

# The Notice Board

June 2009

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**Second Semester Enrolment:**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am to 12 noon**

Come along to the RSL Hall to enrol in our new courses and for any others which you are not already enrolled in but now have the time to do. If you are unable to attend please mail your completed enrolment form to:

Program Committee  
P.O. Box 767, Seymour Vic 3661

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**Winter Recess:**  
**Melting Pot:**

Please note Melting Pot will not be held in July but will resume on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August. A number of our courses are in recess for July or July/August so please check your calendar carefully when putting the dates into your diary.

However we do have a special winter program arranged with 2 short courses featured this year. **Armchair Travel** will commence on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.30am at the RSL Hall and **Knitting for a Cause** will start on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the RSL Hall. Knitting and chatting – what could be cosier on a wintery day – and the RSL Hall has very good heating! Can't knit? Someone will be happy to teach you!

Contact Margaret Cox on 5792 3339 if you would like more information. All welcome.

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**AGM news:**

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May and Seymour GOTAFE campus manager, Toni Doyle, spoke of the extensive changes being undergone by Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE and encouraged members to discuss with her what services they would like to see offered at our local campus.

**Our new Council for 2009/2010:**

Following the elections we now have a new Council and we thank these members for offering their services in these vital roles.

President: **Jill Fidler**  
Vice-president: Eddie Moylan  
Secretary: **Pat Coffey**  
Treasurer: **Lesley Tebble**  
Committee members:

Bob Brown  
Rita Collins  
Margaret Cox  
Lois Provan  
Glenda Sapsford

Seymour & District U3A has quickly become a thriving organization in just a few short years and we are dependent on those members who willingly volunteer their time and talents to keep it thriving. A number of our previous Council members have stepped down for a well-earned rest and we owe them a vote of thanks for all they have contributed to our success. It is thanks to Lynne Byrne, who has been Council's Membership Co-ordinator, and has volunteered to continue in that role, that we receive our nametags, newsletters and email information, Bev McCracken as Welfare Officer kept in touch with members, and Phil Campbell contributed in many ways as Publicity Officer.

Special thanks must go to Ernie Finn, our retiring President. Ernie attended the first public meeting held to see whether there was interest in forming a U3A in Seymour. He became a hard working member of the steering committee and was elected to the first, and all subsequent, Councils. Ernie served 2 years as Vice President, followed by 2 years as President and has acted as our representative on innumerable occasions.

We all thank you Ernie for the outstanding service you have given to Seymour & District U3A.

### ***Energy Futures:***

In the first two sessions of Energy Futures we have discussed the scientific basis for the theories of global warming and climate change. We have looked at the evidence indicating significant global temperature changes over the past 300,000 years and the evidence of a major increase in upper atmosphere carbon dioxide percentage in the last few decades. We have also discussed the way in which human activity is playing a significant role in carbon dioxide growth and how the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change has concluded that this human activity is driving global warming, with the potential to bring catastrophic changes to living conditions on the planet. We considered the arguments put forward by some climate change sceptics and had a lively debate on the pros and cons of the arguments.

In the remaining sessions we will start from the assumption that carbon dioxide increase is undesirable and alternative energy sources, energy efficiencies and their implementation will be discussed. Technical, economic, social and political realities of bringing about change will be considered.

The program is still open to anyone interested in these areas. The next session is at 1.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the RSL Hall.

Bob Brown 5796 2163 [rbrown@bordnet.com.au](mailto:rbrown@bordnet.com.au)

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### ***From Seymour to Puckapunyal – Our Military History***

The Program Committee have been very busy recently developing the second semester program, which includes a number of new courses, and arrangements for “Our Military History” could not be completed in time so this course has been held over and will be something for us to look forward to in 2010.

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### ***Website information:***

If you are looking for the latest information on our activities the best place to look is on our website which is kept up to date thanks to Bob Brown. Have you had a look lately? The address is [www.vicnet.net.au/~seymu3a](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~seymu3a) or just log on to Google and type in Seymour U3A and click on the address which appears.

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### ***New Courses:***

Sandy Mackenzie will be ensuring we are all ***Supermarket Savvy*** with his course which begins in September. Just what do all those numbers on the ingredients lists on the labels mean? What is added to the processed food we eat? Which bread is the healthiest option? This course is packed with information about how to make healthy choices when you shop.

There are computer courses for everyone this semester – ***Beginners*** and ***Intermediate*** are held in Seymour and an interesting new course on ***Computer Publishing*** will be available at Puckapunyal.

If you are interested in learning how to play ***Mahjong*** you will be pleased to note that there are two classes this semester. Friday classes will be held at RSL Hall commencing at 1.30pm and the new Wednesday class will be at the Baptist Church Centre – starting time 10.30am.

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### ***9.10 Excursion:***

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July we will be heading off to Bendigo again for the Archibald Prize exhibition. Please note the earlier date as this exhibition finishes on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

We are car pooling and leaving from Old Court House at 9.30am. Please remember to park in the median area behind the fence if you are leaving your car in Seymour.

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### ***Name Tags and Apologies:***

Imagine being the tutor for a large class and trying to remember everyone’s names as you lead the course. It is made so much easier for our tutors if everyone remembers to wear their name tag. Please help in this way.

If you are unable to attend a session of a course it is appreciated if you advise the tutor or course contact in advance. Some of our classes have waiting lists and this enables another member on the list to attend on this day.

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