



NEWSLETTER JULY 2022

Box: 176 KerangVic.3579

Email: u3akerang@gmail.com

Web Site: u3akerang.org.au

OUT AND ABOUT reports.

To the CABELLA MIA FASHION PARADE at the Community Hall on May 15.

Forty-eight ladies were instructed on how to wear many types of scarves in between being treated to watching the modelling of the Autumn/Winter selection of Cabella Mia clothes. When the parade finished the ladies let loose and tried on any clothes they fancied. It was a most enjoyable afternoon and rounded off with a tasty afternoon tea.

Cabella Mia is a mother and daughter business from Ferntree Gully, so they had a long drive home! They apparently found Kerang U3A to be a positive experience and so are keen to return with Spring/Summer clothes, if there is member interest. (October 26 is now the date for this.)

Cabella Mia donated \$192.30 to our club as a percentage of the sales made.

To the BARMAN CHOKE on May 31.

Despite Winter making a dramatic appearance on the last day of Autumn, ten intrepid adventurers from U3A boarded the little Murray Magic bus at Kerang and with Ben, our most obliging driver, headed for Barmah to find the acclaimed "Wetlands of International Importance".

A highlight of the bus journey was the crossing of the new bridge over the Murray River to Moama...the first time for many of us. It certainly is impressive.

Our destination, 'The Barmah Choke or Narrows', formed 25,000 years ago as a result of an earthquake changing the course of the Murray River.

On arrival we rugged up and set off with Kingfisher Cruises in the care of the charming Benita, who not only drove the flat bottomed boat, but also narrated the eight kilometre journey for us. The birds were of particular interest, especially the brightly feathered azure kingfishers which were making the most of perfect fishing conditions among the exposed tree roots of the eroded river bank. There was much talk of red bellied black

snakes, but fortunately none made an appearance. The majestic River Red Gums with their bark striations and burls towered over us, silently keeping their sometimes 500 years of history. We absorbed some of the stories of the area as we meandered peacefully along the river, munching on our picnic lunch.

We are very grateful to Betty Grills for organising these outings and to Lorraine O'Donoghue for attending to the financial arrangements.

OUT AND ABOUT FUTURE EVENT : October 27 in Swan Hill at 11am. Gems of Jazz with Gina Hogan.

Gina will sing songs of Gershwin, Berlin, Porter. Contact Betty Grills if interested.



Please familiarise yourself with the PUBLICITY POLICY as recently passed by your U3A Committee.

“Aim: To ensure accurate and fair publicity of U3A Kerang and District Inc. events;

1- Publicists such as newspapers will be encouraged to obtain information from the President or Vice President or designated Event Leader. Contact names and numbers will be supplied.

2- a) Prior to a public U3A event (eg. the Annual Concert, the awarding of Life Memberships, Workshops) the Event Leader will write a synopsis of the proposed event for the relevant publicity outlets. A contact name and number for their further information will be provided.

b) Following a public event the Event Leader will bring to the committee’s attention any information and concerns which are relevant to the club.

3- Members of U3A Kerang and District Inc. must not publish any club opinions or discussion without first gaining permission from the President or Vice President.”

New Members: We are pleased to welcome Shirley and Robert Robinson, Val Jewson, Dianne Watson and Julie Tiffen as new members of our club. Maybe you know someone else who would benefit from joining our club. If so encourage them to come and try an activity three times before joining. We have 80 members at the moment. We are lacking in the age group of 61 to 65 years, so for the sake of the future of our club we need some recruitment to remedy that.

Activities: The luncheon to celebrate our members over 90 years of age was a pleasant social affair at Sporties and our Coffee and Chat gatherings at the Royal Hotel are much enjoyed. We were amused that on Friday May 13 we had 13 members in attendance. Are we easily amused? When the four cards all appeared consecutively at Cribbage a similar reaction occurred! There is joy to be found in small things; we just must seek them out! There is plenty of joy and endorphins flowing after Saturday morning exercises. Move it or lose it! Dinner Club had a Royal theme in keeping with Her Majesty’s recent Platinum anniversary. And Heather M has not lost her touch in the kitchen. Movies every other Sunday provides great entertainment and friendship....see you there?



In Writing this month we are remembering our childhood toys and books, or trying to! Acting for Fun with Odette Clavant is in the creative planning stage and we will all reap the benefit of this at our Concert on November 14. Favourable reports from our many other activities are the norm, so there is plenty happening to keep us ticking over. However Circle Dancing is on hold until September when interest will be gauged for continuing with Desiree Hebb. Singing is also paused until further notice.

The Annual General Meeting is not so far away on September 13, so give some thought to committee nominations and what you are able to do to ensure the future of our club.

Registration Day will be held on September 16, so that is the day to come along with your yearly subscription in a named envelope and have a cuppa together too. The amount is yet to be confirmed.

Wishing you all good health and good times.

Your U3A Committee.

