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The INFORMER

November 2026

Melbourne Cup Day Holiday – 3rd November



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer & End-of-Year Celebration!

A different way for us to get together is being planned, stay tuned! We will be celebrating the arrival of Summer, the approaching end of another successful U3A Colac Otway Year, and adding a little bit if Christmas Cheer.

Mark your diaries for Thursday 3rd December from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

GARDENERS

Gardeners for November is a Christmas morning tea at Robyn's home.



Directions for those who haven't visited before. Drive along Belverdere Drive to the gravel which is Forest St South. Third property on the left with a pile of mulch at the gateway. Please book at the Office for catering.
185 Forest St South, ELLIMINYT, Thursday 26th November 10.30.

LAW BEHIND THE NEWS

Charles Reichman will present some news items for discussion - do we agree or disagree with the outcomes? All Welcome. Cuppa included
Kanyana backroom, Thursday 5th and 19th November, 10:30 am



GALLOPING GOURMETS

Gourmets will be galloping off to Geelong to visit the Davidson Restaurant at the Gordon Culinary School at 2 Fenwick St. (Near the Geelong Railway Station). The Davidson is the training space for the Gordon's Cookery and Hospitality students. Future chefs and service staff sharpen their skills in a fully operational and newly renovated restaurant. The menu, updated seasonally, showcases native Australian ingredients and high quality local produce. Come along to encourage the next generation of restaurant staff. Numbers may be limited so please book early. If needed a ride to the Davidson may be arranged. Please book by contacting Sandra on 0428 284 084 by Monday 2nd November. Davidson Restaurant, Friday 6th November, 12 noon

EXPLORING POPULAR MUSIC

Phil Fletcher - Normally 1.00 PM First Tuesday.
Not being held in November.
December will be the final event.

LET'S HAVE DINNER

Our next 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 20th November if you would like to join this group for companionship, laughter and a really good feed.
Colac East Pub, Wednesday, 25th November, 6pm

LIFE AFTER FARMING

Michael Evans will be a guest speaker, presenting the history of the Evans family at the Cape Otway Lighthouse, farming at "Wangerrip", Johanna and tour guide of Otway Bush Tours. All welcome. Cuppa included. Kanyana backroom, Friday 13th November, 10:30 am

Life after farming - October report

A presentation by John Callahan. Summary of the shipwreck coast – thank you John.
The waters along this stretch of coastline are home to approximately 700 shipwrecks, with 240 of them having been identified. The Shipwreck Coast is a 130-kilometre stretch of coastline along the Great Ocean Road, spanning from Port Fairy to Cape Otway. This area is renowned for its remnants and wrecks of ill-fated ships. Many challenges confronted early sailors: long journeys, cramped conditions, running out of fresh supplies, navigation with early charts, difficulty with steering, particularly away from cliffs! and frequently no visibility due to foggy conditions. Does not sound like a relaxing sea cruise

SUNDAY SESSIONS

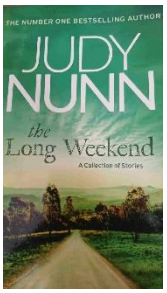
Spiritualism in Victorian England presented by Heather Barker
Why was spiritualism so popular in Victorian England? The answer to this apparently simple question has many aspects – from philosophy and religion all the way to illusion and trickery. Come and explore the many elements that made spiritualism so attractive to 19th century members of English, European and American society.
All Welcome Cuppa included. Kanyana backroom, Sunday 15th November, 2-3:30 pm

MELODIC MELODIES

Listen, enjoy, and discuss songs. Maybe sing, tap your feet, dance
November: "Male Vocalists" - some you remember, some you've never heard of, and some very different.
December: "Christmas with a Difference.
Shirley Rowlands Tuesday 10th November 1 – 2.30pm. at Kanyana

BORROWERS BOOK EXCHANGE

Want to get into the reading habit but don't know where to start or know what style you enjoy. Why not try this mix of short stories! Starting with short stories is a great way to begin a reading habit without the time hungry commitment of a novel.



The Long Weekend by best-selling Australian author Judy Nunn.
A collection of six captivating stories offering the opportunity to explore a wide range of genres - a mix of suspense, history, romance, supernational and mystery.

CLASSICAL MUSIC 2

For more information – ph. Rosemary 0407095724 Not at Kanyana.
Monday 16th November 4.30 pm

Classical Music October report

What a treat Peter provided for us- a photo for a quiz, none of us guessed who, appropriate food for supper – baklava!



Orientalism in Music: or was it some cultural appropriation? Classical Ottoman from an Istanbul Court, then onto Mozart, Darvish Khan, Rimsky-Korsakov, Kokin Choshi, Puccini and finally Mahler- Da Lied von der Erde.
What a journey - thank you Peter.

SOCIAL CARDS +

Social Cards + and Scrabble offer a great mix of games. Games, puzzles and reading promote powerful social, emotional and mental benefits that keep the mind sharp and improve overall wellbeing.

Come and join in the fun.

Tuesday & Thursday weekly.

10am -12 at Kanyana

Scrabble new time -

Thursday weekly, 10am -12 at Kanyana

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY

Sunday 22nd November

Would you like to make your own Christmas Decorations?

Come along to Kanyana on and be creative.

11.00-3.00. Bring your own lunch

Please book your intention to attend the day at the office by Wednesday 17th November to allow workshop leaders to prepare materials.

FELT BELLS WITH JANE.

