

The INFORMER

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School holidays start Friday the 2nd April (Good Friday) and school resumes on Monday 19th April. ANZAC day is on Sunday the 25th April.

AGM – 11am. on Tuesday 20th April, at Kanyana. The President, George Tolley, is still hoping to arrange a Welcome day.

MOVIE LOVERS

We will be combining with the Corangamite U3A group for movies. They will be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at COPACC - 22nd April usually at 2pm. Please book at the U3A office by 15th April. At this stage we do not know what movie will be screened. If your name is on the list we will be able to let you know when a movie is chosen.

GALLOPING GOURMETS

This group will meet at the Farmer's Arms Hotel, 87 Main St, Beac on 20th April at 12:30- book by 16th April. They claim to have great food and better beer. They do have an extensive menu that should provide something for everyone. Book with Sandra on 0428 284 084 by Friday 9th April.



GARDENER'S GROUP

Gardeners for April will be a fascinating tour of the Colac Botanic Gardens led by Helen Paatsch, who is a member of Friends of the Botanic Gardens and author of 'For the Pleasure of the People - a history of 150 years of the Colac Botanic Gardens.

DATE: Monday 12th April at 1pm.
MEET at the Lake car park at the west end of the gardens. Following the tour we will enjoy a coffee and chat at the Lakeview Cafe.



MALT WHISKY GROUP

For those who enjoy a Malt Whisky and mulling over life's peculiarities.... an invitation -Would you enjoy good conversation in a friendly home environment with a tasting glass to try 3 different malt Whiskys? We meet once a month on 2nd Tuesday at 7-10pm. to savour and enjoy our favourite drink: currently, we have a limited number of places available if you would care to join us. Both gentlemen and gentlewomen will find a warm welcome. Please contact the U3A Colac Otway office and leave a message for us to contact you if you wish to enquire further.



LET'S HAVE DINNER

The next dinner is booked for the East Hotel on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 27th April @ 6pm. If you wish to go, please ring Jacqui on 0411 296 617 by Friday 23rd April.

RECYCLING AND WASTE

Are you confused about what plastics and other waste go into our yellow bins? Janet Forbes will present an informative talk about this issue, including how to detox your house and what to do with batteries. This will be on Friday 30th April: 10 am to 12 noon at Kanyana B. Please book at the U3A office.



SLICS

Daylight saving ends on Sunday 4th April, so over winter we will start each ride at 9.00 am. A few may choose to meet informally on Easter Monday. SLICS had a ride to celebrate Alan's 80th birthday. He wanted to ride around lake Colac. 7 riders, 35km and 2hr 45mins. 2 water stops and 1 coffee stop. Thanks to David for driving the backup vehicle. Congratulations Alan.

MUSIC WITH GARRY AND ROB – Special.

Friday 9th April 10am-12. at Kanyana B
Garry Richardson & Rob Wilmot will be providing music of Louis, Jelly, Sidney et al plus a bit of blues and boogie! Include some chat from Garry! what more could be wanted? Come along, maybe have a request or just tap your feet.



POETRY

The Poetry group is looking for participants.
If you have the heart for exploration,
The courage to laugh out loud, to think
To voice your tender, unformed opinions,
To change your mind, to be open to new ideas –
Then the Poetry Group is for you.
Who – you, me (Clare Short) and other very
welcome people
When – twice monthly (2nd & 4th Thursday) 10am.
Where – Kanyana B (back room)
Why – it's interesting, fun and challenging too!
How – do we 'do' poetry – read, discuss, laugh and
sometimes cry.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS.

Cryptic crosswords is now at Kanyana. Have you
always wanted to do these tricky chaps? Whether
you are a whiz or a completer beginner, come along
to this happy group, we love to work these out
together.

PATCHWORK AND QUILTING

No class in April

Starting on May 7 classes will
be held on the first Friday of the month from 9:30am
to 12 noon. Only once a month for the remainder of
2021. BYO morning tea and coffee cup



KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP

No class in April

Third Wednesday of the month -
restarting in May 19th at Nu Deli
10am - 11:30 am for the rest of
2021. Buy your own morning tea.



