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ARTS

225FMG01: Film Group 1

Dates: 04/02/2022 - 16/12/2022

Location: Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat Street Yarraville

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Fri 10:00 - 13:00

Convenor: Kerry Lewis

Co-Convenor Sandy Guest

The Film Group meets to watch films at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville and then afterwards discusses the film over coffee or lunch. The monthly activity is scheduled for the fourth Friday of the month. The group meets around 10am depending on the session time of chosen film.

222FMG06: Film Group 2

Dates: 15/02/2022 - 13/12/2022

Location: The Kino 45 Collins Street Melbourne

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Tue 10:00 - 14:00

Convenor: Fiona Williams

Film Group 2 meets monthly, on the second Tuesday, to watch a film screened at the Kino cinema and discuss it afterwards at the adjacent café area. If/when we can't access cinemas, we will select 1-2 films from a freely-available service (e.g. SBS On-Demand), view at home and meet via Zoom or (where allowed) in person at a local venue to discuss. Films will be selected by group consensus from a short list.

The group would require access to Zoom (or an alternative videoconferencing platform) during periods of Covid restrictions that limit cinema access.

223NTL10: National Theatre Live at the Sun Theatre

Dates: 02/02/2022 - 07/12/2022

Location: Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat Street Yarraville

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Wed 10:15 - 13:00

Convenor: John Adams

This group meets on Wednesdays approximately monthly at the Sun Theatre, Yarraville, to watch National Theatre Live transmissions of performances from London's National Theatre and other UK theatre companies. Members meet in the theatre foyer at 10:15 am for a 10:30 am start. After each screening members are invited to visit a local café for refreshments and conviviality. Members are responsible for organising their own tickets. Plays and screening dates will be advised by email when arrangements for 2022 are known.

223OPE09: Opera at the Sun Theatre

Dates: 02/02/2022 - 07/12/2022

Location: Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat Street Yarraville

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Wed 10:15 - 13:00

Convenor: John Adams

This group meets on Wednesdays approximately monthly at the Sun Theatre, Yarraville, to watch high-definition transmissions of live performances from New York City's Metropolitan Opera. All screenings are subtitled, synopses are available and the interval features provide a greater insight into each opera and the artists involved. Members meet in the theatre foyer at 10:15 am for a 10:30 am start. After each screening members are invited to visit a local café for refreshments and conviviality. Members are responsible for organising their own tickets. Operas and screening dates will be advised by email when arrangements for 2022 are known.

223SBJ03: Craft Circle

Dates: 02/02/2022 - 21/12/2022

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Type: Weekly

Frequency: , Wed 9:30 - 12:00

Convenor: Ena Holt

Is scrapbooking your thing? Or jewellery-making, or crochet, or knitting, or some other handcraft? This group shares skills and cheery company while offering the time and space to start and maybe even finish individual projects.

224ART06: Art Time

Type: Weekly

Dates: 03/02/2022 - 15/12/2022

Frequency: , Thu 13:00 - 15:00

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Ian Barclay

A regular time for new, budding and experienced artists to practise their art in a studio environment and inspire each other. Participants gather to sketch or paint in any medium, share ideas, give friendly critique and hear what's happening in the local art world. This is not a teaching class, but an opportunity to make time for our art practices in a supportive environment.

Ian Barclay is a practising artist specialising in watercolours, with some sketching skills in graphite and charcoal.

224DRS08: Drawing Basics, Term 1

Type: Weekly

Dates: 03/02/2022 - 07/04/2022

Frequency: , Thu 0:00 - 0:00

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Ian Barclay

If you want to start, or improve, your sketching skills come along to this eight week course. You will learn about the 7 elements of drawing, including form, line and shape and practise using various media to combine these elements. You will have two hours of fun, challenge and friendship each week. Ian, the Convenor, has practiced art for several years, including sketching and drawing. The course will be repeated each term.

