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THE VALUES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEALTH ALLOCATIONS

Over eighty people were at the Christman Forum on 3rd December, where the speaker was Mr. Harry Kannegiesser. He promised a "down to earth" opinion on how health issues in our community might be solved, and gave a most interesting and challenging address in many areas, suggesting that ethical as well as financial considerations should be involved in decisions such as how best we should allocate scarce resources. He stressed that he himself is not a health professional but a lecturer in Historical and Philosophical Studies, with a strong personal interest in health science. He pointed out that we do have a funding crisis in Australia. Health is only one part of a complex economy. We cannot call for cuts in taxes and increased health benefit costs at such a time.

He then listed the pressures on our health budget today - our ageing population, the diseases of affluence, the increase in range and complexity of specialist services, and the wide expectations the public holds in such services. And yet we all ask for lower taxes. We cannot have it both ways. So what should we do? We must take more responsibility ourselves by examining our life-styles, e.g. with diet and exercise.

As funds are inadequate, whom should we treat? He placed constant emphasis on the need for more balance between public and private spending. There has been a very strong shift to the former since the introduction of Medicare. Younger people today have much higher expectations and different priorities, so tend to drop private health cover. As people grow older they move more into private cover, which of course is also partly funded from the public purse.

So, what should we do? Obviously we should try to increase funding, and reduce demand. He then suggested ways we might achieve both.

To increase revenue: (1) change our attitudes towards insurance; (2) add alcohol and tobacco levies directly into the health allotment; (3) impose a levy on unsafe work places until they conform with industrial standards; (4) place a special health-care levy upon retirement; (5) if necessary, offset health costs for the aged against assets, until after death.

To reduce demand Mr. Kannegiesser suggests the following ways should help: by prevention, through altering our diets and life styles (exercise, weight control, alcohol, tobacco); by improving driving habits; by health education in such areas as safe sex, AIDS, hepatitis, etc.; and in the allocation of palliative care e.g. for aged terminally ill, accident cases beyond recovery, and complex issues like terminating pregnancies and euthanasia (this last is very expensive, and takes scarce resources from other questionably more important areas).

This summary is quite inadequate for such an important subject. The number of questions and interest shown convinced us that this session was not nearly long enough for further information and discussion.

I am sure all who attended were stimulated to further thought, and no doubt to some action too.

Jean Aikenhead

OPEN LEARNING PROJECT

Members may be interested in the Open Learning Project which is the first Australian attempt to use television to develop first year university level study.

The topics are Australian Studies, Religious Studies, Marketing, Statistics, French and Anthropology. Broadcasts are at 7.00 or 7.30 a.m. with repeats on Saturday morning.

The options are:

- (1) Watching the programs and gaining a 'taste' of university level study;
- (2) Obtaining the complimentary study materials - some payment:
- (3) Undertaking formal assessment - a pass may enable students to obtain credit for a university degree.

Costs for study materials & assessment are from \$300 to \$400 per unit.

The office has one copy of the student prospectus, or members can obtain further information from TV Opening Learning, 42 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Vic. 3000.

Betty Marginson

HAWTHORN CITY COUNCIL

LEISURE OPTIONS FOR OLDER PEOPLE PROGRAM

Expressions of interest are invited for a class in Clay Modelling.

Time: 10a.m. - 12 noon, Thursdays, exact dates to be finalised.

Venue: RSL Hall, Glenferrie Road

Cost: \$4 per session for 10 sessions (pay on the day)
plus \$10 for clay and glazes.

Contact: Margaret Arnold at the Council. Telephone 810 2466.

THE CRUSADES **A MEDIEVAL INTERCONTINENTAL CONFLICT**

CONVENER: PROF. ANDREW EIKENKREUTZ

Could you hear the clashing of swords and scimitars, the twang of arrows and the smell of "Greek Fire"? Did you thrill to the tales of Saladin and Richard the Lionheart, recoil at the atrocities of the Field of Blood and the sack of Constantinople or read of the fall of Acre and Antioch? Did you travel from France and Sicily to Egypt, Turkey, Syria and the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem? If not, you obviously did not participate in this course.

