

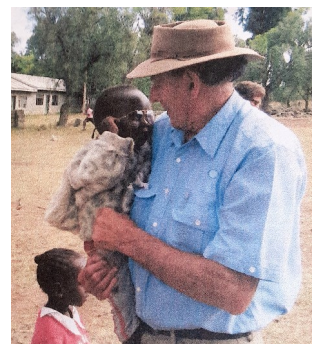
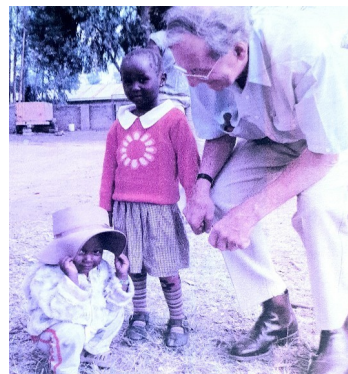
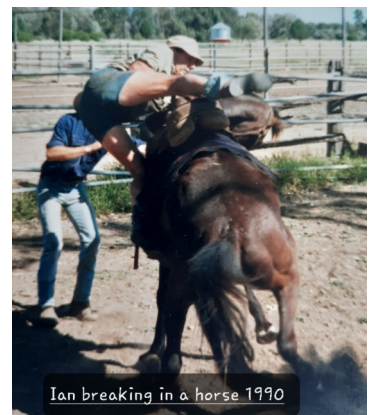
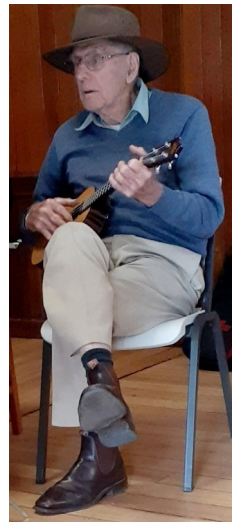
They don't only think we are old, they think we were never young

IAN RUSSELL A TRUE BLUE AUSSIE

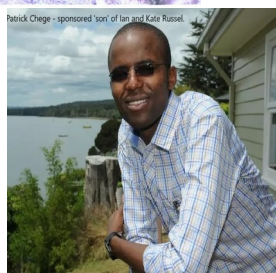
Ian's ancestor on his maternal line, was Samuel Clift. He was a boatman/waterman; one of 170 convicts transported on the Neptune, December 1817. Although illiterate, he was convicted of possessing a forged note and sentenced to 14 years.

Ian, now 92, has had a full and successful life as a husband, father, cattleman and a philanthropist. I will only touch lightly on his generosity in his endeavours to better the lives of others, especially in Kenya. From the time he was a boy, 2 years younger than his peers at school, then prefect and Captain of the 2nd X1; he has lived life to the fullest. *Ian was TVU3A's first Treasurer.*

I will let the photographs speak for themselves.



Until he was a teenager Patrick didn't own a pair of shoes, had one meal a day and walked 4km to school. He was sponsored by Ian and Kate Russell who funded his high school and university training.



Kate and Ian sponsored 5 other children in Kenya. gifted knitting machines to women to earn enough to feed the 120 abandoned children that they had 'mothered'. Pumped out wells and installed culverts to provide fresh water so the women did not have to walk 5 miles to get fresh water, and so much more.

EVENTS

In June, several of our committee members braved the weather and manned the TVU3A stall for a well attended Community Health, Well-being and Services Expo held at the Beaconsfield Community Hall. This created a lot of interest in our organisation and our thanks goes to those volunteers who gave up their time to represent us on the day.



Our acting President Jill Brasch- Reaney

We are still hoping that someone will put up their hand to become our President as it time for Jill to retire from being acting President. Jill would be happy to mentor someone into that role.

Early notice: Spring Basket lunch

Watch out for this event.
Members will be advised later



PERSONAL CELEBRATIONS

John Osborne's 90th birthday was celebrated with cake and a resounding chorus of *Happy Birthday to you* in Rai Bruns' Philosophy class at Low Head.

John Osborne OAM (BSc Hons '61, MSc '69)

Snippets



I recently had to face the fact that I could no longer afford to send small packets to my family overseas as the cost of postage was just too great. Then I came across the following: in America it used to be legal to send babies through the post!