No classes during School holidays and public holidays. • Participant requirements – Bring your own materials

224DRS02: Drawing Basics, Term 2

Type: None

Dates: 28/04/2022 - 16/06/2022

Frequency: , Thu 0:00 - 0:00

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Ian Barclay

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No classes during School holidays and public holidays. • Participant requirements – Bring your own materials

224DRS03: Drawing Basics, Term 3

Type: None

Dates: 14/07/2022 - 08/09/2022

Frequency: , Thu 0:00 - 0:00

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Ian Barclay

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No classes during School holidays and public holidays. • Participant requirements – Bring your own materials

224DRS04: Drawing Basics, Term 4

Type: Weekly

Dates: 06/10/2022 - 24/11/2022

Frequency: , Thu 0:00 - 0:00

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Ian Barclay

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No classes during School holidays and public holidays. • Participant requirements – Bring your own materials

225ART04: Art

Type: Weekly

Dates: 04/02/2022 - 16/12/2022

Frequency: , Fri 10:00 - 12:00

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ken Gratton

This group of happy people enjoy the social atmosphere while producing some excellent examples of their talent each week. Beginners are provided with advice support and encouragement from their classmates. Some members have led the class in demonstrating a special skill or technique that others may have difficulty with. Members receive a course guide each year that provides them with multiple choices of topics each week. We also undertake local excursions for outdoor painting trips to galleries etc. A free lending library of DVDs is available for those interested in the history of art art for beginners techniques and applications the Great Masters and their works et al.

227AHS02: Art Happenings

Type: Per email of events

Dates: 28/01/2022 - 16/12/2022

Frequency: , Fri 10:00 - 17:00

Location:

Convenor: Sarah Berry

This group is for attending events in good company. We attend a diverse range of performances, exhibitions and screenings at different costs, places and times. We aim to use public transport and attend events in the West and CBD and to have a host for each event. Members will select the events that suit them. We hold a coffee meeting in Williamstown every 6-8 weeks to chat and decide what to do next. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend to socialise. Between meetings we use email to stay in contact. Everyone is welcome to submit ideas and anyone can choose to host.

We share email addresses to make circulating information between members easier. Members need familiarity with smartphones or other internet connected devices, to register for events they will attend and to buy their own tickets. Members can discuss any access needs privately with convenor Sarah Berry berrysse@optusnet.com.au

DISCUSSION

224BCK01: Book Club 1

Dates: 17/02/2022 - 15/12/2022

Location: Private Home

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Thu 16:30 - 18:00

Convenor: Liz Holland Co-Convenor Jan Norman

This group meets monthly on the third Thursday. The book group meets on a monthly basis to discuss books that are sourced from the Hobson's Bay Library selection. The cost per member is approximately \$30.00 per year.

Questions are distributed before the meeting to assist with the discussion. Meetings take place in a private setting or on zoom as required.

221BKC02: Book Club 2

Dates: 07/02/2022 - 20/12/2022

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Mon 13:00 - 14:30

Convenor: Sue Dawkins

Co-Convenor Mary O'Donoghue

Book Group 2 meets on the 1st Monday of the month to discuss a set book. The group will also share what they have been reading over the month. Books will be sourced through the Hobsons Bay Library (Fee approx \$30 to be paid to the Convenor who will then pay the library) as well as some digital ebooks.

222BKC08: Book Club 3

Dates: 22/02/2022 - 20/12/2022

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Tue 13:00 - 14:30

Convenor: Jenni Tremewen

Co-Convenor Helen Jonas

Book Club 3 meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The books to be read will be voted upon from a list suggested by the members, with members borrowing or purchasing their own copies. Each month the discussion will be started by the member whose book suggestion was read. Fiction and non-fiction can be included.

223INR08: International Relations for Australia

Dates: 09/11/2022 - 16/11/2022

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Type: Weekly

Frequency: None, Wed 16:00 - 17:30

Convenor: Peter Dawkins

This two-session course fosters a discussion of the latest issues in International Relations for Australia. Last year this course focused especially on Australia-China relations, the AUKUS agreement and the prospects for the Glasgow Conference on Climate Change, all of which were big issues in 2021. It will be interesting to see what unfolds in 2022 in the aftermath of the Glasgow Conference and in an election year in Australia; and to see whether US-China Relations and Australia-China relations have stabilized somewhat, or continue to be seriously problematic.

224BIA12: Basic Issues in Australian Politics

Dates: 28/07/2022 - 01/09/2022

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Type: Weekly

Frequency: , Thu 15:00 - 16:30

Convenor: Allan Patience

This course has six, weekly sessions. Topics for examination and discussion include 1. The Australian constitution and the centralization of power in the Commonwealth. 2. Representative government versus democratic government – the Australian case. 3. A dysfunctioning federal system? Is there an alternative? 4. Unrepresentative political parties? The "iron law of oligarchy". 5. The neoliberal experiment and its consequences in Australia. 6. The future of Australian politics – balkanization or centralization? References for prior reading will be provided and topic outlines will be emailed prior to each week's meeting. Allan Patience has been teaching political science subjects focusing on Australian politics in universities here and overseas for the past 40 years.