We will never forget the date of the Battle of Manzikert in 1071, when the Seljuk Turks defeated the Christian Byzantine army. Andrew's tie, embroidered with the date 1071, was a constant reminder. We gained insight into the power of the Fatimids, the Druses, the Seljuks, the mysterious Assassins, as well as an understanding of the great rulers, clergy, knights and soldiers. The Golden Hordes, the Mongols and the Mambuks from Egypt also made an appearance as they overran the lands of the Middle East.

The maps of medieval kingdoms, the cultural changes which followed in the wake of the Crusades and the dissemination of artistic and intellectual ideas gave glimpses of new horizons.

The complexity of motives initiating the Crusades were dictated by religious dogma, political alliances, territorial ambitions and trade opportunism. These all contributed to the victories and defeats for both sides for more than two centuries of warfare in conquest of the Holy Land and the jewel in the crown, Jerusalem. The first Crusade began in 1096. In 1099 Jerusalem was captured and held until 1244 when it fell to the forces of Saladin. The last Christian bulwark of Acre was conquered by the Mambuks in 1291. In our own time, seven centuries later, the cast has changed but the play continues.

The encouragement to read widely and the privilege of attending a Symposium on the Crusades at Melbourne University to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the fall of Acre were thanks to the wide ranging scholarship of our tutor. The class of 1991 salutes him.

SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK

Sunday 5 April to Sunday 12 April 1992

Watch for the special VCOTA SCW lift-out supplement, which will appear in the "Herald-Sun" on Thursday 26 March. This will include program details, articles of interest to all older people and further information on the major SCW activities. Details of local programs are generally to be found in Council newsletters or local newspapers.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Social Committee have arranged the following outings:

FILM LUNCHEON: "FATHER OF THE BRIDE" (Modernisation of 1950s classic film. Stars Steve Martin and Diane Keaton)

DATE: Monday, 30th March, 1992 at 11.00 a.m.

COST: \$7.00 per person (film & lunch)

R.S.V.P. to U3A Office, by Monday, 23rd March, with name and money.

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VISIT TO CHINESE MUSEUM, followed by an escorted tour of Chinatown and a Chinese meal.

ADDRESS: 22 Cohen Place, Melbourne (off Little Bourke Street between Russell and Exhibition Streets)

DATE: Sunday, 26th April, 1992 at 11.00 a.m.

COST: \$22.00 per person (inclusive)

R.S.V.P. to U3A Office, by Wednesday, 22nd April, with name and money.

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VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE: Conducted tour arranged by the National Trust. Tram or bus along St.Kilda Road. Alight at Shrine. (Meet outside GH gates)

DATE: To be confirmed, but probably Saturday, 9th May, 1992 at 2.30 p.m.

COST: \$6.00 (concession (\$4.00))

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FREE ADVICE

The Home Renovation Advisory Program offers advice on repairs and renovations for older persons and the disabled. No income limits apply. The Program has been set up by Housing & Construction Victoria and is sponsored by the Estate Agents Board of Victoria.

Brochures are available at your nearest Housing & Construction office or your local council for forwarding to the Program or you may telephone them on (03) 670 3911 and discuss your particular problems.

TO ALL TUTORS

We invite all tutors to attend a meeting to be held at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th March, 1992 at 24 Wakefield Street, Hawthorn.

We hope that as many tutors as possible will attend, in order to meet the tutors' representatives on the Executive Committee, and to discuss any difficulties and problems which have arisen.

Frances McCallum
Wolfe Flack

POSITION VACANT

We have the possibility for us to have the use of a fully equipped wood-working room for afternoon classes. We would therefore be very interested to find a tutor who could conduct classes for us. Please contact the U3A office on 819 8824 if you can help.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that Annual Subscriptions were due and payable on 31st December, 1991. The amounts are: \$20 Single, \$30 Double. The Committee has decided that the June Newsletter will only be sent to financial members. Kindly check to verify that you have paid and, if not, please forward us your remittance as soon as possible. Should you decide not to renew, please advise us so that we may update our records.

HUNTER U3A CONFERENCE

is to be held at the Newcastle City Hall
on 14th and 15th May, 1992

Theme: "Positive Contribution of the Third Age"

If you are interested in attending this conference, brochures giving full details will be available at the office soon.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE IN CAMBRIDGE

has issued an invitation to attend the

SECOND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Theme: "CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE"

13-18 September 1992 at King's College, Cambridge

If anyone plans an overseas holiday and would be interested in attending the symposium, registration forms are available at the office.

