



University of the Third Age

Newsletter

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Creswick & District U3A Inc.
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TERM 2 – April 16th - June 29th 2012

From the Committee:

Welcome to Term 2. In February we were fortunate to receive a Grant enabling “Tai Chi” and “Back in the Game” to continue for 2012.

We presume Members will be continuing with their chosen groups as Term1. If this is not the case please contact Class Co Ordinator,
Helen Cook on 0438 376513.

The U3A year runs from 1ST July - 30th June, so we will be holding a General Meeting in July 2012 to start a new year. Fees will be due then.

The Creswick & District U3A Website is just about ready to launch.

Tracey has been working hard in getting it together and has done an excellent job.

There are now 98 U3A Groups in Victoria, with the 100th Group to be formed this year.

EVENTS CO ORDINATOR: **Helen Cossenias**, has organized a Bus Trip to the Bendigo Art Gallery for the GRACE KELLY Exhibition on Saturday March 24th. Ring Helen 5345 2853 for details.

Also on Friday 13th April a bus trip is planned for the Heritage Fruit Group, for a day at “Petty’s Orchard”. The bus leaves Creswick at 9.00a.m. returning to Creswick at 4.00p.m. A guided tour has been arranged to see this Heritage Orchard.

The cost is \$30 for the bus and tour, B.Y.O Lunch.

There are limited places available, phone Helen Cossenias 5345 2853

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CLASS CO ORDINATOR-

Contact : **Helen Cook** 5345 1405

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Welcome to TERM 2 of Creswick U3A, to all our existing and new members. We have had a great start to the year with 19 classes being offered, catering for a wide range of interests while enjoyably challenging us, both mentally and physically.

A big “Thank you” goes to our 12 Tutors for giving their time and energy to run classes for us, because without them, there would be no U3A in Creswick. Thanks also to our Tai Chi instructor Bill Mioch for his skill, patience and gentle encouragement and our Back in the Game instructor Judy McGrath for making fitness so much fun.

First Term we saw the introduction of 2 new classes- **Poker** and **Music for the Moment**. Both of which are progressing nicely.

Creswick U3A now have 68 members engaging in as few, or as many classes as they wish and new members are always welcome to join in at any time. We look forward to seeing you at U3A in the near future.

TUTORS.

Creswick U3A would not be able to run without our Tutors.

You do **not** need to be an academic or have formal qualifications to take on this role. If you have a particular interest, together with some practical experience in the area of that interest and you enjoy sharing your knowledge and interacting with others in a group, then you would make a great tutor.

If you are thinking of running a course, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone, email, post or personally and let us know your area of interest, a little bit about yourself and the class you'd like to run.

We can then also, answer any queries you may have.

It is up to the Tutor and sometimes the availability of venues, to decide if the course will be run weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Most of our classes are held in either the Creswick Library, the John Curtin Hostel or the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre. However other classes are held in private homes or various outdoor locations. Courses may be short term e.g. (Introduction to photography-3 weeks) or ongoing. Again the Tutor determines the length of the course. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like any further information or queries answered. **Helen.**

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WORLD MOVIES. With Earl Ingleby.

There will **not** be any Films shown in **APRIL**, due to the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre being closed for Easter and the School Holidays.

The following Films will be shown in Term 2.

Thursday 3rd May.....Waltz with Bashir (2008)

A wholly innovative, original film/documentary, with pioneering animation, Waltz With Bashir delivers it's message in a mesmerizing fashion. An experience not easily forgotten.

Thursday 10th May.....Snow Falling on Cedars (1999)

The production values of this American film, set new standards for the Industry.

Thursday 7th June.....The Horse's Mouth (1958)

The Horse's Mouth is an acting and a writing tour de force for Alec Guinness, who authored the screenplay in addition to starring in the film. Gulley Jimson (Alec Guinness) is an aging artist with a reputation as a genius and a need to express his art, despite the obstacles

Thursday 12th June....Evita (1996)

EVITA, is based on the musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. Actually, the film is more of a modern opera, with only short moments devoted to dialogue.

MUSIC FOR THE MOMENT. With Geoff Fiddian.

'Too much music, of the right kind, could never be enough ; such is the repertoire.

Music For The Moment offers opportunity for those who care about fine-music and sound, to gather and relish the experience of listening together.

Music For The Moment is also a time for sharing, with the pooling of tastes and opinions giving rise to one of culture's joys: learning something new"

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CRESWICK HISTORY. With Geoff Fiddian.

