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LEARNING FOR LIVING

"Learning for Living" is the report by members of the Hawthorn campus of the University of the Third Age, more widely and affectionately known as U3A, covering the range of activities of that campus from the years 1989 to 1992. The U3A movement, less than 10 years old in Australia, has steadily grown in status since its inception. By the end of 1992 there were 85 campuses in Australia, 36 of them in Victoria. The Hawthorn campus was one of the first three to be established when the U3A movement began and, if its activities reflect those of other campuses, the report clearly demonstrates that U3A is fulfilling a worthwhile and necessary need in the community as it goes about its task of promoting "adult learning as a right and not as a concession". By keeping its fees extremely low, really only sufficient to cover administration expenses, it is virtually open to all members of the community.

With regard to the activities of the Hawthorn campus (I use the term "campus" in a very broad sense as the venues for learning are scattered over a very wide area), "Learning for Living" gives a wealth of statistical information concerning courses being offered and enrolments in these courses. Thus, for example, it lists quarterly participation of "students" in the 14 language courses and the 73 other "A to Z" courses, ranging in breadth from antomy to zoology, over the years 1989 to 1992. These are important statistics for one can see at a glance the most popular topics, thus enabling better planning for courses to be offered in the future. Though the campus mainly caters for residents of the Hawthorn, Camberwell, Kew and North Balwyn areas, it also attracts membership from 60 other residential areas.

"Learning for Living" also sets out in very great detail responses to a wide-ranging questionnaire concerning the living conditions, general health and well-being of the "students" attending the Hawthorn campus. The analysis of these responses is an absorbing part of the document and clearly shows that students, coming overwhelmingly as they do from the 60+ age group, benefit positively by being members of the U3A, enhancing as it does, by their active participation in the courses, their physical health and well-being.

Thus "Learning for Living" is at once a necessary social and archival document, and answers the sceptics in a very telling way who question the need for U3A in the "Third Age" of society today. It is attractively produced and is available for \$5 plus postage from the U3A Hawthorn campus office, 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, 3122 for non-members and \$3 for members.

U3A HAWTHORN

The end of 1994 marks the 10th anniversary of the meeting which was called in the Hawthorn Library to discuss the idea of a University of the Third Age. This seems a good time to look at our origins and where we are now.

In 1973 the Toulouse University, France, took older people into exisiting academic programmes and the concept developed from there. The idea spread rapidly in France and to other French speaking countries. By 1978 U3A was established in Canada, Poland, Spain, Austria and the U.S.A.

The Australian U3A movement is modelled on that established at Cambridge, England, in 1981. The Cambridge concept sought to establish a kind of intellectual democracy in which there would be no distinction between teachers and the taught, harking back to the universities of the middle ages, which were communities of seekers after knowledge and experience - study took precedence over teaching. No qualifications were required to enter, neither were any qualifications awarded.

At Hawthorn we see research as part of our role and contribute, when we can, to the body of knowledge on education in later life. In particular, we have published research reports on our own operation including statistics on courses, membership and participation. These have been published at four yearly intervals titled 'The First Four Years' and 'Learning for Living'. The latter has just been completed and is now available in the office for members at a cost of \$3. It is reviewd in this issue.

The first meeting was called in Hawthorn on November 13, 1984. In December a newsletter states that 187 people had offiered their services in every imaginable field from office work to catering and another 36 had offered to tutor or lecture. Today there are some 620 Hawthorn members plus members from other campuses doing over 50 courses at Hawthorn.

We are constandly adjusting our administration as we grow in numbers and introduce new courses, and more of our members become involved. The administration is becoming more complex and we've come a long way from the 'ad hoc' method we started out with. Currently our Executive Committee consists of 15 members.

The office bearers are:

Chairman - Frances McCallum (responsible for overseeing the general operation of the Committee).

