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Easter – Fri. 29th March – Fri, 12th April

Anzac Day – Thursday 25th April.

U3A COLAC OTWAY AGM

will be held on Tuesday 16th April
from 11am – 1pm at Kanyana.

Come along and hear about the year's
happenings, followed by a light lunch & chatter

MEMBERS & FRIENDS SOCIAL DAY

Fun and laughter.

All U3A members are invited to a social day after Easter, on Sunday 14th

April (last day of the school holidays) at Kanyana. The

theme of the day will be

Wooden Games. - We plan to play Finska, Jenga, Dominoes, and Sjoelbak (Dutch Shuffle Board) and more. 10.30 Start with cuppa and biscuits.

12noon a light lunch will be

provided.-1.00pm Resume games. Come and enjoy for part or all of the session.



GARDENERS and GALLOPING GOURMETS GO GALAVANTING

Gardeners and Galloping Gourmets will join forces exploring Apollo Bay.

DATE: Monday 22nd April.

First we will visit several planted and attractive nature strips meeting outside the home of the creator at 11.00 am at 19 Noel St. Apollo Bay. Lunch will be at the Apollo Bay Hotel at 12.30 pm located at 95-101 Great Ocean Road.



The Apollo Bay Hotel offers seasonal menus showcasing the best of Victorian produce and fresh seafood. Depending on the weather we can enjoy delicious pub classics in the bistro, or relax on the front deck. It would be great if everyone would view the planted nature strips before meeting for lunch. All U3A members in Colac and Apollo Bay are invited to attend. Please ring Sandra on 0428 284 084 by Thursday 18th April to book if you wish to attend.

FIRST NATIONS

In the first two sessions of our First Nations discussions we looked at the bigger picture and there is a way to go with this. However in our April Session we will focus on one family's experience via the video "Her Name is Nannie Nellie". It tells the story of a great grand-daughter's quest to honour her ancestors and reclaim their life stories. We look forward to seeing you there and remember there is no need to have attended earlier sessions. The April Session is on Wednesday the 17th at 3pm to 4:30pm.



Her Name is Nannie Nellie

LIFE AFTER FARMING

Date: Friday 12th April 10.30am – 2.30pm
Venue: Heytesbury Settlement Historical Park – Simpson. We will be given a talk about the Heytesbury Settlement, followed by further discussion and BBQ lunch at the Simpson Men's Shed. It may be possible to arrange some carpooling. Booking required for lunch numbers. Phone Rosemary on 0407 095 724 to book.

VISIT TO THE LUME:

Leonardo da Vinci. Tuesday 23rd April at the Lume, Melbourne Convention Centre. The world's most famous works of art come to life on the Lume, Melbourne's colossal canvas. It will provide an intimate encounter with the brilliance of Leonardo's artistry beyond what is possible in traditional

museum settings.

Register your interest at the Office. Buy a ticket for the 7:29am train to Southern

Cross station. Buy a ticket on-line for the 11am entry to the Lume. \$34.90. Concession/Senior <http://www.thelumemelbourne.com/tickets>



CHESS

Will resume in April – 1.30-4pm. Fridays weekly at Kanyana. New players and beginners welcome and we hope to offer some tuition.

S.W. VICTORIA ECOLOGY OUTING

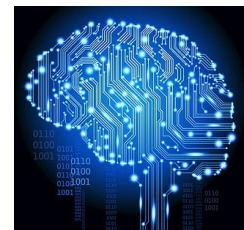
Thursday 4th April at 10.30 am.- visit to Kelly Swamp, a hidden gem on the outskirts of Warrnambool.

This wetland and surrounds provide habitat for 160 species of birds, including nationally threatened and migratory species. For directions and booking phone Rosemary: 0407095724



THE A.I. AWAKENING

Navigating the Terrifying Future of Artificial Intelligence Fr Jeremy Morgan explains the benefits and potential problems of AI. Let's find out. He will speak at 1-3pm on Thursday 11th April at Kanyana.



LET'S HAVE DINNER

The next dinner is booked at the Colac City Bowls Club, Gravesend St, on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 24th April 2024 at 6pm. Please ring Jacqui on 0411 296 617 to book by Friday 19th April if you would like to attend this evening.

DRAWING CLASS: Monday 15th April.

9:30 -12) Theme: Bring along an item from your garden. Note the slight change of beginning time and that we will be meeting at Kanyana, but in the front room.

BACKGAMMON

Starting on Wednesday 17th April at the Baptist Church. From 10-12. Book in at the Office.



KNITTING/CROCHET: Wednesday 3rd April.

10 – 12 noon. Shannon's Café. Those that attended in March do not need to phone Sue unless you are not attending. We would love to welcome new members, but you need to phone Sue Reid the night before.- Ph: 0428120251

LINE DANCING – “kick up your heels”

on the first and third Thursday of each month at 1.30pm. at Kanyana backroom.



COMING IN MAY

– **Western Partner Dancing.** Something different for the dancers! On the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 1.30-2.30pm.

- Play Reading

Did you enjoy reading plays at school? Here's your chance to do it again! The Colac Players are generously allowing U3A to access their resources. So starting on the 3rd of May, we'll hold play-reading sessions from 1-3 pm every first and third Friday of the month. Come along and enjoy some light-hearted drama!

MEMORIES ANCIENT AND MODERN

A few weeks ago several members of our U3A journeyed to the Sun Theatre in Yarraville to share a viewing of the New York Metropolitan Opera's version of Georges Bizet Carmen. Many new memories were filed away amongst all of us of the beautiful music staged and performed in New York. The performance was modern, but the story of the opera goes back to March 1875 when it was first performed. The Sun theatre is a spectacular art deco theatre and just 50 yards from the Yarraville station. To say that it's comfortable is a massive understatement. Extremely comfortable leather armchairs, ample legroom, wide screen and superb sound reproduction added to the enjoyable afternoon. Added to this was that we made contact with members of other U3As; Melbourne City, Moonee Valley and Hobson's Bay.

