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The INFORMER

August 2025

DRAWING WITH JUDITH

We are continuing to work with charcoal, this time learning to creating a portrait using charcoal. Come along and really enjoy this class while developing a new skill. "Bring along a photo/picture to use as the basis for your charcoal portraiture drawing."

Monday 25th August at 10am at Kanyana

WATERCOLOUR WITH BAIRBRE

Bairbre will continue guiding us in 'Exploring the Colour Wheel'. We gained some helpful tips during last month's class.

Monday 11th August, 10:30am at Kanyana.

EXPLORING POPULAR MUSIC

For August theme we will look at what is generally known as *Country Music*. What is country music? What makes a song fit into that category? Group members have chosen their own songs to be explored, and the result is quite eclectic. Even if you're not a fan of this style of music, it should be quite interesting. (No boot-scooting though).

Tuesday, 5th August, 1pm Kanyana.

MEMBERS SOCIAL GET-TOGETHER

Advance notice -Friday, 5th September at 11am.

U3A Committee invite you to a soup and sandwich lunch next month. Book at the office for catering.



Members of **CELTICANA** playing in a music session at Gellibrand Hotel on July 20th. The group were joined by musicians from Camperdown, Geelong and the Surf Coast for 3 hours of Celtic tunes and a few songs. A great time was had!

GARDENERS

Juli will demonstrate pruning of apple trees and grafting of one variety of apple to another variety. Come along to these 2 demonstrations at Robyn's home, as a bonus you can enjoy the mural painted on Robyn's house. Bookings essential as the event will be postponed if it's raining.

185 Forest Street South Elliminyt, Tuesday 12th August, 1:30



Future gardeners' activity

Several people have expressed interest in an information session on Bonsai. Please put your name down at the Office if you too are interested in Bonsai.



LET'S HAVE DINNER

The next dinner is booked at the Colac East Pub, Dalton St, on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 6pm. Please ring Jacqui on 0411 296 617 to book by Friday 22nd August if you would like to attend.

Colac East Pub, Wed. 27th August, 6pm.

LIFE AFTER FARMING

Cuppa and a chat. All welcome

Friday, 8th August, 10.30 at Kanyana

July LAF report

Andrew Broomfield delivered an engaging and informative presentation on The Life of Bees. His talk covered everything from the careful maintenance of beehives to the unique roles within the colony—including queens, drones, and workers—and their distinct life cycles. Through sharing his knowledge, he helped us understand the delicate balance that keeps bee communities thriving. We walked away **buzzing** with new knowledge and a better appreciation for these tiny, extraordinary creatures.



A large crowd attended Life after farming to learn about The Life of Bees

Advance notice - LAF -September

All welcome to "Water Matters In Colac"

Join Barwon Water's Emma Homes to talk about all things water in the Colac region. Learn about Colac's water supply and how Barwon Water is monitoring and responding to water security. Find out how Colac's world leading Renewable Organics Network (RON) is helping the town's water reclamation plant run on clean, green and low cost energy. Darren Milverton will also attend to share information about his role-Sustainable Water and Business Customer Relations Advisor.

Kanyana, Friday 12th September, 10:30

SUNDAY SESSIONS

Margaret Evans: Trekking in Nepal

Have you ever had mountain climbing on your bucket list? Perhaps climbing Mount Wycheproof was doable, but did you ever consider tackling Mt Everest? Margaret, from personal experience, will talk to us about the challenges and highlights of trekking in Nepal.

Sunday, 17th August, 2pm.

GALLOPING GOURMETS

Gourmets are back in August. We will head down the freeway towards Geelong to Mt Duneed Estate Winery. The Barrel Hall Restaurant offers a menu that delights with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. According to their Facebook page there is a weekday lunch special available.

Choose a main, a side and a glass of wine from their Regional Range for \$36 a person. Or order from the a-la-carte menu and enjoy a free wine tasting. Please book by contacting Sandra on 0428284084 by Saturday 16th August.

Mt Duneed Estate Winery, 65 Pettavel Rd, Waurn Ponds, Thursday 28th August, 12:30

LAW BEHIND THE NEWS

At Babil Restaurant,

Thursday 7th & 21st August, 10:30

July law behind the news report

The twelve attendees were intrigued as Charles discussed some current cases and explained some of the vagaries of the law system. These sessions always provide interest and amusement, come along. Plus, the coffee is good!



Charles discussing Law behind the news

MUSIC OF A CLASSIC PERSUASION

Our U3A has several groups of members who enjoy different forms of classical music. The first group started 12 years ago with eight members; now we have two groups of twelve who meet in each other's homes on Monday evenings.

Currently we are at our capacity, however there is a "wait list" at the Office. We also have a group of members who enjoy Opera. We regularly screen Opera several times during the year, most recently, Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle on DVD by the New York Metropolitan Opera over successive weekends.

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The sense of being on a journey with other members was very apparent. A glass of wine, or a wee dram, ensured we were relaxed to enjoy Jesse Norman and Siegfried Jerusalem in splendid voice.

If you have an interest in Opera and would like to join us, you will be made very welcome. Keep a lookout in the Informer for the upcoming September screening of Rossini's La Cenerentola (Cinderella). A further group of opera enthusiasts attend the Sun Cinema in Yarraville for opera broadcasts performed by the New York Metropolitan Opera. In July we enjoyed the Barber of Seville with members of other U3As and then adjourned to the pub for a long, lazy lunch before we head back for the train trip home. The 2025/26 season will be beginning soon and include performances of Giacomo Puccini's La Boheme and Richard Wagner's Tristan and Isolde. This activity is unique because there are members of 4 different U3As who participate. Lively conversation, discovery of new friends and hearing of our shared pleasure of the experience makes this activity unique. For the love of music and something different come and join our welcoming community.