According to postal records the children were cared for by the mail carrier throughout their journey.

I am sure some young mums and dads would love to have that brought back!

I wonder what Donald Trump would make of it?



Sure, a handmade envelope is likely to catch its recipient's eye. But the United States Postal Service reports that those who really want to make an impression slap mailing labels and messages on everything from coconuts to kids. Here's a partial list of unlikely objects people have mailed as avant-garde "cards."

- Shoes
- Stuffed animals
- Driftwood
- Buckets
- Baby dolls
- Sacks of food
- T-shirts
- Fossils
- Brooms

And, as we said, coconuts and kids. Coconuts have long been popular among tropical vacationers as a mailable novelty. But kids?

Considered the most precious of cargo, small children have, on occasion, been shipped as parcel post between relatives. According to postal records, the children were personally cared for by mail carriers throughout their journeys.

In 1914, a father had his young child mailed from Stillwell to South Bend, Indiana, after gaining custody from the mother. The mother placed the child in a container marked, "Live Baby," and paid 17¢ for postage.

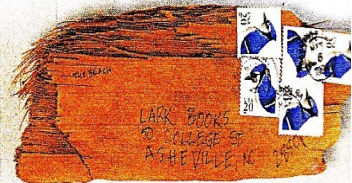
Four-year-old May Pierstroff was sent via parcel post in 1914 from her parents in Grangeville to her grandparents in Lewiston, Idaho. She was assessed by



the chicken rate, for a total mailing cost of 53¢, much cheaper than train fare.

Two children were mailed by their mothers to their fathers, who were tending machinery inside a plant during a factory strike in Tennessee in the 1930s.

The United States Postal Service now forbids mailing of children.



OUR VENUES

The origins of the Deviot hall date from 1911 when Baird and Richie donated land for tennis court and hall on the Deviot esplanade. In December 1911 the Launceston Examiner reported:

"A very well laid down asphalt court has been built on the esplanade...Now a move is being made to raise funds to build a hall for library and concert purposes".

Deviot Hall - Anglican Church (1922-1965) After the hall opened it was used by the Methodists until about 1926. For a period of a little over 40 years The Deviot Hall was used by the Anglicans until 1965. It is now used by community groups such as TVU3A.

The Deviot Hall





FUN! FUN! FUN!

SEA SONGS AND SHANTIES

Can ye sing men?



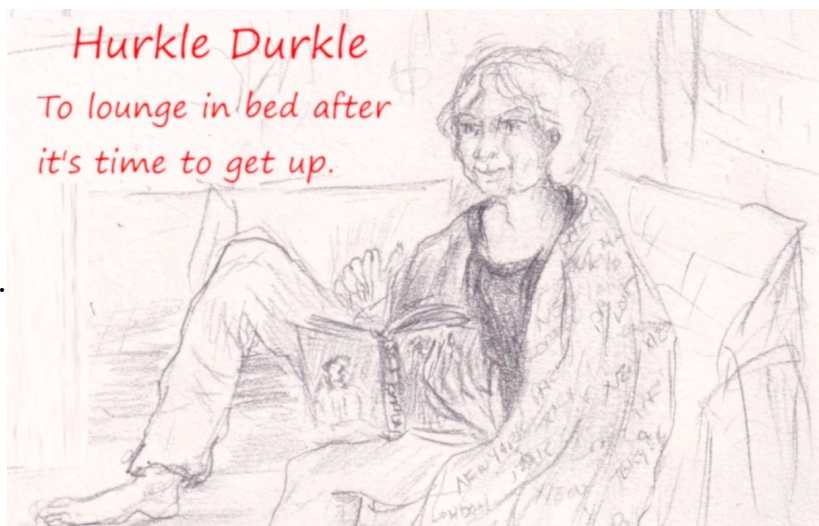
Once again our ukulele group – No Frets -has come up trumps with fun, laughter, dressing up and sing-a longs at the Deviot Hall! This one was pirates and sea shanties, and there was even a song especially written by Jen Thompson to remember Kitty Hagerty – the female ‘pirate’ on the brig Venus pirated at Lagoon Beach, as well an eatable sea chest with gold coins.



FAVOURITE WORD for winter:

Hurkle Durkle

To lounge in bed after it's time to get up.