224CAA03: Current Affairs

Type: Weekly

Dates: 03/02/2022 - 15/12/2022

Frequency: , Thu 10:00 - 11:30

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Joan Thompson

Current Affairs involves lively discussion about what's in the news - politics the environment international affairs - the range is endless but driven by the headlines of the day. This group is becoming one of the most popular activities of our U3A.

EXERCISE

223WAL06: Local Walking Group

Dates: 09/02/2022 - 14/12/2022

Location: Designated meeting point

Type: Fortnightly

Frequency: , Wed 10:00 - 12:00

Convenor: Ann Banham

Walks will be planned for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. A fairly relaxed walk around our local area covering 5- 6 kms. Starting mid-morning and lasting for a couple of hours with, of course, a stop for coffee along the way. Meeting point is outside the Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown.

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225EMW03: Explore Melbourne Walking

Dates: 04/02/2022 - 02/12/2022

Location: Designated meeting point

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Fri 9:00 - 15:30

Convenor: Sue Duff

Co-Convenor John Adams

Walks are normally held on the first Friday of each month. Walks usually start from Williamstown North station to catch the 9.21 train (or meet on the train by arrangement along the line to the City) and may include travelling by train, bus, tram and ferry. The pace is fairly easy and the distance covered is 6-10 kilometres. The day out often includes coffee and lunch stops along the way, returning around 3.30 pm. Details of destination and arrangements to commence the walk are provided each month.

A moderate level of fitness is required. Every care is taken by U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown Inc. to ensure the safety of participants. Some activities may expose you to risks that could lead to injury, loss or medical consequences for which members accept personal responsibility and liability.

224CRC02: Cycling

Dates: 03/02/2022 - 01/12/2022

Location: Designated meeting point

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Thu 9:00 - 15:00

Convenor: Kerry Lewis

Get fit, have fun and explore the local area and beyond with like-minded people by bike. Rides will occur on the first Thursday of every month, generally departing from the Kiosk near the Williamstown Life Saving Club at 9.00 am. They will generally be 20 – 30 kilometres long and, except on occasional circumstances, rides will be on cycle paths rather than roads. We will stop for coffee and cake and a chance to chat, usually returning by 1.00 pm. At times we may venture further afield and return by train – this may involve lunch and a later return. Participants must be self-insured.

A moderate level of fitness is required. A bike in reasonable condition. Participants should carry a spare tube, pump and a MYKI card. Every care is taken by U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown Inc. to ensure the safety of participants. Some activities may expose you to risks that could lead to injury, loss or medical consequences in which case members accept personal responsibility and liability.

224BRW05: Birdwatching

Dates: 17/02/2022 - 15/12/2022

Location: Designated meeting point

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Thu 8:30 - 10:30

Convenor: Susan Myers

The birdwatching activity involves a walk/wander in a locality known for a variety of bird species. This will be in local bushland or park land. We will locate birds, observe and identify their habits and habitats. The location, facilities available and directions will be sent out at least a week beforehand. Meet in Swanston St outside the U3A premises. Equipment: a pair of binoculars are a prerequisite and bird reference books or apps helpful. Also a camera is useful for identifying birds and recording their presence. Be aware of Ethical Birding Guidelines: the welfare of birds always comes first. The outing will be cancelled on days of extreme heat or heavy rainfall.

224BDD12: Bush & Beach Day Walks No 1 Torquay

Type: One-off event

Dates: 24/02/2022 - 24/02/2022

Frequency: , Thu 8:00 - 16:30

Location: Designated meeting point

Convenor: Keith Seddon

Walk 1 Torquay to Point Addis This is the first of ten 'day walks' planned for the last Thursday of each month, Feb – Nov 2022. It is a Grade 2 Walk, meaning the track is a hardened or compacted surface and may have a gentle hill section/s and occasional steps. Parts of this walk will be along the beach. This walk will be close to 10km. Upon enrolment advice will be given about essential and optional equipment, carpooling options etc. Meet: The Cottage, 83 Bayview St Williamstown 8:00am. Driving time 90 min. Start walk 10:00 Keith is a member of Victorian Mountain Tramping Club (and on the committee) and has just joined the Bushwalking Victoria Tracks and Conservation committee. Both Keith and Terri are experienced bush walkers. NOTE: Walks will be cancelled if the forecast temperature is over 32 degrees.

