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The INFORMER

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This issue of the Informer will take on a new look. Information on each activity will be listed once. New courses and news items about courses will be followed by Regular and Ongoing courses that have not appeared already. Always happy to have your feedback and suggestions. *Editor*

SONG STRUCTURES: Most songs fit into quite a small number of arrangements – the blues, ballads etc. Your private U3A orchestra (Garry & Rob) will explain and demonstrate how these work during a single event on **Friday, 21st July in Kanyana B at 2-4pm.** You will need to be able to count to 32!!

ART CLASS: Judith has asked that you bring along your A4 sketchbook, eraser, sharpener, 2B, HB and 6B pencils. This will be a singular class and the topic will be “Hands and Feet”. It should be another enjoyable class, so don’t forget to add your name to the Office list as the class is **Thursday 6th July, 9.30-12.30.**

ITALIAN is restarting on **Wednesday, 12th of July at 3.30pm.** It will be weekly at Kanyana.

LIFE AFTER FARMING

All Welcome - **Friday 14th July 10.30-12**
at Kanyana B
Foul Play?
How many of
us know we



have an incubator wizard living in Colac.

Come along and

Laurie Smart will tell you about producing and selling about 1000 incubators over the past 30 years, plus if you need to know, How to Dress a Chook for Dinner.

CULTURAL TOUR - JULY

Excursion to the NGV REMBRANDT Exhibition. The NGV holds the most important Rembrandt collection in the Southern Hemisphere, and this exhibition is the most

comprehensive exhibition of his work to be held in Australia in twenty-five years.



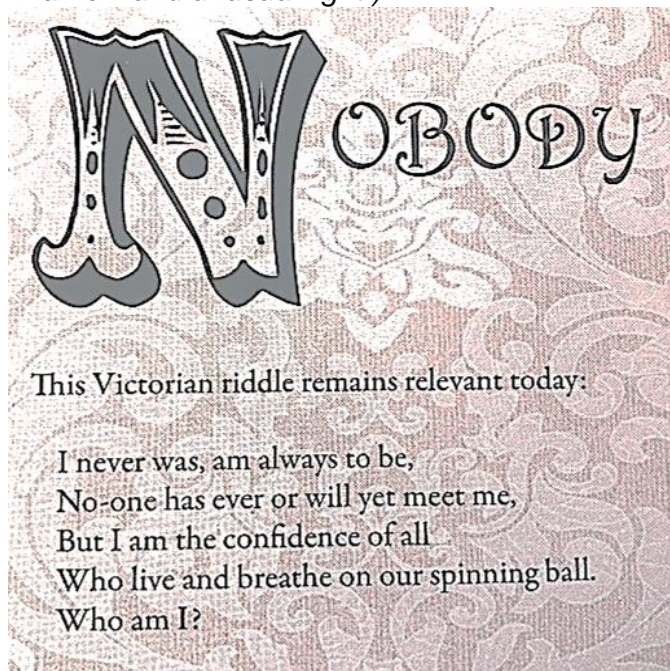
It covers all of the main genres for which Rembrandt is known: self-portraiture, portraiture, biblical scenes and scenes from everyday life, landscape and nudes. The thematic groupings reveal the evolution of his style from an early robust naturalism to the breadth, simplicity and meditative beauty of his later works and his increased focus on distilling the psychological intensity of his subjects is also featured in this exhibition. **Travel arrangements - Wednesday 5th July** 7.29am train from Colac; return on 15.30 train & bus or 17.06 train. NGV International - Exhibition entry fee \$25 or \$20 Seniors/Concession Bookings: U3A office: ph. 52314435 Co-ordinator: Jen Todorovic.

THE 'FIRST NATIONS' course is continuing and participants (averaging about fourteen every week), are very engaged in the weekly topics. The course is to be extended for two weeks (**4th and 11th of July**) - Those interested are still very welcome to drop in, even at this late stage. Plans are underway for up to three activities regarding First Nations issues in the run-up to Christmas. Information regarding these events will be in the next 'Informer'.

Tuesday, 4-5.30pm. Kanyana.

From the **PUZZLE GROUP** who meet on **1st and 3rd Mondays at 10am** at Colac Library.

Try a bit of lateral thinking (*def. the solving of problems by an indirect and creative approach, typically through viewing the problem in a new and unusual light.*)



KNITTING & CROCHET is going well. JULY meeting will be handing over all the knitted beanies for charity. Could all those who have knitted them get them to the next meeting or contact Sue Reid so that they can be handed over to her community contact. Knitters meet on the first **Wednesday, 5th July at 10am** at Nu Deli Café

BRIDGE MATTERS

Recently we enjoyed a social day that was filled with mulled wine, then Bridge, followed by a lavish lunch and... Cinderella paid us a visit. Ahhh, Cinders: a most innocent and unblemished peach if ever there was one....yes, I know pull the other one. Well what about the 3 sisters..... Diphtheria, Listeria and Salmonella...ugly, you ask? I couldn't possibly say, I value my life too much. And what about the slimy old sleaze masquerading as Prince Charming: he wanted to remove an arm and a leg from Cinders to use as compost for Hydrangeas. However, a good time was had by all. I did mention that Bridge was played as well...a splendid game where your brain is put to good use to know what and how to



bid as well as a very relaxed and social afternoon tea. Our numbers are growing again and it's a great way to spend the afternoon.