U3A Creswick History Group are by no means path-finders.

Two and three generations have already fossicked, dug, and sluiced, to establish, who did what to whom, how and why ?

Yet we still stand a chance of kicking over the rare nugget. Such is the beauty of History. There's always room at our table for those with a curiosity about their place of residence, and a sense of humour to appreciate the facts, furrphies, frivolities and scandals prompted by the flow of Creswick's Creek, since 1850."

BUSHWALKING. With Helen Cossenenas.

Rain, Hail or Shine

You will find our bushwalking group out striding the surrounding bushland and forests. We recently had a very nice walk from Eaton's dam to Cosgrove reservoir and around the reservoir to the far end. We started off with raincoats on and by the end they were slung around our waists. Another challenging walk with Carmel led us to the forest tracks up behind Harvey street, with some pretty steep hills which Michael Clark conquered with ease. We always enjoy a thermos of coffee/tea and chat after each walk. For anyone who likes to get out, walk and explore the bush, we would love you to join us. Phone Helen on 5345 2853

LEISURELY LUNCHES. With Helen Cossenenas

This group has a lot of fun and enjoyment. Meeting on the first Saturday of the month at various locations within 45 minutes from Creswick. In January on a beautiful sunny day, we all enjoyed a B.B.Q at the Cossenenas home.

February we had a great time on a beautiful day , at the refurbished Glenlyon General Store . On a rainy day in March we met at DIG in Newstead which was made memorable by celebrating Herman's birthday !! April lunch (March 31st because of Easter) will be at Smokey Town Café in Creswick (keeping the locals happy !) This group has grown from a regular 6-8 to 27 at the last count- so we must have the formula right !!!

POKER. With Andrew Cossenenas.

We are a really dedicated lot. So dedicated that sometimes we forget to break for coffee. We play with Monopoly money that we buy in \$1,000 lots for \$2. This money is being used to pay for maintaining the card packs and other incidentals that may arise. The group gets very excited whenever more than 2 players have a good hand. Everything is good fun.

The 2 hours pass quickly. Learners welcome, join in the fun.

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THE TEN SECOND LESSON.

It was during the World Championship Games which was held in Tokyo, Japan in 1991. The mens 100m finals was about to take place. There was a festive, cheerful atmosphere, that evening in Tokyo.

A few thousand miles away, life was moving a bit slower. In Malaysia, schools in the afternoon session were going on as usual. It was very hot. I was teaching in the Science Laboratory with about 40 pupils, all 14 year old boys. There were no experiments that day, just group discussion and written exercises to be completed. As I walked around checking answers, explaining the topic I was teaching, one of the boys suddenly raised his hand and asked if the class could watch on T.V. the 100m mens World Championship Final.

The whole class pleaded, even the slower students had finished their work. I looked at the eager expectant faces and didn't have the heart to disappoint them. It was a hot ,lazy afternoon. I conceded to their request. In truth, perhaps I too, was hoping to watch the event alive. After all, the excitement was just a switch away.

Carl Lewis from U.S.A. was running, plus other athletes from other nations. Our country was not represented, but that was not important. The boys and I just wanted to watch an historical event take place. Without a word, I switched on the T.V. The boys cheered and immediately the Science Lab was transported to Tokyo. The athletes were being introduced at the Starting Point.

It was at this particular point that IZAR, who had suggested the event, raised his hand, and asked permission to go to the toilet. 'But the event is about to start. Do you really need to go now ?' Izar jumped up frantically saying he really needed to go now. I nodded my permission. Izar was already making his 100m sprint to the toilet. Could Izar make it back in time ?

With no time for further thought, the boys and I watched those fine athletics go to their marks. The starting gun went off !My boys cheered as loudly as the spectators in the stadium. There were no favourites. The boys were cheering for all the runners. In no time at all. The champion crossed the finishing line. There was a loud roar in the Lab. Carl Lewis from U.S.A. had won with a new world record time 9.86 seconds !!

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It was at that point that Izar, panting heavily, breath laboured, returned.

‘Has it started yet ?’ He gasped loudly.

The whole room turned to him. Izar had missed everything !

‘You’re too late, it’s over. Carl Lewis won.’

‘What ?’ Izar cried. ‘I went as fast as I could !’

The poor boy. Izar was devastated. I felt so sorry for him.

‘It’s no big deal Izar. You can watch the replay on T.V. tonight’

The answer he gave me was a real surprise.

‘But, I wanted to watch it with you guys.

I wanted to feel I was on a School Trip with you guys in Tokyo.

