

U3A CASTLEMAINE Inc.
Encompassing the Shire of Mt Alexander and nearby communities

LEARNING IN THE THIRD AGE

COURSE PROSPECTUS 2010



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COURSE ENROLMENT DAYS

10-00am - 12 noon

Tuesday, 19th and Wednesday, 20th January
Kindergarten Room, Uniting Church Complex
Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine

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PROPOSED USA CALENDAR 2010

TERMS 2010

February 1 – April 9 (NB School term ends March 26)
 (Easter Friday April 2– Monday, April 5)
 April 12– June 25
 July 12 – September 17
 October 4 – December 17

ACTIVITIES – SEMESTER ONE

Jan	4	Holiday Program Launch
	18	Office re-opens
	19-20	Registration Days
	25	Newsletter deadline
	28	Coordinators Training Session
Feb	29	Agenda Meeting
	1	Classes for Term 1, & Semester 1 Commence
	5	Coffee Morning [Duty: Aboriginal History, Art & Drawing, Australian History, Ballet] Commencement BBQ
	9	Committee Meeting
	22	Newsletter deadline
Mar	26	Agenda Meeting
	5	Coffee Morning [Duty: Ancient Rome, AppleMac Computers, Between You and Me]
	9	Committee Meeting
	22	Newsletter deadline
	26	Agenda Meeting
Apr	30	New Members Welcome Day
	2-5	Easter Break
	9	Coffee Morning [Duty: Bridge, Bush-walking, Collectors]
	9	Term 1 Classes End
	12	Term 2 Classes Commence
May	13	Committee Meeting
	26	Newsletter deadline
	23	Agenda Meeting
	25	Anzac Day
	7	Coffee Morning [Duty: Comparative Religions, Computer First Aid, Computer Group Computers for Novices]
June	11	Committee Meeting
	25	Newsletter deadline
	28	Agenda Meeting
	31	Car Trail and Wine Tour [should this go into June/July Midyear program]
	4	Coffee Morning [Duty: Dabbling in History, Digital Photography, English Literature,

French Language & Literature]

Introduction of New Courses for Semester 2

- 8 Committee Meeting
- 21 Newsletter deadline
- 25 Term 2 & Semester 1 Classes End
- Agenda Meeting
- 28 *Mid-year Program***

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PROSPECTUS 2010

SHORT COURSES

<i>Australian Women Painters</i>	Kate Stones
<i>Brain Function & Ageing -Dr Paul Maher</i>	Win Jodell
<i>Cooking for One</i>	Sue Turner and Sally Kaptein
<i>Croquet for Beginners</i>	Nigel Harland
<i>Cultural Revolution – Peoples' Republic Of China 1968/9</i>	Diana Collier
<i>Indonesian Update</i>	Vic Say
<i>Introduction to Contract Bridge</i>	Hans Van Gemert
<i>Making Sense from Everyday Statistics</i>	Rosalie Jacobs
<i>Stem cells – all you wanted to know</i>	Christobel Comerford
<i>Sudan – the refugee experience</i>	Vic Say

ART and PHOTOGRAPHY

<i>20th C Australian Women Painters</i>	Kate Stones – Castlemaine Gallery
<i>Art Drawing</i>	Paula Paas
<i>Digital photography</i>	Trevor Wheeler

COMPUTERS

<i>AppleMac Computers and IT</i>	Bruce Carruthers
<i>Computer First Aid</i>	David Sime
<i>Computer Group</i>	Shane Doyle
<i>Computers for Novices</i>	Shane Doyle
<i>Digital Imaging</i>	see Art & Photography
<i>Introduction to Picasa</i>	David Sime

HISTORY

<i>Aboriginal History</i>	Felicity Say
<i>Ancient Rome & Pompeii</i>	Comerford; Kaptein; Rantall; Robertson
<i>Australian History</i>	Geoff Walker
<i>Dabbling in History</i>	Peter Stephens & Kevin Hurley

OTHER HUMANITIES

<i>The Bloomsbury Group</i>	Dr. Helen Long (Term II)
<i>Comparative Religions</i>	Geoff Walker
<i>English Literature</i>	Denise Jepson
<i>Lets Read a Play</i>	Barry & Trish King
<i>Memoir Writing</i>	Elizabeth Rider
<i>Philosophy</i>	Geoff Walker
<i>Reading Australian Poetry</i>	Eileen Park