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224BDD13: Bush & Beach Day Walks No 2 San Remo to Kilcunda

Type: One-off event

Dates: 24/03/2022 - 24/03/2022

Frequency: , Thu 8:00 - 16:00

Location: Designated meeting point

Convenor: Keith Seddon

Walk 2 San Remo – Kilcunda This is the second of ten 'day walks' planned for the last Thursday of each month, Feb – Nov 2022. It is a Grade 2-3 Walk. It is mostly on a track, having hardened or compacted surface and short, steep hill section/s and steps, but parts may be on sandy beach. This walk is only 8km, but a level of fitness is required. Upon enrolment advice will be given about essential and optional equipment, carpooling options, , etc. Meet: The Cottage, 83 Bayview St Williamstown 8:00am. Driving time 120 min. Keith is a member of Victorian Mountain Tramping Club (and on the committee) and has just joined the Bushwalking Victoria Tracks and Conservation committee. Both Keith and Terri are experienced bush walkers. NOTE: Walks will be cancelled if the forecast temperature is over 32 degrees.

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224BDD14: Bush & Beach Day Walks No 3 You Yangs

Type: One-off event

Dates: 28/04/2022 - 28/04/2022

Frequency: , Thu 9:00 - 14:00

Location: Designated meeting point

Convenor: Keith Seddon

Walk 3 You Yangs, 9am to 3pm includes driving time. This is the third of ten 'day walks' planned for the last Thursday of each month, Feb – Nov 2022. For those who know the area, the walk will be circuit from the turntable, taking in Branding Yard track, Bunjil, North walk, and East Peak walk (with some side trip options) It is a Grade 2-3 Walk on a track with a hardened or compacted surface but will have short, steep hill section/s and steps, some longer uphill grades and some rocky bits. This walk will be around 9km-10 km, but a level of fitness is required. Upon enrolment advice will be given about essential and optional equipment, carpooling options, etc. Meet: The Cottage, 83 Bayview St Williamstown 9:00am (note later start). Driving time 40 min. Keith is a member of Victorian Mountain Tramping Club (and on the committee) and has just joined the Bushwalking Victoria Tracks and Conservation committee. Both Keith and Terri are experienced bush walkers. NOTE: Walks will be cancelled if the forecast temperature is over 32 degrees.

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225WCA06: Weekend Camping 1 Mt LergiGhiran

Type: One-off event

Dates: 18/02/2022 - 20/02/2022

Frequency: , Fri 12:00 - 12:00

Location: Designated meeting point

Convenor: Keith Seddon

Weekend "bush" camping, suitable for tents or caravans. The camping component constitutes the U3A activity, Participants can undertake a range of self-organised activities in the vicinity over the weekend including short to medium walks, car touring and visiting wineries. These will be at the discretion of the individual, and their responsibility. 12:00 pm Friday to 12:00pm Sunday (Not including travel, but flexible, later arrivals acceptable) Mt Lergi Ghiran State park (Picnic and Campground) 190km from Williamstown, off Western Highway (a little before Ararat) No dogs allowed. Participants to provide own transport and camping/caravan equipment. Self-catered (i.e. byo food and drinks). Facilities are limited to toilets, picnic tables and fireplaces. May need to bring drinking water (tba)

Keith has many years of walking and camping experience. Will not proceed if there is a prospect of an acute fire danger day. Every care is taken by U3A Hobsons Bay/Williamstown Inc. to ensure the safety of participants. Some activities may expose you to risks that could lead to injury, loss or medical consequences in which case members accept personal responsibility and liability. Arrangements to carpool to take part in any U3A HBW activity will need to be organised independently by the participants. U3A insurance will not cover the liability associated with driving or carpooling by activity participants

GAMES

221BRG01: Social Bridge

Type: Weekly

Dates: 07/02/2022 - 20/12/2022

Frequency: , Mon 13:00 - 16:00

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ena Holt

Bridge is a fun and challenging card game which keeps the mind active and is one of the world's most popular card games. Our activity is suitable for members who have a recent or rusty knowledge of the game played in a relaxed and informal environment. New members are welcomed. Members wanting to learn bridge are encouraged to take lessons through the Williamstown Bridge Club in a supported environment. Details are available on their website.

