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NOTICEBOARD

June 2024

President's Report

The 1st semester is coming to a close so enjoy this last month of classes. Please let your tutor know if you won't be continuing a class in the next semester. June 4th is our last Melting Pot until September so don't miss out on that one, especially as our member and guest speaker, Peter Mitchell, has put a huge effort into his topic (see flyer below).

If you are keen to improve or maintain your fitness level you will want to check out the Seniors Fitness Equipment next to the refurbished Children's Playground at Chittick Park. On Friday at 9.30am one of the Chittick Park Champions will be there to guide you if you would like a bit of assistance.

Watch out for the 2nd Semester timetable which will be sent out shortly.

John and I will be departing on 24th June to warmer weather for a couple of months so no President's report for a while. Keep well, keep warm!

Irene

Reports from Groups

Book Buffet

Our most recent book, *Silver* by Chris Hammer, was mostly enjoyed by the group. It was the second book by the author and we wondered if expectations were different if people had read the first book previously. This elicited a good discussion.

The next title, *The Convict and the Soldier* is written by an almost local author, John P F Lynch from Romsey. It is a book of historical fiction, set in 1850s Ireland and Van Diemens Land.

Meet us in the Seymour Library on the 3rd Monday of the month at 1.30pm if you are looking for a friendly book group.

Garden Group

First of all I would like to thank Julie Heath for writing the report on the Melbourne International Garden & Flower Show included in our last newsletter. Much appreciated Julie. At 10.30am on Wednesday 15th May Garden Group members met at Julie & Rod's home in Seymour. Julie took members on a tour of the different areas of her garden, discussed the growing challenges of the site and what plants were currently flowering. Julie gave a history of the garden and the rebuilding alterations that they had made since living there.

Members enjoyed a wonderful morning tea and discussed future excursion plans for the group. Rod showed members photos of his pride & joy, a wisteria in full flower, while Julie generously allowed members to take home cuttings and potted plants she had set aside. Thanks again Julie & Rod for your generosity and hospitality. Next meeting will be on the 19th June and members will be advised of details directly, closer to the date.

Jessica's Corral

We have been working hard on the harmonies for Yesterday, by the Beatles. It requires concentration and effort but the results are definitely worth it! Join us for fun and laughter on the second and fourth Monday at 1.30pm in the Uniting Church foyer if singing is your thing.

Local Current Affairs

It looks like this class might not go-ahead next semester, at least not in its current format. There are so many great things happening in Seymour and surrounds and we are looking at ways for people to learn about what is available and not miss out. Have a look at last month's Noticeboard to get an idea of what we have been doing. One idea could be that a small group produce a regular email newsletter to pull information together and share it that way.

Luncheon Club

On 9th May a small group of members met at Baba's Kitchen, Seymour for a delicious Indian meal. All were impressed with the welcome and information given to them about Indian cuisine. Those of us, who had ended up with medical appointments etc, were quite disappointed that we were not there. Hopefully we will be able to make a return visit later in the year. Many thanks to Judy and Phil Block for arranging this outing.

On June 13th Ginny and John Jennings have arranged for us to go to the Trawool Shed. As we will be the only group there, they are opening especially for us, it will not be noisy as it was last time. Hope to see that all members are able to be there and not lining up for medical appointments again. It is that time of year, so hopefully coughs, colds, sneezes, etc are missing as well as other problems and we are all enjoying life.

Margaret Flynn

Matinee



The next movie for the group will be *The Importance of Being Earnest*, starring Michael Redgrave and Joan Greenwood - again.

The Importance of Being Earnest is a 1952 British comedy-drama film adaptation of the 1895 play by Oscar Wilde. It was directed by Anthony Asquith, who also adapted the screenplay, and was produced by Anthony Asquith, Teddy Baird, and Earl St. John. Algernon Moncrieff (Michael Denison) is surprised to discover that his affluent friend -- whom he knows as "Ernest" -- is actually named Jack Worthing (Michael Redgrave).

Jack fabricated his alter ego in order to escape his country estate where he takes care of his charge, Cecily Cardew (Dorothy Tutin). Cecily believes that Ernest is Jack's wayward brother and is keen on his raffish lifestyle. Algernon, seeing an opportunity, assumes Ernest's identity and sneaks off to woo Cecily.

