

2022 Summer Newsletter

Important information:

U3A Wonthaggi contact number: 0491 093 300

Term 1, 2022 dates: Monday 31 January to Friday 8 April

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Unbelievably, we are almost at the end of the year. Summer is very near though it doesn't feel like it given the rain and wind we've had. Victoria's pandemic related restrictions are gradually being loosened, so let's hope this endures and we can have a terrific summer and an uninterrupted year in 2022.

As many of you will know by now, the committee has decided to break tradition and start enrolments at the end of November instead of waiting until late January next year. We are asking our members to enrol via our website. But, there will be plenty of support available on the telephone helpline if you run into problems. We are making other arrangements for members who are without internet at home.

Most of our long-term course offerings are returning; however, we say goodbye to the Mah-jong players who are moving to Sunny Sands at Inverloch. I want to acknowledge and thank Carol Cox for organising this group. Carol says she has been thrilled that several members of the group have purchased mah-jong sets for themselves and play with friends and family at home, and that it has been her pleasure to introduce so many to the Chinese version of this great game over the past eight years.

We have some great new courses, all of which tempt me; I hope that you too find something of interest if you are looking to make a change or add something to your current program. If you don't feel you want to travel out into the world yet, there is a great-looking French Language, Culture and Travel course starting in February.

I have had a lower U3A profile for the last month as I recover from shoulder replacement surgery. Mary Schooneveldt has very capably and thoughtfully steered the U3A ship and added work that I could not do to her already considerable workload – thanks, Mary.

Members are often unaware of what the management committee does, which is as it should be when all runs smoothly. We have enjoyed the benefits of an exceptionally hard-working and creative committee for the past year, during which we've "enjoyed" several new operational challenges. At U3A Wonthaggi, we have been fortunate in ALL of our committees and office bearers over the years. All contributors to our U3A, including tutors and committee members, work voluntarily and offer their skills and experience not only from a commitment to U3A's aims but also to benefit members. On behalf of members, I want to acknowledge the 2021 committee members and thank them for their year's work. So, thank you to Mary Schooneveldt, Glenn Cant, Graeme Charles, John Laing, Maureen Sivyver, Peter Fitzgerald, Jackie Brennan and Robyn O'Sullivan. Thanks also to our hard-working tutors and group leaders (too numerous to name), without whom we would have no U3A. You have all been cheerfully resilient during this stop-start year and coped well with COVID restrictions and requirements. Thanks also to our other volunteers who work on the grounds, library and buildings.

Happily, we have been successful in our application to Bass Coast Shire, for a grant. Over the summer, we will refresh some of the window coverings in the Garden Room and purchase new tables that will permit more flexible furniture arrangements to meet social distancing requirements and the needs of different types of classes. We will also upgrade the television and A/V equipment in the Mawson Hut.

At past-president Gary Beard's urging, and with the benefit of his professional advice, we will also be installing state-of-the-art air filtration in both classrooms. We are promised that the selected devices will not only reduce dust and eliminate bacteria, but they will eliminate viruses as well! So, we should all be much safer health-wise when attending U3A.

Finally, I would like to thank our landlord and neighbour BCAL, under Maddy Harford's leadership, for a very cooperative, helpful and pleasant year.

If I have done my research correctly, our U3A is now 26 years old. U3A Wonthaggi was one of the early starters in Australia, thanks to our founders, including former Senator Jean Meltzer OAM. Committee members Glenn, Graeme and John, tried to organise an event to enable all members to gather socially. Inevitably, they were defeated by COVID restrictions and venue limitations. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate our U3A and our many friendships when we return in 2022. We'll get back to you on that.

I wish everyone a relaxed summer and a happy Christmas with your family, able to gather once more. See you all starting 31 January 2022.

Lynn Kirk

President



from the editor's desk...

Hello U3A members,



I'm writing to you from my rose garden. What resilient plants they are. Though whipped and lashed by squalls and rain, they withstood the onslaught defiantly, now effusing a heady scent as their petals open to the warming rays of the sun. And I am blessed...

Well, another year is almost done. Farewell 2021!

But just before we put the year behind us, there are celebrations to be had... final U3A classes, Christmas get-togethers, shopping expeditions, plum pud making and mince tart baking... all the joy of Yuletide.

