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SENIOR CITIZENS WEEK

Senior Citizens Week 1994 will be celebrated throughout Victoria from Sunday, 20th March to Sunday 27th March. Numerous activities have been arranged and program booklets will be available in all Victorian Coles Supermarkets, from Information Victoria at 318 Little Bourke Street, and from Council offices and Citizen Advice Bureaux. A copy of the program is also available at the U3A office at 24 Wakefield Street. Seniors will be advised, through newspapers and radio, when the booklets are available. The Hawthorn Council has published a pamphlet listing the activities in Hawthorn for the week. They advertise our Forum on 24th March quoting a charge of \$3 - this is not correct, please note this function is free.

LEARNING FOR LIVING

The report on the second four years of Hawthorn U3A (1989-1994) went to the printers at the beginning of the year. Delivery is expected towards the end of March and copies will be on sale at the U3A office from mid-April.

The June issue of the Newsletter will contain a review of this report which will be launched by the Mayor of Hawthorn, Cr. Nigel Kirby, in April.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that Subscriptions for 1994 are now due as follows:

\$20, Single

\$30, Double

If you have not already renewed your subscription, please do so.

At this time we update our mailing list and unfinancial members will be automatically removed.

PARKING

Members are reminded that parking for Wakefield Street and other venues is difficult and we suggest that you carefully check the relevant notices before leaving your vehicle.

SUMMER SCHOOL

FINDING A FOOTING

"Even though we have health and legal services, it is hard to find a footing and come through". Iris (Lovett) Gardiner, an Aboriginal Elder, was talking to the U3A Summer School on Aboriginal Reconciliation.

In early February, 18-20 Hawthorn U3A members met to consider, discuss and learn about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. Comprehensive material was provided by the Council of Aboriginal Reconciliation which has agreed on the following vision of Australian Society for 2001:

A united Australia, which represents this land of ours, values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage; and provides justice and equity for all.

Amongst the areas under discussion were the importance of land and sea in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; past history; myths; stereotypes and prejudice; aspects of Government policy and practice; and International experience in Canada and New Zealand.

The school had some interesting guests. Rosemary Crumlin talked about her experiences in the North West of Australia. Discussion evolved around how the Aboriginal life-style has been effected by white culture. Her main theme was Aboriginal art and spirituality, which she illustrated with several Aboriginal paintings, explaining their history and place in Aboriginal culture and giving insights into their meaning.

The second guest, Iris (Lovett) Gardiner, talked with the group about her people's history since the 'white fellas' arrived. There is a lot of hurt in the Aboriginal community which she expressed in a matter-of-fact way. "We were a down-trodden people that nobody cared about. We were put in institutions like orphanages and mental hospitals and used for hard labour" Concerned about the Aboriginal Elders she knew of in some of these institutions today, Iris decided to do something. "Our people were dying in institutions without Aboriginal culture around them. They were a person in a bed", she said, "and just treated as such. In our extended family we all want to go and visit anyone who is in hospital or care. In ordinary hospitals only close relatives are allowed to visit".

Iris had been running an Aboriginal History programme where Kooris from various Victorian tribes learnt how to trace their family trees, grass root levels and tell their stories.

The Koori Kollij (sic) in Collingwood run by the Aboriginal Health Service was the centre for this programme and the founding members of the Caring Place Committee established by Iris were all women elders who had graduated from the programme.

There was a big meeting at Koori Kollij of Aboriginal organisations which included representatives of the Aboriginal Advancement League and the Aboriginal Health and Legal services. The process of applying for funding began with delegations to the relevant ministers and the gathering of information to support their cause. "There were lots of young people helping - a good back-up of probably about 20". Many sites were vetoed before the right one was found on the banks of the Merri Creek in East Brunswick.

Caring Place

The Iris (Lovett) Gardiner Aboriginal Elders Caring Place is just that - a well designed complex, meeting the demands of Government regulations and surrounded by indigenous shrubs and grasses, it overlooks the gently flowing creek. Standing on the verandah it is hard to believe there is city traffic just a couple of hundred yards away, Aboriginal rock paintings of animals and figures can be discerned amongst the shrubs.