Vice Chairman - Betty Marginson (Communications & Special Projects)
Treasurer - Lola Stewart
Acting Secretary - Keith Finlay
Network Liaison - Werner Graff

Office Administration

Office Manager - Lois Astley (including desk roster and training)

Newsletter Editor - Alma Bourke

Course Co-ordinator - Hans van Dorssen

Course Allocation Team - Zelda Day

Joan Donlon (venues)

Jean Giese

Jan Bombardieri

Nan Inglis

Computer Training for Office Staff - Hans Ferwerda

Tutor Liaison - Rae Alexander

Social Activities - Shirley Ramsay

The office is staffed morning and afternoon by members.

There are 24 people on the roster.

Jill FitzGibbon

NATIONAL SPRING SCHOOL AT MILDURA

SEPTEMBER 24 - 29, 1994

U3A Sunraysia have organised this school, the theme of which is 'Myths & Cultures". The programme includes a day trip to Lake Mungo and lectures on the Australian culture, local history and irrigation, and the history of the river boat trade. These will be balanced by lectures on the Indo-European tradition as in the Homeric Poems, Celtic Sagas and Greek Myths and their persistance in English literature.

The four day programme is flexible and allows time for relaxation and exploring the local attractions.

Registration: 1.30 - 4 p.m. Saturday, 24 September, 1994

Fee: \$90 (This fee includes the bus to Lake Mungo, the official dinner and most other meals)

Interested members can obtain application forms at the U3A Hawthorn office or telephone Jill FitzGibbon (882 7965) for more details Payment must be made by 31 July.

As school holidays and a Country Music Festival will be on at that time in Mildura, early bookings are essential for accommodation. Vacancies for the school are filling quickly. Apply immediately if you wish to attend.

TOUR OF SWINBURNE TAFE NEW BUILDING

The new Swinburne building was opened on May 12th by the Minister of Tertiary Education & Training, The Hon. Haddon Storey. We have been invited to have a conducted tour of these new teaching facilities, including the hi-tech engineering laboratories and computer facilities.

Tours for approximately 12 people could take place in July or August on either a Monday or Tuesday morning.

Expressions of interest are now invited - please state preferred day.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS TUTORS REQUIRED FOR 1994

BRIDGE

We have had quite a number of enquiries regarding the possibility of having another course in the art of playing Bridge.

The last course was most successful and we hate to take it off the list if only someone could be found to guide the players.

DRESSMAKING

This course has been most successful and the current class is full. We are looking for another tutor so that the people on the waiting list can have the opportunity of improving their dressmaking skills. Can anyone help in this regard?

ITALIAN CONVERSATION

There is a need for an Italian Conversation Tutor for 1994. Any offers to take a class on this subject would be appreciated.

FURNITURE RESTORATION, ETC.

There have been several enquiries regarding the setting up of a course to cover this interesting and wide-ranging field.

We would very much like to hear from any member or members who would be willing to co-ordinate such a course in 1994.

SHORT WALKS

We are anxious to find a convener who is willing to conduct short walks of approximately one hour. The venue could be anywhere in the vicinity of Hawthorn and could be agreed upon between the convener and students.

TAI CHI

There have been several enquiries expressing interest in such a course and we wondered if anyone could help or maybe they know of someone who would be willing to do this.

CLASSES TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY

Can Saturday be a little slow?

Responses to a U3A questionnaire (late 1992) did show some interest in U3A having some Saturday activities. At present 24 Wakefield Street is not in regular use and it could be made available for classes, one-day workshops or short courses.

Parking is much easier and the house is very quiet. Is anyone interested in starting a Saturday activity? It could make Saturday a more interesting day of the week.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP Convener: Shirley Ramsay

Current and planned activities include:

- * July: Lunchtime winter "Christmas" party.
- * Maurice Berah's slides and videos of his travels. Date to be fixed.
- * September/October: Visit to Observation Platform at Rialto
- * Film viewing in betweenm other activities.

The Social Activities Group has now been in existence for 3 years, and the Committee plans to review its activities in July/August by means of a brief questionnaire to Group members.