I'm already making plans for next year. Tickets have been purchased and hopes are now riding high that I'll be landing in London on 8 May, along with my husband and our son. It will be the first time in the 20 years since my daughter moved to London that we'll all be there together. My granddaughter sends daily messages assuring me that the time will fly by. But I feel like a child on Christmas Eve... I can hardly wait! Of course there will be plenty to do when U3A reopens in 2022 – new classes to consider, and old ones to resume. Don't forget to peruse the enrolment guidelines in this newsletter, so you know what to do, how to do it, and whom to ask for help.

As always, thanks to our newsletter contributors. If there is something you want to add, send an email any time: osullivan.robyn@gmail.com

Happy holidays, everyone. I bid you joy, and all the glorious peace of the season. May your celebrations be a delightful fusion of family and friends and festive food, enhanced by the wondrous beauty that only mother nature can conjure.

Robyn O'Sullivan



Saturday Book Club

With Helen & Geoff Cole

The group has been moving along well this year, despite a few Covid hiccups along the way. We managed to get through nine books with different points of view and interesting discussions. Thanks to the use of the Mawson Hut, we were able to continue when home groups were not possible. We will finish the year with lunch at Devil Dans.

Best wishes to you all and good health for 2022...

A Piece of U3A Wonthaggi's History

In July 2011, a little over ten years ago, thanks primarily to the efforts of life member and past president Peter Allen, the Mawson Hut arrived at U3A's White Road campus.

In addition to my work at U3A, I am also the collection curator at Inverloch Historical Society. In September, I was cataloguing some of the Society's many thousands of newspaper clippings about local history when I came across this item from the South Gippsland Sentinel Times.

New classroom for U3A

TWO oversize low loader trucks with escort vehicles brought the two halves of a relocatable classroom to Wonthaggi last Monday for Wonthaggi U3A.

Each truck was driven into the precinct of the Bass Coast Adult Education Centre, in White Road, ready for unloading.

In order to put the classroom onto the chosen site a large capacity mobile crane was utilised.

The crane conveyed each of the two halves over existing buildings to the chosen site.

The two halves were joined together and made weatherproof.

The relocatable will provide an extra learning space for Wonthaggi U3A. Wonthaggi U3A is a learning co-operative where all one needs is an interest and enthusiasm for learning.

Classes are held each day of the week covering subjects from 'A' for Astronomy to 'W' for Walking. Further information and other subjects can be obtained from the U3A website at www.u3awonthaggi.org.au.



The portable arrives at the site.

It's then lifted into place in spectacular fashion.

SDAY, JULY 12, 2011

S/TIMES

This event happened before I joined U3A in 2012, but I heard about this massive project from others. Oddly, I also came across some documents relating to the acquisition of Mawson Hut when I was rebasing U3A's Asset Register earlier this year. It seems I am being prompted to tell our newer members about this piece of our U3A's history. Without this wonderful addition to our resources, our U3A would be a shadow of its current self.

The building's name is Peter's nod to explorer Douglas Mawson and the four huts he left close to the sea at the base of Cape Denison (East Antarctica). The huts are regarded as the jewel in Australia's rich Antarctic heritage. If you want to know more about Mawson's explorations, a helpful place to start is <https://www.mawsons-huts.org.au/>

Thank you to Peter Allen and the 2011 Committee for their vision for the future of our U3A.

Lynn Kirk, President

Beginners Japanese



Our small group of enthusiastic learners have built up their hiragana and kanji recognition skills over the past term.

We have watched a number of YouTube videos including “Little Red Riding Hood” and “The Three Little Pigs”.

Our grammar knowledge is progressing slowly but surely, as is our ability to hold simple conversations.

As part of our final lesson for the year, we’ll endeavour to “climb” Mount Fuji by translating questions from Japanese to English and English to Japanese. We’ll also enjoy a Japanese tea ceremony led by one of our students.

New class members will be made very welcome in 2022.



JANET ALLEN'S

LUNCH...

To bid farewell to Janet as the U3A choir's coordinator, a lunch was held at the Inverloch golf club where she was presented with an orchid by long-term members, Frank and Judy Thomas.

Janet's involvement with the choir included a big commitment to copying and managing the music as well as being responsible for the sound equipment.

