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**THE COMMITTEE
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1ST TUESDAY

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AT 10:00 AM

E.C.G CENTRE

SMITH ST

WARRAGUL 3820

**GENERAL MEETINGS
ARE HELD 2ND**

TUESDAY OF MONTH

AT 2PM AT THE

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Adult Education in
the Community

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to another year of learning enjoyment and achievement with U3A Baw Baw.

During our dozen years of operation we have been without a permanent home—an orphan organisation.

We have held our meetings and run our courses in a multitude of venues and facilities stretching across Drouin, Warragul and Trafalgar.

Most of the locations used have been very suitable and welcoming.

However, we have continually battled with the hire costs involved and we did not obtain a suitable location for our U3A office where records and secretarial services could be situated.

We now hope that with our recent agreement with the Education Centre Gippsland, most of our venue problems will be resolved.

We have obtained a room suitable for Committee meetings and for most of our courses plus another smaller area for storage and our office purposes.

Ample parking space is available beside the ECG's central location on the Albert and Smith Sts corner.

However, our main Monthly Meetings will still occur at Warragul R.S.L, Albert Street, as this has proved an ideal location for our larger gatherings.

Your committee hopes and expects that members will find their new arrangements, involving such a compatible organization as E.C.G, most acceptable and suitable as our 2011 agenda unfolds.

With every best wish for a busy and enjoyable U3A year of challenging activities.

Terry Synan

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How to pick a Scrabble freak

What's in a word? If it's from this guy, it will contain X, Y and Z

Brain A supercomputer that retains obscure words and performs complex calculations, such as multiplying triple-letter by double-word scores in both directions.

Dictionary A vital weapon in the brutal world of word combat. To be scoured for obsolete words from science, mythology or history.

Scrabble dictionary Lists all the words that aren't in regular dictionaries. Memorised them all: "ai", a three-toed sloth; "xi", the 14th letter of the Greek alphabet.

Perfect partner Someone with a 60,000-word vocabulary who still lets him win.

Greatest ambition For "qxz" to be included in a dictionary. Any suggested meaning is welcome.



Speech impediment Adds ungainly consonants to simple words for potential score value.

The erogenous zone

Scrabble deluxe box A board game to some, a lifestyle to others – just without the style, not to mention the life.

Rash Favourite skin condition: eczema. It has a point value of 19 even before the bonus scores. Get the "z" on a triple and all the pain is worth it.

Hiking boots Hates the misconception that Scrabble players never go outside. Since the invention of Travel Scrabble and Pocket Scrabble, he can take his obsession anywhere.

WORDS **STUART DAVIS** ILLUSTRATION **DEAN GORISSEN**

NEW PREMISES

We have, from the 10 January taken over meeting room 3 in the E. C. G Centre.

Entry to this room is from the Smith Street Entrance

When entering the building turn left and the room is straight ahead.

This room will be used for **Committee Meetings & Courses**. If you are registering for a course check with the Tutor to be sure where they are holding their course.

Also if you register for a course and then can't make it please advise the Tutor as some courses are being run for one person and this is not fair to Tutors.

Literary Luncheon 2011.

The Literary Luncheon will be on **Thursday 12 July**
Keep this date free as these luncheons are well worth attending.

All Tutors and Leaders are requested to attend a Tutors meeting on **Monday 31st January** at the E.C.G centre **Starting at 10am sharp.**

The editor would like to thank the people who contributed articles for this ATHENE, with out your contribution it would not be possible.

An Interview with Gloria Fourie

Gloria was born in South Africa to German and Danish parents. Gloria has a Brother living in U.S.A. and a Sister living in South Africa. Gloria was schooled in South Africa at a Ladies College from where she matriculated at 16 years of age then went to a Business College for 12 months.



Gloria was then employed in office work in Accounting & Architecture.

Gloria met her first husband in church and they produced a Son and a Daughter. Gloria also had a Son to her second husband.

