



# Newsletter of the Third Age Learning Western Region U3A Footscray



## GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Third Age Learning Western Region Committee of Management and the Editorial Group of **THE DISCOVERY** hope that all members enjoyed their holidays and are embracing term three enthusiastically. Now we can expect warmer weather, the blood should run a bit more freely and our brains will start to work a lot harder, and we should enjoy our learning.

## REPORT ON SOCIAL EVENTS FROM AUGUST, SEPT, OCT 2008

*Sat 9th August—Last Night of the Proms—11 members had a very enjoyable and noisy evening, even without the champagne on offer. Denis Walters sang beautifully. We all enjoyed the early dinner at Lion Dance—it got us into the mood!!*

*Wed 3rd Sept—Buffet Lunch at Wm Angliss—12 members enjoyed a really delicious lunch put on by the students. We enjoyed it so much have made a booking for Cup Eve 3 course Lunch on Monday 3rd November. See notice board for more details and to book your place.*

*Sun 7th Sept—Father's Day -"Come to the Fayre" at Paramoor Farm just south of Kynton on the Calder Highway. Lotti and Jan drove up—nice easy one hour trip—and had an enjoyable day browsing around the various stalls.*

*Wed 8th Oct—Our visit to Castlemaine by train in Seniors Week was undertaken by 4 members, who had a very enjoyable train trip both ways. They visited BUDA homestead/museum, walked around the town, had a very nice lunch despite the cold!!*

*Thurs 9th Oct—Four ladies on the Committee represented U3A Footscray at the Breast West Luncheon to raise money in the Western Suburbs for our hospitals for cancer treatment and the machines to detect early cancer.*

If you can, please donate something for the raffle to be held at the Annual General Meeting. The more you give, the better the raffle. See notice board for more information.

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**O.K. THIS IS TO TEST YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE!**

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backwards.
3. Of all vegetables, only 2 can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only 2 perennial vegetables.
4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside.
5. In many liquor stores you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine. It has not been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters "dw" and they are all common words. Name two of them.
7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least seven of them.
8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter "S".

Answers on page 4

*Have you read this very sad poem yet? - THE HORSES STAY BEHIND!*

*In days to come we'll wander west and cross the range again  
We'll hear the bush birds singing in the green grass after rain  
We'll canter through the Mitchell Grass and breast the bracing  
But we'll have other horses. Our chargers stay behind.*

*Around the fire at night we'll yarn about old Sinai  
We'll fight our battles over again, and as the days go by  
There'll be old mates to greet us. The bush girls will be kind  
Still our thoughts will often wander to horses left behind.*

*I don't think I could stand the thought of my old fancy hack  
Just crawling round old Cairo with a 'gyppo' on his back  
Perhaps some English tourist out in Palestine may find  
My broken-hearted 'Waler' with wooden plough behind*

*No—I think I'd better shoot him and tell a little lie  
'He foundered in a wombat hole and just laid down to die'  
May be I'll get court martialled, but I'm damned if I'm inclined  
To go back to Australia and leave my horse behind.*

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**Did you enjoy SENIORS WEEK? If you went anywhere interesting perhaps you would like to share your experience with other member by Writing up a short piece for THE DISCOVERY for us all to read—send your piece to Jan Heiner ready for the Christmas Issue.**

**REPORT ON SOCIAL EVENTS from June , July (Continued)**  
 The trip to Dudley House at Hepburn Springs was cancelled due to insufficient interest.

**SOCIAL EVENTS TO COME -**

*Dates to remember for OCTOBER , NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2008*

**NOVEMBER Monday 3rd—Lunch at Wm Angliss, 555 LaTrobe Street, City.**  
 3 Course lunch for \$24 each. Booking made for 20 people. Be there 12 noon.  
 See notice board for A La Carte Menu.

**NOVEMBER Monday 24th at 10 am—Annual General Meeting and Lunch at Footscray Bowls Club, cnr Ballarat Road and Hoadley Court. Cost is \$13 for lunch. Please check notice board to register your attendance and pay for your lunch by Monday 17th November. It is important for those organising this event to have number correct, so please co-operate.**

Your Committee would like to thank all members for their participation this year, and hope that you will continue to support your Third Age Learning Western Region in 2009.  
 At the AGM on Monday 24th November you will be electing a new Committee for 2009, so please make every effort to attend and put your name down under the notice on the notice board. The lunch is at a cost of \$13—payment is required **before** the meeting please.

**YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2008**

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| President:                           | Sylvio Hoshun             |
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### **Don't forget the *Morning Coffees***

Please bring a plate—tea/coffee is *free*

Tentatively -

Monday 10th November—Trivia starting at 10 am

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If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers you wish to have for Morning Coffees please advise our Secretary Marie Earle.

#### Answers from questionnaire on Page 2

1. Boxing
2. Niagara Falls (the rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water rushing over it every minute).
3. Asparagus and rhubarb
4. Strawberry
5. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. "DW" - dwarf, dwell, dwindle.
7. Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, ellipses.
8. Lettuce
9. "S" - shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

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