A member of U3A since 2003, Janet was a very long-term and hard-working committee member, serving as president for two years. A natural

organiser, Janet arranged U3A Wonthaggi's annual camp, taking members to various sites in Victoria. For many years she managed the roster and equipment for “The Sadies” who volunteered to clean the classrooms on the weekend. This group was disbanded only a few years ago, when the committee decided to hire a cleaner. Janet also compiled a photo collection of U3A events and members.

Thank you, Janet for all your efforts since joining U3A Wonthaggi!

MONDAY ART CLASS WITH JENNY McDONALD

This term we have been looking at and trying the techniques of various artists' approaches to subjects. Lots of delightful discoveries have been made. Much can be done with the wonderful tool – the brush.



Clouds are difficult and there are many different ways to create them: the brush, a screw of tissue, a sponge...



In a later class, the aim was to play with limited colour on a surface where the texture was altered by adding other torn paper segments.

At first, everyone was quite inhibited in their approach but soon got into it, especially after turning their work upside down to complete the exercise. Amazing things happened out of the play.

There's a wonderful sense of discovery when the sharing and evaluation of the creations is considered before the end of class.



How to enrol for 2022

COVID 19 Vaccination Requirements

1. U3A Wonthaggi is conscious of its role in providing a safe and healthy environment for its members and applies COVID safe measures related to Victorian and Federal roadmaps and mandatory public health orders.
2. In October 2021, U3A Wonthaggi's committee endorsed new membership conditions. Only double vaccinated members may attend classes, and new members will only be accepted if they are double vaccinated. Evidence of vaccination or exemption will be required.

2022 Enrolments Open Monday 29 November 2021 at 10 am

Members are Asked to Enrol Online

You can log in to the UMAS membership system to renew your membership, enrol and pay your subscription, any time after 10.00 am on Monday 29 November 2021. See payment options below. Also see Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

If You Experience Difficulty Online, Please Telephone

Support with online enrolments is available by phoning one of our volunteer help desk team, between 9 am and 5 pm from Monday 29 November until Friday 19 December.

- **Mary** – 0412 485044
- **Maureen** – 0413 587 724
- **Robyn** – 0438 743 949
- **Lynn** – 0411 263 060
- **Graeme** – 0491 093 300

What If You Cannot Access the Internet or Enrol by Phone?

If you are a current member without an email service, you will receive a Membership Form before 29 November. The form can also be downloaded from

<https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/memberships/>

The completed form can be:

- mailed to U3A Wonthaggi, PO Box 322, Wonthaggi Vic 3995, or
- delivered in person on Friday 3 December 2021, between 10.00 am and 12 noon, at the 'Garden Room', 239 White Road, Wonthaggi Vic 3995.

Course/Activity Enrolments

- Initially, some courses/activities will be waitlisted, e.g. book groups, but most places will be available on a 'first-come, first-served' basis.

- Members are encouraged to enrol early to reduce the risk of missing out on a place in their preferred courses or activities.
- Acceptance into a course will be confirmed by email immediately after enrolment for non-waitlisted courses or by 30 Jan 2022 for all Term 1 courses.

Enrolling for 2022

- Courses can be previewed online via our website u3awonthaggi.org.au from 22 November.
- A newsletter containing program and enrolment information will be sent to all members.
- Make a note of your selections for online enrolment from 29 November.
- Enrolments will not have a cut-off date this year, but courses are expected to fill quickly and will be waitlisted once full.
- New members go to – <https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/memberships/>

2022 Membership Subscription Fees

- Full Member \$50.00
- Active Tutor-Member \$25.00
- Life Members no fee

Subscription Payment Method Options

We accept payments via:

- Electronic Funds transfer or personal deposit at a bank, using the following details
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 083 975
Account Number: 675 296 831
Account Name: Wonthaggi U3A
Reference: please be sure to include your name as a “reference” so that we can identify your payment.
- Cheque, payable to ‘U3A Wonthaggi Inc’, and mailed to U3A Wonthaggi, PO Box 322, Wonthaggi, VIC, 3995
- Other arrangements on request

2022 Enrollments FAQs

I am a current member, so do I need to re-enrol?

YES. At the end of 2021, the membership is reset in the UMAS membership system. All members need to log in to re-enrol and confirm or amend their membership details for 2022.

Do I retain my previous membership number?