LANGUAGES

<i>French Language & Literature</i>	Tony Morton
<i>History of English Language</i>	Diana Collier
<i>Italian Language</i>	Norma Rantell
<i>Italian Conversation</i>	Vivienne Robertson
<i>Latin with David Kennedy</i>	David Kennedy
<i>Latin Revisited</i>	Christobel Comerford

LIFE STYLE

<i>Bush-walking</i>	Carol Ingersoll
<i>Collectors</i>	Merlyn Pritchard
<i>Gardening at U3A</i>	Cath Polinelli
<i>Horticulture</i>	Peggy Munro
<i>Pétanque</i>	Jenni Rutherford
<i>Short Walks</i>	Dot Henshall
<i>Table-tennis</i>	Bernadette Fraser
<i>Tai Chi</i>	Dot Henshall

MUSIC AND DANCE

<i>An Evening at the Opera</i>	Vic Say
<i>Ballet Appreciation</i>	Joe Scoglio
<i>Music Appreciation</i>	Bruce Baud
<i>Opera</i>	Peter Morris
<i>Requiem</i>	Vic Say
<i>Singing Together</i>	Rae Hawkins

SOCIAL

<i>Between You and Me</i>	Eileen Park
<i>Bridge</i>	Hans Van Gemert
<i>Solo Group</i>	Marie Shaw
<i>Solo Whist</i>	Merlyn Pritchard

CURRENT AFFAIRS

<i>Issues that Concern</i>	Carol Dorman
<i>Making Sense out of Everyday Statistics</i>	Rosalie Jacobs

OTHER

<i>Latrobe University</i>	Sally Kaptein
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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SHORT COURSES

AN INTRODUCTION AUSTRALIAN WOMEN PAINTERS

Course leader	Kate Stones	5472 2292
Course outline	This course will explore the varied and vibrant work of Australian Women Artists of the first half of the twentieth century, as represented in the Castlemaine Art Gallery Permanent Collection. Kate Stones will open a window into the world of well known artists such as Margaret Preston and Clarice Beckett and the other lesser known one such as Ada Plante and Yvonne Atkinson. A talk and discussion will be followed by an option to do some drawing or writing in the gallery using the artworks as starting points. Expressions of interest are sought for this initial session with Kate, the education officer at the Castlemaine Gallery. The course will be ongoing if there is sufficient response.	
Entry criterion	All art enthusiasts welcome	
Meeting time	10.00am to 1pm Friday 19th February (includes morning tea break)	
Venue	Castlemaine Art Gallery, Lyttleton Street	

CHANGES IN BRAIN FUNCTION WITH AGEING with Dr Paul Maher

Course facilitator	Win Jodell	5472 3792
Course outline:	<u>Week 1</u> Why do we experience changes in our mental abilities as we age? <u>Week 2</u> What happens in our brains to cause these changes? <u>Week 3</u> And what can we do to keep our minds sharp? A series of 3 one hour sessions is being offered by Dr Paul Maher MB BS FRCS Dip Pal Care. Sessions will include time for questions and answers. If you are interested in joining this group contact Win Jodell as soon as possible so the venue bookings can be confirmed.	
Meeting time	10.00am Friday 9 th , 16 th and 23 rd April	
Venue:	Kindergarten Room Uniting Church complex.	

COOKING FOR ONE

Course leaders	Sue Turner	5472 1015
	Sally Kaptein	5470 6340
Course outline	In these 3 sessions we will cook food which is tasty, nourishing, interesting and simple to prepare. We will share ideas about shopping, being thrifty, saving time, not wasting anything, effective freezer use and enjoy the introduction of new ideas. We will meet in private homes and eat the food prepared. Maximum of 6 participants; small charge for ingredients; recipe sheets provided.	
Meeting time	11 am to 1 pm Tuesday 6 th , 13 th and 20 th April 2010. May continue in Term 2	
Venue	First Session 6 Munro Court	