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 I 24th February - 29th June, 1992

Course FULL

Group II 17th August - 30th November, 1992

WAITING LIST ONLY

A continuing course in the study of the major arts throughout the centuries of Western civilization, starting with Gothic architecture and art of the Middle Ages through to the Renaissance and beyond.

Mondays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ART - PRACTICAL Tutor: Lorrie Conder WAITING LIST ONLY

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.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH HISTORY: Convener: Mary Moorhead

Ecumenism, a Twentieth Century phenomenon

This course will examine Australian Church History with particular emphasis on the relationships between the churches, positive & negative, their common actions and their common problems. The setting will be Melbourne and the time the Twentieth Century, particularly 1945 - 1990.

Fridays, 1.30 p.m., Balwyn Library

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - CONTEMPORARY WRITERS AND SOCIETY

Convener: Pamela Rogers

WAITING LIST ONLY

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., Wakefield Street.

BIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY & THE PURPOSE OF LIFE Convener: Felix Carrady

The class will read through a set book and discuss its relevance to human relationships. The overall objective is to take an holistic overview of life, considering aspects of Biologic, Psychologic and "Spiritual" development. Mondays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre.

A BOUQUET OF HERBS Convener: Ernestine Lobb WAITING LIST ONLY

An exploration of the uses of culinary, fragrant and medicinal herbs. Fridays, 10 a.m., 4A Dalny Street, Malvern

CHESS FOR PLEASURE Convener: Egon Donath

This course will commence if up to 20 members are interested, preferably not absolute beginners, but those of intermediate or advanced standard.

"You don't need to be a Bobby Fisher" says Egon.

Fridays, 11.45 a.m., Room 223, Swinburne

COMMUNICATION MODES Convener: A. Margaret McHardy

This eight-week course is designed to address the issues of differing modes of communication. A Transactional Analysis model will be used to help students understand how their way of communicating will be perceived by others and how it can be altered if desired.

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

COMPARATIVE RELIGION: Convener: Charles Russell

These are going to be discussion sessions with input from everybody. A book list would be supplied so some reading at home is useful, if you want to take part. We cover the birth of Mythos: Egyptian, Mezopotamian, Greek, Roman, German mythology; Judaeo-Christian mythology - and the "puzzle" of the mythology as well as its "definitive" solution (for the time being).

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Kew Library.

COMPUTERS - AN INTRODUCTION Convener: Vic Kennedy

Simple beginners 'hands-on' course of 6 sessions - no maths necessary - ample notes will be provided.

3 courses through year: 26/5-30/6/92; 6/10-10/11/92

First course full, second course commencing 26th May.

Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., 89 Power St., Hawthorn.

FROM CONSTANTINOPLE TO INSTANBUL: Convener: Andrew Ehrenkreutz

A Dramatic Transformation in the Medieval History of a Megapolis.

A colloquium style investigation of the historical causes which transformed the capitol of the Byzantine Empire (A.D. 324/25) into the Islamic Capitol of the Ottoman Sultanate (A.D. 1453).

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre.

CONTRACT BRIDGE Convener: Bill Zimmerman

An introduction to this fascinating game. It is necessary for there to be at least twelve students to make the course viable. Bill advises that he has duplicate boards, and a duplicate game could be organised for those with some experience, if at least 12 people are interested.

Mondays, 2.00 p.m., Recreation Centre.

CREATIVE WRITING Convener: Rae Alexander

Members will be asked to write on various topics which will be discussed weekly. We will then consider some Australian writers of prose and poetry including Judith Wright, Rosemary Dobson, Patrick White, Christine Stead and Hal Porter. Some preliminary reading is suggested.

Fridays, 1 p.m., Kew Library - 10 sessions.

