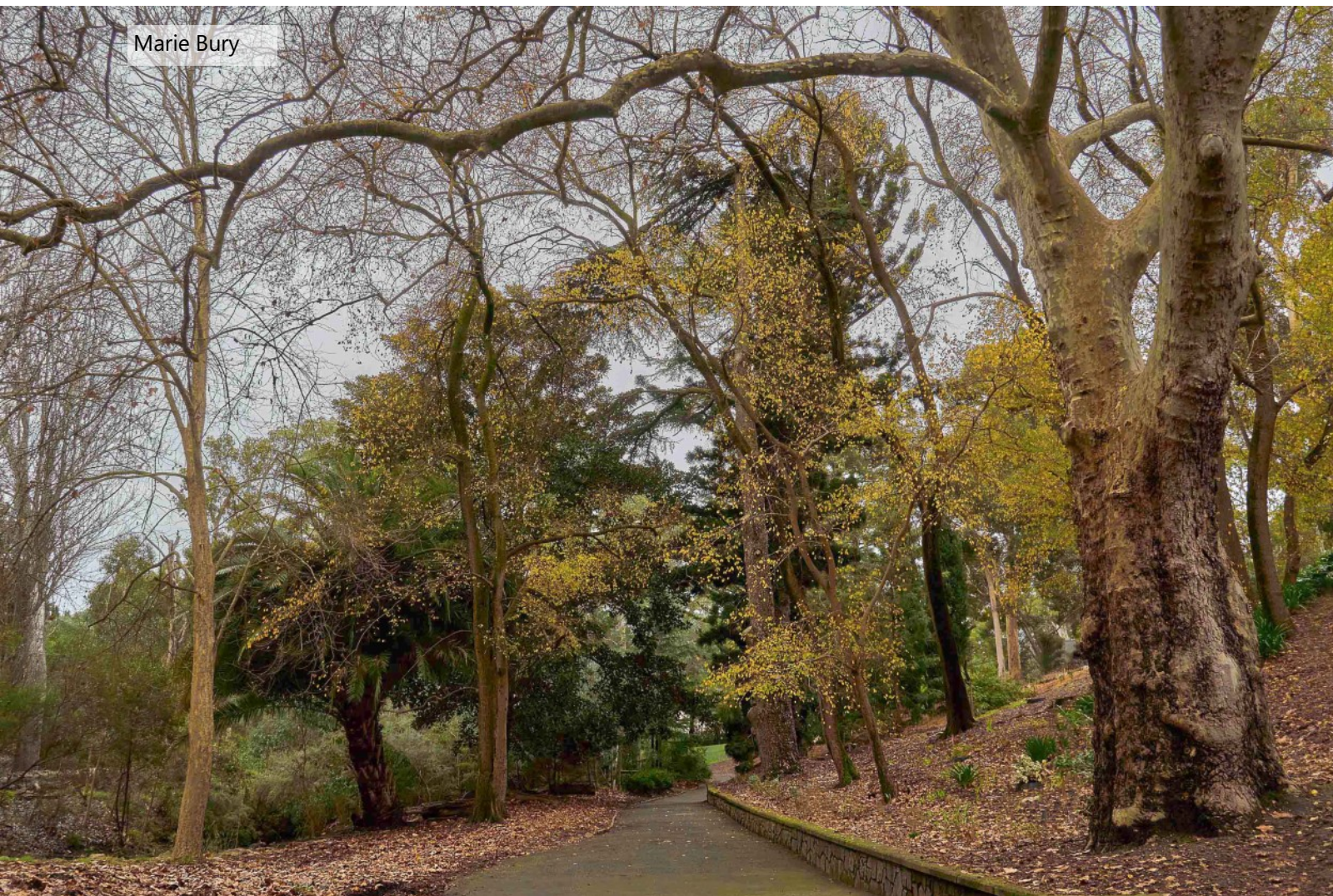
Darryl Foyle



Pauline Martin



Georgina Bence



Marie Bury

President's Report.....