223CRY11: Cryptic Crosswords Beginners (Wed Age)

Type: Weekly

Dates: 02/02/2022 - 07/12/2022

Frequency: , Wed 10:00 - 11:30

Location:

Convenor: Darby Higgs

This activity shows how Cryptic Crosswords are compiled so you can learn the strategies and tricks for solving these puzzles. Beginners, including those who have never solved a cryptic crossword, are most welcome in this group. If you like the Target word puzzles you will enjoy this activity. A written guide is provided. The Wednesday's Age is the most commonly attempted crossword. The activity is run as an exercise in cooperative puzzle solving and is lots of fun.

221CRY03: Cryptic Crosswords Moderate (Monday Age)

Type: Weekly

Dates: 07/02/2022 - 20/12/2022

Frequency: , Mon 16:30 - 17:30

Location:

Convenor: Darby Higgs

This activity is run as an exercise in cooperative puzzle solving and is suited to solvers who have some experience. It shows how Cryptic Crosswords are compiled so you can learn the strategies and tricks for solving these puzzles. A written guide is provided which gives key words and the meaning of the hidden or cryptic clues. The Monday Age is the most commonly attempted crossword. More advanced Cryptic Crossword solvers are referred to the Friday group.

225CRY05: Cryptic Crosswords Advanced (Friday Age)

Type: Weekly

Dates: 04/02/2022 - 16/12/2022

Frequency: , Fri 11:30 - 12:30

Location: Platform 177 Cafe 177 Ferguson Street Williamstown

Convenor: Tony McCosker

Friday's Age Cryptic Crossword is set by David Castle -DA or Dastardly Awful as his followers refer to him! This is the most complex of the week's crosswords in the Age and has brought some solvers to tears. The group that has formed to solve this puzzle are truly amazing and can usually complete the puzzle in 40 minutes especially if they concentrate rather than chatting and socialising.

Well developed skill at solving Cryptic Crosswords

222BGA06: Board Games

Type: Fortnightly

Dates: 26/04/2022 - 20/12/2022

Frequency: , Tue 13:30 - 15:00

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Sarah Berry

Have fun playing board games you know and learning new ones. At present, this group plays Rummikub but members are encouraged to suggest other games as well. Rummikub combines aspects of the card game Gin Rummy and the tile game Mah Jong and is both mentally stimulating and great fun! It is easy to learn and can be quite addictive. Each Rummikub set can be played by 2, 3 or 4 players. Open to both learners and seasoned players. Learners become experts very quickly. We meet fortnightly on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and combine games with a good beverage and convivial company For game info and rules, see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rummikub>

222CAR06: Cards **Type: Weekly**
Dates: 01/03/2022 - 13/12/2022 **Frequency: , Tue 16:00 - 17:30**
Location: Steam Packet Hotel 13 Cole Street Williamstown **Convenor: Keith Seddon**

A social session to play Cards. Last year we commenced playing the card game Five Hundred. Commonly played by four players in partnerships. We also play Canasta for a bit of variety, or other games by consensus. Beginners welcome.

223FOT05: Footy Tipping & Chat **Type: Weekly**
Dates: 16/03/2022 - 28/09/2022 **Frequency: , Wed 17:00 - 18:00**
Location: None **Convenor: Max Elliott**

Join this friendly social group who enjoys chatting about footy, their tips and their teams. Weekly tipping in the AFL is done via a very easy to use app, ESPNfootytips. The Convenor will help people to get the app on their phone. In 2021, due to Covid, most of our weekly meetings were over Zoom but when possible we had a few catch ups in the local pub, with lots of friendly banter and some discussion of footy. Location in 2022 is yet to be decided.

223MAH01: Mah-Jong **Type: Weekly**
Dates: 02/02/2022 - 20/12/2022 **Frequency: , Wed 13:00 - 15:00**
Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown **Convenor: Barb Maher**

Mah-jong is a popular Chinese game played with sets of tiles. It is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation, which also involves a degree of chance. While you will find that it takes many games to become an expert, learning to play is not too difficult. It is an excellent way to socialize and make new friends.

