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The INFORMER

June 2026

Public holiday Monday 8th June

School holidays from 29th June.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What amazing Autumn weather we have been having, some rain for the farmers and our gardens, and sunshine to enjoy – how fortunate we are to live in the Colac Otway Shire.

RSVP - As you know, our wonderful volunteers work hard behind the scenes to make our activities a success. To help them prepare the right amount of food and resources, or to confirm bookings, please take the time to **RSVP** for upcoming events. It makes planning so much easier. I am looking forward to our Winter Lunch.

Rosemary Richardson



WINTER Seasonal Lunch

Friday 5th June 12 noon

at U3A Colac Otway 55 Hesse St. Colac

Warm up with other U3A folk
and socialise over soup and rolls

Display of U3A Embroidery Group work

Please book by Tuesday 2nd June.

PATCHWORK +

We have decided to trial a 3 day Patchwork+ get together where our aim will be to work on creating Patchwork for Charity. We welcome those who are regulars and those who would like to come along and join us. You needn't be familiar with working with Patchwork, you might just like to involve yourself with other tasks, such as ironing, cutting etc in order to be involved in the creative giving project." You can, of course, choose to work on your own Patchwork project. **26th, 27th & 28th June 10a.m. at Kanyana. Please note date adjustment.**

TABLE TENNIS

We're looking for some more players to join our group. If you enjoy a hit (or a miss!), come along and meet us on Fridays at 1.00pm. Beginners are as welcome as practiced players. Any questions? Ask John Skewes (0403 903 809).



NEW VOGUE/OLD TIME DANCING

Are you looking for a winter activity that will be fun and light exercise for mind and body? Why not come and dance with us at 3pm on Tuesdays in the back room at Kanyana? The first half hour of the session is for learning or revising dances, so newcomers can join in easily. We'd love to see you there. Any questions? Ask John Skewes (0403 903 809)

PHOTOGRAPHY & CAMERAS

Interested in photography, questions about your camera, come along and talk with Wal Slow for some tips and advice. **Tuesday 16th June 10.30am Kanyana Back Room**



Photography

LET'S HAVE DINNER

The next Let's Have Dinner is booked at the Colac East Pub, Dalton St on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 6pm. Phone Jacqui on 0411 296 617 to book by Friday 19th June if you would like to join this group or if you would like to suggest future venues for this dinner.

Colac East Pub, Wednesday, 24th June, 6pm

SUNDAY SESSIONS

To honour his grandfather, Chris Smith and his sons, participated in the 100th anniversary re-enactment of the Battle of Beersheba. They joined roughly 90 Australian Horsemen riding in the footsteps of the 4th Light Horse Brigade which performed a famous mounted charge in 1917. Under Brigadier William Grant, 800 horsemen galloped over 4 miles to surprise the Turkish defenders, capturing the town's water wells and securing a key Allied victory. Come along and hear Chris share his memories.



Kanyana Backroom, Sunday 21st June, 2-3.30pm

GARDENERS

Inspired by our visit to Riches garden and Lindsay's creative features, we will be making bull-rushes. Lindsay kindly explained how to make these and you will be able to start your own creative garden. Steel rod and material for the bull rush will be provided therefore booking by 18th



June is essential. Please indicate if you would like to make 1 or 3 bull-rushes. Odd numbers look more natural. There will be a charge for the steel rod only. All U3A members welcome.

**Kanyana Backroom,
Tuesday 23rd June, 10-12**

GALLOPING GOURMETS

In June we are booked into Babil, 43 Gellibrand St, Colac, where Serdar, the chef, provides tasty, authentic Turkish cuisine. If you are interested in coming please ring Sandra on 0428 284 084 by Tuesday 16th June to book. Please come along and support our local eateries and enjoy good company in a warm setting.

Babil, Friday 19th June, 12 noon

CLASSIC MUSIC 2

Monday 15th, will have a change of venue. Phone Rosemary for details- 0407095724

LIFE AFTER FARMING

This month we will meet to enjoy a cuppa and chat about further outings.

Kanyana Back Room, Friday 12th June, 10.30am

CELTICANA MUSIC GROUP will meet on the second Sunday in June due to a clash with the National Celtic Festival at Port Arlington which coincides with our usual first Sunday date.

New musicians are most welcome.

Sunday, **14th June 2:00 to 4:00. at Kanyana.**

BORROWERS BOOK EXCHANGE

A reminder: the use of the Borrowers Book Exchange is available to all members. No paperwork required. No need to complete an "expression of interest" or record the title of books borrowed.

Simply browse the collection including new and featured titles and make your selection. The collection continues to grow with more crime/mysteries and historical fiction titles added. There is a growing and diverse selection of nonfiction books -

In The Light Of Meditation – A guide to Meditation and Spiritual Development,
Vipassana Meditation – The Art of Living.

Learn the Ukelele
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OPERA

NY Metropolitan Opera @ Yarraville

The next opera in the live broadcast for this season is El Ultimo Sueno de Friday Diego at 10.30am on Wednesday 24 June in Yarraville's Sun Theatre.... "the Live in HD season comes to a close with American composer Gabriela Lena Frank's first opera, a magical-realist portrait of Mexico's painterly power couple Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Fashioned as a reversal of the Orpheus and Euridice myth, the story depicts Frida, sung by leading mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard, leaving the underworld on the Day of the Dead and reuniting with Diego, portrayed by baritone Carlos Álvarez. The famously feuding pair briefly relive their tumultuous love, embracing both the passion and the pain before bidding the land of the living a final farewell."

The trains are back and don't forget the half price reduction on the Senior Fare to the Big Smoke. Travel arrangements remain the same as last month with the return home journey requiring us to travel to Southern Cross to ensure a seat. We meet at Colac station at 7.30 am. Come and join us for a great day out with other metropolitan U3As and a wonderful lunch at Yarraville's Railway Hotel.

