

The Notice Board

August 2009

Please note Change of Date:

Melting Pot:

Tuesday 8th September at 2pm

Salvation Army Hall

The Seymour Regeneration Project will see important changes in the education scene in Seymour. It is a major initiative aimed at replacing and upgrading the current two primary schools and the high school, and integrating all of them along with the Special School and a maternal and child health centre on the one site.

Mr. Tim McCartin, Principal of Seymour Technical High School, will provide a very interesting talk on how today's schools are rapidly changing, the impact of new technology on education, and how the Regeneration Project will allow Seymour to have a school system that will meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Support during fire and incident operations:

Noel Arandt, Group Officer of the Seymour Fire Brigades Group, has written to us asking for support from members of U3A willing to assist with a local Incident Management Team environment primarily located at Seymour Group headquarters.

An Incident Management Team includes a whole range of support roles, e.g. call takers, log takers, resource tracking, arranging catering, sourcing materials, accommodation, mapping, information and a number of other related activities. No particular experience is required, other than being willing to work in a team environment; the Fire Brigades Group will provide training.

For further information contact Deputy Group Officer Peter Robinson on 0414 992 826 or email pelyrob@cirruscomms.com.au

The President's Report:

Dear All,

Only a few more sleeps til spring...and most programmes that went into hibernation have resumed. Armchair Travel has finished but will hopefully start again on a monthly basis...with all the tripping around by members there should be some good experiences to share.

Our hardworking mother hen (Secretary) is enjoying a well deserved break. Since some of us are sharing these duties, we realize just what a "treasure" she is and will treat her kindly when she returns.

Melting Pot this month was as rewarding as ever. A large audience thoroughly engaged with speaker, Barry Croke, an Agricultural Scientist and local farmer, who gave a thought provoking talk about the importance of water in the food chain. To his surprise he wasn't pelted with rotten eggs for some of his views which weren't shared by everyone. Many questions were asked and opinions expressed and I'm sure we all came away convinced of the problems ahead. Rita Collins shared her enthusiasm for Mahjong later and convinced some people to join the happy group.

STOP PRESS...an exciting development in our foray into Computer Training will be announced shortly and it is hoped to involve many members.

Jill Fidler

Did you know? (1)

Our newsletter is sent to 72 email addresses and 52 postal addresses now. This is a sign that our U3A members are making sure they are learning the latest technology.

What do you enjoy doing???

Samantha Sissons, who is currently studying fourth year psychology at the Australian Catholic University, has written asking for help in research she is conducting on the type of activities people like to do in everyday life; she is particularly interested in how preferences for activities in daily life may change, so she is seeking to recruit people over 65. In measuring preferences, Samantha meets with participants for a session of about 2 hours. She asks them to play a board game, as well as answer some pen and paper questionnaires.

Samantha would like help from Seymour & District U3A members and she is willing to come to Seymour, although the sessions could also take place at the Australian Catholic University Melbourne campus.

This research is part of a fourth year major in psychology and is related to ongoing research by Associate Professor Peter Rendell (School of Psychology, Australian Catholic University) and Dr. Julie Henry.

The sessions will also be arranged at a mutually convenient time and all participants will be reimbursed \$20 for their time. The results should be very interesting and of long-term benefit to the whole community.

CONTACT: Samantha Sissons,
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Vine, Wine & Dine on 3rd September:

The next tour will be to Plunkett Fowles in the Strathbogie Ranges area. Learn about the development of this winery, taste some wine and enjoy lunch in the café. Meet at Plunkett Fowles on the Hume Highway at 11.30am on Thursday 3rd September (car pool leaves Old Courthouse, Seymour at 11.15am). Lunch follows the tour and tasting.

Lunch –
Antipasti and charcuterie platter \$15 pp
(drinks extra)

Please call Carol Smith on 5799 1970 to confirm your attendance by Monday 31st August.

Supermarket Savvy:

Sandy McKenzie will help us find out what is going into the food we eat that comes from our local supermarkets. The food labeling minefield and what is not revealed will be one of the early topics.

Participants should bring a Tim Tam wrapper with them to the first session, or write down the ingredients from a packet of Tim Tam biscuits.

The course begins at 10.30am on Wednesday 2nd September at the RSL Hall Seymour and continues for the next 6 Wednesdays.

Contact Margaret Cox on 5792 3339 if you are not able to attend.

Genealogy:

Key Dates for your diary.

Friday 16th October. Short tour of the State Genealogy Resources

Friday 30th October. Car trip to the National Archives at the Public Records Office of Victoria.

Lois Tomkins - email lmtomkins@mcmmedia.com.au

9.10 Train Excursions:

Thursday 10th September – Salvador Dali
Liquid Desires @ NGV “Mind Expanding”

Thursday 1st October – A Day in the Life of Pompeii @ Melbourne Museum

See you at Seymour Station for these adventures!

Did you know? (2)

Tatty Theatre is one of our most popular courses (there is always a waiting list) but did you know that this was the idea of one of our members, who spoke to the Programme Committee about it, and was willing to be the Contact for the group?

If you have an idea for a new course, contact Anne Thompson, the Programme Coordinator, on 5792 1550 or email practique@gmail.com
Your idea might be our next popular course.

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Ben Hardman MP
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