223TRP02: Trivial Pursuit **Type: Fortnightly**
Dates: 02/02/2022 - 14/12/2022 **Frequency: , Wed 13:00 - 14:30**
Location: Cafe Cirino 133 Nelson Place Williamstown **Convenor: Mary O'Donoghue**

This trivia quiz is played solo rather than in teams. The quiz master, who can change weekly, asks a series of questions which may be on history, geography, sports, science and popular culture – or whatever interesting but unimportant facts they have unearthed. There is a degree of competitiveness, but the emphasis is very much on fun rather than correct answers. We meet at Cirino Cafe on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1pm

224CRI09: Cribbage **Type: Fortnightly**
Dates: 17/02/2022 - 15/12/2022 **Frequency: , Thu 13:00 - 14:00**
Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown **Convenor: Phil Quinn**

Learners and players are all welcome. Cribbage is a card game played by two or three players at a time. Points are earned by completing certain combinations of cards. Convenor is a seasoned Cribbage player

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227JGX01: Jigsaw Exchange **Type: None**
Dates: 31/01/2022 - 16/12/2022 **Frequency: , Mon 9:30 - 16:00**
Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown **Convenor: None**

Do you enjoy the challenge of jigsaws but not the expense of buying them? A collection of jigsaws is available for members to use, from small to large, simple to complex. The 'Jigsaw Exchange' is an opportunity to bring a jigsaw and swap it for another one free of charge. Take and please replace on an honour system. Donations of jigsaws without exchange are also appreciated.

227SSC12: Seasonal Speed Scrabble Challenge March

Type: None

Dates: 24/03/2022 - 24/03/2022

Frequency: Quarterly, Thu 13:00 - 14:30

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Phil Quinn

Play 10 minute games against an opponent and then swap to take on another opponent. Players score the value of the words made in that time. The winner is the person with highest total at end of session. Normal Scrabble rules apply. The tournament will be held four times in the year on the fourth Thursday: 24th March, 26 May, 25 August, 24 November. Enrol for one or all.

227SSC13: Seasonal Speed Scrabble Challenge - May

Type: None

Dates: 26/05/2022 - 26/05/2022

Frequency: Quarterly, Thu 13:00 - 14:30

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Phil Quinn

Play 10 minute games against an opponent and then swap to take on another opponent. Players score the value of the words made in that time. The winner is the person with highest total at end of session. Normal Scrabble rules apply. The tournament will be held four times in the year on the fourth Thursday: 24th March, 26 May, 25 August, 24 November. Enrol for one or all.

227SSC14: Seasonal Speed Scrabble Challenge August

Type: None

Dates: 25/08/2022 - 25/08/2022

Frequency: Quarterly, Thu 13:00 - 14:30

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Phil Quinn

Play 10 minute games against an opponent and then swap to take on another opponent. Players score the value of the words made in that time. The winner is the person with highest total at end of session. Normal Scrabble rules apply. The tournament will be held four times in the year on the fourth Thursday: 24th March, 26 May, 25 August, 24 November. Enrol for one or all.

227SSC15: Seasonal Speed Scrabble Challenge - Nov

Type: None

Dates: 24/11/2022 - 24/11/2022

Frequency: Quarterly, Thu 13:00 - 14:30

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Phil Quinn

Play 10 minute games against an opponent and then swap to take on another opponent. Players score the value of the words made in that time. The winner is the person with highest total at end of session. Normal Scrabble rules apply. The tournament will be held four times in the year on the fourth Thursday: 24th March, 26 May, 25 August, 24 November. Enrol for one or all.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

227DIG04: Help with Digital Connectedness

Type: Weekly

Dates: 07/02/2022 - 09/12/2022

Frequency: , Mon 10:00 - 11:00

Location:

Convenor: Sue Sturup

Help with Digital Connectedness is one-on-one session, day and time 10.00 am or by negotiation. Suited to beginners. More experienced learners with specific difficulties are also welcome. One - on one help and guidance provided by Sue in the Cottage/on line or in your home.

LANGUAGE

223FRE09: Conversational French

Type: Weekly

Dates: 09/02/2022 - 14/12/2022

Frequency: , Wed 15:30 - 17:00

Location: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria 120 Nelson Place Williamstown

Convenor: Carol Neumann

Co-Convenor Francoise Muller-Robbie

If you are looking to retain and expand your French language skills this activity can assist you. The group meets every week to think, talk and converse in French, led by a native speaker and a (more than competent) Australian born French speaker.