Registrations for 2024 will commence in room 6 for one week from Monday October 30th 9.30am to 1.30pm Monday to Friday.

From Monday 6th November registrations will then carry on in the office each day for the week 9.30am to 1.30pm.

After these dates the office will be open normal office hours for registrations, which is Mon, Tues, Wed 12 noon to 1.15pm.

Fee for 2024 is \$60.

Under the MyU3A system we do not roll over members in their classes and as it is first-come-first served, this means if the class you wish to attend has a limit to the numbers you will need to register and enrol early to ensure your place.

Members can also register from home on our website just like last year using your member ID and password from Monday October 30th.

We will have volunteers available in room 6 to help everyone to register and enrol.

Tom, with some help from Tony has set up a TV in the hallway. This will be able to show information about classes and one-off lecturers.

If there is anyone who has used PowerPoint and has some time to help the office keep the information up-to-date, we would love to hear from you, please contact the office or Tom Mittiga or me.



Now that the warmer weather is with us again, we have the problem of the heat in room 10. The only way to really keep the heat out is to stop it hitting the windows by a form of awning outside similar to the office. We have been told by the Council that we can't have anything outside the building, but we will keep working on the Council prosecuting our case.

In the meantime we have material blocking the top window in an experiment to see if that cuts down some of the transmitted heat.

Many thanks to Chris Fletcher who paid for the material to be washed and with Sue Green cut and sewed them prior to installation.

On Friday December 8th, the last day of term 4 we are planning to have an end-of-year free BBQ starting from midday. We are also expecting to have a barista van supplying free coffees as well, with many thanks to Darren Cowey from the Bailey Property Group.



Margaret Blades is presenting another one hour talk on "Depression and how it affects you and your loved ones", on Friday September 22nd.

David Wilson has one more talk to go on backpacking through India and Nepal on September 29th.

Ben Trobbiani is giving a presentation on Arthritis on November 24th. This will probably be the last of our Friday afternoon talks for 2023.



Anne Cuffe has been looking after our Library for many years. She would appreciate some help with shelving books etc. If you have some spare time and would like to help, please call Anne on 8263 6226.

On a personal note if anyone needs boxes for moving, Linda and I have a great number available now!



**KEVIN NEALE
PRESIDENT
U3A TTG**

Upgrade of U3A TTG Lighting

On Friday the 1st of September, members that attended Classes would have noticed electricians replacing the old tube-style fluorescent light battens with new eco-friendly LED lighting.

Altogether there were 76 LED 15w 1200mm installed in classrooms, store rooms, offices, and the passageway. The 6 existing 600mm fluorescent lights were also replaced with 6 10w 600mm LED battens.

We expect that this initiative will deliver an annual energy saving of around 5,600 kW which should translate to a cost saving of around \$1,120 per annum (depending on electricity prices). Some may suggest that we have significant solar panels installed, however, the significant use of air-conditioning will soon consume all of this. No more flickering of lights. How good will that be?

How did this initiative eventuate?



Some members may remember Michael (Mike) Norman, who passed away on 9 July 2022. Mike first joined U3A in 2014 attending the Wine Appreciation, Creative Photography, History and Technology of Today Classes.



In March 2018 he joined the U3A Committee as our Business Development Officer and remained on the Committee until March 2022.

Mike was not only a member of U3A but a very good friend to many of us, and we would regularly meet socially outside of U3A.

Some history: The young Mike Norman was a commentator with ADS7. Remember the very early days of Channel 7 Adelaide with performers such as Blair Schwartz, **Mike Norman**, Angela Stacey, Roz Wood, Buster Fidess, etc.

Mike later went onto radio



and eventually, until he retired, worked as a Business Marketing Executive with Ryan Norman & Associates

Moving on to the Initiative:

Many of our members were unable to attend Mike's funeral, so one Sunday late in July 2022 we held a get-together at U3A so members could meet his family and where we viewed a video (videoed by Doug McAlpine) of Mike's service with some nibbles and drinks.