- YES. You retain your member number forever. Even if you have previously been a member and not re-enrolled for a year or more your member number is reserved for you.
- If you attended U3A during 2021, your membership number is printed on the reverse side of your membership badge.

What do I do if I have forgotten my UMAS password?

It's easy, just go to our help guide at:

<https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/how-to-reset-umas-password.pdf>

Where can I find course information?

Online at <https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/courses-activities/> or from U3A Wonthaggi's Summer 2021 Newsletter.

When can I enrol?

Enrolments open at 10 am on Monday 29 November 2021. We encourage early enrolment as there is a higher chance you will be able to enrol in the course/s of your choice.

How can I enrol?

- Enrolments can be performed online or by telephone. These are U3A Wonthaggi's preferred enrolment options.
- Alternatively, you can complete and submit a form and submit it by mail to U3A Wonthaggi, PO Box 322, Wonthaggi, Vic 3995 or deliver it in person on Friday 3 December 2021 between 10.00 am and 12 noon, at the 'Garden Room', 239 White Road, Wonthaggi, Vic 3995.

How will U3A manage courses that are expected to be oversubscribed?

A number of courses will initially have all enrolling members wait-listed. These courses are the ones that are expected to be over-subscribed. Members will be advised if they are accepted into these courses.

Will I be automatically enrolled in courses/activities?

Apart from identified wait listed courses most members are expected to be accepted into the courses they select when they enrol for 2022.

How will I know if I am accepted into a wait listed course?

Before the start of Term 1 (week commencing 31 January) members will receive an email identifying the courses in which they have been accepted.

Will I receive a new member's badge?

- Renewing members: NO. Please retain the badge, lanyard and plastic pouch issued in 2021. If you require a replacement badge, email: secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au
- New members: YES. Your tutor/ facilitator will distribute membership badges at the start of your first course or activity.

Can I include more than one emergency contact?

We request a single emergency contact only.

Why is the membership system planned to be off-line at times?

The UMAS membership system will be off-line in late November to backup 2021 data and rollover to 2022, and again for a short time in mid-December so that the Program Coordinators can finalise allocation of members to classes.

Who can I contact if I have a query?

- **Phone:** 0491 093 300
- **Email for course enquiries:** talktous@u3awonthaggi.org.au
- **Email for membership enquiries:** secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au
- **Email for all other enquiries:** secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au

Useful guides — <https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/how-to-enrol-in-2022>

Carol Concert

Along with other local singers, the U3A choir are performing at the concert, which will be held in the Glade at Inverloch on Saturday 11 December at 6.30 pm. If the weather is inclement, an inside venue (probably The Hub) will be used.



The choir is currently devoting its weekly practice sessions to preparing for the concert, but there's one thing they desperately need — more male voices.

**Men of U3A
take heed
answer the call!**

COMING TO U3A... THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

A new class will be offered by Bronwyn Miller for Terms 3 and 4 in 2022.



Lectures cover the 600-year history of the Ottoman Empire – in all its richness and complexity – starting with the early years as a collection of raiders through to the zenith of its power in the 15th and 16th centuries and its ultimate collapse in the wreckage of the First World War. The story of Gallipoli resonates most with Australians. However, throughout the empire's reign there were

ongoing geopolitical tensions between Turkey and its Balkan and Middle Eastern neighbours, which still reverberate today.

Cryptic Crosswords

A holiday offering from the editor...

1. Country-wide focus on a Latin mix-up (8)
2. A parsley stew can immobilise. (8)
3. I'd come over so late as to be segregated (8)
4. Boarded ship and upset bedmaker (8)



FINALLY...

Jean's name writ large!

Our secretary, Mary Schooneveldt forwarded this photograph for inclusion in the newsletter. She commented that it is great to see the new signage in residence after a wait of some two years, and to see Jean Melzer suitably honoured.