CURRENT COURSES

Although a class may be full, people do have to withdraw for various reasons, so a waiting list is kept for each course.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY MEMBER WHO IS ABSENT FROM A CLASS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE OFFICE, OR YOUR TUTOR, WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN.

ART APPRECIATION Convener: Sue Van Dorssen
HISTORY OF EUROPEAN ART Group 2, 16 sessions
Group 2: 15th August - 28th November, 1994
Mondays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ART HISTORY Convener: Morris Williams WAITING LIST Survey of Australian Painting from the works of the first settlers up to the present day - seven sessions, concluding 12th July, 1994 Subjects for next sessions will be chosen from the following topics: Modern Australian Art; Art Nouveau; Mediaeval Manuscripts; Gothic Architecture; and Art of the Japanese Garden. Tuesdays (Fortnightly), 11.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

ART - PRACTICAL Tutor: Lorna Noble WAITING LIST
The group will cover the mediums of oils, watercolour, pastels, etc.
You may do your own thing, or follow topics suggested. Help will be given on request with regard to techniques, colour combinations, and imaginative approaches you may wish to use.
Thursdays, 1.00 p.m., Hawthorn Artists' Society, Cnr. Glenferrie & Manningtree Roads, Hawthorn.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - CONTEMPORARY WRITERS & SOCIETY

Convener: Pamela Rogers WAITING LIST

This course includes thought provoking discussion on subjects such as the relationship between the writer and society, and concerns of modern men and women as they are explored in contemporary writing.

Short stories, poetry and some classical literature will be introduced.

Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

MONTHLY BOOK GROUP Convener: Rae Alexander WAITING LIST

READ A BOOK A MONTH THEN DISCUSS IT IN A

STIMULATING AND THOUGHT PROVOKING SESSION.

Some current books will be studied. Authors will include:

A.S. Byatt

Virginia Woolf

Janette Turner Hospital

Mario Varga Lhasa

Julian Barnes

R. K. Narayan

Books are available at bookshops (paperbacks) and libraries.

2nd Tuesday in the month, Kew Library, 10.30 a.m.

CHESS FOR PLEASURE Convener: Egon Donath

"You don't need to be a Bobby Fisher" to enjoy playing chess, but some elementary knowledge is required for joining this group.

Fridays, 11.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

CREATIVE WRITING & LITERATURE Convener: Rae Alexander WAITING LIST Members will write on a set topic and this is then discussed in a group session. Literature, prose and poetry, relevant to the subject is supplied. Authors, poets and artists from Australia and the world are introduced for lively discussions on the written word. Fridays, 12.15 p.m. Kew Library.

<u>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS</u> Convener: Betty Marginson

Discussion of the language and methodology of simple cryptic crosswords - working samples together and discussing answers.

Small notebook may be useful

Thursdays, 11.15 a.m., Wakefield Street, commencing 9th June, 1994

CURRENT AFFAIRS - S. E. ASIA & THE PACIFIC Convener: Jean Aikenhead Members of this discussion group are encouraged (expected?) to participate. Issues will concentrate on our relationships with S.E. Asia and the Pacific, with brief reference to importants events further afield. Speakers on similar subjects will be invited from time to time. Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m. Balwyn Library.

CURRENT AFFAIRS (Thursday) - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD

Convener: Wolfe Flack

Ours is a discussion group dealing with Current Affairs, both Australian and world wide. Items dealt with will be of general interest as well as State and Federal politics and conditions; also dealt with are international news and activity, especially where they may affect Australia. Sessions commence with the convener reading selected items from the media, with discussion ensuing from any item; members are then free to raise other news items which may be of interest. On occasions, visiting speakers who have been invited to attend, will give their views on controversial subjects. Members of the group are encouraged to take the chair, so gaining experience in another aspect of discussion. Thursdays, 10 a.m, Uniting Church, 8 Power St., West Hawthorn.

<u>DRAMA FOR FUN</u> Convener: Rion Jennings <u>WAITING LIST</u>
The course involves play readings, poetry and occasional sessions at organisations for the less mobile and disabled (presentations of short plays and readings).

Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

DRESSMAKING Convener: Patricia Morris

This is an opportunity for ladies with sewing skills to enjoy a pleasant few hours with others who have the same interests under the guidance of an experienced teacher/supervisor.

Wednesdays, 1.30 - 3 p.m., Tresise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Streets.

<u>ELEMENTARY ECONOMICS</u> - <u>Continuing</u> Convener: George Charles A course explaining why recessions occur, how they can be overcome, and designed for those who have had no formal economic training. Entertaining and informative.

Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m, Kew Library

GEOLOGY Convener: Michael Plier-Malone WAITING LIST

A course for those who wish to learn something about geology. An interest in the subject is the only pre-requisite and prior knowledge is unnecessary as all aspects of the science will be covered during lectures. No assignments are set and practical work will introduce the use of microscopes and some field excursions.

Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

HISTORICAL, SCENIC & CULTURAL ASPECTS OF EUROPE

Convener: Maurice Stratton

The talks will incude Ancient Greece; Rome; Cities of Northern Europe: the Romans & Normans in Britain; Lisbon; Castles & Cathedrals of Germany: the Italian & Swiss Lakes; Scenic Austria; Great Flower Gardens & Festivals of Europe & Canada; Great Houses & Living Abbeys of Britain; also the Canadian Rockies; the South Island of New Zealand and the Development of Australia.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m. Balwyn Library. 23rd March 1994 - 13th July, 1994

HISTORY - MEDIEVAL EUROPEAN & MIDDLE EASTERN CITIES

Convener: Andrew Ehrenkreutz

A collective enquiry into the nature of medieval cities (their history, urbanization, architectural and demographic features)

Each participant is expected to produce an informal presentation on the city of their choice.

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre.

HISTORY - MIDDLE & NEAR EAST Convener: Alf Floyd

This course covers the following:

- 1. Introduction to Ancient Civilisations:
- 2. Roman-Hapsburg and Ottoman Empires; Age of Pharaohs;
- 3. Middle East in the 20th Century

Fridays, 12 noon, Recreation Centre.

HISTORY - THE INFLUENCE OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE ON EUROPE

Convener: Charles D'Aprano

WAITING LIST

Beginning with the Middle Ages in Europe, we will consider the development of Communes and Italian City States, progressing to Commerce, the growth of the Merchant Families, Patronage of the Arts and the great Italian Artists.

Fridays, 10.30 a.m., Augustine Centre, 2 Minona St., Hawthorn.

JUNG AT HEART Convener: Felix Carrady
An examination and discussion of Jung's thinking and life text "Memories, Dreams & Reflections"
Mondays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre.

LANGUAGES

FRENCH (Beginners) Convener: Edward Petraki WAITING LIST The standard is equivalent to 1st year High School French Tuesdays, 2 p.m. Kew Library.

FRENCH (Year 3) Convener: Mary Parker

On-going course for those who completed year 2 French

Tuesdays, 1.30 p.m, 24 Wakefield Street

- FRENCH (Advanced) Convener: Adele Chambers <u>WAITING LIST</u>
 This course includes some grammar, writing exercises & conversation
 Fridays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street
- FRENCH WITHOUT FRONTIERS Convener: Anna Ghiurekian This course is for advanced students and covers reading and discussion of "Le Nouveau Sans Frontieres, No.2", 1989 or 1991 edition. Mondays, 10.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.
- FRENCH CONVERSATION Convener: Nadine Desrumaux WAITING LIST A class for M. Parker's French year 3 students only.
- GERMAN (Continuing) Convener: Ken Bandman WAITING LIST

