



# AWESOME APRIL

## U3A DEEPDENE VACATION PROGRAM TIMETABLE

Coordinated by Anne Kemp

<p><b>MONDAY</b> 8 APRIL</p> <p><i>Travel zoom:</i> AA 01 <i>Lake Como, France and the UK</i> <i>Margaret Dixon</i></p> <p>AA 02 <i>Movie@ Balwyn Cinema</i></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 9 APRIL</p> <p>AA 03 <i>Walk with Beth Perrigo</i></p> <p><i>Up-hill and down-dale</i></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 10 APRIL</p> <p>AA 04 <i>Day trip Cranbourne Gardens visit and tour</i></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 11 APRIL</p> <p>AA 05 10:30 – <i>Coffee &amp; Chat Café Bacino</i></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 12 APRIL</p> <p>AA 06 <i>Titanic Artefact exhibition at Melbourne Museum</i></p>
<p><b>MONDAY</b> 15 APRIL</p> <p>AA 07 <i>U3A Photography exhibition – Remembering Koonung Creek At Greythorn Hub</i></p> <p><i>Travel zoom:</i> AA 08 <i>Switzerland and Austria</i> <i>John Manton</i></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> 16 APRIL</p> <p>AA 09 <i>Day trip The Great Stupa – Bendigo visit and tour</i></p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> 17 APRIL</p> <p>AA 10 <i>KenDon Museum, Prahran</i></p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> 18 APRIL</p> <p>AA 11 10:30 – <i>Coffee &amp; Chat East &amp; Co</i></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b> 19 APRIL</p> <p>AA 12 <i>KenDon Museum, Prahran</i></p> <p>AA 13 <i>Picnic lunch at Maranoa Gardens</i></p>



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## Week 1 – April 8 – 12

### AA 01 Travel Talk on zoom

#### Travel Talk zoom – Lake Como, France and the UK

Hosted by Lois Heycox, presented by Margaret Dixon

Last year I travelled through some of the most beautiful areas of Italy, France and England, and I would love to share my memories with you. However the main theme of the trip was 'Gardens', and as I am not qualified to comment on every botanical species I see - I merely hope to take photos of stunning scenery - I have devised another way to keep you interested.

My presentation will be in the form of letters of the alphabet, including D for dogs, X for eXtraordinary sights and C for Castles, to name but a few, and I hope you will find this both interesting and entertaining.

**Monday April 8**                      **10.30 – 12.00**

Zoom

Places:                                  100

### AA 02 A Movie @ Balwyn Cinema

Program for this date not yet available- if you'd like to be kept informed, please register and we'll email you once the schedule is available (anticipated around 3/4/24 ) There will be the option for a coffee & a cake afterwards 😊

Members purchase own tickets, once choice of movie is advised.

**Monday April 8**    Time to be decided

### AA 03 Up-Hill, Down-Dale with Beth Perrigo

This walk explores a variety of landscapes and passes interesting sights and sites. Enjoy a Seniors lunch only \$16 and continue meandering back to the start.

Meet at the Bandstand at Wattle Park at **10.30am**.

Parking available at Wattle Park Chalet or PTV: tram 70 stop 60: bus 903, Ferndale St: bus 767,768 and 281 Riversdale and walk up the hill.

This is a circular walk. Don't forget your name tag and you will need your Senior card at lunchtime. Allow 1.25 hr walk pre-lunch, and a little less to return back to the starting point.

**Tuesday April 9**                      **10.30 start**

Places:                                  20

## AA 04 Cranbourne Gardens – day trip



**Leader: Anne Kemp**

Meet at Visitor Centre, Australian Garden  
Ballarto Road, Cranbourne, Victoria, Australia

Free Guided Tour at 11am

15 places have been booked

***Please contact Anne Kemp – 0413 940 705 if you need/can provide transport***

Entry through Ballarto Road west is from Frankston-Cranbourne Road at the intersection including Pearcedale Road. Currently there are roadworks please follow signs.

[Garden Highlights Walk | Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria \(rbg.vic.gov.au\)](https://rbg.vic.gov.au)

**Wednesday April 10**

**11.00 tour start**

Places: 15

## AA 05 Coffee and a Chat

**Does a regular coffee catch up appeal to you?**

Heard the rumble? A few members have suggested a weekly coffee catch up would be a good and joyous thing to do. My thought is to try different cafes which not only gives us the chance to try new places, but also different locales will suit different members. I will book a table for 12 people initially and see how we go.

**Coffee and a chat!**

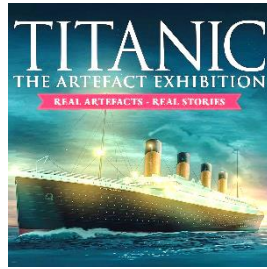
**Thursday April 11**

**10.30**

Venue: Café *Bacino*  
1335 Burke Road Balwyn

Places: 12

## AA 06 Titanic Artefact Exhibition



Melbourne Museum: Train to Parliament Station, then 10 min walk/ No 96 tram Stop 12 to Melbourne Museum

Seniors Tickets: \$22.50 Timed entry-10.30am

Tickets have been reserved **but must be confirmed and paid for by March 15**, otherwise we'll lose them.