Level of spoken language to fit with group

224ITL04: Italian

Type: Weekly

Dates: 03/02/2022 - 15/12/2022

Frequency: , Thu 9:30 - 12:00

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ralph Humphries

Buon giorno students! Come va? Italian is a beautiful language to learn. The class is made up of students with a variety of experience and skill. There is a wide range of material presented from basic grammar to the comprehension of authentic language. At 90 minutes a week progress is not rapid and requires some home study. New members are welcome but it is advisable to "test the water" before committing oneself. Experience in learning a second language is helpful. The last hour of the lesson is focused on conversational practice often around a given or agreed theme.

Level of spoken language to fit with group

225INI10: Intermediate Italian Conversation

Type: Weekly

Dates: 11/02/2022 - 16/12/2022

Frequency: , Fri 13:00 - 14:00

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Barb Maher

This weekly course is for people with a good working knowledge of Italian, both written and spoken, with all the basics of grammar, irregular verbs etc. The class will choose a topic/activity/theme from week to week, from the selection offered. A spoken test in Italian will be required for participation so that the class is at the same level as far as possible. The sessions are one and a half hours and materials will be provided. Barbara is bi-lingual and an accredited NAATI translator EN>IT>EN since 1990. She lived in Italy for 27 years and has several years of experience in teaching Italian, and teaching English to Italian-speakers. She uses both languages regularly.

224SPA10: Beginners Spanish

Type: Weekly

Dates: 03/02/2022 - 15/12/2022

Frequency: , Thu 13:00 - 15:00

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Carmen Cohen

This course will suit participants who have little or no knowledge of Spanish. The course is designed to focus on conversation from the beginning incorporating grammar gradually with plenty of opportunities to do exercises and self learning along the way. Text book required: Practical Spanish Grammar – a self-teaching guide by Marcel Prado. This book is available online as new or second hand.

Carmen Cohen has been teaching Spanish for 54 years, since she arrived in Australia in 1967. Initially she taught Spanish to staff from various embassies. Later, having gained a translator/interpreter certificate, she worked as a translator of English into Spanish for Polyprint, a printing company. Carmen started with U3A in 2011, in a sleepy little town called Kerang. Since 2015 she has been teaching all levels of Spanish with Melbourne City U3A.

221PSP05: Public Speaking

Type: None

Dates: 16/05/2022 - 27/06/2022

Frequency: , Mon 10:00 - 11:30

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Ann Banham

Do you have a wedding, a 21st birthday or other occasion where you need to make a speech or would just like to feel comfortable when speaking in public? Like any skill, it can be learned and practised. Join Ann in a six week course that will help you gain more confidence in public speaking, both in presenting a prepared speech and speaking off-the-cuff. And, importantly, have some fun doing it. Participants will learn how to: • structure a speech • tell a story and make a point • respond to an off-the-cuff question. The Convenor, Ann, was a member of Toastmasters for 20 years, an international organisation which promotes communication, public speaking and leadership. She achieved the highest educational award of Distinguished Toastmaster.

224PRA11: Poetry Reading and Appreciation

Type: Fortnightly

Dates: 03/02/2022 - 15/12/2022

Frequency: , Thu 15:00 - 16:30

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Barbara Beaumont

In these fortnightly sessions, on the first and third Thursdays of the month, participants will choose a poem to read aloud to the group, which they circulate by email a few days beforehand. After reading, they explain why they chose it and what they like about it, leading to group comments and discussion. Participants should read the chosen poems before the session. It is suggested that they also make their own printed copies of the circulated poems (or have them available on a device) to bring to the session.

Barbara has always enjoyed poetry and studied English at university. As a teacher, she enjoyed sharing poetry with students, young and old.

WRITING

221SPC07: Self Publishing: Things to Consider

Type: One-off event

Dates: 28/03/2022 - 28/03/2022

Frequency: , Mon 9:30 - 11:30

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Ann Goodwin

There are many options to consider when you are ready to publish your fiction/non-fiction book: who would read your story, what format to use, copyright, ISBN, printing costs ... and more. Ann Goodwin has been a writer since 2016 and has a number of self-published books. Her most recent, The History of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria in 2021, was published in 2021. Join Ann in a one-off session to learn the ins and outs of publishing.