CROQUET FOR BEGINNERS

Course leader	Nigel Harland	5474 8246
Course outline	An introduction to the sport of Golf Croquet. Being offered is a series of six one hour sessions of free tuition for a group of 4 to 6. This version of Croquet is growing in popularity owing to its simplicity and competitiveness. Easy to play, requires strategic skills and accuracy. Very popular in Egypt! Course will be dependent on weather/green conditions.	
Expectation of participants	Wear flat shoes. Ability to be on your feet for an hour and be able to swing a mallet of 1.5kg.	
Meeting time	Weekly x 6 on Thursdays at 10 am. Commencing 8 th April 2010	
Venue	Castlemaine Bowling Club, Berkley Street.	

CULTURAL REVOLUTION – PEOPLES’ REPUBLIC of CHINA 1968/9

Course leader	Diana Collier	5443 0137
Course outline	Expressions of interest are invited for this fascinating journey with Diana Collier. Experiences of University students (3 rd Yrs) on an educational tour organized the Nat. Union Univ. Students, 1968/9. The Peoples Republic was not recognized by Australia ‘till 1973. The days were spent visiting industries, temples-become- colleges, historic sites, naval/army quarters, heroes, schools, homes,... and nights were devoted to study of the Little Red Book and the Cultural Revolution. Theatre, film and other cultural activities were part of our program. We met some of the Viet Cong and of course the Peoples Liberation Army.	
Time, Date and Venue	Will be announced in the U3A Newsletter in response to interest expressed.	

INDONESIAN UPDATE

Course leader	Vic Say	5472 1841
Course outline	President Banbang Yudhoyono is now inaugurated for his 2 nd 5 year term. We will look at the new cabinet and compare his current situation with his first term.	
Meeting time	To be advised	
Venue	To be advised	

INTRODUCTION TO CONTRACT BRIDGE

Course leader	Hans Van Gemert	5472 1082
Course outline	This course aims to introduce participants to the game. The course usually takes 4-6 weeks. When it is completed, members will be encouraged to join the continuing Bridge class on Tuesday afternoons.	
Entry criterion	It is suggested that participants have some card playing experience.	
Meeting time	1.30pm to 3.30pm each Wednesday in February	
Venue	Hospital Auditorium	

MAKING SENSE OUT OF EVERYDAY STATISTICS

Course leader	Rosalie Jacobs	0439 972 594
Course outline	Various statistics are given in news items concerning business, real estate, health, education without any explanation or analysis. An overview of these will be presented showing how they are calculated, how they can be analysed, interpreted and evaluated.	
Entry criterion	None, general interest	
Meeting time	10.00am Tuesday 9 th February	
Venue	3 Saint Street, Castlemaine	

STEM CELLS – all you wanted to know!

Course leader	Christobel Comerford	5470 6230
Course outline	<u>Week 1</u> Introduction to basic embryology and the discovery of stem cells within the human embryo. <u>Week 2</u> History of stem cell research. <u>Week 3</u> Application of stem cell therapy – how far it has progressed. <u>Week 4</u> The future of stem cell therapy – and the ethical issues involved.	
Entry criterion	Background in basic cell biology helpful but not necessary.	
Meeting time	10.00 am Tuesday weekly for 4 weeks	
Commencing date	Tuesday 2 nd February 2010	
Venue	Kindergarten Room at Castlemaine Uniting Church Complex.	

SUDAN and the REFUGEE EXPERIENCE

Course leader	Vic Say	5472 1841
Course outline	Expressions of interest are sought by Vic for the following single session: A young man from the local Sudanese community is preparing a 15 minute Power Point presentation about his flight from civil war in the Sudan. His escape involved a 9 month walk across difficult and inhospitable terrain, years in Ethiopia before fleeing on foot to Kenya, then years in Kenya before his arrival in Australia. An open discussion of issues raised will follow."	
Time and Venue	To be announced in the Newsletter and those interested advised by email.	