**Enrol for this event now!**

**Friday April 12**

**10.30**

Cost \$22.50

Payment required at enrolment

Places: 16

**Enrolment is essential** for each excursion, activity or zoom and should be made **before March 12**

**Payments should accompany enrolments and are non refundable.**

**To enrol** go to our website:

[www.u3adeepdene.org.au](http://www.u3adeepdene.org.au) and click on the Member Access button



This will take you to MyU3A and you can enrol under the category **VACATION PROGRAM**

If you need help with this, phone Jenny Cash (0408 019 815)

**Once the vacation starts:**

If you wish to cancel an enrolment:

\*\*\*withdraw online

\*\*\*or by email to [deepdeneu3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:deepdeneu3amembership@gmail.com)

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## Week 2 – April 15 – 19

### AA 07 U3A Deepdene Photography Exhibition

#### *Remembering Koonung Creek Reserve*

The Koonung Creek Reserve is about to be significantly altered and reduced in size due to the widening of the Eastern Freeway as part of the North-East Link project. The exhibition aims to create a historical record of the beautiful landscapes, the tall trees, wide open spaces and informal pathways before they disappear.

The photographs have been taken by the Deepdene U3A Photography Group as part of their regular program and the exhibition is sponsored by the Community Bank Inner East.

10am Meet at Greythorn Hub to see our amazing U3A photography Group's "Remembering Koonung Creek Reserve" exhibition, followed by a coffee catch in a local cafe @ own expense.

**Monday April 15 10.00**

Venue:

**Greythorn Community Hub,**

2 Centreway, Balwyn North (behind the Greythorn shops)

Places: 30

### AA 08 Travel Talk on zoom

#### Travel Talk – Switzerland and Austria

**Hosted by Pam O'Brien, presented by John Manton**

Switzerland and Austria are served by an extensive railway network. Not only are there the standard gauge main lines, but also local lines, some of which are rack operated mountain lines, usually narrow gauge. And in Switzerland as well as the mountain branch lines, through the mountain region is a network of narrow (metre) gauge lines, in part operated with rack systems. Add to these funiculars and aerial cable cars, and you have a system which is an attraction in itself, as well as a way of getting about. The presentation will be about visiting the scenic mountainous areas of Austria and Switzerland, and the transport systems which serve both the locals, and the visitors.

**Monday April 15 10.30 – 12.00**

Zoom

Places: 100



Catch 9.05 Vline train to Bendigo-arriving @ 10.59am

Stupa Coach to collect us – max of 11 @ \$10 each (non refundable) from Bendigo Station

Book early if you would like a spot on the bus!

The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion is being built to serve the local community for the next 1000 years! The Buddhist plan commenced in 1980 and eventually will include not only the Stupa (Pagoda) but also a temple, a primary school, an aged care facility and a restaurant to mention a few aspects.

It is a truly remarkable feat.

Explore the largest Buddhist stupa in the western world, right here in Bendigo! Groups will embark on a 1.5 hour tour with a friendly and knowledgeable guide, beginning in our Visitor Centre.

- View a short introductory film giving the history of the site
- Tour the Peace Park, focused on interfaith harmony with installations from Catholic, Jewish, Hindu, Sikh, Bahai and Buddhist faiths
- Go inside the Great Stupa temple where the guide will talk about Buddhist culture, architecture, art and future plans
- Stand in awe of beautiful relics and statues, including the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace
- Add a short introduction to meditation at no extra charge
- A chance for questions and answers at the end

**Charge: Seniors \$12 pp + bus charge \$10 =\$22 per person**

There is a café onsite where there a good selection of vegetarian dishes including a “Monk Dish” traditional dish for monks, gyozas, toasted sandwiches, focaccias, samosas etc A variety of coffees and teas are also available. (Members who enrol for this event will receive information about lunches closer to the date).

[Home - Great Stupa of Universal Compassion](#)

Return trip home: Bus departs from the carpark at 1.30pm, arriving at Bendigo station at 2pm. Next train to Melbourne is at 2.26pm, arriving back at Southern Cross at 4.24pm

**PLEASE NOTE: if you would like to join us at The Great Stupa just for the tour (not using the bus from Bendigo Station), please enrol for AA 09 Tour (cost \$12)**

**Tuesday April 16**

**8.30 – 4.30**

**Cost \$22 (Bus pick-up from Bendigo Station plus Tour) Payment required at enrolment**

**Places: 11**

## AA 10 KenDon Museum – Prahran

### Visit to Ken Don Pottery Museum Leader: Errol Muir, U3A Deepdene

659 High Street East Prahran

[About | KenDon Museum](#)



Getting There: Tram: 109 to Burke Road, catch 72 tram towards city / Melbourne University, alight at stop 32, Bendigo Street. Short walk along Bendigo Street to High Street Prahran

Car: Parking may be difficult and limited on High Street and Malvern Road or the side streets.

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**Wednesday April 17**

**11.00**

Places: 7

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**Thursday April 18**

**10.30**

Venue: East & Co

182 Whitehorse Road Balwyn

Places: 16



## AA 12 KenDon Museum – Prahran 2<sup>nd</sup> visit

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**Friday April 19** **11.00**

Places: 7

## AA 13 Picnic at Maranoa Gardens

### Picnic at Maranoa Botanic Gardens

Leader: Anne Kemp



The story of Maranoa Botanic Gardens began in 1901. Mr J M Watson purchased 1.4 hectares of land for a private garden in Balwyn, in which he planted a collection of Australian and New Zealand natives. In 1922, the City of Camberwell acquired the garden. It was officially opened to the public on the 18 September 1926.

The garden was expanded in 1962 to its current 2.6 hectares. In 2015 the gardens adopted a Conservation Management Plan to guide its management and maintenance.

Entry from Parring Road Balwyn BYO chairs, rugs, sunscreen, water, and picnic goodies.  
(Boroondara Approval pending)

**Friday April 19** **12.00**

Places : 30