After the screening we all adjourned to a nearby pub for a splendid lunch together. There were 16 of us in total and it was a jolly time of chatting and forging new friendships; it was a bonus addition to an already splendid day. The downside you ask? Hmmmm...it was a stinking hot day and Vline didn't behave at all well because of the excessive heat. But it wasn't enough to dampen our spirits or resolve. If you have a love of Opera and this has stirred an ancient memory or two...why not join us for another trip to the Sun theatre? I'm sure you will enjoy a wonderful day out with likeminded friends for music, laughter and lunch.

Keep your eyes peeled for further notices concerning Opera...either here at Kanyana or the Sun theatre in Yarraville. If you have an interest in Opera, we would love you to join us, please leave your contact details at the Office. Advance Notice: in June - Madama Butterfly will be screening at the Sun theatre... we would love you to join us.

COURSES LIST

BRAIN FOOD

A.I. – Thursday 11th April at 1pm at Kanyana see Informer

Backgammon – Starting Wednesday 17th April, 10am-12noon. weekly at Baptist Church.

Book Club – 2nd Thursday 11th April, 2-4pm at Library.

Bridge – Monday, weekly 12-4pm Kanyana

Bridge – teaching session. 26th April 12.15-2.45pm

Chess – Resume on Friday 5th April - Fridays weekly, 1.30-4pm at Kanyana.

Colac Writers Guild – Tuesdays, weekly, 10am-12 at Library. New members welcome

Cryptic Crosswords – Thursdays, weekly, 11am-12 at Kanyana F. **Will continue on 25th**

First Nations – Wednesday 17th April at 3pm. see Informer

Mahjong – Wednesday, weekly at 1.30-4pm Kanyana.

Puzzles – 2nd & 4th Monday at Colac Library 8th & 22nd April. 10am. **Note new dates & time.**

Social Cards – Tues & Thurs, weekly 10am-12 at Kanyana **Not the 16th or 25th April**

News with a Twist – 1st & 3rd Friday, 11am at Kanyana. 5th & 19th April.

MUSIC

Classic Music –both groups
3rd Monday 15th April at 6.30pm.

Celtic Music – First Sunday, 3-5pm at Kanyana, 7th April,

Exploring Popular Music – Monday 22nd April, at Kanyana. 10.30-12. The theme will be "The Crooners". Please note that there will be only one session in the month of April.

SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT

Community Police Talk to be re-scheduled
Watch the Informer

Ecology – Thursday, 4th April. See Informer

Galloping Gourmets

Monday, 22nd April. see Informer for details.

Gardeners

Monday 22nd April. see Informer for details.

Let's have Dinner

4th Wednesday, 24th April, see Informer.

Life after Farming

Friday 12th April. See Informer for details.

Members & Friends Social Day. Sunday, 14th April, 10.30am start. See Informer for details.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Drawing Class – 9.30am Monday, 15th April.
See Informer

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

Knitting & Crochet 10am. First Wednesday
3rd April, **10-12noon** see Informer

Patchwork and Quilting 4th Friday, 26th April
starting 9:30 -12noon at Kanyana

Social Machine Embroidery – 3rd Sunday, 21st April at Kanyana, 10am. BYO sewing machine.

Visit to the Lume – Tuesday, 23rd April. See Informer.

LANGUAGES

French Conversation – Mondays weekly 2.30-4.30pm. Colac Library -

Beginners French – Mondays, weekly, 1-2.15pm Not on school holidays or Public holidays, which means not on 1st or 8th April

TECHNOLOGY

Windows Laptop – Wednesdays, weekly, 10am at Kanyana

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Bushwalking – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 9am.
10th & 24th April, various locations -see office

Cycling – **SLICS** – Mondays, weekly, 8.30am.
at Botanic Gardens playground. Unofficial ride
1st April.

Dancing (new vogue & old time) – Tuesdays,
weekly, 3 – 4.30pm. at Kanyana B. Beginners
Lesson 3-3.30pm, 3.30-4pm dance practice.

Line Dancing – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1.30-2.30
at Kanyana. 4th & 18th April.

Tai Chi/Qi Gong – Wednesday (excluding
school holidays) at Kanyana. 17th & 24th April.
12.15-1.15pm beginners,
1.30-2.45 skill builders

Walking Group – Friday, weekly, 9-10am.
meet at Botanic Gardens main gate, followed by
a Cuppa.

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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)

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun.
8.30 Cycling-Slics	7.29 Lume visit*	9.00 Bushwalking	10.00 Social Cards	9.00 Walking	Sat
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10.00 Puzzles	10.00 Committee Meeting	10.00 Windows Laptop Surface	10.30 Ecology*	10.30 Life after Farming	Sun
10.30 Activities C'tee meeting	10.00 Colac Writers Guild	10.00 Knitting & Crochet	11.00 Cryptic Xwords	11.00 News with a Twist	10am. Social Machine Embroidery
10.30 Exploring Popular Music	10.00 Gardeners	12.15 Tai Chi – beg. 1.30 Tai Chi - skill	12.30 Galloping Gourmets	12.15 Beginners Bridge	10.30 Members Social Day*
11.00 Gardeners & Gourmets	11.00 A.G.M.*	1.30pm Mahjong	1.00 A.I. talk*	1.30 Line Dancing	3.00 Celtic Music
12.00 Bridge	3.00 Dancing	3.00 First Nations	2.00 Book Club	1.30 Chess	
1.00 Beginners French		6pm Let's have dinner			
2.30 French Conversation					
6.30 Classic Music-both groups.					