Travellers



When Heide founders John and Sunday Reed moved from the old cottage on the property into Heide II in 1968, it was their dream that the award-winning modernist house would one day become home to a public art museum. Commissioned as a 'gallery to be lived in' and designed by the architect David McGlashan, Heide Modern as it is now known has since hosted and inspired numerous art projects and become a significant architectural destination in its own right.

Heide Modern: A Space Between explores the concept of home as a site where conversations, recreation, labour, intimate relationships and closely held values and beliefs cohabit, and considers how architecture shapes lived experience.

The original McGlashan furniture is displayed alongside a selection of artworks from the Reeds' personal collection and the museum's wider holdings, which have continued to develop in the decades since Heide opened to the public in 1981.



New Heide Gallery linked to HEIDE 2



Heide Cafe



Former Dairy Farm Homestead, and home of the Reids.



16 acres of heritage listed Sculpture Park and Gardens.

With support from U3A S&D, the Travellers (and any U3A member) have hired a bus to take a group to the amazing and historic Heide Museum of Modern Art at Bulleen. There is something for everyone there – art, history, gardens, sculpture, architecture and of course a restaurant! This is an easy way to get to a not so easy to get to, home of the Heide School of Art – think Tucker, Nolan, Perveval and Joy Hester.

BOOK NOW! RSVP by June 21st

Cost: Bus - \$20.00 Entry to Heide: \$15.00 = \$35.00 to attend

Lunch: own cost but reserving a place with Marnie is necessary

Cash only and lunch attendance to Marnie Sloane 0418 524 572

Walk & Wonder

May was a lovely month for a short walk in the bush. We saw the world at its best, from interesting tiny fungi to brilliant blue skies.

On 22nd, Val saw the elusive Rose Robin down near the second car park up the river from the boat ramp. Worth looking for.

Some of us were lucky to attend the launch of Peter Mitchell's marvellous new pamphlet, *The Natural Treasures of Mitchell Shire*. It explains various nature reserves to enjoy walks in the Mitchell Shire. The launch was held at the Tallarook Cricket Ground, surely one of the best cricket grounds you'll ever see. It is well worth getting a copy of the pamphlet supplied at Seymour Visitor Information Centre to keep close by for your own reference or access the BEAM website. (Lesley)



