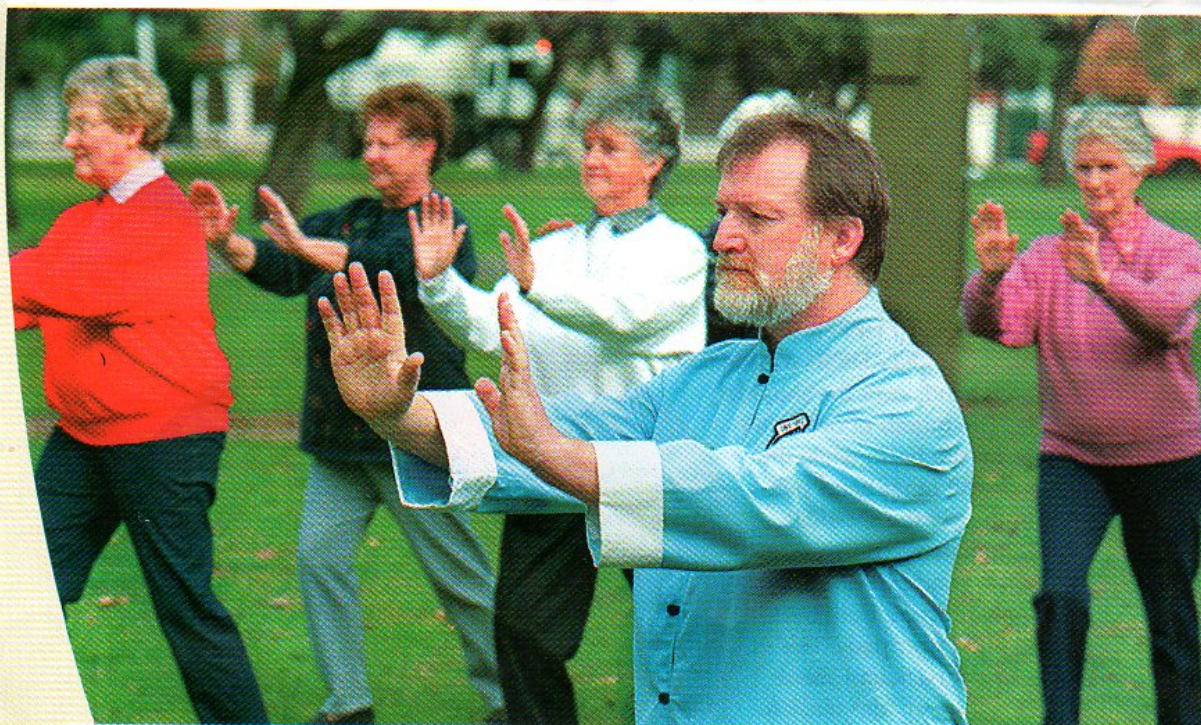




Practising calm

As an alternative to Western medical practices, popular Eastern methods are being embraced to improve physical and mental wellbeing.



TAI CHI

The prime purpose of Tai Chi is to promote health in a slow, relaxed manner. Director of the Tai Chi and Chi Kung Institute, Master Allan Kelson, says Tai Chi is like karate in slow motion. "There is a great emphasis on posture and balance," he says. Master Kelson says Tai Chi, when practised regularly, enhances the function of the central nervous system, keeps joints flexible and improves the function of internal organs. "Tai Chi is not strenuous on the body and can be performed by young and old," he says. "You don't need special clothing or equipment and it allows people to get outside and enjoy the natural environment."