

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 4, 2016

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Welcome to Term 4. It is hard to believe that three quarters of our year is over.

We had planned to “go retro” for our 25th Anniversary party and have a picnic in the park. A picnic was the traditional end-of-term and end-of-year function in the early years of Bathurst U3A. But I am sure we have all noticed that the weather is not quite right for being outdoors and the forecast tells us that the big wet will continue into November. So with regret, we have called off the function.

The Management Committee has had a very busy year. One of the (few) drawbacks to our growing numbers, is that there are more problems to deal with and more challenges that we have never met before. And we have been found wanting, without written guidelines on how to handle a variety of situations. The documentation we needed was never written because we never needed it before, so we have been catching up. In the last year we have written and passed:

Committee Job Descriptions, Management Committee Members Roles and Responsibilities, Management Committee Terms of Reference, Policy on Committee Meetings, Executive Terms of Reference.

We still have a Tutor Roles and Responsibilities document to write and then our suite of policy documents will be complete. I would like to express my gratitude to our Patron, Dr Peter Hodgson for his assistance in providing sample committee documents for us to use and/or modify and for his invaluable advice.

In the last few months the Management Committee has spent some time imagining where Bathurst U3A might be one year from now and in five years from now. Some of us then attended an extra meeting where we discussed all the ideas brought forward and talked about which we could adopt. Then we worked out some strategies for implementing those ideas.

We have also considered our expenditure and have allocated a budget for our advertising and other recurring expenses. This will enable us to make sure that our classes are run economically and that sufficient members are enrolled in a course to cover the cost of the venue. We are pleased that our postage and printing costs have fallen. The smaller Newsletters have saved us hundreds of dollars and those of you who elect to receive your newsletter by email are not only helping your environment but also assisting those who are not so technically skilled.

If you have heard a rumour about a fee increase, please ignore it. There has been no mention of any fee increase in a committee meeting.

Tim Herbert, our publicity officer, has resigned from the Management Committee. We would like to thank him for his contribution to the running of Bathurst U3A and wish him well.

Please come to the Christmas Party to finish our year in style – details are on page 3.

Sue Doolan – President

ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 4 CLOSE WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

BATHURST U3A OFFICE BEARERS

Patron Dr Peter Hodgson	President Sue Doolan 6337 2052	Committee Members Allison Aspden 6332 3036
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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ENGLISH?

Maybe not as well as you think. How many of these questions can you answer (without Google)? The answers are on page 7.



1. What is the correct name for this symbol (incorrectly called a hash symbol)? “#”
2. What is the longest word in English (according to the Oxford Dictionary)?
3. What is the longest word in English (according to the Oxford Dictionary) without a true vowel?
4. What is the only word in English that ends in the letters “-mt”?
5. A pangram is a sentence that contains all 26 letters of the alphabet. Do you know any pangrams apart from “The quick brown fox...”?
6. What is the only word in English that begins and ends with the letters "und"?
7. What is the name of the “you are here” arrow on maps?
8. What is the name of the dot over the lower case letter “i”?
9. What is the only digit that has the same number of letters as its value?
10. Can you give one of the three words which entered English from Czech?
11. What was the first message tapped by Samuel Morse over his telegraph?
12. What were the first words spoken by Alexander Bell over the telephone?
13. What were the first words spoken by Thomas Eddison over the phonograph?
14. What three English words contain the letters “uu”?
15. Which word in the English language has only one vowel, which occurs five times in the word?



U3A
Christmas Party

Panthers Macquarie Room

Friday December 9

12 for 12.30

Cost \$35 pp

CHRISTMAS PARTY BOOKING AND PAYMENT

Please return this section by **Thursday November 24**, with your payment of \$35 per head in a sealed envelope addressed to The Treasurer U3A, and delivered to The Neighbourhood Centre, 96 Russell Street, or mail a cheque to PO Box 1332 Bathurst 2795.

Name (s) _____

Phone _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please indicate any special dietary needs.

COURSE INFORMATION

NEW THIS TERM

BUNNINGS DIY

Tuesday 2 - 3

DIY section near the café and the garden centre

October 25 Garden preparation and drought proofing (yes – it will get hot and dry again)

November 8 Tool Talk

November 15 General House Maintenance Part 2

WALKING FOR PLEASURE

Wednesday at 8.30

Meet near the steamroller in Bicentennial Park

Come and join a small enthusiastic group of walkers. Walk around the River Bank and make new friendships as you keep fit.

ART GALLERY WALKTHROUGH WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 30

2 – 3.30

Art Gallery

Join Emma Hill on a Guided tour of the new Brett Whitely/Lesley O’Shea and Joe Penn exhibition. One session only, so mark it on your calendar.

COURSES RETURNING FROM TERM 2

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Thursday 10 – 11.30

The Orchard Room Mitchell Conservatorium

The Theme for this term is the Sonata:- as a musical form, its components (some basic analysis), and its context (history and evolution). Planning is underway to feature live performance by Mitchell Conservatorium musicians at each session.

LAWN BOWLS

Monday 10 - 12

Bathurst City Community Club

An introduction to Lawn Bowls. Please wear flat solid shoes and a hat. The club’s address is 29 William Street.

STRETCH AND FLEX

Monday 8.30 – 9.15

14 Corporation Ave

We are happy to welcome Ann Mader as the tutor of this gentle exercise class. She not only brings her expertise but makes it an enjoyable class for all levels of fitness. Cost \$5 per class

NEW COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Monday 10.15 – 11.45

*Macquarie Room,
Panthers*

Lindsay Cox will be the moderator for Term 4.

COURSES NOT RUNNING IN TERM 3

A New You

Stepping Outside Your Boundaries

History of Assyria (Carla will be back next year with an exciting new topic).