Mike's son David Norman who joined us, works as a Site Assessor with MAC Trade Services (<https://mactradeservices.com.au/>) which offers a comprehensive range of service offerings including energy assessments and appliance efficiency solutions to solar and battery storage installations. Of course LED lighting is one of their offerings. David suggested discussing with Mac Trading the replacement of all our old fluorescent lights with new LED lights as a thank you from Mike for the great times Mike had at U3A, where he established many friendships.

David eventually received the endorsement to proceed by MAC Trading Services and we met on-site for David to access the work required so he could document a proposal.

In early April 2023, David managed to tap into some Government Initiatives for the supply only of new LED light for replacement of our existing old lighting. The installation cost was separate which David personally and most generously volunteered to pay for, in memory of his dad.

The U3A committee endorsed the proposal, being lodged with the TTG Council for approval.

I lodged the MAC Trading Services Proposal compiled by David with the Tea Tree Gully Council for approval.

We eventually obtained approval from the council

in early August with certain conditions as part of the approval.

On behalf of the whole of U3A, I would sincerely like to thank David for this most generous contribution. This means some of us will need to take David out for lunch or dinner with some excellent wines.

If any of our members are looking to install solar panels, battery storage, or air-conditioning, please contact MAC Trade Services at [1300 430 917](tel:1300430917) or go to their website <https://mactradeservices.com.au/>

There are some great air-conditioning deals at the moment that our members would qualify for.

Tom Mittiga—Vice President & Technology Officer



A Wagtail's Tale

If you had ventured to the St. Kilda beachfront in June, you could have seen some familiar faces, and one not so familiar. The familiar would have been members of the U3A Ornithology group, and the unknown face was the Yellow Wagtail, a surprise visitor to South Australian beaches. Maybe it was surprised because it was very unusual for such a bird to land on our shores.

Had it lost its way? Was it on holiday? We'll never know, as this solitary bird wasn't letting on. Yellow Wagtails from their breeding grounds in Europe to Siberia migrate south to avoid the northern winter travelling throughout Africa and southern Asia. These birds sometimes appear in Papua New Guinea and north-eastern



Australia. So, our single tourist way down south was a rare bird indeed.

Attracting this Yellow Wagtail to the St. Kilda Wetlands could have been the siting of The Adelaide International Bird Sanctuary. This area provides a reserve for resident and migratory shorebirds along the coast of Gulf St Vincent from the Barker Inlet to the township of Port Parham. That's right on our doorstep.

Thompson Beach and St. Kilda are both annual birding destinations for the U3A birders. Depending on the tides we observe many waders including Pied and Banded Stilts, Red-Necked Avocets, also members of the tern family. Never one on its own, giving rise to the saying '*one good tern deserves another*'!

David Fisher – U3A Ornithology Group



Treasure Swapping Table

Tony Mittiga would like to start a swap meet. You are invited to bring items to swap/donate/trade.

Maybe you have pantry or baked delights, garden produce, plants, books or household items that just might become someone else's treasure.

If your contribution is not eagerly picked up we can donate to a local op shop or of course you can collect it yourself. NO money is intended to change hands UNLESS someone wants an item but has nothing to swap. A donation bowl for U3A will be there for that purpose.

Please call Tony on 0404 165 338 for details.



VALE MARGARET DEAKIN

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of member Margaret Deakin on the 6th July 2023.

Margaret joined U3A Tea Tree Gully as a member way back in the early days, participating in various activities over a period of years, including Bridge, Book Club, Watercolour/Art, German classes and Mahjong.

Margaret was a much-loved member of both the Wednesday and Friday Mahjong groups. Always such a bright, friendly and caring person, she always entertained us with her stories of her large family, that she loved so much. Lively discussions often centered on things she and her regular mahjong table of friends loved: books, films, crossword puzzles, code cracker and Wordle. Always someone to challenge herself, Margaret would try many different "hands" in Mahjong.

