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## NOTICEBOARD

### May 2025

#### President's Message

"What is there to report for May?" I ask myself.

The classes are going well. ☒

Noticeboard keeps appearing. ☒

We are getting a steady trickle of new members. ☒

Our plans for the 20th Anniversary celebrations are proceeding nicely. Given all the effort that the subcommittee has put in (thank you thank you thank you!) it will be a fantastic event and one which honours the work put in by so many over the years. ☒

I don't want anyone to miss out so please make sure that you let Jo, or your tutor, know if you will be there on Saturday May 24th. This will assist our catering team as we don't want to waste food, and definitely want to have enough!

We also have an event called *Away with Words - Writing for Resilience*, happening on Saturday June 14, thanks to a grant from the Mitchell Shire Council. If you are interested, or know any non-members who might find such an opportunity valuable get them to contact me. Registration will start soon so watch for more details.

I appreciate the responses I received from the two members who are keen to have an Armchair Travel class, however, we would need more people to be interested if it were to go ahead. I am putting out another call if this is something that you would attend if we got it happening.

Have a great month

Irene

"Courage is grace under pressure" Ernest Hemingway

Members, please wear your U3A badges/name tags with your emergency details on the back whenever you are attending a U3A event. If you don't have one, please ask your tutor or check with the office and we can arrange for one to be made up. It is very helpful for those of us not so good at remembering names or if we have to deal with an emergency.

## Reports from Groups

Noticeboard looks a bit bare this month as there are very few (only one) group reports.  
Please let us all know what your group is doing.

### Matinee

#### *Anything Goes*

Starring Bing Crosby  
and Donald O'Connor

*Anything Goes* is a 1956 American musical film directed by Robert Lewis, and starring Bing Crosby, Donald O'Connor, Zizi Jeanmaire, and Mitzi Gaynor. Adapted from the 1934 stage musical *Anything Goes* by Cole Porter, Guy Bolton, and P. G. Wodehouse, the film is about two entertainers scheduled to appear in a Broadway show who travel to Europe, where each discovers the perfect leading lady for the female role. Bing Crosby's character, Bill Benson, goes to England and meets Mitzi Gaynor's character Patsy Blair, and he signs her as the female lead.

Meanwhile, Donald O'Connor's character, Ted Adams, travels to France and meets Jeanmaire's character, Gaby Duval, and he signs her to the same role. On the return voyage, with each man having brought his leading lady along, the Atlantic becomes a stormy crossing when each man must tell his discovery that she might not get the role.



### General Items

From: Meghan Harvey <Meghan.Harvey@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au>

Subject: Victorian Volunteering Awards 2025 Now open

Nominations Now Open for the Volunteering Awards 2025!

Do you know a local volunteer or community group making a big difference in Mitchell Shire?

The Volunteering Awards 2025 are now open, recognising the incredible contributions volunteers make in strengthening communities across Victoria.

This is your chance to celebrate individuals and organisations who are building connection, resilience, and support right here in our region.

There are eight award categories open for public nomination, covering both individual volunteers and community organisations supported by volunteers.

The Awards are delivered by Volunteering Victoria, with support from the Victorian Government (Department of Families, Fairness and Housing).

📅 Nominations open: Tuesday 29 April 2025 at 12.00pm

📅 Nominations close: Friday 4 July 2025 at 4.00pm

Let's shine a spotlight on the people who make Mitchell Shire such a strong and caring community.

Link to nominate and for more information: <https://volunteeringvictoria.awardsplatform.com/>

Meghan Harvey



From: National Trust of Australia (Victoria) <bookings@nattrust.com.au>

Subject: What's on this May

What's On

Golden Days, Timeless Places

Unearth Heritage this May

The Australian Heritage Festival is in full swing – and there's still time to dive into the incredible stories, places and traditions being celebrated across the state. If you haven't made it to an event yet, there's plenty more to explore in the weeks ahead. Discover the full program.

Connections to the Birrarung

Explore the ongoing impacts and effects of colonisation and industrialisation through different lenses on the banks of the Birrarung (Yarra River) at Polly Woodside.