Gloria's second husband was a Trade Commissioner for the South African Government and in 1967 was posted to Melbourne. She found that living in Melbourne had its glamorous side what with Champagne breakfasts, sherry luncheons, dinners and balls etc at night. After returning to South Africa, Gloria and her husband realised that the children had missed out on the discipline of the South African education system so decided to return to Australia as the children had missed

so much of their Australian education. Gloria and the family returned to Australia and settled in Sydney where her husband lectured in economics before he passed away in 1975. Being without an income Gloria decided that she now needed to support her family so she trained as a Physio Technologist. One day a client came to Gloria and offered her a job as a Reception House Manager which enabled her to live on the premises and take care of her children. Gloria, who had never worked in this field before, was able to build up such a successful business to where they were holding 3 functions a day. Gloria then took on a night time managers position at the Manly Pier Restaurant while working as a preschool assistant during the day. After becoming ill from the stress Gloria then worked for Dominie Office Supplies for 36 years. Gloria still visits Dominie several times a year.

Gloria then decided that she had to get out of the hectic lifestyle so she moved to Geelong in Victoria. While living in Geelong Gloria took a new position with a commercial printer who produced diaries for high schools and universities.

Although Gloria had not returned to her homeland for 21 years she decided that it was time for a holiday. While talking to a travel agent about the trip to South Africa he advised her to get a round -the- world ticket which would work out cheaper than flying straight to South Africa. This started Gloria planning a world trip every 3 years. She has been to the U.K and Ireland, Greece, Santarina Island and the U.S.A.

Travelling mainly the east coast from

Rhode Island to the Canadian border she has also seen the "On Golden Pond" area and the Bridges of Madison County. She has travelled to New Zealand but her favourite place is Beijing in China which she describes as a beautiful place and very calming. While living in Geelong Gloria did a counselling course which allowed her to give 13 years of volunteering to the Geelong Hospital as a carer /counsellor in Oncology.

Gloria has always kept her religious beliefs and her love of fine films in mind when locating to a new area.

After moving from Geelong Gloria settled in Seaview where her youngest son purchased a B & B establishment on Grand Ridge Road. Gloria enjoyed the peaceful lifestyle and helped her son with his 3 children.

She studied pruning at a horticultural school to help prune the 400 fruit trees on the property. Gloria has also turned her hand to renovating a number of houses in her lifetime. Gloria, from the age of 16 in South Africa, designed and made wedding dresses without the aid of patterns. Gloria discovered U3A through her visits to the Warragul Cinema where she observed this group of people sitting in the back stalls every Wednesday. She finally spoke to Joan Pratt and found out about the U3A fine film group.

Gloria now lives in Drouin and keeps herself busy by reading, Cryptic Crosswords, Sodoku, Aqua Aerobics and creating Gardens.

Gloria has led a busy and productive life.

Our first excursion for 2011 is to the National Gallery for the Gustav Moreau Exhibition.

This will take place on 14th February. We will catch the 08:54 train from Warragul.

On March 15th 2011 we are going to the *Percy Granger* Exhibition at the Melbourne University. More information contact Laurie Huffer.

Dawn has arranged a visit to the Wilson Botanical Park Gardens in Berwick on the 22nd March and then to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens where you can partake of lunch.

For this trip you will need to car pool, meeting at the rear car park of the Warragul Library at 9am.

Register with Dawn on 0409 19 28 02

A "PARAPROSDOKIAN" is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that it causes the reader or listener to reframe or reinterpret the first part.

It is frequently used for humorous or dramatic effect, sometimes producing an anticlimax. For this reason, it is extremely popular among comedians and satirists. Examples are:-

FINE FILM REPORT

for 2010 from

Convener Rosalie Woolcock.

We have had a most interesting year of fine films, many from top Directors and featuring the Worlds Top Actors.

Much interest was shown in the U. S. A. Groups selections of their Best Films for the year.

The results showing the breadth and appreciation of the nuances of the Films.

The Monthly Luncheons at the Courthouse, where we all review and assess the Films are interesting because each member feels free to express their own views.

This helps us all to see the Films wider meanings.

Now in to our 12th Year, we are as keen as ever. We wish to thank the Cinema Manager, Kelly Moroney for the work she does to obtain the Worlds Best Films for us.

The winning Film this year was "Departures," a Japanese Film about a young man who became a Funeral Celebrant.