ART and PHOTOGRAPHY

AN INTRODUCTION to 20TH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN PAINTERS

Course leader	Kate Stones	5472 2292
See short courses		

ART DRAWING

Course leader	Paula Paas	0438 657 588
Course outline	A cluster of lessons on various mediums will be developed based on the skills and strengths of various members. Perhaps even pottery might be tried. Learn basic drawing techniques whilst you develop your painting style, sometimes we work with a tutor, sometimes we work on our own, sometimes we only talk.	
Entry criterion	Enjoyment of creative arts and a willingness to share expertise.	
Meeting time	10.30– 3.30pm every Monday in the month	
Venue	'Leisterville' William Street, Castlemaine	

PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL IMAGING

Course leader	Trevor Wheeler	5476 2286
Course outline	A group for those who would like to share their interest in taking and making pictures. The second Thursday of each month will be for excursions to take photos. The other Thursdays for review and critiques of the pictures, digital imaging, photo editing etc	
Entry criterion	None. Beginners welcome.	
Time	1.30-3.30 pm. Second and fourth Thursday of the month.	
Venue	Octopus, Duke Street, Castlemaine	

COMPUTERS

APPLE MAC COMPUTERS AND I.T.

Course leader	Michael Smith	5470 6638
Course outline	Taken by our own Castlemaine Mac expert Bruce Carruthers. The course will respond to participants needs/interests. Bring your laptop if you have one. You will be encouraged to ask questions. A small charge of \$3 is made	
Entry criterion	Little or no knowledge of the Apple Macintosh is needed	
Time	10.00-11.00 am each Monday	
Venue	U3A Office, Uniting Church Complex	

COMPUTER FIRST AID

Course leader	David Sime	5472 3756
Course outline	How to perform basic computer operations like Defrag and disk clean up etc. to keep your computer running at peak efficiency. How to burn CDs and any other tasks as requested by members.	
Entry criterion	None	
Time	1.30-3.30 pm each 1 st and 3 rd Thursday First meeting March 2nd.	
Venue	Octopus, Duke Street, Castlemaine.	

COMPUTER GROUP

Course leader	Shane Doyle	5472 4017
Course outline	This course is designed to extend the skills acquired as a beginner to more complex computer tasks. Topics include: Burning a Disk, Picasa, Using a Scanner, Digital Imaging, Further Word Processing, Using Ebay, Introduction to Vista programs. We have a number of tutors with specialist skills in various packages so this program is offered on demand and tailored to the specific needs of the learner.	
Entry criterion	Familiarity with Microsoft Word	
Time	Open daily. Time by prior arrangement with the relevant Tutor.	
Venue	Octopus, Duke Street, Castlemaine	

COMPUTER FOR NOVICES

Course leader	Shane Doyle	5472 4017
Course outline	This course is designed for those commencing their adventure with computers with very little, or no knowledge of computing systems. Beginner's classes include Introduction to Microsoft Word, Microsoft Publisher, the Internet and E mail.	
Entry criterion	Little or no knowledge of the computer	
Time	Open daily. Time by prior arrangement with the relevant Tutor	
Venue	Octopus, Duke Street, Castlemaine	

DIGITAL CAMERA GROUP

See Art & Photography

INTRODUCTION TO PICASA

Course leader	David Sime	5472 3756
Course outline	Downloading of photos to computer. Organising them into "Albums". <u>Very</u> basic editing and cropping of images. Emailing, uploading and creating a Photo CD. The course will be as long or short as necessary.	
Entry Criteria	Having a digital camera	
Expectation of participants	Bring photos on a memory stick. Training will be provided.	
Time	1.30pm every second & fourth Tuesday. Commencing 9 th March, 2010	
Venue	Octopus, Duke Street, Castlemaine.	

HISTORY

ABORIGINAL HISTORY – OUR SHARED HISTORY

Course leader	Felicity Say	5472 1841
Course outline	People, Places and Remarkable Events will be our theme drawing from the 222 years of the colonial process. It aims to raise our attention to the lesser known aspects of our shared history and to show the resultant impact of colonization on the lives of Aboriginal people.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	10.00am each first and third Tuesday in the month.	
Venue	U3A office, Uniting Church complex	