The Hostel has 25 beds, 16 are occupied. The whole complex cost \$2.5 million and obtaining ongoing funding has been an enormous struggle. The issue is still unsolved. Iris says the Government believes the Aboriginal community should provide this money themselves; she points out they haven't got a network to draw on as other large organisations have. Lack of staff is a direct result of lack of money so it is not possible to take in more residents. There is a trained nursing sister, Joy Beckett, who supervises the Hostel and is in charge and on call at all times. With her is a staff of carers, Aboriginal people who work on a roster during the day with one sleeping there at night. There is a Day Care Centre attached where 10 or 12 attend daily during the week, and a Cultural Centre which includes a gnyah equipped with Aboriginal artifacts.

Iris (Lovett) Gardiner's drive to establish this caring centre was recognised when she was made Victorian Aborigine of the year in 1988.

The relaxed, caring atmosphere on the Merri Creek is an example of what can be done when Aboriginals and whites work together. Reconciliation will not be easy. At the end of the summer school this was obvious, but we were left with a deeper understanding of a culture which has much to offer.

Jill M. FitzGibbon

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.

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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.

COMPUTERS

During the year we purchased another computer in order to facilitate the processing of our courses. We also plan to instal a computer on the front desk to make it easier to answer queries received regarding courses.

We are looking for volunteers to work on the desk who have had some experience with computers and could assist us with this project.

We are willing to train anyone who has some time and is interested in computers so could assist us.

COMPUTER TUITION FOR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Hans Ferwerda has advised that he will be commencing training sessions for volunteers, working at the desk or intending to join the desk-workers, on Thursday, 24th March, 1994. There will be two sessions, at 1.30 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. If anyone is interested, please contact the office and leave your name and telephone number, also please state whether or not you have had any experience in working with a computer.

WANTED

We are in need of computers to use for teaching purposes.

Does anyone have a source of supply for second-hand computers which we could afford and be suitable for us to use.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES GROUP Convener: Shirley Ramsay

The Social Activities Group for 1994 is under way with a well attended introductory meeting on 8th February, and programmes set for March and April. Taking advantage of several highly rates films on at present, we plan to see:

"REMAINS OF THE DAY" (Balwyn Cinema)	on Saturday,	5th March
"FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE" (Rivoli)	" "	26th March
"SHADOWLANDS" (Rivoli)	" "	16th April
"SCHINDLER'S LIST" (Trak)	" "	30th April

Later programmes will be varied with visits to places of interest. To receive individual newsletters with programme details, U3A members need to complete enrolment forms. Other U3A members and friends are also welcome to join us on these occasions, and can find out what is on either by telephoning the U3A office or looking at the latest newsletter on the U3A notice board.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the U3A members who assisted with sewing during the summer recess. We now have some new chair-cushions and the curtains have been repaired. Many thanks to Jean Clarke, Wendy Butler and Dulcie Goode.

Judith Elsworth

FORTHCOMING FORUMS

Forums have been arranged for Wednesday, 13th July and Tuesday, 20th September. It is requested that tutors cancel their classes on these dates so that people are free to attend the Forums.

Frances McCallum

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 WAITING LIST ONLY

HISTORY OF EUROPEAN ART Groups 1 & 2, each 16 sessions

Group 1: 21st February - 27th June, 1994

Continuing study of the major arts of Western Civilization starting with the late 18th Century Neo Classical and Romantic Art Styles

Group 2: 15th August - 28th November, 1994

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

ART HISTORY Convener: Morris Williams

WAITING LIST ONLY

This course will cover two topics:

Post-Impressionism and Modernism - this is intended to follow on from the areas covered in 1993 - two sessions - 1st March - 15th March, 1994

Survey of Australian Art from the works of the first settlers up to the present day - six sessions.

Tuesdays (Fortnightly), 11.30 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street

ART - PRACTICAL Tutor: Lorna Noble

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 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., 24 Wakefield Street.

MONTHLY BOOK GROUP Convener: Rae Alexander

WAITING LIST ONLY

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

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.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS Convener: Betty Marginson WAITING LIST ONLY

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

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 important events further afield. Speakers will be invited from time to time, on similar subjects.

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.

DEATH & DYING - A CONTINUUM Convener: Alex Gale

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.