COURSES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY FULL:

Basics of Drawing – you are welcome to join the waiting list

Craft Collective – you are welcome to join the waiting list

Crime Fiction Week 1 – you are welcome to join with the Week 2 group

Cryptic Crosswords – both groups are full and are not accepting new members

Getting it All Down – you are welcome to join the waiting list

Quilting and Craft – you are welcome to join the waiting list

Stitch 'n' Chat – the tutor regrets that this class is full at the moment

COURSE TIMETABLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
STRETCH AND FLEX 8.30 – 9.15	CREATIVE WRITING 10 – 12	WALK FOR PLEASURE 8.30 – 9.15	CRAFT COLLECTIVE 10 – 12	QUILTING & CRAFT 9.30 – 12
MAH JONG 10 – 12	BONSAI BUDDIES 10 – 12	BASICS OF DRAWING 9.30 – 11	GERMAN 10 – 11.30	STITCH 'N' CHAT 10 – 12
LAWN BOWLS 10 - 12	REVITALISE 11.30 – 12.30	JUST WRITE 10 – 11.30	MUSIC APPRECIATION 10 – 11.30	TABLE TENNIS 10 – 11.30
CURRENT AFFAIRS 10.15 – 11.45	INTRODUCTION TO RECORDER 12.30 - 1	GEOCACHING 10 – 3	BONSAI BEGINNERS 10 - 12	HIDDEN MYSTERIES 10 – 11.30
SINGING FOR PLEASURE 12.30 – 2.30	RECORDER GROUP 1 – 2.30	SPANISH 10 – 11.30	GETTING IT ALL DOWN 10 – 12	ART ATTACK 1 - 4
TAI CHI MONDAY New 12.30 – 1.30 Continuing 1 – 2	CRIME FICTION & READ AND SHARE 2 – 3.30	YOGA 10.30 – 12	REVITALISE 11.30 – 12.30	CHESS 1.30 – 3
LITERATURE 2.15 – 3.45	TABLE TENNIS 2 – 3.30	PHILOSOPHY 1 – 2.30	TAI CHI THURSDAY New 12.30 – 1.30 Continuing 1 – 2	
CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS 2.15 – 3.45	BUNNINGS DIY 2 - 3	ART ATTACK 1 – 4	CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS 2.30 – 4	
		LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE 2 - 4		
		WALK THROUGH THE ART GALLERY 2 – 3.30 NOVEMBER 30		

A LETTER FROM A FORGETFUL MAN... OR HAVE I ALREADY POSTED THIS?

*Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm not among the dead.
Though I'm getting more forgetful, and more mixed up in the head.*

*For sometimes I can't remember when I stand at the foot of the stairs,
If I must go up for something or if I've just come down from there.*

*Standing before the fridge, so often my poor mind is filled with doubt,
Have I just put food away or have I come to take some out.*

*There are times when it is dark out with my night cap on my head,
I don't know if I'm retiring or just got out of bed.*

*So-if it's my turn to write you, there's no need of getting sore,
I may think I've already written and don't want to be a bore.*

*So, remember: I do love you and I wish that you were here.
But, now it's nearly mail time so I must say good-bye my dear.*

*There I stood before the mailbox with my face so very red,
Instead of mailing you the letter, I opened it instead!*

*Regards,
John*

DON'T FORGET - DEVELOPING A TOUCH OF ABSENT-MINDEDNESS IS NORMAL AND NOT A SIGN OF THE ONSET OF DEMENTIA.

Answers to How Well do You Know English?

1. The symbol # is called an octothorpe.
2. The longest word in the English language, according to the Oxford English Dictionary is:- pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.
3. Rhythm and syzygy are the longest English words without a true vowel.
4. Dreamt
5. There are many - eg:- "Pack my box with five dozen liquor jugs." , "Jackdaws love my big sphinx of quartz.", "The five boxing wizards jump quickly.", "How vexingly quick daft zebras jump!"
6. Underground" is the only word in English that begins and ends with the letters "und".
7. The "you are here" arrow on maps is called an ideo locator.
8. The dot over the letter 'i' is called a tittle.
9. Four.
10. Only three words have entered English from Czech: polka, pilsner, and robot.
11. "What hath God wrought?"
12. "Watson, please come here. I want you."
13. "Mary had a little lamb."
14. Vacuum, residuum and continuum.
15. Indivisibility

ENROLMENT FORM

If you are not currently a member, please get an Information Sheet from our website, bathurst.u3anet.org.au, The Neighbourhood Centre or the Library. Use the form in the Information Sheet to complete your enrolment.

FOR CURRENT MEMBERS, YOU MAY:

- Email your choices to shardy@westnet.com.au and save paper.
- Mail a cheque and your completed form to The Treasurer, Bathurst U3A, PO Box 1332, Bathurst 2795.
- **Put your completed form in an envelope** and take it to The Neighbourhood Centre, 96 Russell Street (formerly BINC).
- If you enrol after October 12 you **MUST** contact our Enrolment Officer, Sally Fulton, before going to class: 6331 5760 or salkenful@internode.on.net.

Name _____ Phone _____

My form will be in before the closing date

My form will be late and I have contacted Sally Fulton

For Revitalise, Tai Chi, and Art Attack please specify both the course name and the day(s) you wish to attend.

Please list any course(s) that you wish to discontinue.

Assume your application is successful unless otherwise notified.

Remember, if you don't enrol, a course maybe cancelled for lack of numbers and we have no way of letting you know of any changes to a course or venue.

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Bathurst U3A is grateful to all the community organisations which provide us with venues at very reasonable rates, namely Hope Church, The Neighbourhood Centre, Bathurst Regional Council, Church of Christ, Bathurst Baptist Church, Bathurst Panthers, CSU and Girl Guides.