ANCIENT ROME & POMPEII

Course leaders	Tom Comerford	5470 6230
	Sally Kaptein	5470 6340
Course outline	A study of Ancient Rome at the zenith of prosperity in Pompeii. The study aims to concentrate on everyday life in various parts of society – what was worn, eaten, thought about, how people lived and how society was structured. The first Thursday in the month will be dedicated to Ancient Rome the second Thursday Pompeii. Participants can choose to go to one or both these monthly sessions. The Pompeii study will be helpful for those wishing to travel to Pompeii	
Entry criterion	Interest and willingness to participate in and contribute to course topics	
Expectation of participants	To present topics as shared out with class members.	
Meeting time	2.00pm every second and fourth Thursday	
Venue	Kindergarten Room Uniting Church	

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Course leader	Geoff Walker	5470 6652
Course outline	In 2010 Australian History will undertake biographical studies of great, well known, prominent Australians from the services, the arts, politics, sport and the sciences; such folk as John Quick, Enid Lyons and Douglas Nichols.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	2.00pm each second and fourth Monday in the month	
Venue	Members' homes.	

DABBLING in HISTORY

Course leaders	Peter Stephens	5472 3904
	Kevin Hurley	5472 1383
Course outline	To continue a wide ranging study of history , in the spirit of Tom Comerford's class. Each session will be devoted to historical events , movements or characters chosen by the participants . Each participant will be encouraged to make a contribution to their chosen topic .	
Entry criterion	None, but contribution will be appreciated from participants.	
Meeting time	1.30pm first and third Wednesdays in the month [First meeting: 3rd Feb.]	
Venue	Senior Citizens Club	

OTHER HUMANITIES

THE BLOOMSBURY GROUP

Course leader	Dr Helen Long	email: helilong@bigpond.com
Course outline	We will consider the lives, artistic and literary contributions of this influential group of people and their fascinating and irregular relationships as recounted in their letters, books and their art in the first half of the 20 th C.	
Entry criterion	Not fixed – though best to have finished secondary education.	
Meeting time	2 nd and 4 th Tuesday 2 pm to 4 pm.	
Commencement date	TERM II: 08/06/10 to 31/08/10	
Venue	49 Hargreaves Street, Castlemaine.	

COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS

Course leader	Geoff Walker	5470 6652
Course outline	The course will be concerned with the history, teaching and practices of the main world religions, making comparisons and contrasts where appropriate We shall follow the classification of:(A) Ancient/animistic/primitive religions,(B) Evolutionary/rational/logical religions and (C) Revealed religions.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	10.00am each second and fourth Thursday in the month	
Venue	First meeting at Geoff's home, 9 Lyttleton St. Castlemaine.	

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Course leader	Denise Jepson	5473 4470
Course outline	A study of some of the important fiction of the twentieth century. The class is a discussion group and all members are encouraged to participate. The first book for the year is D.H. Lawrence, "Sons and lovers".	
Entry criterion :	None	
Expectation of participants :	To read the set book and take part in discussion	
Meeting time :	10.00am on the second Friday of the month	
Venue :	Leicesterville common room, William St. Castlemaine	

LET'S READ A PLAY

Course leader	Barrie King and Trish King	5470 5514
Course outline	A large cross section of plays will be read throughout the year with a short discussion at the end of each session on the play that has been read. All are welcome. Reading a play is lots of fun and reading aloud is good for the Voice – keeps it well oiled.	
Entry criterion	None	
Expectation of participants	Payment of \$3 per session to cover hire of plays and morning tea	
Meeting time	10.00am-1.00pm first and third Monday of the month. As it is a three hour Session, tea and coffee are provided	
Venue	Private homes. The first meeting will be at 3 Saint Street, Castlemaine	

MEMOIR WRITING

Course leader	Elizabeth Rider	5470 5681
Course outline	A course to encourage our motivation to write and clarify for whom we are writing. We will give each other constructive criticism to help to improve our writing and visualisation skills and give our writing "life". For those of us who are interested, we will also investigate the possibilities of transforming memoir into fiction. The group will be limited to eight to facilitate full participation.	
Entry criterion	An interest in improving our writing.	
Expectation of participants	Willingness to complete a short "homework" assignment each week for presentation to the group. Commitment to confidentiality.	
Meeting time	1.30 – 4 pm each Thursday in Term I commencing 4 th February.	
Venue	Private homes.	