 Up to date conversation, discussions, grammar. Members should be willing to prepare written homework for correction & class discussion. Thursdays, 11.15 a.m, 24 Wakefield Street.
- FIRST-TIME ITALIAN (Beginners) Convener: Nan Inglis WAITING LIST
 This course is designed to introduce students to Italian.
 The textbook used will be "Italiano Vivo" by Giorgio Milesi, which is used in the continuing Italian classes at Hawthorn U3A. The tutor will provide extra material to show that learning a language can be fun.
 Tuesdays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street
- FIRST-TIME ITALIAN (Second Year) Convener: Nan Inglis WAITING LIST As the title suggests, this course follows "First Time Italian (Beginners)". It is designed for those students who either took this beginners course in 1993, or who feel that they have previously studied enough of the language to take it up again at the second year level. Anyone joining the course will need to be familiar with the grammar contained in the first 10 lessons in Milesi's "Italiano Vivo" which is the text to be used in this, and in the more advanced course at Hawthorn. Tuesdays, 11.15 a.m. 24 Wakefield Street
- ITALIAN (Beginners) Convener: Maurice Berah WAITING LIST

 For students with no previous learning or very limited, willing to face a new start. Thursdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre
- ITALIAN (Continuing) Convener: Maurice Berah WAITING LIST
 For students with 1-2 years' work. An interview with Tutor may be necessary to assess level. Thursdays, 2.15 p.m, Recreation Centre JAPANESE (Beginners) Convener: Joyce Berdy
 - Learning to read, write & speak simple Japanese to survive in Japan. Students will learn Hiragana, Katakana & simple Kanji and to relate Japanese to everyday situations. Mondays, 9.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield St.
- JAPANESE (Post Beginners) Convener: Geoff Matenson WAITING LIST Intending class members should have completed U3A Japanese Beginners class (or equivalent, or be assessed by the tutor) before undertaking Post-Beginners' classes. Students should be able to read Hiragana with some fluency and be prepared to learn and use Kanji as introduced in classes. The course is based on Alfondo Nihongo Series (Currently Book III) but other material will be supplied from time to time. Easy conversation will be practised in class.

 Mondays, 12 noon, Hawthorn Library

JAPANESE CONVERSATION Convener: Michiko Ikeda WAITING LIST

For Intermediate to Advanced students

Mondays, 2 - 3.00 p.m., Hawthorn Library

SPANISH (Advanced) Convener: Senora Robe

A continuing course based on "El Espanol Practico" by J.P. Fitzgibbon & J. Poldan and cassettes of the same. Students should come equipped with this book, paper and pen.

Fridays, 10.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

READ BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES! Tutor: Charles Russell

Eight languages are now available. Hopefully, more to come. (Sanskrit ...)

Read the Bible in Hebrew, or Greek (Septuaginta) or in Latin (Vulgata).

Read the tales of Andersen in German or in French.

Read the folk-tales of Java, Malaysia, Kalimantan in Indo-Malaysian.

Read folk-tales in Japanese or Chinese

Learn to read and write Chinese-Japanese characters.

When you are learning to read Japanese, you are learning to read Chinese as well. When I say "read", I mean "read and understand" - of course. Thursdays, 3.15 p.m., Kew Library

<u>LIVING & DYING</u> - A CONTINUUM Convener: Alexe Gale <u>WAITING LIST</u>
This group will be conducted as a discussion group including sharing experiences and feelings. It will be based on Kubler-Ross's book, Death, The Final Stages of Growth.

Fridays, 11.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

BEYOND MABO Convener: Jean Giese

A study of Aboriginal Issues, Culture and History. Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at George Bill's Community Centre, Bills Street, Hawthorn at 9.45 a.m.

MAH-JONG FOR BEGINNERS:: Convener: Jean Neville

A fascinating Chinese game popular in many countries.

The basic method played by most Chinese is the game followed by this group. Bring your own mah-jong set if possible.