MACHINE EMBROIDERY **not going ahead.**

ZITHER DITHER

With Easter being in the 1st week of April this year
and March giving us a 5th week, I'd like hold the
'April Zither Zoom' on the **29th of March and slot in
another Zither Group on Tuesday the 30th**, to make
up for the one you missed this week I look forward
to the start of Term 2 on Monday, April the 19th.
Look out for the 'April-disguised-as-March' Zither
Zoom link in your inbox next week. - Angie

REMINDER - REGISTER TO RECEIVE YOUR VICTORIAN SENIORS CARD OFF-PEAK TRAVEL VOUCHERS THIS YEAR

Victorian Seniors Card holders need to opt-in to
receive free travel vouchers by registering at
the [PTV website](https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/vouchers). Card holders only need to register
once. If you are a new card holder please note that to
receive your free off-peak travel vouchers you now
need to opt in by registering
at www.ptv.vic.gov.au/vouchers and you'll receive
vouchers in the mail each year. For more
information please visit the Public transport Victoria
website [https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/myki/c
oncessions-and-free-travel/seniors/](https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/myki/concessions-and-free-travel/seniors/) or contact
Public Transport Victoria
at [https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/footer/customer-
service/contact-us/](https://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/footer/customer-service/contact-us/) or call 1800 800 007

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Two new ideas for courses - **Italian language** and
Digital Photography; however we would need tutors
for these or any other courses of interest. If you
have a particular course idea, or know of someone
who would be able to tutor a new course, please let
us know at the Office.

Office Volunteers **REQUIRED** –

Do you have a spare couple of hours once a
month? Join us as a volunteer at the U3Aoffice.
Volunteers normally do 2 hours once a month but
can just help out on rare occasions if they prefer
Help keep U3A running. Interested parties should
enquire at the office or phone Janet - 0457 544 584

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Monday to Friday, 10 - 12 noon.

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Closed Good Friday and Easter Monday

U3A Colac Otway Inc is grateful for the ongoing
support we receive from the Colac Otway Shire, the
State Government of Victoria, Richard Riordan MP.
U3A Committee: George Tolley (Pres), Rosemary
Richardson (V.Pres), Clare Short (Sec), Robyn
Perrin (Treas), Barb Gower (Activities C'tee),
Judy Comley (Activity C'tee) Tony Brown
(Membership). Jacqui Campbell, Michael Allison,
Jenny Todorovic, John Skewes, Tony Holland,
Angela Thomas (members).
Informer Editor; Vivienne Wheeler

Course list 2021 – Ring the office for information and to book into classes
Kanyana - F = front room, B = back room, O = office.

ARTS AND CRAFTS	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Embroidery	Weekly	Thursday	10 – 12.30	Colac Library	Will continue during school holidays.	
Patchwork and Quilting	Not in April Starts 7th May	Friday	9.30am -12noon	Kanyana F	1st Friday of month	Old & new members welcome.
Knitting/Crochet	Not in April Starts 19th May	Wednesday	10.00 – 12.30	Various venues	3rd. Wed. of month	Morning tea at own cost

BRAIN FOOD	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Bridge	Weekly	Monday and Friday	12.30 – 4.00pm	Kanyana B		Resuming twice weekly
Chess	Weekly	Friday	10.00 am – 12 noon	Kanyana F		More players please.
Colac Writers Guild	Weekly	Tuesday	2 – 4 pm.	Check at U3A Office		Details at the Office.
Social Cards	Weekly	Tuesday &/or Thursday	10.00 am – 12 noon	Kanyana F	Resume twice weekly from 1st April	
Cryptic Crosswords	Weekly	Thursday	11.00 am – 12 noon	Kanyana F		Come along & plan for our group
Scrabble	6th & 20th April	Tuesday	1.00pm – 3.00 pm	Kanyana F	1st & 3rd Tues.	
Puzzles	Weekly	Monday	10.00 – 11.00	Library	Not Easter Monday 5th April	Come along, extra help needed to solve puzzles.
Shakespeare	Weekly	Tuesday	10.00 – 12.00	Kanyana B	Not 2nd Tues, 13th.	Why Shakespeare? Come along for more details
Poetry	8th & 22nd April	Thursday	10.00 – 11.30	Kanyana B	2nd & 4th Thursdays	New people welcome