PHILOSOPHY

Course leader	Geoff Walker	5470 6652
Course outline	The course this year will be an attempt to understand the thoughts and writings of such Twentieth Century wise men as Carl Jung, Aldous Huxley, etc. Each member of the class will take a turn at preparing a presentation.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	2.00pm, second and fourth Thursdays every month,	
Venue	U3A Office Uniting Church Complex, 9 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine	

READING AUSTRALIAN POETS

Course leader	Eileen Park	5472 5213
Course outline	Class will survey the range of poetry in the era designated and select those to be discussed and read in class. There will be 8 sessions (ie until the end of May)..	
Entry criterion	An interest in reading poetry	
Meeting time	1.30pm second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Commencing 9 th February	
Venue	Private homes.	

LANGUAGE

FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Course leader	Tony Morton	5473 4425
Course outline	The title sounds pretentious but all it means is that we study the French language through classic short stories, poems and fables! Conversation in French ensues. Suits anyone who has done Year 12 French, but if you are interested in giving it a try do come along.	
Entry criterion	Year 11 or Year12 French	
Meeting time	2.00pm each first and third Monday in the month	
Venue	Kindergarten Room, Uniting Church Complex	

GERMAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Course leader	Ros Coffee	5473 4207
Course outline	This course is an introduction to German language and culture. Content this term will encompass: greetings, introductions, numbers, likes and dislikes and describing others.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	10.00am each Tuesday	
Venue	Private homes	

HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Course leader	Diana Collier	5443 0137
Course outline	The study of English will continue utilizing the DVD, <i>Adventures in English History</i> by Melvin Brag. The eras of rapid development in language will be investigated, particularly at the time of Chaucer and during the Elizabethan period.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	10.00am each second & fourth Thursday in the month.	
Venue	U3A Office Uniting Church Complex, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine	

ITALIAN CONVERSATION

Course leader	Vivienne Robertson	5470 6499
Course Outline	The course is designed for people who have a basic knowledge of Italian vocabulary and grammar. Situations are created in which students can answer questions, conduct a conversation or give an account of something they have seen or done- in Italian. The emphasis is on being able to deal with menus, bookings, times, directions or just chatting.	
Entry criterion	Some basic experience,	
Meeting time	9.30 am every Thursday	
Venue	Private homes.	

ITALIAN LANGUAGE

Course leader	Norma Rantall	5472 4125
Course outline	Italian language for people who have some knowledge already.	
Entry criterion	Some basic experience in Italian,	
Meeting time	9.30 am every Tuesday	
Venue	Private homes.	

LATIN with DAVID KENNEDY

Course leader	Susan Mayfair	5470 5872
Course outline	This course, taken by David Kennedy, has a special emphasis on discovering how Latin has influenced the English language. Each session one hour.	
Entry criterion	Interest in the subject .No previous knowledge of any other language is required	
Meeting time	Beginners: 1.30pm each second Thursday in the month Advanced: 2.30 pm each second Thursday in the month	
Venue	U3A Office Uniting Church Complex, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine	

LATIN REVISITED with Christobel Comerford

Course leader	Susan Mayfair	5470 5872
Course outline	This course is intended to be complimentary to the class given by David Kennedy, both to prepare and revise for David's class. A one hour class.	
Entry criterion	Interest in the subject.	
Meeting time	2.30pm each fourth Thursday in the month	
Venue	U3A Office Uniting Church Complex, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine	

LIFESTYLE

BUSHWALKING

Course leader	Carol Ingersoll	5474 2372
Course outline	This activity caters for those members who enjoy bushwalking in a group. Most of the walks will be in and around the Castlemaine area. As long as we are not walking in a National Park or on private land, you may bring your dog, but it must be on a lead at all times. Different members are encouraged to be the walk leader. The walks are approximately 5 – 7kms in length. When there is a fifth Wednesday in a month there will be an extra walk. These will be of medium difficulty and longer in length and participants will need to carry their snacks, drinks and their lunch.	
Entry criterion	Ability to walk for up to 3 hrs. over some difficult terrain.	
Meeting time	9.30am each second, fourth & fifth Wednesday in the month. 8.30am in the summer months.	
Venue	Meet at the Uniting Church Car Park, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine	