Along the River



Kangaroos



On top of Anzac Hill



View from Anzac Hill

Your Fascinating Brain

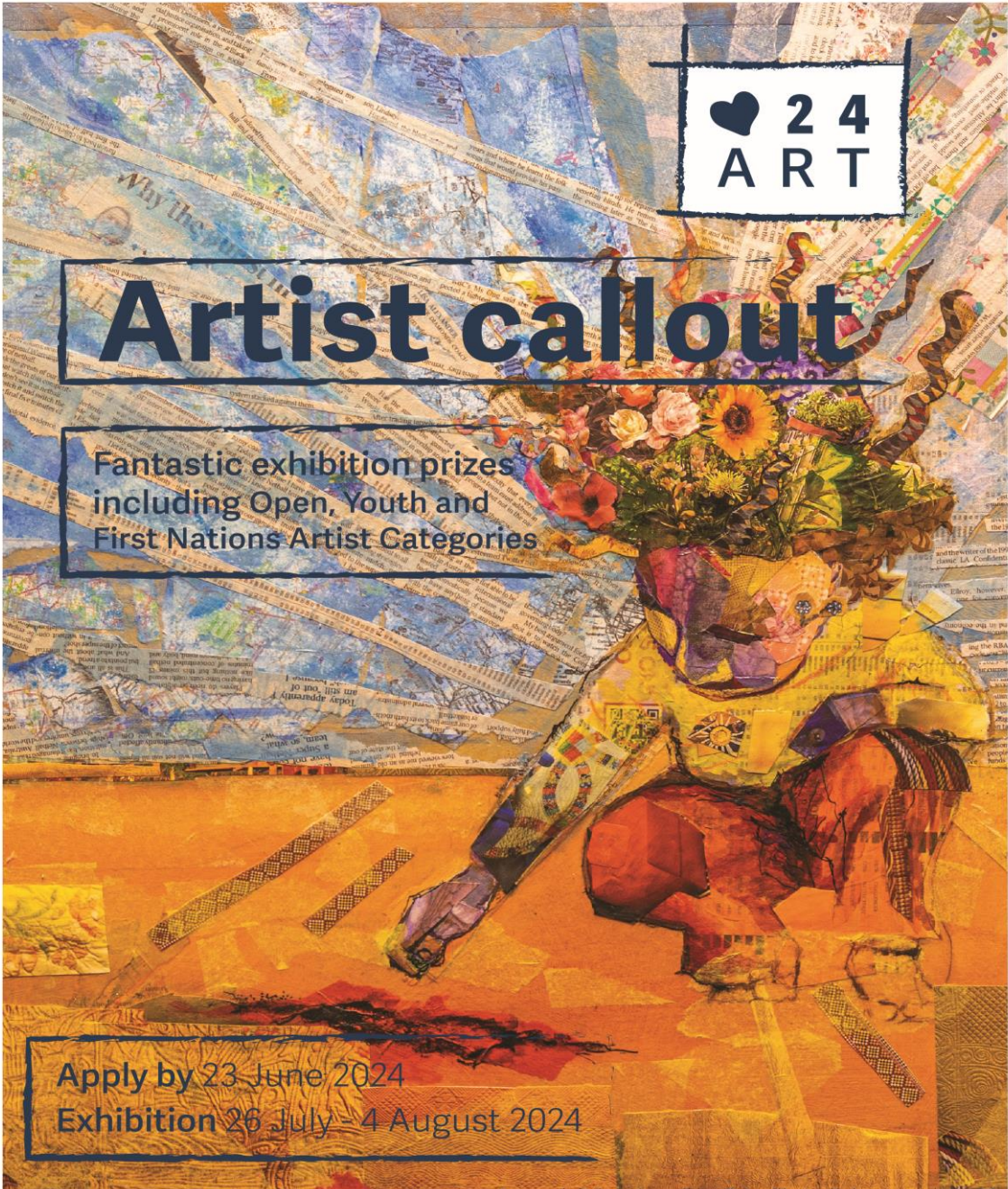
Our group is growing in size AND we would be very happy to have more participants join if a topic interests you. A reminder that there will only be one more class (11th June) before the end of the semester and start up again on 27th August when I return from up North. Is there someone else who would like to run the group for those 4 weeks while I am away??

General Items

Talk, Tour and Taste

Carol Smith has offered to arrange visits to local wineries on 13 September, 11 October and 8 November for a talk by the owner, a tour where appropriate and a tasting. There may be a

cost for tasting with nibbles. Carol would like to determine interest in this idea before she can make final plans with the wineries. Please express interest to Carol at seymu3a@gmail.com



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ART

Artist callout

Fantastic exhibition prizes including Open, Youth and First Nations Artist Categories

Apply by 23 June 2024
Exhibition 26 July - 4 August 2024

Artwork 'Niran/seed' by Priscilla Indichnavon, hART23

For further information and how to apply

(03) 5734 6200

mitchellshire.vic.gov.au/hart-of-mitchell



Melting Pot

Peter Mitchell from BEAM Mitchell



***Environment Group
Natural Treasures in Mitchell Shire***

**Tuesday 4 June 2024 at 1.30pm
Chittick Community Place, Chittick Park, Seymour**

***What are the natural treasures in Mitchell Shire?
Where are these conservation reserves, state forests, private
bushland?
Are all of the natural treasures in Mitchell accessible?***

***Everyone is welcome to come to this free information
session***



2024 State Conference

3 - 5 October 2024

Forty and Fabulous! Now what's next

Thursday 3 October

**U3A Network Victoria – AGM
Yarra River Cruise - optional**

Friday 4 October

**Welcome and official start of the conference
Plenary speakers
Breakout rooms
City Walking Tour - optional
Conference dinner - optional
Morning and afternoon tea, lunch provided**

Saturday 5 October

**Plenary speakers
Breakout rooms
Morning tea**

Wrap up of conference and official end of the conference.

**Booking can be made through
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPDWW>**



Conference Speakers



Dr Norman Swan
Keynote Speaker



Rhonda Weston AM



Joanna Maxwell



Rebecca Nisbet



Michael Cowling



Ritesh Chugh



Glen Wall



Rosemary Cameron

All notices for the next Noticeboard need to be emailed to U3A
(seymu3a@gmail.com) **and** Heather (123hbee@gmail.com) on or before

June 21st

If you have any photographs of any activities, or busy groups, please email them to
U3A **and** Heather

Noticeboard will be sent out on **June 26th**.