Fridays, 1.45 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

MAH-JONG FOR ADVANCED PLAYERS Convener: Lois Thomas WAITING LIST A continuing course for those who have played the game for years and have acquired speed and experience. Fridays, 1.30 p.m. Hawthorn Library,

MEDITATION Convener: Alison Loftus-Hills WAITING LIST
This group will spend a quiet hour in meditation & discussion on the inner life. Participants will learn how to meditate effectively using simple techniques. Please bring a soft cushion or pillow and wear loose clothing. Group 1. Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m., Group 2. Wednesdays, 11.45 a.m. Augustine Centre, Minona Street, Hawthorn

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston WAITING LIST This course is a general (non progressive) study. New students welcome at any time providing the quota is not full. Tuesdays, three courses, 12 noon, 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Hawthorn Community House.

NEW SCIENCE & PHILOSOPHY Conveners: Fred Rosedale, Barbara Hadkinson & Geoffrey Guilfoyle

What is the nature of the universe and what is our position in it? This course tries to bridge the worlds of mind and matter, physics and psyche, hard science and personal values.

Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m., Recreation Centre

NUTRITION & HEALTH Convener: Greta Burman

This is a good opportunity to learn how to distinguish between the fads about a healthy diet and the fiction of the "miracle" diets of advertisements and newspaper and magazine articles.

How correct nutrition allows the body to make correct use of food materials, produce energy and maintain body tissues; the importance of minerals and vitamins; the effects of deficiency and excess; cooking & food processing; reducing diets; popular misconceptions Thursdays, 11 a.m., comm. 1st September, 1994, Kew Library.

<u>PERSONAL INVESTMENT</u> Conveners: John Harper & Julian Stock
This a 6 session course providing an introduction to wealth and investment income management which will cover the following topics:

- 1. Concepts and objectives of wealth and income management.
- 2. The economic environment and government policies and their effects.
- 3. Planning your own portfolio.
- 4. The stock market and fundamentals of share investment.
- 5. The secrets of share selection.
- 6. What to look for in annual report and prospectuses. Thursdays, 1.30 p.m., Hawthorn Town Hall, Lwr Rear, 26 May-30 June 1994.

EXPLORING POETRY Convener: Vicki Walker WAITING LIST

This course explores poets and poetry throughout the ages and occasionally a play or prose that is relevant. It is a relaxed friendly class in which enjoyment of poetry is enhanced by sharing with others.

Thursdays, 1.30 p.m., Kew Library

PSYCHOLOGY & PHILOSOPHY Convener: Alexe Gale

A book is chosen with a psychological/philosophical component for us to question the meaning of our existence, and how our upbringing and culture determine attitudes and behaviour.

Wednesdays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre.

<u>SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP</u>: Convener: Frances McCallum This group has been postponed temporarily.

SOCIAL ISSUES Conveners: Phyl Buckler, Magda Weiss & Jean Jackson This ongoing course provides speakers on a wide variety of subjects ranging recently from Transplants, Racism and Bio-Ethics to Amnesty Internationa, Mabo and Life in Beijing. Members are encouraged to ask questions of the speaker and discussion follows at the end of the talk. Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre.

"SPEAKING" Convener: Felix Carrady
Speaking - to others - communication - voice - gestures - feeling - having fun. Mondays, 3 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street

THOUGHTS AND IDEAS Convener: Beryl French WAITING LIST
An informal group, led by Beryl French, discussing thoughts and ideas relevant to today's society. Fridays, 10 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

U.3.A. CHOIR Director: John Hughes

It is our aim to gather together music lovers, with or without singing experience, to form a choral group. The only requirement needed to become a good chorister is a love of music in general and singing in particular. A voice fair to middling is an advantage but <u>not</u> a necessity - anyone who is not tone-deaf can be taught to sing in a choir. Come and join us. One of our aims in 1994 will be to present a concert of Carols. Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., Hawthorn Town Hall.

YARRA RAMBLERS Convener: Dympna Coleman WAITING LIST
For FIT, ACTIVE, ENTHUSIASTIC WALKERS who would enjoy exploring the Yarra and some of the 'country' round Melbourne.