THE MALADY OF 'YOUTH'

Youth is something we all suffered from at an early stage of life
Bringing pimples and frustrations often landing us in strife,

I can just remember vaguely, measles, chicken pox and mumps
But my memory of 'youth' is clear, I suffered from the 'Grumps',

"You're far too young to be wearing that" my poor old mother sighed
As I slammed the door, jumped on the bed and proceeded then to cry,

Why was she so mean to me, it was only lipply and a touch of powder
No-one understands me, I'll just keep crying louder,

As I looked into the mirror, I could see reflected there
Glasses, plaits and braces – life was ever so unfair,

With a bra stuffed full of tissues, I would strut with head held high
Until those tissues slipped into other places, how I wished that I could die

High School socials were a trauma with the teachers smiling on
"Come on Sylvie, come and dance now. Yes, come and dance with John",

Well if only you could see us, he was 6 foot I was 4
And we'd spend the entire foxtrot just looking at the floor,

We had quite a bit in common with our braces shining bright
He had pimples, I had goggles, we were not a pretty sight,

Things were really quite confusing, people just weren't very clear
'You're old enough to know better now' were the words I'd always hear,

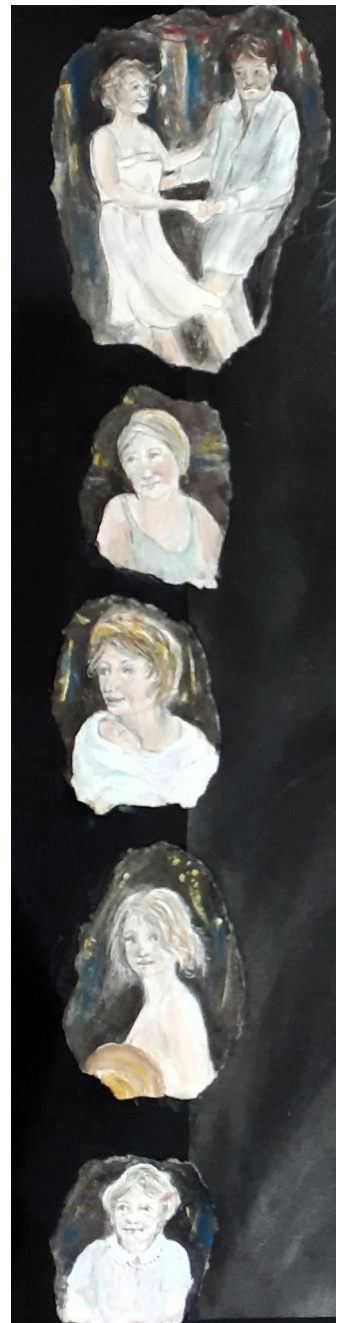
And then another statement "No, you're far too young to go"
So was I child or was I adult – my parents didn't even know,

Then all at once 'youth' disappeared, the symptoms had all gone
I was adult, I was responsible and I could do no wrong,

Chicken pox, mumps and measles I hope never do return
But oh for a dose of good old "Youth" I can but only yearn.

Dolly Rimes

U3A Writing Group at Tresca



TAMAR VALLEY IMAGES



I am hopeful that TVU3A members will send me images to use in our newsletters to share the beauty of our region. This was taken through the car windscreen as a friend and I drove along Low Head Rd. He stopped for us to take photographs. No time to get out of the car or the moment would be missed.

Low Head - Ship at Sunset
Maggie Fletcher photograph.

WORD FUN

Some more words created in response to The Washington Post's Invitational which asked for readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter to give a completely new definition. Can anyone come up with some more neologisms ?

Beezlebug(n) : Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at 3am.

Testicle:(n) A humorous question in an exam.

Caterpallor(n): The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the apple you are eating.

Ignoramus(n): A person who is both stupid and an asshole.

Glibido(v): All talk and no action.

Willy-nilly(adj): Impotent.

Negligent:(Adj) When you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.

Needing help with computer support?

One to one phone, lap-top, tablet and computer support is available at the Beaconsfield On-line Centre, 1 Grubb St., Beaconsfield. Ph: (03) 6383 1146 Wheel chair access. Open weekdays 10-4.



Personal help on a Monday by arrangement.



A REMINDER!!