221WMS06: Writing My Story - Fact or Fiction

Type: Weekly

Dates: 07/02/2022 - 21/03/2022

Frequency: , Mon 10:00 - 11:30

Location: Senior Citizens Centre 109 Ferguson St Williamstown

Convenor: Ann Goodwin

In this six week course Ann Goodwin will lead you in exploring various ways to tell your story: memory recall, the writer's notebook, research, planning, style, form, structure and editing. Ann has been writing about life and family for ten years and hopes her small achievements will encourage you to publish your story.

Ann, listed as Hobsons Bay Homegrown Writer since 2016, is an author of two self-published books, is published in medical journals, and has a Masters (research) degree. Her book, History of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria was published in 2021.

221WRI04: Life Writing

Type: Weekly

Dates: 31/01/2022 - 20/12/2022

Frequency: , Mon 10:00 - 11:30

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Clara Brack

This is a weekly writing session for those with no writing experience and those who are seeking further inspiration for their own writing. In a series of short writing exercises we respond to prompts, drawing upon our memories and imagination. We then share our discoveries of what arises.

222WRI01: Explore Writing

Type: Fortnightly

Dates: 01/02/2022 - 06/12/2022

Frequency: , Tue 13:30 - 15:00

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Annette Signorini

This creative writing group will meet twice a month on first and fourth Tuesdays. Members will complete creative assignments at home, which can be fiction, non-fiction, or poetry, and submit them for mutual supportive critique from classmates during the session, as well as some spontaneous writing exercises in class. There will also be a focus on analysing works from a variety of writers.

OTHER

223ROS09: Rose Pruning

Dates: 22/06/2022 - 22/06/2022

Location: Designated meeting point

Held at the State Rose Garden (VSRG), at Werribee Park. there will be a rose pruning demonstration for bush and standard roses and an overview of the history of the rose garden. At the conclusion we will adjourn to the kiosk at Werribee Park for coffee/lunch. Car pooling, by prior arrangement, will be available for those who want to participate; meet at the Cottage, Swanston St Williamstown. Alternatively, make you're your own way to Werribee Park. Wear sensible shoes for walking outdoors. COST: \$5.00 per head as a donation to VSRG Supporters. Sue is the Past secretary of VSRG Supporters Group and an experienced rose pruner. A second pruner will demonstrate the pruning of standard roses.

Type: One-off event

Frequency: , Wed 10:00 - 13:00

Convenor: Susan Myers

224CAM07: Camera

Dates: 2/03/2022 - 9/03/2022

Location: Designated meeting point

Introductory camera session conducted by Neil Anderson from the Williamstown Camera Club

Session 1: Time Ball Tower, Battery Road, Wednesday 2nd March at 3pm

Session 2: Rotunda, Commonwealth Reserve, Nelson Place, Wednesday 9th March, 10am

Limit of 10 persons

Type: Per email of events

Frequency: , Thu 15:00 - 16:30

Convenor: Sue Dawkins

225SBM07: Sourdough Bread Making

Dates: 29/04/2022 - 29/04/2022

Location:

If you'd like to know more about making sourdough bread and get hands on experience with all of the steps, including taking a small loaf home to bake yourself, and enjoying lunch with fresh sourdough straight from the oven, then this activity might be for you. If you decide to continue baking sourdough bread, the starter you will need and recipes can also be provided. I'm no expert. I have no training and I'm not sure I even understand it all but I do generally make a pretty decent loaf of sourdough bread – white, rye, fruit, seeded, onion and parmesan, and various others. Sourdough bread is actually quite simple to make and although it is made over a couple of days, the actual processes take little time. However, so you can see all the steps, the activity will run from 9.30 to approximately 4pm, with lunch provided. If we have time, we may also make sourdough crackers – simple and easy and a great way to use up excess sourdough starter.

Location: Kerry's place – a private home in central Williamstown Bring your own apron and a tea towel to take your bread home in. Cost: \$15 – to cover the cost of ingredients for a small loaf of bread to take home to bake, lunch (fresh sourdough you've helped bake with charcuterie and cheese) and sourdough starter if you want it

Type: One-off event

Frequency: , Fri 9:30 - 16:00

Convenor: Kerry Lewis

227FID01: Fine Dining

Dates: 04/02/2022 - 25/11/2022

Location:

We live in an area blessed with an abundance of restaurants and cafes serving a smorgasbord of cuisines. Join us for good food, interesting company and stimulating conversation. Recommendations welcome from participants for interesting future venues. Material Costs: Cost of meal.

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Fri 17:00 - 19:00

Convenor: Ann Banham