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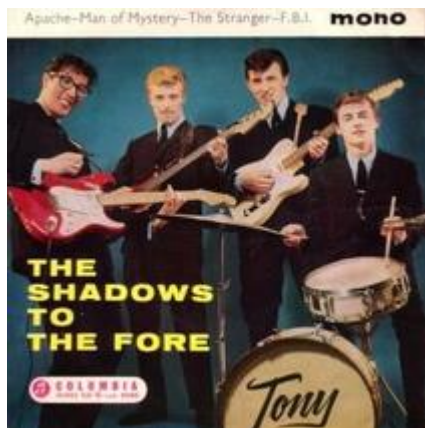
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IN THE SHADOW OF HANK



MARVIN

Well known musician Tony Forbes talks about the greatest instrumental band of the 60's – The SHADOWS.

He will talk a little about the members of the band and how they got together.

Interspersed with this Tony will perform a selection of their hits for your listening pleasure. He will also demonstrate how the Shadows created their unique sound using the iconic FENDER STRATOCASTER and effects. If you are a SHADOWS fan, be there. Even if you aren't, you will enjoy the story and the music. **Friday 4th August, 10-11am in the Back room at Kanyana**



Look for **U3A Colac Otway** on Facebook for more information

GARDENERS



With the hope of improving weather, August's Gardeners will be an outdoor adventure. **Friday 18th August at 10.30.**

We will be visiting The Camperdown Botanic Gardens and Arboretum with a one hour tour with Janet O'Hehir from the associated Trust. COST \$5 please.

A cuppa will be provided on arrival before the tour. Please wear waterproof shoes or boots. Please park at the Botanic Gardens Carpark which is accessed THROUGH the Lakes and Craters Holiday Park at 220 Park Rd Camperdown. Option for those who wish to have lunch in Camperdown.

DRAWING CLASS

Talented artist, Judith Rochecouste, has conducted two sessions for us. The last was drawing hands and feet. The techniques Judith showed us certainly help to get the drawings in perspective and to give depth. Members of the class ranged from absolute beginners to people who have drawn quite a bit. **Good news!!** Judith has agreed to continue taking art classes for most months, so if you want to participate and learn some new skills while sharing good company, then come along. Continue to bring your 2B, HB and 6B pencils, sharpener and sketchbook.

Please note the day and time change:

Monday 21st August, 9am-12. Kanyana

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are already into August, and many are truly back into the swing of things stretching minds and bodies and enjoying social catch ups by participating in our U3A classes, while other of our members have headed off to visit family or friends in warmer climates

or just take a break. We welcome all our new members.

Thank you for all the help and support I have received over the past few months. We would not survive without our volunteers, and I am sure there are happy organised individuals out there who would thrive with being more involved in the admin side of our U3A. New ideas are always welcome. Speak with one of the committee members or leave a message at the office if you would like to know more.

KNITTING/CROCHET: First Wednesday of the month, Wednesday August 2nd 10 a.m. Nu-deli Café. Thank you to all who donated their time in knitting/crocheting the beanies - 54 beanies and 6 scarves were knitted and these have been donated to the Frank Minchinton Centre (Colac Area Health Cancer Centre). We have been asked to continue knitting and hand over once again until June of next year. So, if you want to be involved, but not actually come to Nu-deli for a cuppa, then please contact Sue Reid.



TRIP TO THE N.G.V.

A group of art lovers travelled together to the National Gallery of Victoria last month to take in the Rembrandt exhibition. We weren't disappointed. The Gallery provided an excellent tour guide for a 1 hour tour which expanded to 2 hours, it was so extensive & interesting. The exhibition includes many paintings and etchings from the great European and American galleries as well as the NGV collection. On top of that some of us dined at the NGV Garden Restaurant with an Annie Smithers menu

FIRST NATIONS COURSE.

Over the past ten weeks a U3A group have been meeting weekly to discuss First Nations issues. The Course was provided by U3A in Mornington and was sanctioned by local First Nation people.

The material available has been their history and reflections as recorded by themselves. What we have done, has been listening and reflecting on their experience.

The course has been attended by a group of about thirteen every week and it has been very challenging. The first few weeks looked at the Archaeological science establishing First Nations presence in Australia from 70,000 years ago...and counting. We then examined the early agriculture and Aquaculture economy and how this was a unique process. The bulk of the discussions have revolved around the effects of Colonization in areas from around Australia as portrayed in the TV series, First Australians presented by Rachael Perkins. This series was first aired fourteen years ago but the effect on the group was profound. We had not been aware of the destructive effects on the lives of First Nations in the detail provided and it has left us sober and reflective.

