



UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# NEWSLETTER

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CRESWICK & DISTRICT U3A INC. A0053344W

TERM 2 – APRIL 15<sup>th</sup> – JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> 2013

President: Keith Robertson

Vice-President: Helen Cook

Secretary: Bill Morrison

Treasurer: Andrew Cossenias

The Committee wish all our members

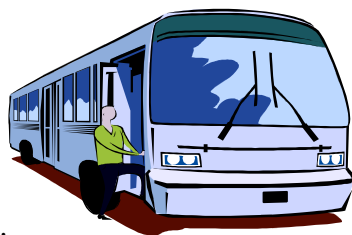
A HAPPY EASTER and SAFE HOLIDAY

Enrolment Day was held on 24th January 2013

We had an excellent attendance. We thank you all for coming out on such a hot, windy day to hear the Tutors and enroll in your chosen activities, etc.



Bushwalking group having a "Seachange."



U3A Bus Trip to WERRIBEE.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013

**U3A are hosting a Bus Trip to Werribee on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

**The bus will leave outside the old Creswick Post Office at 9.30a.m sharp.  
on the corner of Albert st, and Raglan st, Creswick.**

**We will be travelling directly to the Werribee Mansion Car Park.**

**You have a choice of visiting either-**

**Werribee Open Range Zoo OR the Werribee Mansion and Gardens.**

**Each venue is a full day of entertainment.**

**We will be returning at approx. 4.30 p.m.**

**BYO Lunch or Café and refreshments are available at venues.**

**Cost : Bus Trip is \$ 5.00 per person for U3A members**

**\$10.00 per person for non-members.**

**Seating preference will be given to U3A members, so be quick !**

**To secure a seat, sign up and pay A.S.A.P.**

**The \$5 covers your bus trip.**

**On arrival, any other expense is up to the traveller.**

**The Werribee Mansion Formal Gardens, including The Victoria State Rose Garden, Farm and Heritage Orchard are all free.**

**There is a cost to tour the Werribee Mansion.**

**There is an entrance fee to the OPEN RANGE ZOO which covers a 40 minute tour of the Zoo on a Safari bus, plus all other activities.**

## **4 Steps for Life**

Due to 24<sup>th</sup> January being a High Fire Danger Day, for your safety the Light Lunch and Ambulance Victoria's program teaching the new CPR technique was postponed. The program takes just 20 minutes.

This an excellent, easy to understand video demonstration combined with hands-on example of how to use this technique using a printed pillowcase, which everyone will be given on the day, to practice on and take home. **Please bring a pillow with you.**

To be held on Thursday **11<sup>th</sup> April** 2013 from 10.00am-12.30p.m. At the **Doug Lindsay Club Rooms**. Victoria street Creswick. As we will need numbers for catering **please R.S.V.P. by 5th April** to-mobile: 0459 981 066 email:

[u3a3363@gmail.com](mailto:u3a3363@gmail.com)

### **CLASS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT.**

Hello Everyone,

Here we are nearing the end of Term 1 for U3A and looking forward to Term 2, with a wide variety of activities, thanks to our generous Tutors.

Term 1 has seen ongoing as well as a number of new classes receive positive feedback, renewed interest and enjoyment by the participants. Special thanks to Geoff Rawson - 'Introduction to Chess' and Keith Robertson - 'Black Coffee'. These short courses were a great success.

New classes for Term 2 are - Writers Group; Knitting Group and Darwin & the Galapagos Islands. I hope you can find time to try one or more of our regular classes or enjoy participating in a short course.

If you have a special interest/expertise that you would like to share by running a short course - 1 day, 2 or 3 weeks etc. please let me know and we can arrange time/place to suit, during Term 2, 3 or 4.

Happy Easter holidays and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2, 15th April till 28th June, 2013.

Cheers,Helen Cook

At Heritage Fruit last year Bill Morrison handed out some Pumpkin seeds called American Red to those in the group who wanted to grow them. Below is a picture one of them that I have grown here also a little Sunflower art by Nola Wallis and also a rarity called Greek Samson Squash thanks again to Bill.



Nola's Sunflower



Greek Samson Squash



Red American Pumpkin

## Who INVENTED the JIGSAW PUZZLE ?

John Spilsbury Cartographer and Engraver, inventor of dissected maps and therefore of Jigsaw Puzzles.