DRAMA FOR FUN Convener: Rion Jennings

WAITING LIST ONLY

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

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., Tresise Centre, Cnr. Bowler & Munro Streets.

ELEMENTARY ECONOMICS - Continuing 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 ONLY

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 include 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. Commencing 18th March, 1994.

HISTORY - THE INFLUENCE OF THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE ON EUROPE

Convener: Charles D'Aprano

WAITING LIST ONLY

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, commencing 8th April, 1994

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY Conveners: Greta Burman & Frances McCallum

Topics include: The life of cells; the skeleton; joints and muscles; how food and oxygen are distributed and utilised; how wastes 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.

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

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 St.

FRENCH (Advanced) Convener: Adele Chambers WAITING LIST ONLY

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.

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, 11.15 a.m., 24 Wakefield Street.

FIRST-TIME ITALIAN (Beginners) Convener: Nan Inglis

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 ONLY

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 ONLY

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 and 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 Street.

LANGUAGES (Contd.)

JAPANESE (Post Beginners) Convener: Geoff Matenson

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, 24 Wakefield St.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION Convener: Michiko Ikeda WAITING LIST ONLY

For Intermediate to Advanced students

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

SPANISH (Advanced) A Self Help Group

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

MAH-JONG FOR BEGINNERS: Convener: Jean Neville & Advanced Group.

WAITING LIST ONLY

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 ONLY

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. Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m., Augustine Centre

MUSIC - AS ONE LIKES IT Convener: Ven Houston

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES Convener: Theresa Gunn WAITING LIST

During the course we will consider the historical background of the New Testament era along with the formation of the Gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. We will engage in a focussed study of Mark and consider its literary relationship with the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

Tuesdays, 1.30 p.m. Augustine Centre.

EXPLORING POETRY Convener: Vicki Walker

WAITING LIST ONLY

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. Commencing 2nd March, 1994

RETAINING YOUR DRIVING LICENCE Convener: Judy Chancellor

WAITING LIST ONLY

Recognition of special problems confronting older drivers. Revision of traffic laws - more frequent licence testing for over 65s may become law - already mandatory re-testing after any traffic infringement by over 65s. Based on Vic Roads pilot course for ageing drivers.

Wednesdays, 10.30 a.m., Marwal Centre, 9 Marwal Avenue, North Balwyn

SCIENCE DISCUSSION GROUP Convener: Frances McCallum

This group discusses contemporary scientific issues. Every effort is made to explain scientific matters in simple terms, avoiding jargon and technological detail. Give it a go!

Fortnightly, Tuesdays, 11.30 a.m., Wakefield Street

SOCIAL ISSUES Conveners: Phyl Buckler, Magda Weiss & Jean Jackson
The first half of 1993 provided this course with excellent speakers on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from changes in the Philippines, the Museum on the move, Food and Agriculture in Australia, to Modern day Vietnam, World Population and how Parliament works.

Members are encouraged to ask questions of the speaker and discussion follows at the end of the talk.

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., Recreation Centre. Commencing 2nd March, 1994

"SPEAKING" Convener: Felix Carrady WAITING LIST ONLY
Speaking - to others - communication - voice - gestures - feeling - having fun.

Mondays, 3 p.m., 24 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 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 not 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 ONLY
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

Group B THURSDAY RAMBLERS: SECOND THURSDAY of each month.

Group C THURSDAY RAMBLERS: 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, Kew. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. TRY it out first if you wish!

Occasionally there will be short talks and short nature walks

Commencing 17th March, 1994

YARRA RAMBLERS (Contd.)

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 connect-which the narrow specialist cannot see. Let Arthur Koestler be our guide.

NATIONAL GALLERY GUIDED TOURS

The National Gallery of Victoria is providing a volunteer guide to take up to 20 U3A Hawthorn members on a tours of the exquisite decorative arts, painting and sculptures. A wonderful opportunity to expand your knowledge, enjoyment and understanding of our cultural heritage.

Please register your interest. Details of times to be advised.

Normal Gallery entrance charges apply.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT 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.

THE SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY OF HENRY GEORGE Convener: Geoff Forster

The ideas of a distinguished American social philosopher and reformer, and their application to overseas and local social problems,

e.g. Why does poverty persist in the midst of plenty?

Can freedom and justice be reconciled?

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.