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JUNE JABBERFEST

GUEST PRESENTER * FIG FOREST - BOTANIST *

"STOP, YOU ARE MISSING THE BUTTERFLIES!"

GRAFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE - 10.00AM 19 JUNE 2017

Our guest speaker for June Jabberfest is Fig Forest. Fig is a botanist with 30 years' experience consulting to state and regional government authorities, private consultants and individual landholders on the New South Wales North Coast. He is also a part-time Landcare Project Officer with Clarence Landcare Inc. Fig's presentation will cover the basic ecology of butterflies, similar species, which plants to use to attract butterflies to your garden, how to identify the butterflies you have, what butterflies feed on and more. He will present an overview with photographs of 65 local species and talk about the 100 species from the Clarence Valley that he has observed.

With the development of digital photography and the recent publication of field guides of butterflies, it became feasible to photograph, identify, research and observe butterflies in the field. Combining identification of plants with butterflies, Fig is now a dedicated butterfly enthusiast and has recorded 53 species from his own backyard.



BLACK JEZEBEL



PAINTED SLEDGE-SKIPPER



WHITE -BANDED PLANE



MEADOW ARGUS

MAY JABBERFEST WRAP

President David opened proceedings and also welcomed new members. He then introduced Fiona Duggan, who provided an update to members on the upcoming luncheon at the Village Green Hotel on 28 May as well as the Christmas in July luncheon to be held at the Harwood Hilton on Sunday 23 July at Noon.

Alysan Pender provided news updates on course/groups before broaching the possibility of a trip to Tyalgum later in the year. President David then gave a short talk accompanied by slides of a recent trip to Iceland before the meeting broke for morning tea.

Guest speaker Gail Roots was introduced and spoke to members on two subjects - her "World of Podiatry" and her involvement in "A little school in Pashok India." Gail outlined the evolution in the care of feet from and by what were known as chiropodists to their present status of podiatrists, an evolution brought about by the higher academic and professional standards that have been the result of bureaucratic decrees over the years. Podiatry now involves considerably more than looking after ingrown toenails and the scientific standards are now at diploma level and higher. Great attention is paid to the level of hygiene and sterilization of equipment.

Gail also manages to undertake annual visits to a school at Pashok, which is about a twenty kilometre trek from the city of Darjeeling in West Bengal, close by the Himalaya Mountains. This little school has grown from a small earthen floored shack like structure to what it is now – a substantial three storey brick building. Gail's illustrations showed us in graphic detail the evolution of the building and the growth in the numbers of students who receive their education. At the conclusion of her interesting presentation Gail took questions before being presented with a gift crafted by Mens shed members. The lucky door prize was won by John Pullinger. President David then closed the meeting. *Brian Carter*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT...Dear Members



I hope you are all enjoying the benefits of U3A. There are opportunities for you to expand your horizons through the availability of a diverse choice of courses and groups ranging from Armchair Travel, Good Vibes, Chess, Creative Writing or Mahjong for the less active to Tuesday Table Tennis (you do not have to be an expert) for those seeking more lively activities. Whatever your taste, there should be a group to suit you where you can learn and even better make more friends. I am sure that the 5-6 ladies who attended the Mens Shed and created those beautiful boxes etc were delighted that they dared to test their skills. Perhaps next time, you could attend the next ladies workshop

at the Mens Shed and surprise yourself at what you are able to achieve.

Jabberfest each month provides a great opportunity to learn interesting things and also meet new people, so I would encourage everyone to make the most of the opportunities provided by U3A. If you have any suggestions for new groups and you or someone else is able to lead it then please let the committee know. Please remember that you only get out of it what you are prepared to put in. I have a great team who are working hard to make sure that you and I get the most out of U3A so if you feel you can help in any way, please let us know.

David Thompson

Phone – 6644 7782

JABBERFEST MORNING TEA ROSTER

19 JUNE	Colleen Smyth	Peter Smyth	Eric Schaefer
10 JULY	Dot Mears	Cave Steiner	Fay Martin

Jabberfest Coordinator Mary-Lou Brown can be contacted on 6644 5167

COURSES/GROUPS NEWS

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL 26 JUNE - * JAPAN * - EDIBLE, APPEALING AND VOLCANIC



Had your interest piqued by volcanoes? Enjoy seeing exotic foods? Find sculptures and logos appealing? Come along, strap yourself in to see all of this and more at this month's Armchair Travel "trip" around Japan with Morrie and Fiona Duggan. Enquiries to Magda Mussared 66449309.

COMPUTER GROUP NEWS

Friday afternoons at the U3A rooms is the time for computers and tablets. Our Group members seek to support colleagues coming to grips with software programs for computers or tablets.