CURRENT AFFAIRS - AUSTRALIA & THE WORLD Convener: Wolfe Flack

Ours is a discussion group which deals with Current Affairs, whether Australian or international; items are taken from the Media or raised by members. Sessions commence by the convener reading selected items from press cuttings. Members are then free to raise other items which are of especial interest. On occasions, visiting lecturers are invited to give their views on subjects which may have been particularly controversial. 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

CURRENT AFFAIRS - SOUTH-EAST ASIA &

PACIFIC COUNTRIES Convener: Jean Aikenhead

A discussion group in which all are expected to participate. Topics are focussed on background and events in the Asia - Pacific area, but are extended to include other events/areas of particular current interest e.g. Russia and its efforts to become a democratic society.

Tuesdays, 10.30 a.m., Balwyn Library.

DRAMA FOR FUN Convener: Rion Jennings **WAITING LIST ONLY**

A light-hearted approach to drama with play readings, poetry & performances of short plays at the centre.

Thursdays, 9.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

DRESSMAKING Convener: Patricia Morris **WAITING LIST ONLY**

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., Tressise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Sts.

HISTORY - MIDDLE & NEAR EAST Convener: Alf Floyd WAITING LIST ONLY

This course covers the following:

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

Fridays, 12 noon. Recreation Centre

HISTORY, SCENERY, CULTURE & GARDENS OF EUROPE

Convener: Maurice Stratton

16 sessions, each of approx. 1 1/2 hours duration, covering the following:

- (a) HISTORY Ancient Greece; Gothic & Renaissance Italy; Old German towns; Chateaux of the Loire, France; Ruined Abbeys & Monasteries of Britain
- (b) SCENIC Austrian Tyrol & Italian Dolomites; Lakes & Cities of Switzerland; Provence & Cote d'Azur, France; Eastern and Western Provinces of Canada; Scenic New Zealand; Scenic Highlights of Southern Australia
- (c) CULTURE Impressions of Paris; A portrait of Portugal; British Museums and English Cathedrals
- (d) GARDENS Great Flower Gardens of Europe & Canada; the Great Flower Shows incl. Chelsea

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Balwyn Library. Commencing 25th March, 1992

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY Conveners: Greta Burman, Frances McCallum &

Claire Pullin

Topics include: The life of cells; the skeleton; joints and muscles; how food and oxygen are distributed and utilised; how waste and toxins are eliminated; the body's defences; systems which control and co-ordinate body functions; the brain, nerves and hormones.

Thursdays, 10.30 a.m., Kew Library.

LANGUAGES

ESPERANTO - THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE Convener: Ruth Tumman

Beginners' class which covers complete grammar, conversation, letter-writing and dictation. The textbook to be used is "Teach Yourself Esperanto". The class is designed to eventually proceed to a self-teaching/conversation group. Tuesdays, 11.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

FRENCH (Beginners) Convener: Walter Butler WAITING LIST ONLY

For those with little or no knowledge of French

Tuesdays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

FRENCH (2nd Year) Convener: Adele Chambers WAITING LIST ONLY

This course is for students who have already done 2 years with U3A, or equivalent. It includes some grammar, writing exercises & conversation
Fridays, 1.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

LANGUAGES (Continued)

FRENCH CONVERSATION Convener: Anna Ghiurekian

Reading and discussion of Modern French texts, explanation of grammar.
Mondays, 10.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

FRENCH AT LEISURE FOR PLEASURE Convener: Nazli Wilhelm **WAITING LIST**

Reading selected texts & ensuring comprehension. Correct pronunciation
& individual attention towards improving student's knowledge of French
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. Christ Church, Cnr Denham & Church Sts.

GERMAN (Continuing) Convener: Ken Bandman **WAITING LIST ONLY**

Up to date conversation, discussions, grammar. Members should be
willing to prepare written homework for correction & class discussion.
Thursdays, 11.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

ITALIAN (Beginners) Convener: Maurice Berah

Thursdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre

ITALIAN (Intermediate) Convener: Maurice Berah

Thursdays, 1 p.m., Recreation Centre

The 1st & 2nd sessions will be used to establish the students' standard.

ITALIAN (Continuing) Convener: Maurice Berah

Thursdays, 2.30 p.m., Recreation Centre

JAPANESE (Beginners) Convener: Joyce Berdy

Learning to read, write and speak simple Japanese to survive in
Japan. Students will learn Hiragana, Katakana & simple Kanji and to
relate Japanese to everyday situations.