HEALTH AND WELL BEING	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Bushwalking	14th & 28th April	Wednesday	9.00am to finish of walk	Various	2 nd and 4 th Wednesday each month	Meeting places available through Office
Cycling - SLICS	Informal ride only 5th Apr.	Monday	9 – 10.30am	Botanic Gardens		Meet at Playground end, at car park
Tai Chi / Qi Gong	14th & 28th April	Wednesday	1.00-2.30pm.	Botanic Gardens - depends on dry weather	2 nd & 4 th weeks.	Bring hat, sunscreen & chair.
Walking Group	Weekly – not walking on Good Friday	Friday	9.00 – 10.00am	Botanic Gardens Meet at gates	Participants choose appropriate walks	Cuppa to follow

LANGUAGES	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
French Conversation	Weekly	Monday	2.30 -4.30pm	Colac Library		

MUSIC	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Classic Music Evening	19th April	Monday	6.00 – 9.00pm	Member's homes	3 rd Monday of month	Note new starting time
Zither Dither	29th & 30th March 19th April.	Monday (& Tuesday)	1.30 – 3.00pm	Zoom meeting	Not school hols or public hols.	Paid class at Zither House, Birre. available.
Jam Session	8th & 22nd April	Thursday	4.00 – 6.00pm	Kanyana B	2 nd and 4 th Thursday each month.	
Music with Garry & Rob	9th April	Friday	10am – 12.00	Kanyana B	One off concert	

SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Annual General Meeting	20th April	Tuesday	11am	Kanyana		
Film/ Movie Lovers	22nd April	Thursday	Varies. Check at the Office or in The Colac Herald.	COPACC	4 th Thursday each month	Book at U3A office by 15th
Galloping Gourmets	20th April	Friday	12.30pm	Farmers Arms Beeac	Maximum 10 diners	Book with Sandra 0428-284-084 by 16th/4
Gardeners – Potting Shed	112th April	Monday	1.00pm	Lakeview Café Botanic Gardens		Contact Office if you need transport.
Let's have Dinner (prev. Dinner Date)	27th April	Tuesday	6.00pm	Colac East Hotel	4th Tuesday of month	Book with Jacqui on 0411296617 by 23rd/4
Malt Whisky Society	13th April	Tuesday	7.00 – 10.00pm	Member's homes	2 nd Tuesday each month	Inquire at Office
Recycling & Waste	30th April	Friday	12 noon	Kanyana B		Book at the Office

TECHNOLOGY	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Macbooks, iPads, & iPhones	Weekly maybe?	Thursday	10 – 11.30am	Kanyana B	If no Poetry, class will be every Thursday	
Windows Laptop, Surface, Convertibles	Weekly	Thursay	1.30 - 3.30pm.	Kanyana B	Prompt finish to allow for cleaning etc. for Jam Session at 4pm.	
Android phones & Tablets	-	-	-	-	Register your interest	
Computer Help 1:1	-	Thursay	12noon		By arrangement – book at the Office	

Classes by week days - some are weekly, others are one off *, **twice monthly** or **monthly** -
 See course lists.
 Other classes are offered on an ad hoc basis.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sun.
9.00 Cycling-Slics	10.00 Social Cards	9.00 Bushwalking	10.00 Embroidery	9.00 Walking	
10.00 Puzzles	10.00 Shakespeare	10.00 Knitting/Crochet	10.00 Poetry	9.30 Patchwork & Quilting	
12.30 Bridge	10.00 Committee	1.00 Tai Chi	10.00 Mac, iPad, iPhone	10.00 Chess Club	
1.00 Gardeners/Pot.shed	11.00 AGM*	2.00 Movie Lovers	11.00 Cryptic Xwords	10.00 Jazz Music *	
1.30 Zither (Zoom)	1.00 Scrabble		12.00 Computer help 1:1	12.00 Recycling &Waste*	
2.30 French Conversation	2.00 Writers Guild		1.30 Windows, Laptops	12.30 Galloping Gourmets	
6.30 Classic Music	6.00 Let's have Dinner		4.00 Jam Session	12.30 Bridge	
	7.00 Malt Whiskey		.		