

The 2018 Program

Bird Observers

Come along and learn about the beautiful species of native birds we have in our area, within half an hour's drive of Kynetton. Beginners to experienced bird watchers welcome. A contribution towards petrol costs when car-pooling is used. Meet at the corner of Mollison & Pohlman Streets, Kynetton, 9:00–12.30 on 4th Thursday of each month. Led by Murray 5422 6356

The Book Circle

Our group engages in lively debate about the chosen book and any issues it raises. Books are chosen by the group in advance and discussion is usually led by the member who nominated the book. Meet at the Kynetton Bowling Club rooms 2nd Thursday of the month at 1.30. Limit of 12. Contact Lydia 0418 393 308

Coffee@Kaddy's

This is an informal group meeting that is held at Kaddy's Café in the centre of Kynetton- just turn up and ask one of the staff to be directed to the U3A table. Wednesday 10.30. Kaddy's Café, High Street Kynetton

Collecting

The collectors' group is alive and well, delving into the nuances of all things connected to the art of collecting. Members are on the lookout for others' 'wants'. Good social day with excellent arvo tea. 3rd Wednesday at 2:00, private residence. Gold coin. Led by John 0429 175 742

Computer workshop

Bring along your laptop or tablet, ipador android, or other portable gadgets for 'hands-on' problem solving. 1st & 3rd Wednesday 2.30. Contact Len 5422 7094. Gold coin

Current Affairs

On the second Wednesday of the month, we have a general discussion about events in the news, while on the fourth Wednesday the session includes a member leading a discussion on a topic of their interest. On both days our discussions are informative, broad ranging and at times lead to polite argument. 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 10:00. Meeting Room at Kynetton Bowling Club. Led by David 5422 1656.

Dancercise 'NEW'

An exercise-dance group designed especially for the 55+. Set to music to increase the blood flow and increase the level of interest and so stop exercise from being so bloody boring. Led by qualified phys. ed. teacher Graeme Midgely. Thursdays 10.30 - Gold coin, KCLC. Commencing 15 February. Throughout term1, with school holiday breaks.

Drama

Play readings, drama practice and performances - lots of fun for those with thespian interests. Drama is a regular participant in the annual *Kynetton One Act Plays Festival* held in September. 3rd Tuesday of the month 1:30 - 3:30 at Uniting Church Hall. Cost is \$3 per session. Led by Anne 0410 094 547

French

Advanced French language group discusses the language, grammar and nuances of the language. Wednesdays 10.30. Kyneton Tennis Club rooms. Led by Simone 0411 444 449. Maximum 8.

Life Saving Poetry

This year we intend to build on our studies over the past two years. We will revisit some favourite poets, investigate writers new to us and generally be open to expressions of art in all forms. Members of our group are encouraged to share their particular literary interests and knowledge, and we will continue our tradition of lively debate. New members are welcome but spaces are limited. Private home. Gold coin. Limit of 12. Led by Chris 5422 3419. 2nd Monday of the month at 10.30

Lunch Club

Group members take turns to select restaurants or cafes with good quality, interesting food at a reasonable price. 4th Tuesday of each month at 12:00. To join the group contact Leigh 5422 7094

Mah Jong

Kyneton U3A Mah Jong is open to anyone wishing to play the game, in a friendly and fun environment. For those who already know how to play the game and beginners who would like to learn - individual teaching is provided. Each Tuesday from 1-4pm at the Kyneton Croquet Club. \$3 to cover costs. Led by Ruth 5422 2642

My Favourite Classical Music

This is your opportunity to present a program of your favourite classical music to other music lovers. Equipment available to play records, videos, CDs and DVDs. You are also welcome to join just to listen to the selections of others. 1st Monday of each month at 2pm. Private home. Led by Leigh & Len 5422 7094

Singing

If you like to share the joy of singing, join the Kyneton U3A Singers. Previous experience and ability to read music is not necessary. No auditions. 2nd & 4th Monday of the month all year at 1:30 at RM Begg Centre, Kyneton. Led by Jenny 5427 2423

Sit & sew 'NEW'

A small group of like-minded people meet for relaxed sewing, knitting and general craft work—learn and pass on skills. Private residence. 1st Thursday at 1.30. Led by Jenny Francis

Stock Market Investing

Designed both for long-term investors and those who would like to know more about the subject. Based on the group researching, developing and managing a hypothetical share portfolio. There will also be a share-tipping competition. 2nd Wednesday of the month 2:30 - 4:30. Maximum of 8. Cost is \$2. Led by Geoff 5422 7011

Table Tennis

Anyone can come along to try it out. A gentle exchange of the balls across the net is also very acceptable - particularly if your fitness level isn't up to anything more strenuous. Paddles and balls are provided and it's good sociable fun - all for a gold coin donation. Thursdays during term from 7:30pm. Minimum number 8. Kyneton Toyota Sports Centre. Cost is a maximum \$4 (depending on attendance numbers). Led by Pam 5422 3245