The class for members new to Tablets was both popular and successful with tuition being provided in both the Apple and Android technologies. Members from this class will now merge with the long established PC/Tablet Group. This development enables us to offer another 'New to Tablets' Class. So, if you have an iPad, Samsung or similar device and would like to join a class with members in a similar position, speak to one of the following: Don McLeod, David Abrahams, Carole Cairns or myself. *Tom Dennis*



SNIPPETS FROM THE SHED

Heartiest congratulations to Steve Woods and Daryl Moran who each took out awards for their hand crafted timber creations at the recent Grafton Show. Their entries are pictured below on either side of a beautiful fairy house (a non-competitive entry) crafted by Greg Ryan and helpers, which formed the centrepiece at the Show.



STEVE WOODS

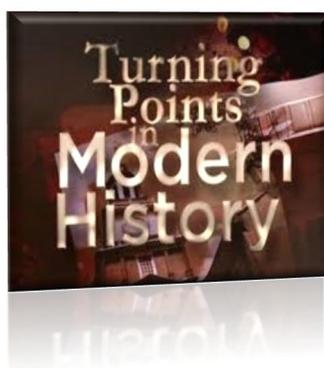


FAIRY HOUSE - GREG RYAN & CO



DARYL MORAN

NEW COURSE !!!!



A new course will be commencing in the Friday morning time slot. Another of the Great Course series, it is entitled "Turning Points in Modern History" with subjects covered ranging in time from 1433 (The Great Voyages of Admiral Zheng He) to 1789 (The French Revolution) through 1904 ((The Russo-Japanese War) to modern times - 2004 (The Rise of Social Media). The series comprises 24 lectures so the course will be held over 12 morning sessions guided by lecturer Prof Vejas Gabriel Liulevicius Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The course will commence on Friday 23rd June at the U3A rooms and will run from 10.00 am to 12.00. There will be an expression of interest form at the June Jabberfest. Enquiries to Alysian Pender 66445397.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES – Fiona Duggan

CHRISTMAS IN JULY IS HERE AGAIN!

Have you set aside Sunday 23 July for a delectable luncheon - **Christmas in July**? We will be sharing the day with Clarence River U3A so it is an opportunity to meet new people and/or catch up with old friends and enjoy lunch together. Something to write on your **"tried something new"** this year calendar!

The community bus will be available for transport.

Place: Harwood Hilton

Date: Sunday 23 July

Cost: Bus \$6.00 Lunch \$32.00

Pickup Times: 10.30 am Showground
10.45 am Bunnings

I will collect money for the bus and the luncheon at Jabberfest in June. If you have registered your interest, please bring along your money to secure your place. **"No refunds for withdrawals will be made after 10 July unless a replacement participant is found"**. *Fiona Duggan*

Ph. 66493202

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new member Sea Welham. We trust that you enjoy your association with Grafton U3A and take the opportunity to avail of the various courses/interest groups on offer.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES now due

Enclosed with your journal, for those members yet to pay their annual subs, is a renewal notice (attached to email) for your attention. Your response will be welcomed. Membership fees are \$30 for singles and \$50 for couples. If you wish to discontinue membership, a call to Carole Cairns 6642 4615 or a note to that effect would be appreciated - thanks.

Wondering what to do with that unwanted timber sitting in the back yard or the shed?

Perhaps you might consider donating it to the Mens Shed. If so, please contact Bruce Carle on 0409225536 to arrange pickup from your home.

BOUQUET FOR THE MENS SHED

I was working in the Camp Draft Canteen at Hawthorn Park on Mother's Day from 10 to 2pm. Due to the cooler drizzly day the demand for hot food and drinks was constant. The Mens Shed had rosters of 2 members doing 4 hourly shifts, cooking grilled and deep fried food doing 4 hourly shifts for 3 days.

I was impressed with their ability to maintain pace with demand during their time, serving delicious food. Congratulations for the work you all do in and out of the Shed.

Sincerely

Florence Collison

"INDISPENSABLE ARITHMETIC"

Each month, for the next five months, two questions from the Australian Schools 1890-1896 exam papers will be included in the Jabber Journal with the answers supplied in the following month's journal. Thinking caps on!

- Q1. Divide £848 between A, B and C so that for every £10 given to A, B will receive £8; and for every £5 given to B, C will receive £2.
- Q2. Find, correct to the nearest penny, the value of $879 \frac{5}{8}$ articles at £5 14s $6 \frac{3}{4}$ d each.

Contributed by Kevin Dixon

LATERAL THINKING PUZZLE

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION – It is the man's son in the painting. 'My father's son' must be the man himself (since he had no brothers or sisters). Therefore, 'this man's father is my father's son becomes 'this man's father is me'. So, the man in the picture is his son. The man behind the bar was in the process of robbing the place. He had already shot the barman and he shot the man entering the bar to escape and to avoid recognition.

EDITOR CONTACT

Contributions to the Jabber Journal are always welcome. We reserve the right to edit or refuse material submitted for publication. Closing date for the July edition of the Journal is **Monday 26 June 2017**. Editor Dennis Kelly
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