TTG U3A passes on its sincere condolences to Margaret's family.

Every time someone says "I think I'll do Joy's Fancy" we will think of dear Maggie!!!!

She will be missed.

**Kathy Rainsford
Group Leader,
Wednesday
Mahjong**



We also recently lost our Spanish Group Leader

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Enrique Poto

SUNRISE
05/09/1939

SUNSET
11/08/2023

"Gracias a la vida, qué me ha dado tanto"
"Thanks be to life, that has given me so much"

A LIFE WELL LIVED, IS A
TRIBUTE TO ALL.



2024 REGISTRATION

**We will commence 2024 registrations
in the week beginning
Monday 30th October**

Room 6 will be open each day of that week between 9.30am – 1.30pm for those members who are paying cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

Fee for the year \$60.

After that week registrations will be in the office. Members will also be able to register online from that date, you will need your ID and password.

Please remember to enrol in your classes at the same time as they do not automatically roll over.

We are always looking for volunteers to help for the registration period. Please let Barbara in the office know if you are available to assist in this process.

“The unseen volunteers”

How do we keep U3A running so smoothly – with over 800 members and run completely by volunteers?

Barbara Schumacher has been our able Office Manager and Secretary for more than 6 years. This is what she does:-

I first became a member of U3A on the recommendation of my friend Veronica Boswell in 2014 when I wanted somewhere to learn French. Initially I was enrolled in an iPad Users Class, the Beginner’s French and the Cryptic Crosswords Puzzles.

In 2015 I joined the Book Discussion Group. In 2017 I volunteered to go on the Management Committee and soon found myself being asked whether I would like to be the Grant’s Officer, the U3ASA Rep or the Office Manager as the previous incumbent had stepped down. As I had a bit of experience working in an office as a Finance Officer for the Education Dept I accepted the Office Manager position. As we didn’t have a secretary, I have also acted in this role since 2022.

Some of the duties involved are:-

Organisation of the Office Volunteer Roster.

Thankfully we have a very reliable and competent group of ladies. So a big thanks you to Monday’s ladies Carolyn Clarke and Maureen O’Donnell. Tuesday’s ladies Marilyn Bradley and Judy Heinrich and Wednesday’s ladies Sue Pollett, Marie Strauss and Joyce Smith. Also Margaret Thomas and Linda Neale our database experts who we couldn’t have managed without as we transitioned to the MyU3A program this year.

I update and maintain the pigeon holes as required.

Register new members.

Assist Group Leaders with any queries.

Check answering machine and follow up calls.

Replenish forms in the corridor.

Check noticeboards are up to date.

Monitor emails and forward to the relevant people.

I also access the emails at home and on the weekends and holidays and answer all enquiries regarding classes.

Assist members with the photocopier and assign photocopy numbers to new Group Leaders.

Organise badges for new Group Leaders.

Replace photocopier toner as require. Check that paper trays are refilled.

Order and purchase any required stationery items.

Change answering machine message for holiday periods.

Run end of month reports for the EWay program and MyU3A program.

Print and file Management Committee Minutes and Finance Reports and any other duties that might be required as directed by the Management Committee.

I couldn’t do this without the help of my dear friend Margaret Thomas who I seconded to the job of Data Base Operator in 2018.

I currently am a member of the Book Discussion Group, The Shakespeare Through Fresh Eyes and the Wine Club Group and think I might have another year or two in me before I think about stepping down.

Many thanks Barbara for all you do for us.

Grateful thanks from all of us, Barbara, keep healthy and keep going, we need you.

Val Dee



U3A TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 3 ends Friday 29th September

Term 4 Monday 16th October to Friday 8th December

U3A TERM DATES FOR 2024

Term 1 Monday 5th February to Friday 12th April

Term 2 Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July

Term 3 Monday 24th July to Friday 27th September

Term 4 Monday 14th October to Friday 6th December

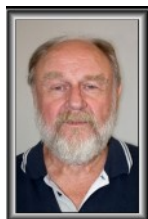
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