Remember to put a gold coin in the piggy. Not all venues are free. There is the ongoing cost of photocopying, insurance, heating etc, and the gold coin donation helps offset these expenses.

COURSE BROCHURE

The new course brochure is out for the 2nd semester. 4th August - 13th December.

Potential members will need to complete an Application for Membership Form that is available from the office or on line at <http://tamarvalleyu3a.com.au>, before enrolling in a course.

ANNUAL membership for 2025 will be TWENTY DOLLARS. New enrolments after June 30th \$10
PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE BY:

Electronic Funds Transfer: BSB 067-022. ACCOUNT NO.1008 8174. Please ensure you identify this payment with your name. Payment may also be made via MemberWizard on our website.

You are welcome to observe a class session to see if it suits you before joining, but please record your details with the tutor/facilitator to be covered by our insurance.

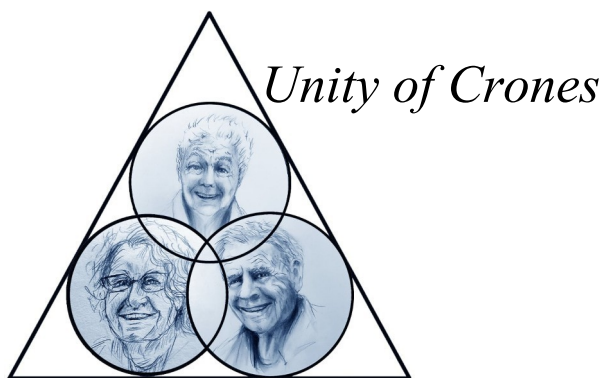
Go online to tamarvalleyu3a.com.au to find details of the 2nd semester courses.

TAMAR VALLEY U3A COURSES FOR SECOND SEMESTER, 2025

Courses being offered this semester: COMPUTER/DEVICE SUPPORT, WRITING FOR FUN, EXPLORE YOUR INNER CREATIVITY, MAHJONG CLUB, TABLE TENNIS, BOTANICAL ART (July-August) FRENCH, HISTORY, _ANCIENT HISTORY(WINDSOR PRECINCT). CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN, UKULELE (BEGINNERS AND CONTINUING), POETRY APPRECIATION, THIS IS PHILOSOPHY, YOGA, ART, CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS.

There are other courses yet to be confirmed, such as a musical appreciation course by Monte Mumford.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS



In a small geographic space such as The Tamar Valley the same people are involved in a number of different ventures. Two East Tamar TVU3A members, Ann Williams-Fitzgerald and Irene Plant Oram recently set up a community organisation, *Unity of Crones*, with Speaking Wisdom Workshops such as the cuppa and conversation *Understanding The Loss Cycle*.

The following groups also have connections with Tamar Valley U3A members.

WEST TAMAR GARDEN CLUB

ENQUIRIES AND BUS TRIP BOOKINGS RING MARION FITZ ON 0425 738 049

LEGANA BOOK CLUB

Like reading? New members always welcome! Both men and women as members. We meet once a month for coffee and chat about books on a Saturday afternoon, usually in members' homes or a local cafe. The group chooses the books we read and we try to make sure they are readily available from the Library or as e books. Contact Anne on 0402 582 402 or email annebrelsford@hotmail.com to put you in touch with the group.

BEACONSFIELD BOOK CLUB

There is now an active Book club in Beaconsfield, which meets once a month usually during the daytime, to discuss the books. The venues for meeting vary, sometimes members' homes and sometimes local cafes such as the Moon Lily, or other venues. We have both men and women as members. The group chooses which books to read, but is also connected to the State Library Book club Service, which supplies selected books to book clubs throughout Tasmania. Contact Anne on 0402 582 402 or email annebrelsford@hotmail.com, to put you in touch with the group.

Our AGM is coming up 1st September

We need new younger committee members with fresh ideas. This is not an onerous task.

It is a great way to get to know other TVU3A members and to feel that sense of community.

Come and join us!

Contributions for the newsletter: I look forward to art, poetry, thoughts and quotations. Original works only as we are a creative group of people.

*Life is a great big
canvas and
you should
throw all
the paint
on it
you can!*

Danny Kaye



Contact Maggie at ruthieduck@gmail.com

Volunteers for existing and new areas of interest are always welcome.

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