The final discussion has been on the Uluru Statement from the heart. Where this will lead us remains to be seen. We are however keen to use the energy established and an appropriate format is being developed.

Brian Short



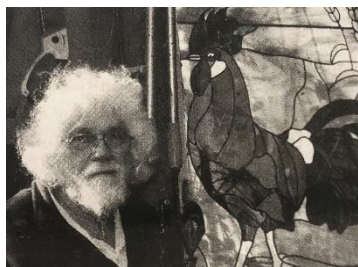
SHAKESPEARE

Hi everyone, we are back, great trip, and ready to resume on Tuesday 1st August with the Helen Mirren film of 'The Tempest'.

LIFE AFTER FARMING

Next morning coffee and chat, Friday 11th August at 10.30am to 12noon in the back room at Kanyana. All U3A members welcome

Laurie Smart kept the Life after Farming group entertained with his story of the development over 30 years of his very successful "Smart Incubator"



This is a pre-meeting discussion between Laurie Smart and Doug Shone. (I liked the hair contrast).

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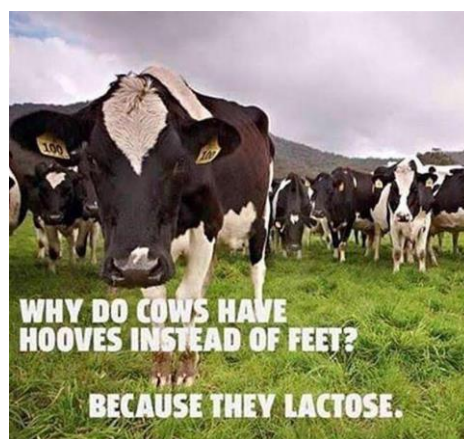
U3A Committee: Rosemary Richardson (Pres), Clare Short (Min.Sec), Jenny Todorovic, (Corr.Sec) Robyn Perrin (Treas), Judy Comley, Rod Morgan, Juli Farquhar, Margaret Evans, (members) Cheryl Lang (media)

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



Rob Wilmot, Garry Richardson, Matt Daniels and Rosemary Richardson gave the enthusiastic music lovers some valuable information on **SONG STRUCTURES**. We are hoping this will continue with some audience participation in future sessions.

**The answer to last months puzzle was
"Tomorrow"**



REGULAR & ONGOING COURSES

Drawing Class - Monday 21st August, 9am-12. Kanyana

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

Knitting & Crochet – 1st Wednesday, 2nd August, Nu Deli Café.

Patchwork and Quilting, 4th Friday, 25th August, 9.30 at Kanyana

Social Machine Embroidery – 3rd Sunday, 20th August, 10am at Kanyana

Book Club – 2nd Thursday, 10th August, 2-4pm at Library

Bridge – Monday, weekly 12-4pm Kanyana

Bridge – teaching session. Friday 25th at Kanyana 12.15 - 2.45pm.

Chess/Board Games – 4th Friday, 25th August 10-12am at Kanyana

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

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

First Nations – 2nd Tuesday, 8th August at 4.30pm.

Mahjong – taking a break for August.

Puzzles – 1st & 3rd Monday 7th & 21st August at 10am. Colac Library

Shakespeare – Tuesday, weekly but not 2nd Tuesday. 10am.-12

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

What's in the news – 2nd & 4th Mondays, 14th & 28th August, 11am. at Kanyana

Classic Music 1 & 2 – 3rd Monday, monthly 21st August, at 6.30pm. at private homes. RSVP to your host.

The Shadows Music - Friday 4th August, 10-11am at Kanyana B

French Conversation – Mondays, weekly, 2.30 at Colac Library

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

Italian – Wednesdays, Weekly, 3:30pm Kanyana. Back room. Not during school holidays

Bushwalking – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9th & 23rd August, 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 – Wednesday, weekly, 12.15-1.15pm. at Kanyana

Tai Chi Skill Builders – 1.30-2.45pm. Wednesday, weekly at Kanyana.

Galloping Gourmets – in Winter recess

Gardeners – Friday 18th August at 10.30. see Newsletter.

Let's have Dinner – 4th Wednesday, 23rd August. 6pm. Ph. Jacqui 0411296617 for booking and venue

Life after Farming – Friday, 11th August at 10.30am at Kanyana. All U3A members welcome.

Mackbooks, Ipads, & Iphones. – taking a break in August.

Windows Laptop – Wednesdays, weekly, 10am at Kanyana