Advance Notice: Wednesday 17th September. Gioachino Rossini and La Cenerentola (Cinders), September's Informer concerning a combined activity for 4 U3As: Melbourne City, Moonee Valley, Hobson's Bay and Colac Otway. Our U3A is hosting our city cousins for a screening of Houston Opera's La Cenerentola. You are welcome to join us

SLICS, BUSHWALKERS and WALKERS

Check with your group leaders to find out about our trip to Clare Valley in September! Contact Sue, 0419136704 for details. All welcome.

Advance notice - SUNDAY SESSIONS

Rob and Garry will play favourite Jazz and Blues. Playing some songs and telling the stories behind them - maybe a special guest to surprise you too. Kanyana, on Sunday 21st September, 2pm



Some of the happy U3A members at our Social day



COURSES LIST

MUSIC

Classic Music –both groups -3rd Monday 18th August at 6.30pm.

Celticana Music – 1st. Sunday, 3rd August at 2-4pm at Kanyana.

Exploring Popular Music – 1st Tuesday, 5th August at 1pm. Kanyana See Informer.

Singing – 4th Thursday, 28th August, 4-5pm at Kanyana See Informer

ARTS & CRAFTS

Drawing with Judith –4th Monday, 25th August at 10am.at Kanyana See Informer

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

Knitting & Crochet- Monday 4th August at 10am at Lake View Café –note change of venue.+

Patchwork & Quilting – 2nd & 4th Friday, 8th & 22nd August 10-4pm at Kanyana

Social Machine Embroidery –Sunday 17th August 10-4pm. at Kanyana

Watercolour – 2nd Monday, 11th August, 10.30am. Kanyana.

SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT

Galloping Gourmets – Thursday, 28th August 12.30. See details in the Informer

Gardeners – Tuesday, 12th August, 1.30pm. See Informer for details.

Let's have Dinner – Wednesday 27th August at 6pm. Colac East Pub. See Informer for details.

Life after Farming – Friday 8th August, 10.30am Cuppa at Kanyana See Informer for details.

Sunday Session – 17th August, 2pm. at Kanyana. See Informer

BRAIN FOOD

Backgammon – Wednesday weekly, 10am-12noon at Kanyana -

Book Club 1 – 2nd Thursday 2-4pm. at the Colac Library. 14th August

Book Club 2 – 2nd Tuesday 2-4pm. at Lake Colac Bowling Club. 12th August

Bridge – Monday, weekly 12-4pm Kanyana

Bridge teaching session – 29th August at 12.15

Chess – 2nd & 4th Mondays, 11th & 25th August 1.30-3.30pm at Kanyana. Beginners welcome

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

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

First Nations – Tuesday weekly, 10-11.30am at Kanyana. Starts Tues, 19th August.

Law behind the news – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7th & 21st August at 10.30am at Babil.

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

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

Trivia with a twist – 1st & 3rd Mondays 10-12 at Kanyana. 4th & 18th August

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Bushwalking – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9am. 13th & 27th August. Location thru the office.

Cycling – SLICS – Mondays weekly at 9am. Meet at Botanic Gardens BBQs. See Informer.

Indoor Bowling – Tuesday weekly, 1-2.30pm at Kanyana

Line Dancing – 1st & 3rd Thursdays 1.30–2.30 at Kanyana. 7th & 21st August.

New Vogue & Old Time Dancing – weekly Tues. 3-5pm. At Kanyana

Western Partner dancing – 2nd & 4th Thurs, at Kanyana. 1.30-3pm. 14th & 28th August.

Tai Chi/Qi Gong – Wednesdays weekly Beginners 12.15 -1.15 Skill-builders 1.30-2.30.

Walking Group – Fridays weekly at 9am. Meet at Botanic Gardens gate followed by a Cuppa

LANGUAGES

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

TECHNOLOGY

Computers, ipads & Phones – Wednesdays, weekly, 10am at Kanyana

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

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

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9.00 Activities C'tee meeting 9.00 Cycling-Slics 10.00 Drawing 10.00 Trivia with a twist 10.00 Knitting & Crochet 10.30 Watercolour 12.00 Bridge 1.30 Chess 2.30 French Convers. 6.30 Classic Music-both groups.	10.00 Social Cards 10.00 Committee Meeting 10.00 Colac Writers Guild 10.00 First Nations 1.00 Indoor Bowls 1.00 Popular Music 1.30 Gardeners 2.00 Book Club #2 3.00 New Vogue Dancing	9.00 Bushwalking 10.00 Backgammon 10.00 Computers 12.15 Tai Chi - Beginners 1.30 Skill Builders. 1.30pm Mahjong 6.00 Let's have dinner	10.0 Social Cards 10.00 Embroidery + 10.30 Law behind the News 11.00 Cryptic Xwords 12.30 Galloping Gourmets 2.00 Book Club #1 1.30 Line Dancing – 1st & 3rd weeks. 1.30 Western Partner Dancing – 2nd & 4th 4.00 Singing	9.00 Walking 10.00 Patchwork & Quilting 10.30 Life after Farming 12.15 Bridge teaching.	Saturday Sunday 10.00 Machine Embroidery 2.00 Celticana Music Group 2.00 Sunday Session
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