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The INFORMER

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School holidays 7th – 24th April incl. Easter
Anzac Day – 25th April

AGM

Tuesday, 18th April at 11am at
Kanyana.
All Welcome

URGENT: Concerning the Trip to King Island, the pilot now says that the fee for the plane charter to King Island has to increase from \$2,400 to \$3,100. I find this to be an exorbitant increase at almost \$100 per person and after we both had accepted the initial agreement. Unfortunately, under the circumstances, the trip is now cancelled.

GALLOPING GOURMETS

Our next lunch will be a little different. It will be 12.30, Monday 17th April, at the home of Rob Wilmot, one of our U3A members who has offered to make pizza for us. Rob will create a variety of pizzas, including vegetarian, for us to try. Gluten free options will not be available. The group size will be limited to 12 people so please ring Sandra on 0428 284 084 as soon as possible to confirm numbers if you want to attend. We will need definite numbers by Thursday 14th April. Rob's address 60 Bushby's Rd, Barongarook.

KNITTING & CROCHET starting 5th April.

LET'S HAVE DINNER

The next dinner is booked at the Colac East Hotel on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 26th April at 6pm. Please ring Jacqui on 0411 296 617 by 21st April to book if you would like to attend this evening.

DRAWING WORKSHOP with talented artist, Judith Rochecouste. You will need to bring an A4 Sketch pad, A HB, 2B and 6B pencil as well as a sharpener and eraser. This will be held on Thursday, 27th April at Kanyana and will be from 9:30 to 12:30. **You must book in for this course by 20th April.** Enrolment day was expressions of interest only.

ALL ABOUT CHORDS

We will show you how the harmonies of music work. Garry, Matt, & Rob will demonstrate how chords fit into jazz & popular music. Thursday, 20th April, 1.00 - 3.00pm at Kanyana

SPECIAL EVENT: Regarding Climate Change A network of local action groups invites you to a U3A meeting to consider, discuss and put forward your ideas for the Colac Otway Council's 10 YEAR Climate Change Action Plan. It will be held in the Kanyana back room at 4 pm on Thursday, 13th April. Please book at the U3A office, phone 5231 4435, hours 10-12 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Everyone is welcome.

GARDENERS

Thursday 27th April at 1pm. Come and see what can be done in a small garden at Barb Gower's home, Unit 6, 17 Balnagowan Ave. Colac. Followed by a tour of Clare Short's garden and a yummy afternoon tea at 49 Sinclair St, Colac.

MOVIE LOVERS

We had a good turn up to our last movie, so we will show another DVD in the back room at Kanyana on Friday 14th April at 2pm, followed by a small afternoon tea for 50 cents. This month we will

show 'Crackerjack', a 2002 Australian comedy starring Mick Molloy, Bill Hunter, Frank Wilson, Monica Maughan, Samuel Johnson, Judith Lucy, John Clark and Denis Moore. It tells the story



of Jack Simpson who joins a lawn bowls club in order to be allowed to use a free parking spot but when the club enters financial difficulty, Simpson is forced to play lawn bowls with the much older crowd.

LA BOHEME – the Opera

Sunday, 23 April 2023 commencing at 1.30 pm. Leave your name and contact details at the Office if you're attending. Please join us on this revised date at Kanyana.

THE IMPORTANCE OF WALKING.

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$4,000 per month.  *From Barb Gower*

WORLD DAY -TAI CHI AND QI GONG

This will be Saturday April 29th. We will meet in Memorial Square at 10am to practice. All welcome to come along and join in...or just watch. If the weather is poor we'll meet at Kanyana!

UPCOMING: DANCING – coming in May on Tuesday afternoons – 9th,16th,23rd, 30th.

UPCOMING : INDUSTRY VISIT

A visit to the Hycel Project at Deakin University's Warrnambool Campus has been organised for Thursday **18th May** 10am - 12noon. Hycel is Deakin University's hydrogen program and is focused on technologies that use hydrogen rather than processes that produce it. More details in May.

UPCOMING : CULTURAL TOUR

To whet your appetite.....A visit to the National Gallery of Victoria's exhibition of Rembrandt's etchings, paintings and drawings, including important international loans. The exhibition gives insight into the scope of Rembrandt's creative innovation. More information later.



Some of the packages made in March at **FUROSHIKI: The Art of Japanese Fabric Wrapping.**

March puzzle – Answer 16

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U3A Committee: Angela Thomas (Pres), Michael Allison (V.Pres), Clare Short (Sec), Robyn Perrin (Treas), Judy Comley, Jacqui Campbell, Jenny Todorovic, Rosemary Richardson, Rod Morgan (members).