Tai Chi

The sequences have been developed by Dr. Paul Lam, a Sydney GP, who has been practising Tai Chi for many years. Tai Chi is particularly useful for those with health problems such as arthritis, diabetes and osteoporosis. Tuesdays during term from 3:30 till 4:30pm with beginner sessions running concurrently during term 1. At the Uniting Church Hall, Kyneton. Cost:\$3. Led by Jan 5422 3828

Tapestry Weaving

Learn the basic weaving skills before progressing to a design of your own in this fascinating art form. The cost is \$45 for returning students and \$55 for newbies (includes a starter kit plus you need a wooden picture frame 35X45cm). Held at the Kyneton Tennis Club from 10 till noon on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month. Limited to 8. Led by Glennis Leary 5422 7209

Friday@U3A

This is one of our activities which is open to the public. 'Bring a friend and tell others about it'. Guest Speakers present a wide variety of topics or we join in the afternoon's planned activity. Located in the 'portable' at rear of the Kyneton Community & Learning Centre (down the driveway to rear 34 Mollison Street Kyneton). 2pm every Friday. Cost is a gold coin

The Short courses in 2018 Term 1

The search for an Australian Identity

A 4 session look at what determines the Australian Identity, led by Keith Hallett. From colonial settlement through 200 years of white settlement. The expectations of settlers to the gold rush era and up to the ANZAC story and beyond. Commences Tuesday 6 March at 10.30 KCLC.

The Men's Kitchen with Robert Wooler

The Glenlyon CFA kitchen (in conjunction with Daylesford & Castlemaine U3As) Cost \$50 (includes the lunch you have prepared) for 5 sessions. Additional costs may occur, subject to final menu. Maximum numbers apply. Various Wednesdays from 14 Feb

French for beginners

An initial 6 course program to introduce the basics of French language, grammar and pronunciation. With Simone Graham at the Kyneton Tennis Club rooms. Monday 10.30. From 12 February. Cost \$25 plus the purchase of an introductory language text.

Thinking about gardens

Gardening in the Macedon Ranges is not without its challenges (but isn't that why we do it?). This course of 6 one-hour sessions is based on practical experiences as a gardener in the area, and also on my work at Burnley as an academic. We will discuss plant choice, water use and soil management. The aim of the course is to introduce ideas about how gardens fit, or don't, with the environment and how one can make a garden that responds to where it is. Dr Peter May at the KCLC on Mondays commencing 26 February at 2.30. Cost \$10.00

Australian Art -the Heidelberg School our own 'Impressionists' with Peter Wilson.
Commences on Thursday 3 May at the KCLC at 11 am. This is a 5x1 hour session course held at the KCLC. Peter is back by popular demand but this time he has advanced the clock from our Colonial era of painting to the Impressionist influenced and famous Heidelberg School of the late 19th century.

American History:Slavery and the Civil War

It's hard to think of two more divisive and brutalising issues than slavery and civil war that can face a developing nation seeking its identity. Was the institution of slavery the main cause of dissension or was it a symbol of difference in the USA? Five sessions led by Chris Hardy at KCLC. Commencing Friday 9 Feb at 10.30. Cost \$10

An Introduction to Golf Croquet

This is a practically-oriented introduction to Golf Croquet that will cover a brief history of the game; the rules of the game; scoring; the objectives as part of the theoretical aspects before being sized up with a mallet (supplied) and introduced to the green and the layout of the course. How to work the green and hoops to your advantage, game play and technique, anticipating your opponent and playing to win.

The course proposed is run entirely by U3A members in association with the Kyneton Croquet Club. 4 sessions at the KCC Tuesdays 10.30. Feb 6thstart.

American Government & Politics

A course of 5 sessions about government and politics in the USA. We will look at the Constitution of the USA (including the Bill of Rights), and the functions of the States and the federal government. We will investigate the roles of the President, Congress, Supreme Court, political parties, conventions, elections and lobbyists, and forces for continuity and change. There will be some comparisons between the Australian and American systems. Finally, we will examine the meaning of democracy in the America and ask whether or not the system is democratic. KCLC 10 till 11.30. Starts Friday 6 April. Cost \$10

PODs

Throughout the year we hold Pod sessions—which are pop-up, one-offs on a subject that is a 'little bit fancy'. They are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at KCLC, 34 Mollison Street.

Details will be available on our website throughout the year. We are planning on:

The Lure of the Limerick	Bill Pyne
Success & Misfortune Tales from the lives of old Kynetonians	Paul Reid
Blood, songs and dance in Shakespeare's plays	Peter Collingwood
Kyneton Riverwalk—the Campaspe walking tour	Peter Johnson
Discover historic Kyneton walking tour	Paul Reid
Design of the Regency house and garden	Peter Collingwood
The Third Reich—a modern political solution	Jerry Melin
The Art of Art appreciation	Peter Wilson

Details see our website www.u3akyneton.org.au