### 1763 London Street Directory-

SPILSBURY, John. Engrave and Map Dissector in wood,  
in order to facilitate the teaching of Geography.

Russel Court, Drury Lane. LONDON.

The first Jigsaw Puzzles, known as “Dissected Maps” were hand cut with fret saws and have irregularly shaped pieces.

Virtually all the oldest surviving puzzles were made of engraved maps (Engraving is a common form of printing used prior to the invention of Lithography.)

John Spilsbury was born in Worcester England in 1739. About 1753 was apprenticed to Thomas Jeffreys in London. Thomas Jeffreys was an Engraver, Mapseller and Geographer to the King. Spilsbury worked for Jeffreys until about 1760 then went into business for himself. (excellent website: Bibli Odyssey:Puzzle and Game Maps.)



## GRANDMA'S COMPUTER

The computer swallowed Grandma. Yes honestly it's true. She pressed “Control” and “Enter.” Then disappeared from view! It devoured her completely. The thought just makes me squirm. She must have caught a virus, or been eaten by a worm. I've searched in the recycle bin, and files of every kind. And even used the internet but nothing I can find. In desperation, I asked Jeeves, my searching to refine. The reply from him was negative. Not a thing was found “online.” So if inside your 'Inbox' my Grandma you should see, please “Copy,” “Scan” and “Paste” her and send her back to me.

## SERVICE WITH A SMILE !!

We ordered on "out of print" book from America on eBay. The conformation of our order came with the following letter. (Hi !, Your book asked to write you a personal note - it seemed unusual, but who are we to say no ?)

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"Holy Canasta ! It's me... it's me! I can't believe it is actually me! You could have picked any of over 2 million books but you picked me! I've got to get packed! How is the weather where you live? Will I need a dust jacket? I can't believe I'm leaving Indiana.

The friendly people, the Hummer plant, the Linebacker Lounge. So many memories. I don't have much time to say goodbye to everyone, but it's time to see the world!

I can't wait to meet you! You sound a well read person. Although, I have to say, it sure has taken you awhile! I don't mean to sound ungrateful. But how would you like to spend 5 months sandwiched between Jane Eyre (drama queen) and Fundamentals of Thermodynamics (pyromaniac)? At least Jane was an upgrade from that stupid book on brewing beer. How many times did the brewmaster have one too many and topple off our shelf at 2.00a.m.?

I know the trip to meet you will be long and fraught with peril, but after the close calls I've had, I'm ready for anything (besides some of my best friends are suspense novels!)

Just 5 months ago, I thought I was a goner. My owner was moving and couldn't take me with her. I was sure I was landfill bait until I ended up in a used book bin! Thanks to your socially conscious book shopping I've found a new home. Enough about me, here is the brief on how we'll meet....." Adele.

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Newsletter contributions are very welcome. The deadline for the next Newsletter ( Term 3 ) is - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013 for distribution, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 Send to: Creswick & District U3A P.O. B ox 434 Creswick 3363

## FLANDERS POPPY.

The Flanders Poppy was, after the 1914-1918 war, a symbol of the men who died on the battlefields of France. Superstition said that it flowered where the blood of the soldiers had been spilt.

The first artificial red poppies were made by disabled ex-servicemen in aid of Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund and they are still sold in Commonwealth countries on Armistice Day. In Australia they raise funds for Legacy.

John McCrae's poem, which immortalized the Flanders Poppy, was first published in 'Punch' on 8th December 1915.

What child of the generations following that war did not commit to memory, the poem beginning,

'In Flanders fields the poppies grow  
Between the crosses row by row....."

Source- "A Gardeners Potpourri" edited by T. R. Garnett

(There are many interesting websites regarding the history of the Flanders Poppy which is produced and distributed worldwide.)

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## ANZAC DAY.

"They left their footprints in a far-off land  
Far from their families and gold of the wattle  
No song of the bellbirds just noise of battle  
And those that came home carry ghosts in their eyes.  
The world's saddest music "The Last Post" brings sighs."