U3A Other Positions: Janet Forbes (Membership) Barbara Gower (Office manager), Vivienne Wheeler (Informer Editor);

Course list 2022 – Ring the office to book into classes & information. 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		
Knitting & Crochet	Restarting 5th April	Wednesday	10-12noon	New Deli Cafe	First Wed. of month	See Informer
Patchwork and Quilting	28th April	Friday	9.30-12.00	Kanyana F –	Fourth Friday	
Social Machine Embroidery	16th April	Sunday	10am - 4pm	Kanyana	3rd Sunday of month	Friendship, self-help group. BYO lunch and machine.
Drawing Class	27th April	Thursday	9.30-12.30	Kanyana B	See informer for materials to bring	
BRAIN FOOD	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Book Club	13th April	Thursday	2-4pm	Colac Library	2nd Thursday	
Bridge	Weekly	Monday	12.00 – 4.00pm	Kanyana B		New Players welcome
Bridge – teaching session	28th April	Friday	12.15 – 2.45pm	Kanyana B		Last Friday of month
Chess	Weekly	Friday	10am – 12 noon	Kanyana F		New members & beginners welcome
Colac Writers Guild	Weekly	Tuesday	10am – 12noon	Colac Library		New members always welcome.
Cryptic Crosswords	Weekly	Thursday	11am – 12 noon	Kanyana F		Beginners welcome
Mahjong	Weekly	Wednesday	1.30 -4.00pm	Kanyana F	Please enroll at the office	
Puzzles	3rd April only this month	Monday	10-11am	Library	1st & 3rd Mondays	
Shakespeare	4th April only this month	Tuesday	10am-12noon	Kanyana B	Not in school holidays	Weekly but not 2nd Tuesday
Social Cards & Scrabble	Weekly	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10am – 12 noon	Kanyana F	Not 25th April	Scrabble Tuesday only
What's in the news	24th April only this month	Monday	11am-12.00	Kanyana B	2nd & 4th Mondays	No class on 13th.

LANGUAGES	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
French Conversation	Weekly	Monday	2.30 - 4.30pm	Colac Library		
HEALTH AND WELL BEING	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Bushwalking	12th & 26th April	Wednesday	9.00am to finish of walk	Various	2 nd and 4th Wednesday each month	If you are new, contact leader via the Office.
Cycling - SLICS	Weekly	Monday	9-10am	Botanic Gardens		Contact Sue on 0419136704
Tai Chi / Qi Gong beginners	5th & 26th April	Wednesday	12:15 -1.15	Kanyana B	Not in school holidays	
Tai Chi / Qi Gong skillbuilders	5th & 26th April	Wednesday	1.30 – 2.30	Kanyana B	Not in school holidays	
Walking Group	Weekly	Friday	9 – 10am.	Botanic Gardens Meet at the gate	Participants choose walks. Cuppa to follow	
MUSIC	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Classic Music Evening 1 & 2	17th April	Monday	6:30 to 9 pm	Members' homes	3rd Monday of month	
All about Chords	20th April	Thursday	1-3pm.	Kanyana B.		
SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Galloping Gourmets	17th April	Monday	12.30	Rob Wilmot's home	Details in the Informer	Book- Sandra, 0428 284084 By 14th April
Gardeners – Potting Shed	27th April	Thursday	1 pm.	2 members homes	Details in the Informer	
Let's have Dinner	26th April	Wednesday	6.00pm	Colac East Hotel	Details in Informer	Book- Jacqui, 0411 296 617 by 21st April
Movies	14th April	Friday	2pm.	Kanyana B	2nd Friday.	Movie - Crackerjack
Climate Change	13th April	Thursday	4pm.	Kanyana		
TECHNOLOGY	DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	DETAILS	OTHER COMMENTS
Macbooks, iPads, & iPhones	Weekly	Thursday	1.30 – 3.30pm	Kanyana B		Weekly
Windows Laptop	Weekly	Wednesday	10am- 12noon	Kanyana B		Weekly

Classes by week days - some are single session*, others are weekly, twice monthly or monthly
See course lists.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun.
9.00 Cycling-Slics 10.00 Puzzles 10.30 Activities C'tee meeting 11am What's in the news 12.00 Bridge 12:30 Galloping Gourmets 2.30 French Conversation 6.30pm Classic Music - both groups.	10.00 Social Cards & Scrabble 10.00 Committee Meeting 10.00 Colac Writers Guild 10:00 Shakespeare	9.00 Bushwalking 10.00 Windows Laptop Surface 10.00 Knit. & Crochet 12.15 Tai Chi beginners 1.30. Tai Chi skillbuilders 1.30pm Mahjong 6:00pm Lets Have Dinner	9.30 Drawing 10.00 Social Cards 10.00 Embroidery 11.00 Cryptic Xwords 1.00 Gardeners 1.30 All about Chords * 1.30 Mac, iPad, iPhone 2.00 Book Club 4.00 Climate Change meeting *	9.00am Walking 9.30 Patchwork & Quilting 10.00 Chess Club 12:15 Bridge beginners 2.00 Movie Lovers	Sat 10.00 Tai Chi * Sun 10:00 Social Machine Embroidery 1.30 La Boheme *