It’s not the same, if I watch it on my own tonight !’

I realized then, to this teenager’s mind, as long as he was with his friends, sharing the same interests as his, the world became one borderless frontier, for him to enjoy what life has to offer no matter where the adventures may be. That day stayed in my mind. That child made me realize something about the beauty of being together, around people who care for us: It frees the mind of all burdens and makes everything seem possible !

U3A Name tags are to be worn at any U3A Event.

If you do not have a name tag contact the Committee.

U3A Meetings are held on 4th Thursday of each month.

If you have anything to add , for discussion at the meetings,

Please contact through any address’ below.

Creswick & District U3A are hoping to welcome more members from the surrounding areas Clunes etc.

If you have a transport problem, would like to join, receive the Newsletter, etc. Please contact us through address’ below.

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Happy Easter.

Monday 16 April to Friday 29 June 2012

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MONDAY

<i>Time</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Convenor</i>
9-11 am	Second & Fourth Monday Apr 23; May 14, 28; Jun 11, 25	Bush Walking	<i>Various</i>	Helen Cossenass 5345 2853 0428 151 208
10-Noon	Second & Fourth Monday Apr 23; May 14, 28; Jun 11, 25	Creswick History	<i>Bill Huntly Room</i>	Geoff Fiddian 5345 8295
10-Noon	Third Monday Apr 16; May 21; Jun 18	Third Monday Book Club	<i>Library</i>	Helen Cossenass 5345 2853
1-3 pm	Weekly Apr 16 to Jun 29	Mahjong	<i>Bill Huntly Room</i>	Gail Ryan 5345 2360
1-3 pm	First & Third Monday Apr 16; May 7, 21; Jun 4, 18	Cryptic Crosswords	<i>Creswick Neighbourhood Cent</i>	Keith Luxford 5345 7326

TUESDAY

10-Noon 1.00-3.00PM	Second & Fourth Tuesday Apr 24; May 8, 22; Jun 12, 26	Heritage Fruit	<i>20 Gardiner St</i>	Keith Robertson 5345 8307
3.30-4.30	Weekly Apr 16 to Jun 29	Back in the Game	<i>Neighbourhood Centre Hall</i>	Bill Morrison 5345 2995
4.30-5.30	Weekly Apr 16 to Jun 29	Tai Chi	<i>Neighbourhood Centre Hall</i>	<i>Instructor Bill Mioch</i> U3A 0459 981 066

WEDNESDAY

10.00-noon	Weekly Apr 16 to Jun 29	Poker	<i>2A Bell St</i>	Andrew Cossenass, 5345 2853
10.30-noon	Second Wednesday May 9; Jun 13	Comedy & Humor	<i>Creswick Neighbourhood Centre</i>	Tracey O'Brien 0407 323 316
10.00-noon	1st & 3rd Wednesday Apr 18; May 2, 16; Jun 6, 20	Music for the Moment	<i>Creswick Neighbourhood Centre</i>	Geoff Fiddian 5345 8295
1-3 pm	1st & 3rd Wednesday Apr 18; May 2 (1 st wk only) ; Jun 6,20	Ancient History	<i>2A Bell St</i>	Roma Wiseman 5345 4037

THURSDAY

9.30-11 am	First Thursday May 3; Jun 7	Armchair Travel	<i>Library</i>	Elizabeth Robinson 0459 644 221
1-3 pm	First & Second Thursday May 3, 10; Jun 7, 14	World Movies	<i>Creswick Neighbourhood Centre</i>	Earl Ingleby 5345 2785
1-3 pm	Third Thursday Apr 19; May 17, Jun 21	Australian History	<i>Library</i>	Bill Morrison 5345 2995
1-3 pm	Fourth Thursday Apr 26, May 24, Jun 28	Philosophy for Beginners	<i>Library</i>	Bill Morrison 5345 2995
2-3 pm	Weekly Apr 16 to Jun 29	Meditation for Relaxation	<i>5 Camp St, Creswick</i>	Paul Ford 5345 8280 0412 149 423

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9.30-11 am	Weekly Apr 16 to Jun 29	Coffee & Current Affairs	<i>Cocoa Chy</i>	Helen Cossenass 5345 2853
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SATURDAY

11.30	Monthly First Saturday	Leisurely Lunches	<i>May 5: Olive/Lavender Store Avoca Jun 2: Sails – Ballarat July: Maryborough Station Cafe</i>	Helen Cossenass 5345 2853 0428 151 208
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