COLLECTORS

Course leader	Merlyn Pritchard	5472 4434
Course outline	For those interested in collections of any description. A social group that exchanges ideas, information and sharing of their personal collections.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	2.00pm the second Wednesday in the month.	
Venue	Private homes	

GARDENING AT U3A

Course leader	Cath Polinelli	5476 2402
Course outline	For people interested in gardening. We do have speakers and visit gardens throughout the year. There will be show and tell sessions in which we try to identify different plants. We also swap plants.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	10.00am each third Friday in the month.	
Venue	U3A Office Uniting Church Complex, Lyttleton Street (first meeting only)	

HORTICULTURE

Course leader	Peggy Munro	5472 2086
Course outline	The course will be designed around participants interests e.g. suggested topic - "The Gardens of Artists", and will feature garden design and maintenance. Discussion will be part of each session and participants will be encouraged to share and contribute.	
Entry criterion	Love of gardens	
Meeting time	1.30 pm 3rd Friday in the month	
Venue	Kindergarten Room, Uniting Church Complex	

PÉTANQUE

Course leader	Jenni Rutherford	5472 3468
	Sally Kaptein	5470 6340
Course outline	An ancient game, originally played with stone balls and brought to France by the Romans. The game, so close to French hearts, is played with metallic balls, on a dirt surface.	
Entry criterion	Ability to bend and if you have a set of boules all the better. Maximum 8 players.	
Meeting time	Three sessions at 2.00pm each 3 rd Friday of month. Café will be open after the game.	
Venue	Skydancers Cnr Midland Hwy & Blackjack Rd, Harcourt	

SHORT WALKS

Course leader	Dot Henshall	5472 5108
Course outline	For those who enjoy walking but wish to do it at a slower pace. This walk takes place rain hail or shine!	
Meeting time	10.00am every Wednesday in the month	
Venue	Uniting Church Car Park Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine	

TABLE-TENNIS

Course leader	Bernadette Fraser	5472 2634
Course outline	Come and play table-tennis in a friendly non-competitive spirit. Donation of \$1 Great fun, good exercise and great for eye hand coordination.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	10.00am –12noon every Wednesday in the month	
Venue	Table-tennis Pavilion, Camp Reserve, [Forest Street entrance], Castlemaine	

TAI CHI

Course leader	Dot Henshall	5472 5108
Outline of Course	A gentle form of exercise, specifically designed for people of the Third Age and for people with arthritis. The class is conducted by a Physiotherapist who is also an instructor in Tai-Chi . No one is expected to extend themselves beyond what is comfortable to them. For as long as the weather is conducive we meet in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. When the cold weather approaches we return to the warmth of the Uniting Church Hall. There is a member's contribution for each session	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	9.30am every Monday in the month	
Venue	Castlemaine Botanical Gardens	

MUSIC AND DANCE

AN EVENING AT THE OPERA (occasional series)

Course leader	Vic Say	5472 1841
Course outline	We will listen to full operas selected from those being performed in Melbourne in 2010. After hearing the complete work there will be a discussion and then comparisons of highlights from other performances that participants might have brought to the session. Copies of the words sung and the English translation will be provided.	
Entry criterion	People content to listen in silence to a complete work.	
Meeting time	To be confirmed (Fridays at 7.30 pm is possible)	
Venue	2 Gainsborough Street, home of Felicity and Vic Say	

BALLET APPRECIATION

Course leader	Joe Scoglio	5472 2396
Course outline	This year we will look at the development of ballet from Renaissance to C20th.	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	1.30pm -3.00pm each first and third Wednesday in the month	
Venue	30A Parker Street, Castlemaine	

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Course leader	Bruce Baud	5472 4574
Course outline	We listen to a varied selection of music from mostly the Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods selected by the tutor.	
Entry criterion	Love of classical music	
Meeting time	9.30 – 11.30am each first Wednesday in the month (includes a Tea break)	
Venue	3 Stewart Street, Castlemaine	