You will need to book at the office one of 2 time slots and limited to 10 people each session. 11.00-12.30 or 1.00-2.30. Cost $10 for materials and bring for Jane please

Cutting paper to make Christmas decorations with Pauline. No cost, join Pauline any time during the day

PIPE CLEANER CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS WITH ROBYN

No cost, join Robyn any time during the day

12 Days of Christmas with Ros 11-12.30

Ros has created 12 Days of Christmas and will have this for you to admire. Ros will explain how the pieces were created and you may be inspired to attempt something.



Report on October Sunday Session.

Astronomy with Rodd Westwood



What a wonderful completion of our Seniors Festival. Rodd's talk on astronomy, from the big bang theory to his visit to the recent solar eclipse in Spain, plus a themed afternoon tea. Many thanks to Rodd for his interesting presentation and to Barbara, Kate & Pat for the special afternoon tea. There will be more next year.

COURSES LIST

LANGUAGES

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

Italian: - 3rd Friday of the month. 20th November 10-11am. Kanyana (F)

German – New groups start in Feb.2027

MUSIC

Classic Music 1 – 3rd Mon.16th November at 6.30pm. at capacity

Classic Music 2 – 3rd Mon 16th November, 4.30pm See Informer

Celticana Music – 1st Sunday, 1st November, 3-5pm. at Kanyana. New time

Exploring Popular Music – 1st Tuesday, Not in November - See Informer

Melodic Melodies – 2nd Tuesday, 10th November at 1-2.30pm. Kanyana. See Informer

Ukelele – 1st & 3rd Thursdays. 5th & 19th November 3-4pm. at.Kanyana,

Zither – 2nd Thursday, 12th November. 1pm. at Kanyana

Singalong – Saturday, 14th November. 4-6pm. at Kanyana. See Informer.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Bushwalking – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9am. 11th & 25th November. Details at the Office.

Cycling – SLICS – Mondays weekly at 8.30am. Meet at Botanic Gardens BBQs. Note new time.

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

Line Dancing – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 1.30–2.30 at Kanyana. 5th & 19th November.

New Vogue & Old Time Dancing – weekly Tuesday 3-4.30pm. at Kanyana Not on 3rd Nov.

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

Table Tennis – Fridays weekly - 1pm. at Kanyana

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 followed by a cuppa.

Pool – Please let us know if you like to play pool will be on a Wednesday at 2pm.

BRAIN FOOD

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

Book Club 1 – 2nd Thursday 2-4pm. at Kanyana front room 12th November - Reached capacity

Book Club 2 – 2nd Tuesday 2-4pm.at Babil 10th November - Reached capacity

Bridge – Monday, weekly 12-4pm Kan
Bridge teaching session – 4th Thursday, 26th November. 12.30-2.30pm at Kanyana

Chess – 2nd & 4th Mondays, 1.30-3.30pm. at Kanyana. 9th & 23rd November.

Colac Writers Guild – Tuesdays, weekly, 10-12 at the Library. Not on 3rd Nov. – Melb.Cup Day.

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

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

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

Trivia with a twist – 1st & 3rd Mondays 10-12 at Kanyana 2nd & 16th November,

Scrabble & Cribbage– Thursdays weekly 10-12noon, See Informer

SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT

Galloping Gourmets -Friday, 6th November 12noon at Davidson's Restaurant. See Informer

Gardeners – Thursday 26th November at 10.30 at Robyn's home. See Informer.

Let's have Dinner – 4th Wednesday, 6pm. 25th November at Colac East Pub See Informer

Life after Farming – Friday, 13th November at 10.30, at Kanyana. See Informer

Law behind the News- 1st & 3rd Thursdays , 5th & 19th November, 10.30 at Kanyana.

Sunday Sessions – 15th November 2-3pm. at Kanyana See Informer

ARTS & CRAFTS

Embroidery + – Thursdays weekly, 10am at Colac Library

Patchwork + - 13th November, Special 3 days, and 27th, 28th, 29th November. 10 – 4pm at Kanyana. Not in December, resume Feb. 2027

Social Machine Embroidery –3rd Sunday, 15th November, 10-4pm at Kanyana Not in December, will resume in 2027.

Drawing – Monday 16th November, 1-2.30pm at Kanyana. Topic "Still Life" Last one for 2026.
Photography – Not for November or December

Watercolour – 2nd & 4th Fridays. 13th & 27th November 10-12am at Kanyana

TECHNOLOGY

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

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 10.30 Activities C'tee 10.00 Trivia with a twist 12.00 Bridge 1.00 Drawing 1.30 Chess 2.00 French Conversation 4.30 Classic Music 2 6.30 Classic Music 1	10.00 Social Cards 10.00 Committee Meeting 10.00 Colac Writers Guild 1.00 Indoor Bowls 1.00 Melodic Music 2.00 Book Club #2 3.00 New Vogue/Old Time Dancing	9.00 Bushwalking 10.00 Backgammon 10.00 Computers/IT 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 & Scrabble. 10.00 Embroidery + 10.30 Law behind the News 10.30 Gardeners 11.00 Cryptic Xwords 12.30 Bridge teaching. 1.30 Line Dancing 2.00 Book Club #1 1.00 Zither 3.00 Ukulele	9.00 Walking 10.00 Patchwork + 10.00 Watercolour 10.30 Life after Farming 12.00 Galloping Gourmets 1.00 Table Tennis 10.00 Italian	**Saturday** 10.00 Patchwork+ 4pm. Singalong.* **Sunday** 10.00 Patchwork+ 10.00 Social Machine Embroidery 11.00 Xmas Deco Day.* 2.00 Sunday Session 3.00 Celticana