Friday 2 & 9 May

11.00am – 2.00pm

Polly Woodside, South Wharf

Join “Dame Victoria” for a lively talk about Helen Brown, the lesser-known matriarch behind Como House's glittering social history.

Saturday 10 May

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Como House Ballroom, South Yarra

Book Tickets

Significant Trees of Rippon Lea - Tour

Discover the historic trees of Rippon Lea, some dating back to the 1880s, on this guided walking tour. Learn how the collection is cared for and preserved for future generations.

Friday 9 May

11.00am – 11.45am

Rippon Lea Estate, Elsternwick

Exhibition – Bones & Burial Boxes

Uncover Melbourne's hidden history in this fascinating new exhibition exploring prison burial sites and the stories of those who rest beneath the surface.

Open Thursday to Sunday

10.00am – 3.00pm

Pentridge Prison Tours, Coburg

## Botanica Festival

Join our annual celebration of the natural environment, gardening, and sustainability at one of our most beautiful Heritage Gardens, Rippon Lea Estate.

This event brings together enjoyment and education through guided garden tours, engaging panel discussions, interactive demonstrations, market stalls, plant sale, and much more.

Guided tours of Rippon Lea's heritage gardens and significant trees

Thought-provoking panel discussion on climate change and heritage garden care, presented with the Heritage Council Victoria

- ❖ Bird tours showcasing the diverse species that call the estate home
- ❖ A huge plant sale featuring plants propagated by National Trust gardeners
- ❖ Flower arranging workshops with Melbourne Flower School (ticketed separately)
- ❖ Country Women's Association scones, baked fresh and served with charm
- ❖ Orchid displays from the Southern Suburbs Orchid Society
- ❖ Locally crafted goods from Rose St. Market stalls

There are many places to explore. To learn more visit:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/vic/festival-guides/>



Please join us for a morning tea event as The SEED Project bring together community supporters from Victoria Police and Northern Community Legal Centre (NCLC).

Meet Rose, Community Crime Prevention Officer with Victoria Police, and Chantelle, Community Integration Worker of NCLC, to learn about their roles in supporting women and the community. Stay for a cuppa and chat to connect with like-minded individuals and build a stronger community. Always FREE!

If you would like to join us, please RSVP by replying to this email, or please feel free to text or contact us on 0482 188 099.

Thank you

Sharay Slivarich

Project Administration Officer, The SEED Project

Sustaining Economic Empowerment and Dignity Project for Women

Please note my working days are

Monday & Wednesday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Thursday 9.00am – 3.00pm



From: Velos Panteli (VIDA) <velos.panteli@railprojects.vic.gov.au>

Subject: Metro Tunnel HQ visit

Hello U3A,

I'm Velos, from the Metro Tunnel Project's community visitor centre – "Metro Tunnel HQ."

I am reaching out to your group to invite you in for a visit to experience and discover some of the biggest public transport projects in Victoria's history as part of your social outing. Some of your branches have already come and found it most interesting, so we are extending the invitation.

Metro Tunnel HQ is located at 125 Swanston Street, Melbourne. It's insightful and informative, with interactive displays, virtual reality experiences, and an immersive panoramic theatrette. Our award-winning information centre brings to life the Metro Tunnel Project, the largest rail project in Melbourne since the City Loop was built more than 40 years ago! For example, did you know the Metro Tunnel will provide people with more choice and better connections to parts of Melbourne not previously serviced by trains. Come on in and we'll tell you all about it.

The presentations run for 60 minutes. Our friendly staff will present on the Metro Tunnel Project – including the new stations, trains, systems, and technological innovations. Following the presentation, guests will have time to explore the centre at their leisure. We could even take you on a short walk to the Town Hall Station construction site (foot path view only, and optional) where we will touch on Victoria's biggest archaeological dig as well as station construction methodology.

And this is all free. 😊

We have availability in the upcoming months. If this sounds interesting to you and your group or if you have any questions, please reach out to me and I can assist further.

Explore our website: Metro Tunnel Project - Victoria's Big Build

Booking form: <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/metro-tunnel/community/hq>

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Kind regards,

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

**May 21.**

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

Noticeboard will be sent out on **May 28.**