U3A WONTHAGGI PROGRAM

Term 1 - Monday 31 January to Friday 8 April

MONDAY

<p>FRENCH Tutor: Donald Ellsmore</p>	<p>Weekly 2:00–3:30 Garden Room</p>	<p>This course will cover French Language, Culture and Tourism for those wishing to embark on learning a new language or improving basic French language skills, supplemented by virtual excursions into French culture and tourism.</p>
<p>MONDAY ART GROUP Tutor: Jenny McDonald</p>	<p>Weekly 9:30–12:00 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>This semi-formal class teaches the theory behind composition, design and colour & watercolour mixing. Teaching methods include demonstrations, exercises, and discussions about techniques.</p>
<p>MONDAY BOOK GROUP Convenor: Felicia Di Stefano</p>	<p>Monthly (last Monday) 2:00–4:00 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>We meet to discuss the chosen book each month in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where all views and opinions are welcome. Members have an opportunity to select books at the start of the year.</p>
<p>YOGA & MOVEMENT Tutor: Dot Charles</p>	<p>Weekly 10:00–11:00 & 11:15–12:15 Cape Paterson Hall</p>	<p>This course blends yoga and other forms of physical activity to help combat ageing. We flex joints, stretch muscles and improve coordination. <i>Requirements: a yoga mat and a water bottle</i></p>

TUESDAY

<p>GARDEN CLUB Tutor: Lorraine Carroll</p>	<p>Weekly 9:30–11:00 Garden Room</p>	<p>After gardening at home, it is great to chat with others about it. There is always something happening in our gardens to share, and new and old gardening tips to pass around. Our group watches DVDs to see how it's done; we also swap plants & produce. Occasionally we visit gardens.</p>
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<p>HISTORY AND POLITICS OF MIDDLE EAST Tutor: Maddy Harford</p> <p>This course will run for Terms 1 and 2.</p>	<p>Weekly 1:30–3:00 Garden Room</p>	<p>The Middle East is a region (from the Fertile Crescent to North Africa) fraught with conflict, going back centuries. Today, ‘middle east peace’ is often used as a metaphor for an intractable problem. It has and continues to be a region of critical geopolitical importance. This course will present a brief history of the region followed by a focus on events from early in the 20th century, as an aid to understanding the current political situation.</p>
<p>PHILOSOPHY Tutor: Ed Leszkiewicz</p>	<p>Weekly 11:15–12:45 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>Time rules our lives. From the rising and setting of the sun to the cycles of nature, the thought processes in our brains, and the biorhythms in our day, nothing so pervades our existence: yet is so difficult to explain. Time seems to be woven into the very fabric of the universe. But why?</p>
WEDNESDAY		
<p>FITNESS, FUN & OCCASIONALLY FOOD Convenor: Graeme Charles Contact on 0411 422 557 or graemeicharles@gmail.com</p>	<p>Fortnightly From 9:00 am Various starting points</p>	<p>This group is for active walkers wishing to explore South Gippsland. Walking time is about two hours, followed by lunch when possible. Some walks require driving for 30 minutes to the start point; we can carpool. Routes will be selected by group members.</p>
<p>RECORDER CONSORT Contact: John Bell</p>	<p>Weekly 9:30–11:00 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>If you play the recorder and would like to make music with others, you are welcome to join our dedicated group. We perform at local nursing homes and other venues.</p>
<p>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Tutor: Bruce Cumming</p>	<p>Weekly 11:15–12:45 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>“I can’t do Cryptic Crosswords!” Well join our friendly class of beginners and experienced people, and learn the secrets of this fascinating world of words.</p>
<p>ITALIAN CONVERSATION Tutor: Maggie Harriss</p>	<p>Weekly 1:45–3:30 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>Practice speaking Italian in a supportive environment. Add knowledge, vocabulary and grammar in specific contexts.</p>

