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NOTICEBOARD

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Secretary's Report

Hello everyone. It seems so long since I have participated in any classes and caught up with the tutors and how their classes are progressing. I would like to thank all the tutors. They are integral to the success of Seymour U3A. I extend appreciation also to our committee and sub-committee members. It has been a difficult few years to keep up with meetings either via zoom or at Chittick Place, but somehow we have continued.

With 2023 approaching I would like to let everyone know that I will be stepping down as the Secretary due to my ongoing illness. Whilst I will not be available for committee meetings I will still be available to help wherever necessary. This brings me to the 2023 Annual General Meeting in February. Without sufficient active committee members our U3A risks closing down, not something that any of us look forward to. We have only been able to continue this year as I have stayed on in the role of Secretary, a legal requirement under the Constitution. We are very happy to show anyone the ropes and to be there as back up. It would be such a shame to see all our funds handed over to U3A Victoria!

Wishing you all the best for the festive season and let's see what we create for this coming year.

Vicki Abery

Reports from Groups

Commiserations to any member affected by the floods. If we can do anything to help you please let us know.

Book Group

The book we looked at this month was *Cutters End* by Margaret Hickey, which is an award-winning crime thriller, set in the South Australian outback town of Cutters End. A mysterious death on New Year's Eve 1989 leads to a shocking murder investigation 32 years later . . .

The book for this month is the biography of Father Bob Macguire. Many of you will remember when he was the guest speaker at our Melting Pot some years ago. What an entertaining speaker! If his biography has as many anecdotes about his life it should be entertaining reading.

Please note: Our final meeting for 2022, November 21, will be at Baracca Lane, Seymour at 2pm.

- Jenny Moran

Garden Matters

On a beautiful sunny Wednesday 19th October, Garden Matters members met at the Avenel Railway Station for a tour of their garden. It was a welcome change to be out in the sunshine after all the flooding and rain in the area and Station Volunteer, Helen, escorted members around the garden and related the history of the station. Group members were then treated to a private tour of Helen's mature home garden down the road. Everyone was in awe of the ancient trees, flowering shrubs and beautiful plants in both gardens. Many thanks to Helen for her time and expertise, and Jenny Moran for arranging this visit.

Members adjourned to the Avenel Daily Dose café and enjoyed a welcome chat and cuppa before heading home.

Next Meeting Wednesday 16th November. Details will be forwarded directly to Garden Matters members in the coming weeks when final details are confirmed.

- Pam Lawler

The Garden at the station'



Inside the Signal Box at Avenel Railway Station



Mahjong

We continue to play every Monday from 10 until 12 noon at Chittick Place. Any one is welcomed to pop in and say hello to us, admire the craft making in the main room and say hello to the office staff.

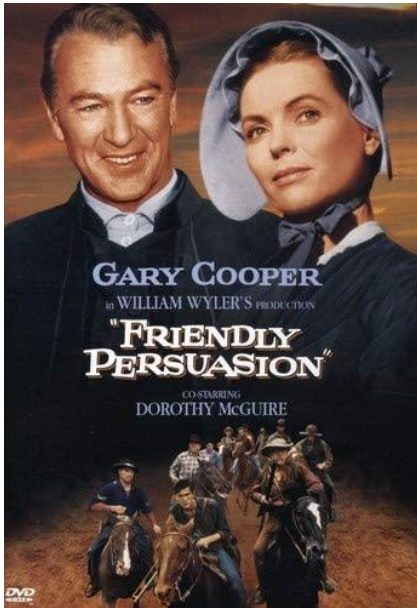
Group Leader – Dawn Leece

Potted History

Our excursion to Bendigo was postponed due to the floods. At this stage this will be held in November.

- Heather Baetge

Thursday Matinee

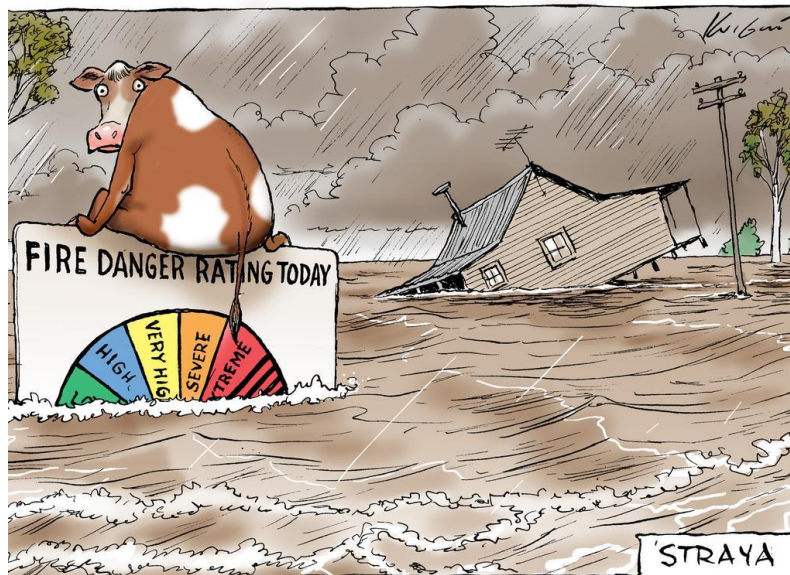


Friendly Persuasion is a 1956 American Civil War drama film produced and directed by William Wyler. It stars Gary Cooper, Dorothy McGuire, Anthony Perkins, Richard Eyer, Robert Middleton, Phyllis Love, Mark Richman, Walter Catlett and Marjorie Main. The screenplay by Michael Wilson was adapted from the 1945 novel *The Friendly Persuasion* by Jessamyn West. The film tells the story of a Quaker family in southern Indiana during the American Civil War and the way the war tests their pacifist beliefs.

The film was originally released with no screenwriting credit because Wilson was on the Hollywood blacklist. His credit was restored in 1996.

Group Leader – Trish Archer

The next Noticeboard will be the January one which will be sent out at the end of December. It will contain information about the AGM (to be held in February, 2023) and the courses for 2023.



Of droughts and flooding rains

“If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

Something Special
28 October – 27 November 2022



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LEGACIES OF CONFLICT

A Shrine of Remembrance touring exhibition

Longwood Community Centre, Down St, Longwood.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday 11am – 3pm
Other days by appointment
Phone 0458 110 711 for further details

This exhibition looks at how conflict has changed and shaped contemporary Australia. It tells stories of recent migrants from war town countries. Stories of recent veterans of service with the ADF and their family members have stories to tell. They all experienced the emotional and physical dislocations of war and they all seek to reconcile their past with their new and changed lives.

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