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**MONDAY**

**28<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Convenor</i>
10-12	<b>First Monday of Each Month</b> May 6; June 3	<b>First Monday Book Club</b>	<i>Library</i>	Helen Cossenas 5345 2853 0428 151 208
9-11 am	<b>Second &amp; Fourth Monday</b> April 22; May 13, 27; June 10,24	<b>Bush Walking</b>	<i>Various Locations</i>	Helen Cossenas 5345 2853
10-12	<b>Second &amp; Fourth Monday</b> April 22; May 13,27; June 10,24	<b>Creswick History</b>	<i>Library</i>	Geoff Fiddian 5345 8295
10-12	<b>Third Monday of each Month</b> Apr 15; May 20; June 17	<b>Writers Group</b>	<i>Library</i>	Rhonda Fawcett 5476 6227
1-3 pm	<b>Weekly</b> April 8 <sup>th</sup> to June 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mahjong</b>	<i>Bill Huntly Room</i>	Gail Ryan 5345 2360
1-3 pm	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday</b> Apr 15; May 6,20; June 3, 17	<b>Cryptic Crosswords</b>	<i>C'wick N'hood Centre</i>	Malcolm Mitchell 5345 2568

**TUESDAY**

10-12 (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 1-3 (4 <sup>th</sup> wk)	<b>Second &amp; Fourth Tuesday</b> Apr 23; May 14,28; June 11,25	<b>Heritage Fruit</b>	<i>20 Gardiner St C'wick,</i>	Keith Robertson 5345 8307
3.30-4.30	<b>Weekly</b> April 16 <sup>th</sup> to June 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Back in the Game</b>	<i>Neighbourhood Centre Hall</i>	Bill Morrison 5345 2995
4.40-6.10	<b>Weekly</b> April 16 <sup>th</sup> to June 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tai Chi</b>	<i>Neighbourhood Centre Hall</i>	<i>Instructor</i> U3A 0459 981 066

**WEDNESDAY**

10.00-noon	<b>Weekly</b> April 17 <sup>th</sup> to June 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Poker</b>	<i>2a Bell St, Creswick</i>	Andrew Cossenas 5345 2853
1.00-3.00	<b>Weekly</b> April 17 <sup>th</sup> to June 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>500 Card Game</b>	<i>2a Bell St, Creswick</i>	Andrew Cossenas 5345 2853
1.00-3.00	<b>Weekly</b> April 17 <sup>th</sup> to June 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Knitting Group</b>	<i>Neighbourhood Centre</i>	Tracey O'Brien 5345 2313

**THURSDAY**

1-3 pm	<b>First &amp; Second Thursday</b> May 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,9 <sup>th</sup> ; June 6 <sup>th</sup> ,13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>World Movies</b>	<i>Creswick Neighbourhood Centre</i>	Earl Ingleby 5345 2785
1-3 pm	<b>Third Thursday</b> Apr 18 <sup>th</sup> , May 16 <sup>th</sup> , June 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Australian History</b>	<i>Library</i>	Bill Morrison 5345 2995
1-3 pm	<b>Fourth Thursday</b> Apr 25 <sup>th</sup> , May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , June 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Philosophy for Beginners</b>	<i>Library</i>	Bill Morrison 5345 2995
2-3 pm	<b>Weekly</b> April 18 <sup>th</sup> to June 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Meditation for Relaxation</b>	<i>5 Camp St, Creswick</i>	Paul Ford 5345 8280 0412 149 423

**FRIDAY**

9.30-11 am	<b>Weekly</b> April 19 <sup>th</sup> to June 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coffee &amp; Current Affairs</b>	<i>Cocoa Chy, Albert St, Creswick</i>	Helen Cossenas 5345 2853
1.00-3.00	<b>April 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup>; May 3rd</b>	<b>Darwin &amp; the Galapagos Islands</b>	<i>C'wick Neighbourhood Centre</i>	Bill Morrison 5345 2995
2.00-3.00	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Friday of Month</b> Apr 26, May 24, Jun 28	<b>Computer Interest Group</b>	<i>20 Gardiner St, C'wick</i>	Keith Robertson

**SATURDAY**

11.30 Info Ctre Car Pk	<b>Monthly 1st Saturday</b> April 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Leisurely Lunches</b>	<i>Various Locations (see below)</i>	Helen Cossenas 0428 151 208
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\* Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 - Buninyong Golf Club.