<p>ALL I WANT IS A WORLD MY GRANDCHILDREN CAN GROW UP IN Tutor: Mary Schooneveldt</p> <p>* NEW COURSE</p> <p>The title for this course is a quote from <i>Mary Schooneveldt, our U3A secretary</i></p>	<p>Weekly 1:30–3:00 Garden Room</p>	<p>(How) can we help keep the planet fit for future generations to live on?</p> <p>This course will look at the ways human beings are stressing the planet’s systems (it’s not just climate change) and then investigate what we can each do to help to improve the situation. We will hear from local groups that are making a difference in various ways (protecting the local environment, reducing their use of valuable resources...) and who are always ready to welcome new members! We are lucky to live in a beautiful locality on the only planet we know of so far that is inhabitable. The aim of the course is to help us find ways we can preserve these advantages for future generations.</p>
THURSDAY		
<p>WALKING GROUP Guide: Robert Butler</p>	<p>Weekly 9:30–10:45 Meet at U3A car park</p>	<p>Want to trek the local byways? Our friendly band of walkers enjoys good fellowship plus the benefit of regular gentle exercise.</p> <p>A range of walks, and an occasional cup of coffee or tea...</p> <p>New members welcome</p>
<p>BOCCE GROUP Convenor: Gary Beard</p>	<p>Fortnightly 1st & 3rd weeks 9:30–11:00 Cape Paterson</p>	<p>The perfect social activity: a fun game that will improve your hand-to-eye coordination, exercise your laughing gear, and stimulate your competitive muscle.</p> <p>Bocce is held at the link adjacent to the Cape Paterson Community Hall</p>
<p>JAPANESE FOR BEGINNERS Tutor: Joan Hindle</p>	<p>Weekly 9:30–11:00 Garden Room</p>	<p>Join us for an interesting and effective beginners’ class in the Japanese language.</p>
<p>ELECTRICITY Tutor: Werner Theinert</p>	<p>Weekly 9:30–11:00 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>This course explains how our electrical power system works, in a simple and easily understandable way. Along the way, it takes a look at the history of electricity, the current situation with our ageing power grid, and the potential future of our electrical power systems – the impending revolution in energy.</p>

<p>CRAFTAHOLICS Convenor: Marion Kerry</p>	<p>Weekly 12:30–3:00 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>Drop in, bring your current project, share expertise, and help each other. This group is for anyone with twitchy fingers, who loves to create, and anyone who wants to get started.</p>
<p>PAINTING WITH WATERCOLOURS Convenor: Lyn Goodwin</p>	<p>Weekly 12:30–3:00 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>This self-support group gathers to share their interest and enthusiasm for painting with watercolours.</p>
<p>FRIDAY</p>		
<p>TAI CHI Tutor: Mary Schooneveldt</p>	<p>Weekly 9:30–10:30 Goat Island Gallery</p>	<p>Tai chi is a gentle but therapeutic form of exercise, based in Chinese traditions. Involving slow movements and deep breaths, it has many physical and emotional benefits. <i>Today, it's principally a tranquil, gentle and pleasurable means of attaining and maintaining health and harmony in mind and body, mobility, suppleness and mental alertness.</i> Mr Han Jin Song – Tai Chi Australia's Founder and Chief Instructor</p>
<p>BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS Tutors: Matti Shub and John Quayle</p>	<p>Weekly 10:00–11:30 Mawson Hut</p>	<p>We need new members ... This is an interactive class with lesson material reinforced by playing set hands that illustrate the principles. We will email out the course notes/material after each lesson. By the end of the year or earlier students should feel confident and competent to play social or entry level club bridge. We are playing in a national bridge competition 19-27 Feb in Gold Coast so we will start 4 March. If there is class consensus we will go through school holidays. Students should obtain one of the following as pre-reading from Paul Lavings Bookshop www.bridgegear.com or Nicks Bridge Bookshop, Sydney. www.bridgeshop.com.au</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul Marston – Introduction to Bridge, \$19.95 or Paul Marston's Beginner Pack, \$27.95 2. Ron Klinger – Bridge Basics, \$14.95 3. Derrick Browne – Beginners Bridge, \$14.95

CURRENT AFFAIRS Convenors: Steven Ward and Glenn Cant	Weekly 9:30–11:00 Garden Room	This forum is an open discussion group where members are free to listen or express opinions on topics selected from local, national and international news media. New members welcome
SHAKESPEARE Tutor: Lyn Street	Weekly 11:15–1:30 Garden Room	Reading and discussing the plays from the perspective of Shakespeare and Europe. The year begins with Richard II.
CHOIR Convenor: Jackie Brennan	Weekly 2:00–3:30 Anglican Church, Inverloch	We love to sing songs from our extensive repertoire: it's relaxing and good for the soul. We also perform for many community groups. New members welcome. Male voices are particularly needed.
SATURDAY		
SATURDAY BOOK CLUB Convenor: Helen Cole	Monthly 3rd week 2:00–4:00 Inverloch	We meet to read and discuss books. We're limited to 12 members because we get our books from the library, and they come in a box of 12 copies.
LEISURELY LUNCHESES Convenor: Gary Beard	Monthly Last Saturday	Venues for this term will be confirmed prior to the events.