OPERA

Course leader	Peter Morris	5470 6593
Course outline	An on-going class in which participants enjoy listening to extracts from Opera and be informed by brief explanations of the lives and idiosyncrasies of the composers and the performers. Possible visits to see a live performance .	
Entry criterion	None	
Meeting time	2.00pm each second Monday in the month.	
Venue	34 Bowden Street, Castlemaine	

REQUIEM

Course leader	Vic Say	5472 1841
Course outline	This year we will continue with Requiem but will listen also to other liturgically related choral works. We listen to whole works of 30 to 70 minutes duration. Comparisons are made with other performances of the work if we have them. Copies of words sung and their English translation are provided.	
Meeting time	1.30pm, first and third Friday	
Entry criterion	None	
Venue	2 Gainsborough Street, home of Felicity and Vic Say.	

SINGING TOGETHER

Course leader	Rae Hawkins	5472 3446
Course outline	For people who enjoy singing in a group. The aim is enjoyment, not necessarily to read music. The choice of songs will be those with which everyone can feel happy. Singing will include rounds, unison and part songs.	
Entry criterion	An enjoyment of singing in a group	
Meeting time	3.30 -5.30pm every Tuesday in the month	
Venue	Kindergarten Room, Uniting Church, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine	

SOCIAL

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

Course leader	Eileen Park	5472 5213
Course outline	An informal luncheon get together for members who have been assailed by cancer in one or other of its myriad forms. It is open to everyone, irrespective of gender. Discussions of future directions will take place at the first meeting.	
Entry criterion	For those who have experienced cancer. Carers welcome..	
Meeting time	12 noon, fourth Wednesday of the month	
Venue	Private home, contact either Eileen as above or Heather Maxfield 5470 6532	

BRIDGE

Course leader

Hans Van Gemert

5472 108

Course outline

This course is aimed at those with some experience of Bridge. It is not important what type of Bridge you are familiar with as conversion is quite easy. We all enjoy pitting our wits, working out how to call the cards. Fortunately we have notes to refer to and if all else fails, our tutor! We welcome new members (for those new to the game -see Bridge for Beginners in the Short Courses section).

Entry criterion

Some Bridge playing experience.

Meeting time

1.30pm each first, third & fifth Tuesday in the month

Venue

Mount Alexander Hospital Auditorium

SOLO GROUP

Course leader

Marie Shaw

5472 4346

Course outline

For people who live alone. The Solo group was devised especially for this special group of people. It is entirely unstructured and offers lively conversation relating to issues of concern. All is laced with humour and conviviality. Bring your own lunch and the host will provide tea and coffee, Saturday afternoon informal get together. Join the conversation, life experiences and current issues, whatever.

Entry criterion

People without, or who have lost partners

Meeting time

1.00pm each third Saturday in the month

Venue

Members' homes. For the first meeting contact Marie as above

SOLO WHIST

Course leader

Merlyn Pritchard

5472 1940

Course outline

Beginners welcome. Come and join this happy group and learn the strategies and techniques that make for a successful Solo Whist player.

Entry criterion

None

Meeting time

1.30pm, first and third Thursdays in the month.

Venue

Kindergarten Room, Uniting Church Complex, Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine

CURRENT AFFAIRS

ISSUES THAT CONCERN

Course leader

Carol Dorman

5472 4429

Course outline

Politics, the law, religion, social issues, economics, education, discovery, analysis, argument and debate. These are the factors which will provide the framework for this weekly current affairs activity. Members attending this activity will be expected to share in the leadership of the discussion/debate/argument activity. The session will be designed along the lines of *Lateline* whereby the first segment of the activity will be devoted to general issues current for the week. The second segment will focus on the major issue of the week.

Entry criterion

None

Meeting time

2.00pm every Friday in the month

Venue

'Leisterville' William Street, Castlemaine

OTHER

LATROBE UNIVERSITY LECTURES

Course leader

Sally Kaptein

5470 6340

Course outline

It is possible to “sit in” on lectures given at Latrobe University, Bendigo. Participants must register for each course they wish to attend. It is not possible for members to go to tutorials, practical classes or field excursions. Information on courses will be available at the Enrolment Days and in the Office thereafter.

Entry criterion

None, other than a commitment to attend lectures.

Meeting time

As appropriate

Venue

Latrobe University, Flora Hills, Bendigo

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