In other Opera news....stay tuned for an upcoming Kanyana performance of Monteverdi's l'Orfeo: it is a splendid Swiss production with Nicolaus Harnoncourt conducting. This performance will be screened over the winter months which is during the off season for the NY Met's schedule; and yet to be published.

COURSES LIST

MUSIC

Classic Music 1 – 3rd Mon. 15th June, 6.30pm.

Classic Music 2 – 3rd Mon. 15th June [See Informer.](#)

Celticana Music – 14th June, 2-4pm at Kanyana. [Change of date for June.](#)

Exploring Popular Music – 1st Tuesday, 2nd June at 1pm. Kanyana -60s music American style

Opera- [See Informer](#)

ARTS & CRAFTS

Embroidery + – Thursdays weekly, 10am at Colac Library

Knitting & Crochet – 4th Monday, 22nd June at 10am at Kanyana

Patchwork + - Special 3 days, 26th 27th & 28th June at 10am at Kanyana [See Informer](#)

Social Machine Embroidery –3rd Sunday, 10-4 21st June at Kanyana

Watercolour – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 10th & 24th June. 10-11.30am at Kanyana

Drawing for Relaxation – 3rd Thursday, 18th June, 1.30-3pm. at Kanyana.

Photography – Tuesday 16th June, 10.30 at Kanyana.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Bushwalking – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9am. 10th & 24th June. Details at the Office or Chris.

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

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

Line Dancing – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1.30–2.30 at Kanyana. 3rd & 17th June.

New Vogue & Old Time Dancing – weekly Tuesday 3-4.30pm. at Kanyana [See Informer](#)

Wednesday Nu Vogue – Wednesday weekly, at 7.30-10pm. at Kanyana.

Western Partner dancing – 2nd & 4th Thurs, at Kanyana. 1.30-3pm. 11th & 25th June.

Table Tennis – Fridays weekly - 1pm. at Kanyana [See Informer](#)

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

Walking Group – Fridays weekly at 9am. Meet at Botanic Gardens main gate.

BRAIN FOOD

Backgammon – Wednesdays weekly, 10am-12 at Kanyana.

Book Club 1 – 2nd Thursday 2-4pm. at Kanyana front room 11th June - **Reached capacity**

Book Club 2 – 2nd Tuesday 2-4pm. at Babil 9th June - **Reached capacity**

Bridge – Monday, weekly 12-4pm Kanyana

Bridge teaching session – 4th Thursday, 25th June 12.30-2.30pm at Kanyana

Chess – 2nd & 4th Mondays, 1.30-3.30pm. at Kanyana. Beginners welcome. 8th & 22nd June

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

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

Law behind the news – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, at 10.30am. at Kanyana. **Not in June, restart in July**

Mahjong – Wednesdays 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 1st & 15th June

SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT

Galloping Gourmets -Friday, 19th June, 12noon at Babil **See Informer**

Gardeners – Tuesday, 23rd June 10-12 at Kanyana. **See Informer.**

Let's have Dinner – 4th Wednesday, 6pm. 24th June at Colac East Pub **See Informer**

Life after Farming – Friday, 8th May, 10.30, 12th June at Kanyana, for cuppa and chat.

Sunday Sessions – 21st June 2-3.30pm. at Kanyana **See Informer**

TECHNOLOGY

Laptops, ipads & Phones or anything 'IT' – Wednesdays weekly at 10am.

Note -

Alan will be away on 10th & 17th June, Robyn Perrin will be showing how to create Picture Books and other programs/areas of interest.

LANGUAGES

French Conversation – Mondays weekly 2-4pm at the Colac Library,

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U3A Committee: Rosemary Richardson (Pres), Clare Short (Vice Pres.), Margaret Evans (Sec) Robyn Perrin (Treas), Judy Comley (Liaison Officer), Jenny Todorovic, Rod Morgan, Juli Farquhar, Jim Ryan, Cheryl Lang (social media), Janet Forbes (memberships) Rod Amos (website).

U3A Other Positions: Barbara Gower (Office manager), Carol Holmes (Kitchen Monitor) Vivienne Wheeler (Informer Editor)

Expressions of Interest

Learn the Ukelele
Relaxed learning –
Ukeleles available to
begin with.
Come along and make
music
All levels welcome

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun.
9.00 Cycling-Slics 10.00 Knitting & Crochet 10.30 Activities C'tee 10.00 Trivia with a twist 12.00 Bridge 1.30 Chess 2.00 French Conversation ?? Classic Music 2 6.30 Classic Music 1	10.00 Social Cards 9.00 Committee Meeting 10.00 Colac Writers Guild 10.00 Gardeners 10.30 Photography* 1.00 Indoor Bowls 1.00 Popular Music 2.00 Book Club #2 3.00 New Vogue/Old Time Dancing	9.00 Bushwalking 10.00 Backgammon 10.00 Computers/IT 10.00 Watercolour 10.30 Opera 12.15 Tai Chi - Beginners 1.30 Skill Builders. 1.30 Mahjong 6.00 Let's have dinner 7.30 Wed. Nu Vogue Dancing	10.00 Social Cards 10.00 Embroidery + 10.30 Law behind the News 11.00 Cryptic Xwords 12.30 Bridge teaching. 1.30 Drawing for relaxation 1.30 Line Dancing 1.30 Western Partner Dancing – 2nd & 4th 2.00 Book Club #1	9.00 Walking 10.00 Patchwork + 10.30 Life after Farming 12.00 Galloping Gourmets 1.00 Table Tennis	Saturday 10.00 Patchwork+ Sunday 10.00 Patchwork+ 10.00 Social Machine Embroidery 2.00 Sunday Session 2.00 Celticana