If you're interested in learning to play Bridge; the next Bridge Learners session will be on **Friday 28 July commencing at 12.30 pm**. If you're thinking about Bridge and want to find out more, why not come along? Please contact the Office and leave your name and contact details. **Bridge is on Mondays, weekly 12-4pm. at Kanyana**

LET'S HAVE DINNER

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

GARDENERS



Let's be creative in the warmth of Kanyana for our July

gathering. We will be creating glass mushrooms and china bird feeders.

Make either or both!

Glass mushrooms: Bring along glasses and bowls, bring enough to make three as they look so pretty as a group. China bird



feeders: A cup and plate are required. Hang with string or be creative with beads.

Raid the opportunity shop or your cupboards and come along for some fun and companionship. Everyone is

welcome on **Thursday 27th July, from 10am-12noon** in the Kanyana back room.

OPERA: These singular events have added to the pleasure of understanding and listening to music. We will be holding our next session of **Sunday, 23 July at 10.30-4pm** in the Kanyana building, 55 Hesse Street. Richard Wagner's 'Tristan and Isolde' is a fantastic story of love...and drama. Why not come and enjoy some fantastic music with other devotees and warm yourself with good company and afternoon tea. Is there a better way to spend a winter's afternoon than with music and friends? Please bring something to share for lunch.



THE YOUNGEST U3A-ER.

When I saw the invitation from the Gem Club in the June Informer it seemed well suited to my seven-year-old grandson Ezekiel. Russell from the club was happy and Zeke and I were made very welcome. He was quite surprised at how slow the process of grinding and polishing were but stuck at it till we needed to go home. He was thrilled to go home with a beautiful, if only partly polished slice of stone. He is quite keen to go back and finish the job. A big thank you to the three Gem Club members who took time explaining the processes to Zeke. It is a long wait for him to join U3A, but hopefully he will be a keen member, or even tutor, when the time comes.

Rod Morgan, proud grandparent.



Hello my name is Ezekiel and I had a great time at the G.E.M. club it was an honour to come down and do gem cleaning. Thanks for taking me Rod Morgan I might come again.

FUN AND GAMES

With Chess temporarily in recess, we decided to grab their time slot and have a Board Games session. U3A has its own collection of board games but if you have your own favourite and no-one to play with, bring it along and brighten up a winter's day with friends. Cuppa and biscuits available. Chess players welcome.

Friday 28th July 10am – 12pm at Kanyana F



Planning meeting at Kawarren for the Management and Activity Committees

Regular & Ongoing Courses

Embroidery, - Thursday, weekly, 10am at Colac Library

Patchwork and Quilting, 4th Friday, 28th July, 9.30 at Kanyana

Social Machine Embroidery – 3rd Sunday, 16th July, 10am at Kanyana

Book Club – 2nd Thursday, 13th July, 2-4pm at Library

Chess – This activity is in recess

Colac Writers Guild – Tuesdays, weekly, 10am-12 at the Library.

Cryptic Crosswords – Thursdays, weekly, 11am-12 at Kanyana.

Mahjong – Wednesdays, weekly, 1.30-4pm at Kanyana

Shakespeare – in recess until August.

Social Cards & Scrabble – Tues & Thurs, weekly 10am-12 at Kanyana.

What's in the news – 2nd & 4th Mondays, 10th & 24th July, 11am. at Kanyana

French Conversation – Mondays, weekly, 2.30 at Library

Beginners French – Mondays, weekly, 1pm at Library. Not during school holidays.

Bushwalking – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 12th & 26th July, 9am at various locations, see Office.

Cycling – SLICS – Mondays, weekly, 9am. at Botanic Gardens playground.

Dancing on Tuesdays – Tuesdays, weekly, 3 – 4pm. at Kanyana B.

Walking Group – Friday, weekly, 9-10am at Botanic Gardens.

Tai Chi Beginners – 12.30-1.15pm.

Tai Chi Skill Builders – 1.15-2.45pm. both groups, Wednesday, weekly at Kanyana.

Classic Music 1 & 2 – Monday, monthly 17th July, at 6.30pm. at private homes. RSVP

Galloping Gourmets – in Winter recess

Mackbooks, Ipads, & Iphones. – Thursday, weekly, 1.30pm at Kanyana

Windows Laptop – Wednesdays, weekly, 10am at Kanyana B.

PRESIDENT REPORT JUNE 2023

The winter solstice has passed, and the days are getting longer, but have you noticed this? The nights still seem very long! This month we had a very successful planning day reviewing our U3A and planning for the year ahead. Would you like to help increase our visibility in the community by distributing posters & pamphlets – talk to us.

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