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

JAPANESE (Intermediate I & II) Convener: Geoff Matenson

Intermediate I Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vols. II & III

Course will be based on Alfonso Nihongo Vols. II & III. Intending
students should know (or be prepared to learn) Hiragana and Katakana.
Sino-Japanese characters (Kanji) will be introduced as required.

4 terms-24/2-6/4/92, 27/4-29/6/92, 20/7-14/9/91, 5/10-7/12/92

Mondays, 12.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Intermediate II Text Book: Alfonso Nihongo Vols. III & IV

Course will be based on Alfonso Nihongo Vols. III & IV. Intending
students should know Hiragana and Katakana. Some knowledge of
Kanji would be useful but not essential. Kanji will be introduced at
least as prescribed in the texts. 4 terms - as above.

Mondays, 2.30 p.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

Note: In both classes members should be willing to prepare written and
conversational homework for class discussion.

READING & WRITING IN JAPANESE Convener: Charles Russell

Learn to read Japanese "characters" - and learn Chinese as well (the
two are, more often than not, the same) - a true bargain! Long before
Bliss invented his famous (?) symbols, the Chinese created a writing
system which can be read in any language. Trust the Japanese - who
had no writing system of their own - to accept the Chinese challenge.
Mondays 2.00, p.m., Christ Church, Cnr. Denham & Church Sts.

LANGUAGES (Continued)

LATIN (Continuing) Convener: Helen Gordon

Reading Aeneid Book 2.

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m, 24 Wakefield St.

READING THE OLD TESTAMENT IN LATIN: Convener: Charles Russell

This is a course in Latin, for people who think they don't know Latin. It starts with the Vulgata (Old Testament). Moses introduced Noe, the primeval navigator, who probed the fury of the Diluvium and survived with his family and domestic menagerie; the success story of Avram, who discovered the celestial dominations and founded an eternal empire. Thursdays, 3.15 p.m., Kew Library

MAH-JONG FOR BEGINNERS: Convener: Lois Thomas

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., Wakefield Street

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston WAITING LIST ONLY

This course is a general (non progressive) study.

New students welcome at any time providing the quota is not full.

Tuesdays, 12 noon (full), 1.30 p.m. & 3.00 p.m., Hawthorn Community House

NEW ECONOMICS Convener: George Charles

A discussion and look at the hidden pictures within the economy. It is free of figures and in plain language that all can follow and understand. Notes available \$7.

Thursdays, 10.30 a.m., Wakefield Street.

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

This course will explore the many faces of chaos - discovering an emerging science of wholeness.

Tuesdays, 2.30 p.m., Recreation Centre.

OIL PAINTING Convener: Charles Russell

Learn the "old masters" glazing technique, practice on "still life" and later on a "portrait", using few colours, one or two brushes and wooden panels.

Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Hawthorn Artists Studio.

EXPLORING POETRY Convener: Vicki Walker

This course explores poets and poetry. It is a relaxed class in which enjoyment of poetry is enhanced by sharing with others. For the first meeting, please bring a poem that, for whatever reason, appeals to you.

Thursdays, 1.30 p.m., Kew Library.

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY Convener: Alex Gale

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

Wednesdays, 12.30 p.m., Recreation Centre.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING Convener: Felix Carrady

Improve your confidence & public speaking skills by joining this 10-week course. It will cover basic public speaking skills including impromptu speaking, prepared talks, voice projection and eye contact. Each student will be expected to prepare and deliver short talks of up to five minutes. Mondays, 4 p.m., 24 Wakefield St.

A RATIONALIST APPROACH

The Rationalists Society has offered a series of lectures on topics such as Truth & Reality, the Real Foundations of Morality, Theism versus Atheism, Ethics and associated items.

Mondays, 2.00 p.m., Uniting Church, 8 Power St., West Hawthorn

2nd & 16th March The Role of Rationalism Today (Parts I & II)

- Lesley Vick, Lib, MA, President RSA

13th & 27th April Truth & Reality; Knowledge & Understanding

- Prof. Brian Ellis, LaTrobe University, Vice President

11th & 18th May Ethics & Morality in the Modern World (Parts I & II)

- Lesley Vick, President

1st June Society & Education, Ian Robinson, Educationalist

15th June Science Today - Speaker to be advised.

