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### GWENDOLYN STANTON

It was with profound sadness that we learned of the sudden death of Gwendolyn Stainton. Since moving to Maryborough from Warrandyte about three years ago, Gwendolyn has been an active and enthusiastic member of U3A. She attended many classes and activities and made many valuable contributions to discussions with insightful comments. Gwendolyn asked questions of presenters whenever she needed clarity. She was a valued member of the U3A committee.



Gwendolyn also joined the Writers Group when she arrived in town. She had a wonderful way with words and wrote many different forms of poetry, even adding to Italian classes with Italian poetry.

Gwendolyn was a gentle woman, a true lady and a great arbitrator. We offer our condolences to Rory, Linda and Deborah. Gwendolyn will be sorely missed.

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The constant lockdowns are certainly playing havoc for our U3A group to maintain a meaningful program. Nevertheless, the calendar is filled up on the off-chance the current lockdown will be lifted next Thursday. Organising the calendar and writing the newsletter is giving me something to do.

School holidays are scheduled for the last two weeks of September, although Mah-Jong will continue and the committee will hold its regular meeting. Social Issues will be having a break, unless some members would like to join in. Send me an email if you are interested. The **Maryborough Writers Group** has now become part of U3A, with regular monthly sessions to be held on the first Friday each month.

Finally, after three changes to dates, Year 12 Highview student, **Campbell Latch**, made a fascinating presentation to our group. Dressed in a WW1 uniform, Campbell explained its meaning, displayed hats and helmets, masks and weaponry belts, and more. He spoke of a number of wars, and individual servicemen and women. His talk displayed a significant amount of research and a particular empathy with young people around his age and even younger who participated in wars.



My laps of the EBT track (pandemic circles or lockdown loops) are keeping me fit and ready for my annual Great Cycle Challenge in October. This year's challenge is the 8<sup>th</sup> fundraising event to raise awareness and much needed funds to fight childhood cancer. It is also my 8<sup>th</sup>. I have set myself two challenges: to ride 800 km and raise \$1000. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, you could give me cash or donate online at [www.greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/MariaLacey](http://www.greatcyclechallenge.com.au/Riders/MariaLacey)

Cheers,  
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## President's Report September 2021

Maryborough Writers' Group established thirty five years ago now comes under the mantle of U3A. As part of the 'Words in Winter' festival - at our U3A Wednesday Special on August 11th \_ they read their Joint Authorship for 2021, 'The Red and White Socks'.



When they performed 'Twisted Webs' in 2019 the wall between rooms two and three at The Hub were removed, to accommodate their fans and people were leaning on the walls. Not so this year - we had an appreciative audience of ONE, Peter Vine. We put on 'The Red and White Socks' for Peter. Val's props (photo) added to the atmosphere. There were only two readers from the Writers' Group. The Covid crisis is changing the way we live.

Gwendolyn had arrived downstairs but was not able to join us. Writers' Group and U3A will sadly miss dear Gwendolyn. Her wit and personality are irreplaceable. Our sincere condolences to her family.

**Val**

## Secretary's Report September 2021

Hi, everyone:

Sadly, we learnt of the sudden death of Gwendolyn Stainton on August 11th. She hadn't been in Maryborough very long, but joined in various local activities, including U3A. She was in our Book Group, and during this year had participated as a committee member. She will be greatly missed.

A reminder to everyone who comes to any of our activities. You need to log in at the Hub or GELC with the QR Codes; then you need to fill out our attendance book before paying your \$2.00 fee. If you cannot access the QR codes, then both places have manual entries available. Effectively you are entering two separate entities.

Not much else to talk about at present! Please everyone, stay safe.

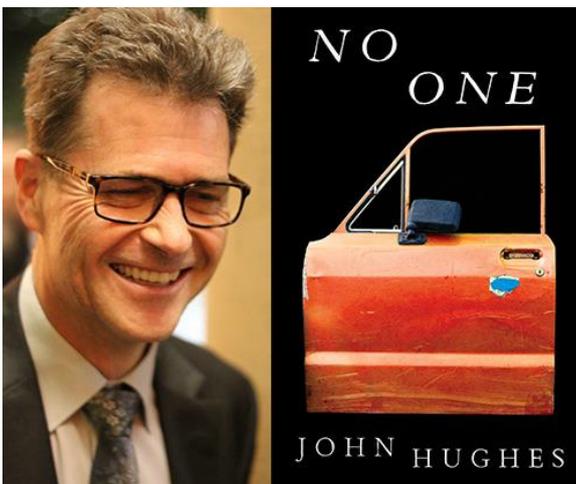
### From Gerry:

In September, Mercury enters its best period for evening observation when it can be seen in a dark sky free of twilight. Venus continues to be the brightest object in the evening sky. The Earth is at its spring (vernal) equinox on the 23rd September, when day and night are nearly equal – and we all can look forward to the warmer days ahead!

Guess which planet you won't be able to see during September?



### Wendy & Gerry



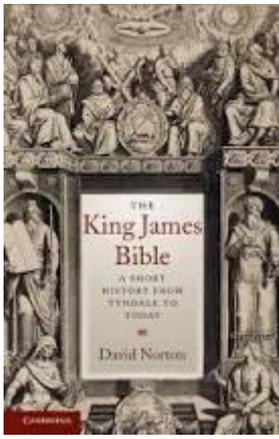
### BOOK CLUB

The narrator in John Hughes' novel is an unnamed protagonist, an Arab-born immigrant abandoned by his parents on Australia's shore, who grew up an orphan between foster homes in Broken Hill, Cessnock and Greater Sydney. He seeks to find a victim of a car accident.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

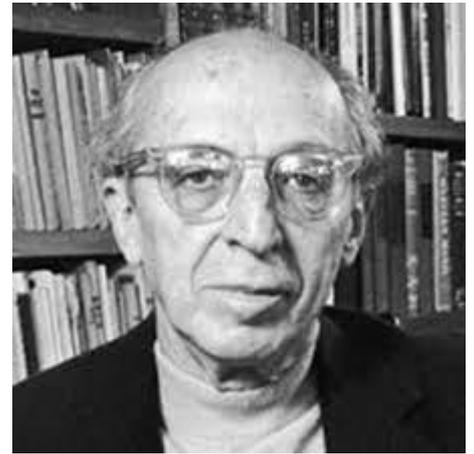
Judy Hodder





The Literature session this month will be The King James Bible.

Alex will focus on Aaron Copeland and Samuel Barker in Music.



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**CARISBROOK & DISTRICT'S BLUESTONE**

**HERITAGE** will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>. The Exhibition includes the following:

- Photo display & History & Heritage \$5 admission
- Guided Walking tour 11 am daily \$5 each
- Driving tours 1 pm each day (different tours) \$10 each

**Booking essential**

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***SPRING HAS SPRUNG***



*WATTLE WE DO IN SEPTEMBER?*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 2 MUSIC Aaron Copeland  Hub 1.30	SEPTEMBER 3 MAH-JONG Hub 9.30  WRITERS GROUP Hub 10.00
6	7	8 THE STORY OF SCIENCE BIOLOGY Hub 1.30	9 MUSIC Samuel Barker Hub 1.30	10 MAH-JONG Hub 9.30
13	14 BOOK CLUB <i>No One</i> GELC 1.30	15 Lunch          Chinese Restaurant 12 noon Followed by Cards	16 LITERATURE King          Charles Bible Hub 1.30	17 MAH-JONG Hub 9.30
20 COMMITTEE MEETING Hub 1.30	21 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	22 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	23 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	24 MAH-JONG Hub 9.30
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