Group A WEDNESDAY RAMBLERS: FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month

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Group B <u>THURSDAY RAMBLERS</u>: SECOND THURSDAY of each month.
Group C <u>THURSDAY RAMBLERS</u>: LAST THURSDAY of each month
From March to November inclusive. FOUR HOURS actual walking plus visits to places of environmental or historical interest, ranger led walks, guest speakers, boat trips etc.

AND/OR

For those interested in helping to RESTORE THE NATIVE BUSH IN YARRA FRIENDS OF WALMER BUSHLAND (BEND PARK THIRD THURSDAY of each month. 1 1/2 hours weeding or fern/grass/tree planting near Walmer Street. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Try it out first

planting near Walmer Street. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Try it out first if you wish! Occasionally there will be short talks & short nature walks. There will be some excursions during the year for members of the three groups, e.g. A PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK by bus with a side trip to the Organ Pipes and a near-by garden visit (if time permits), and a trip down the Yarra at dusk.

NEW COURSES

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THESE COURSES WHEN WE RECEIVE ENOUGH ENROLMENTS FOR A CLASS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE ENROL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FRIENDS OF ARTHUR KOESTLER Convener: Fred Rosedale Let us try to abolish the rigid frontiers between sciences - seeing connections which the narrow specialist cannot see. Let Arthur Koestler be our guide.

GREEK TRAGEDY; Convener: Pamela Rogers

A short course of six weeks duration during which the following plays will be read and discussed:

Antigone

Sophocles

Iphigenia at Aulis

Euripides

The Trojon Women

Euripides

Wednesday, 10.00 a.m. Marwal Centre, commencing 26th October, 1994

JESUS THROUGH THE AGES: Convener: Theresa Gunn, POSTPONED

To explore the developments in the teaching about the life and work of Jesus in the Christian scriptures, in early Church documents and in 20th Century contemporary thinking.

Tuesdays, 1.30 p.m., Wakefield Street, commencing 16th August, 1994

NATIONAL GALLERY GUIDED TOURS

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The National Gallery of Victoria is providing volunteer guides to take up to 25 U3A members on tours of the exquisite decorative arts, paintings and sculptures. This course is being shared by Waverley and Hawthorn U3As. Normal Gallery entrance charges apply.

Fridays, 2.00 p.m., commencing 22nd July.

Members will be notified near the end of June.

PIONEER WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA: Convener: Alf Floyd

This course will commence on Friday, 15th July after the completion of "Middle East History" on 1st July. There will be no class on 8th July. The new course will contain the lives and problems of early pioneers beginning with the early convict women, through the early years of opening up the country, to modern day women who have pioneered in their particular field.

Fridays, 12 noon, Recreation Centre.

RETAINING YOUR DRIVING LICENCE Convener: Judy Chancellor VicRoads has the authority to order a full licence re-testing following a police report of even a minor infringement.

To help us drive in a safe and law-abiding way, for as long as possible, we revise the traffic rules, and discuss the special problems confronting ageing drivers and many aspects of defensive driving. Based on VicRoads pilot course for the ageing driver. 3 weeks course Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m., commencing 12th October.

Venue to be advised

SHAKESPEARE - RICHARD II Convener: Reg Grouse

An exploration of Shakespeare's Richard II including

- (a) a search of the sources, history, criticism & explanations of the play,
- (b) viewing of a video.
- (c) readings of parts of the play to promote discussions of the characterisations, the poetry, the drama, the language and the philosophy expressed in the play.

Wednesday, 10.00 a.m., 8 sessions, 31 August-19 October, Marwal Centre.

TENNIS COACHING: Tutor: Ivo Vesely

Basic skills and advanced - 6 lessons each

Participants are expected to provide own tennis racquet, wear correct tennis shoes (no ripple soles), dress in reasonable tennis attire and follow the coach's instructions at all times during the lessons and pay cost of court hire. Dates and venue to be advised.

PLEASE NOTE

Enrolment forms are found at the end of the News Notes. It is essential that one form should be completed for each course you wish to take, accurately including telephone number and postcode, and returned to the office at 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn, 3122 without delay.