Second was the French Film, "The Hedgehog"

The much awarded Australian Film Animal "Kingdom" was third. The Australian Film "Matching Jack" about two boys with Cancer was fourth and the delightful French Satire about a group of clever down and outs was Fifth. The audience for Fine Films is increasing, and now with Digital we are hoping that it will not be long before the Cinema will be able to offer World Class Opera and Ballet to us at a fraction of the cost of an Opera Seat.

My thanks to you all for your support in what is a great adventure and an avenue for long lasting Friendships.

Kind Regards, Rosalie Woolcock.

Paraprosdokian (cont'd)

- I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.
- Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.



A table of happy Fine Film goes at the end of year break up at the Court House.



The other end of the Table



Christmas at Daizy's



Let us Entertain you, let us make you smile.

Notes from a Family history

My Great Grandfather Thomas Henry Brown became somewhat of a celebrity and a widely known person of curiosity for an event quite apart from his business acumen. And it happened by accident.

The following extract from the Ararat Advertiser in 1897 gives a graphic account in the idiomatic journalistic style of the day.

Terrific Thunderstorm at Streatham

Mr. T.H. Brown Struck by Lightning

Miraculous Escape from Death from our correspondent---

Ararat Advertiser 5th April 1897.

A terrific thunderstorm, broke over this neighbourhood on Monday last at 5.40.p.m. and though lasting but a few minutes and no rain fell it was exceptionally severe, the lightning being very vivid and the thunder very heavy and two narrow escapes from sudden death were experienced.

Mr. T.H. Brown the well known proprietor of the Streatham Hotel was standing talking to a friend within a few inches of a flagstaff in front of the Hotel, when the lightning struck the pole splintering it into matchwood.

Mr. Brown was struck by the current

which hurled him with great violence to the ground rendering him unconscious and paralysing him from the hip downwards. The lightning struck him on the back of the head, singeing his hair and passing on to his right shoulder, thence right down his side tearing his clothing into shreds, whilst his boots were chopped to pieces and hurled many yards from him. The current then passed to his left leg from the knee downwards and it also struck the watch in his left pocket and fused it stopping it at exactly 20 minutes to 6.

On being carried into his room his limbs were rubbed and blood began to circulate and he became easier but the burns are very severe and extensive extending from his right shoulder down to his foot and from the left side down to his foot.

Dr. Donaldson of Linton 29 miles away was sent for and arrived at 9.p.m. a man having to go on horseback as all telegraph communication was cut to pieces. Dr. Donaldson

dressed the wounds, but at present time he is suffering a great deal of pain from his injuries and complains of his back a lot, no doubt his spine being effected by electricity.

Had Mr. Brown not been a man of fine physique and splendid constitution he must have succumbed to the shock. Great sympathy is expressed in the District for Mr. Brown at the unfortunate occurrence and also for Mrs. Brown and Family.

A young man named J.Lourie was standing a few feet away from Mr. Brown talking to him was also knocked down and partially but not seriously disabled being able to ride home about an hour afterwards.

Dr. Donaldson said when he arrived on the scene that he had never in his experience seen or heard of such a miraculous escape. He said from that moment he was dead but when Mrs. Brown rushed out to see where all the children were and seen him, she put her hands under his arms and lifted him, and he said it was just like a watch stopped, you shake it and it starts. As she lifted him his

heart started beating again. He pronounced Mr. Brown out of immediate danger but terribly and deeply burnt and would require very careful nursing.

Thomas .H. Brown was 41 years of age at the time. My grandfather was only 9 at the time. Imagine the terror waiting over three hours for a Doctor to arrive by horse and carriage!

Such was the interest which surrounded this event that his clothes and the remains of his boots were gathered together and put on show in Ararat for twelve months.

Photo of Mr Brown on next page.

More "Paraprosdokian's"

- I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my Grandfather.....Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right—only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.
- The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

MR. T. BROWN. STREATHAM-HOTEL, STREATHAM, Vt.
"IN THE CLOTHES HE WORE WHEN
STRUCK by LIGHTNING"

1897



SOME of the Effects of the STROKE