SEE THE PICTURES, HEAR THE STORIES Convener: Edith Santer

Four slide lectures based on exhibits in the National Gallery of Victoria.

1. 15th Century Florentine Profile Portrait;

2. Antonis Mor, 16th Century Court Portraitist; 3. Grecian Urns;

4. 2 small Terracotta Sculptures (16th & 19th Century)

1st Monday in month, 12 noon, Wakefield Street.

SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP Conveners: Joan Drake & Frances McCallum

It is proposed to form a group appealing to people, with and without a scientific background, who are interested in the urgent scientific issues of our time. This could include genetic engineering; the IVF programme; environmental issues, including survival of the planet. Discussion will be on the scientific viewpoint of contemporary issues rather than on technological matters.

Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Wakefield Street.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Conveners: M. Black, G. Triaca and J. Jackson WAITING LIST ONLY

This on-going course is run by its members who provide speakers on a wide range of topics. The subjects may be controversial but are always interesting & the talks are generally followed by questions and discussion. Some members of the group have made very interesting contributions and occasionally a meeting is used for discussion only of a pre-selected topic
Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre.

TRAVEL Joint Conveners: Betty Burstin, Joyce Stewart & Jill Presser
WAITING LIST ONLY

An informal group discussing all aspects on independent/unusual travel. Group participation is welcomed. Occasional guest speakers will be invited to talk on their experiences.
Last Tuesday of each month, 5.00 p.m., Wakefield Street.

THOUGHTS AND IDEAS Convener: Beryl French WAITING LIST ONLY

An informal group, led by Beryl French, discussing thoughts and ideas relevant to today's society.
Fridays, 10.00 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

YARRA RIVER GROUP Convener: Dympna Coleman WAITING LIST ONLY

This group will meet monthly for practical study and exploration of the Yarra River and its environs. You will learn the history of the river. The group members will be very active and enthusiastic participants.
Group 1. Wednesdays) Meeting place and details of walk will
Group 2. Thursdays) be advised after each session.
Waiting list only. Starting date and time to be advised.

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.

ART HISTORY Convener: Martin Merchant

The reason and need for art expression in the changing generations of mankind will be developed, together with an appreciation of the styles, methods and materials used.
Tuesdays, a.m., fortnightly, time and venue to be advised.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CALLIGRAPHY Convener: Reg Loughlan

This course covers the teaching of at least one calligraphic alphabet using a broad edge pen or a calligraphy fountain pen fitted with a 3 millimetre nib (Osmiroid brand fitted with B4 nib is recommended), and a description and demonstration of the wide variety of tools, inks and paints available. Pupils will need to bring a pad of A4 bond paper, a "Speedball" C2 nib and pen holder, a bottle of black non-waterproof ink. These will be available from the tutor at first lesson or from the Calligraphy Centre in Box Hill. Fridays, p.m., time and venue to be advised.

GEOLOGY Convener: Michael Plier-Malone

This will be a course introducing beginners to the science of Geology and will, if necessary, cover more advanced aspects, such as groundwater, structural geology, mapping and petrology. It is expected that the course will be informal, with maybe some excursions later on. Thursdays, p.m., time and venue to be advised.

A HISTORY OF EASTERN EUROPE IN THE XXC Convener: Dr. Z. Derwinske

This course will cover 6 main topics over a period of 12 - 15 sessions.

1. The period of revolution and the approaching European War (1904-1914)
2. The First World War and the establishing of the new states in Eastern Europe (1914-1918)
3. Democracy and dictatorship in Eastern Europe in the 20s and 30s.
4. Nazi Germany and Eastern Europe.
5. Between Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Soviets.
Eastern Europe during the Second World War.
6. From Stalin to Gorbachev.
The Soviet influence in Eastern Europe after 1945.

Fridays, p.m., time and venue to be advised.

ITALIAN CONVERSATION Convener: Annamaria Galbiati

Reading of contemporary Italian texts from magazines or literature.

Thursdays, p.m., time and venue to be advised.

SPANISH I Convener: Janine Clauss

A 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. No previous knowledge required.

Fridays, p.m., time 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.