

### **Computers and Digital Courses at Pangerang**

Computer classes are held at Pangerang Community House, 38 Ovens Street Wangaratta. Please ring 5721 3813 to enquire about courses and cost. There is a \$10 discount for U3A Wangaratta members on iPad/Tablet programs.



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### **Acknowledgements**

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We thank the **Wangaratta Art Gallery** for providing the art talks at the gallery.

**Pangerang Community House** provides computer training at a reduced cost for U3A and keeps us informed of any additional training that may be beneficial to our members.

### **For more information**

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## **Course Brochure**

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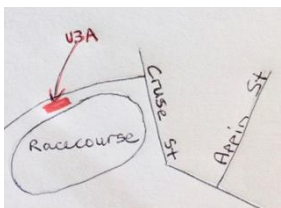
## **Timetable**

**Semester 2**

**July - November 2019**

*U3A (University of the Third Age) is a worldwide self-help, low-cost, learning organisation for people in their third age of life. There are no entrance requirements and no assessments.*

## Venue for Classes



The venue for most classes is Room 3 at the Wangaratta Turf Club. There is only one entrance we are permitted to use and that is via Cruse Street. Travel down Sisely Avenue, into Cruse Street, turn left into the Racecourse, drive up to the first red brick building on the left where you will see our sign. Park in the car park opposite. Transport can be arranged by calling **0412 944 664**, and to discuss disabled access. Be Connected is held in our meeting room but other computer classes are held at Pangerang Community House, 38 Ovens Street Wangaratta. Art Gallery Talks are held at the Wangaratta Art Gallery. Come for a Walk, Bird Watching and Wine Making classes are mostly held at external venues - contact the Secretary on 0412 944 664 for further information.

## Membership Fees

The annual membership fee is \$50 and this entitles members to attend any or all of the courses on offer. A half-year membership fee of \$25 is offered to those who join in July. Associate Membership is available to members of other U3As for a modest \$10 per member for the first year. Proof of membership must be shown.

## General Committee Meetings

All members are welcome at the General Committee Meetings. Input from members is vital to the ongoing health of the organisation. Contact the Secretary on 0412 944 664 for venue.

## Volunteer Facilitators

U3A relies on the expertise of volunteer facilitators. If you have an area of expertise you would like to share with other members, or if you know of someone who would like to become a facilitator, contact the Secretary on 0412 944 664.

## Reading James Joyce's Ulysses **ONGOING**

It's been banned, it's been slammed, it's been debated! James Joyce's Ulysses was first published as a novel in 1922 and still inspires, intrigues and delights. Explore and enjoy the complexities of this novel as we read it together – newcomers welcome. Participants will need a copy of Ulysses, so, if purchasing the novel, the Penguin Classic with a blue Martello Tower on the cover is recommended. It will be helpful (but not necessary) if all participants have the same copy. It can be bought for \$16 at Edgars Newsagency.

## Art Gallery Talks **ONGOING**

Discover the current exhibitions and the collection at the Wangaratta Art Gallery. Staff at the gallery will enlighten members each month with a talk about particular artists exhibiting their work at the gallery.

## Multiculturalism and Immigration **NEW**

This short course will take the form of interactive discussion on how both multiculturalism and immigration have shaped and benefited Australian society. Our facilitator will provide some personal recollections of developments and challenges in these important nation-building programs, and describe some notable cases.

## Cards & Board Games **NEW**

Do you enjoy playing cards such as 500, Canasta, Up and Down the Creek, and board games like Scrabble, Checkers, and Chess? Participants decide the games played during each session. Bring your own pack of cards or board game and share your expertise – or come and learn a new game!

## Wine Making **NEW**

Commencing in Spring, we will visit two small local wineries in September and November to learn about the wine making process for individual wines in particular environments, and the formation and growth of each winery. The October session will be in our meeting room with a Rutherglen winemaker who is also talking about his recent trip around wineries in Spain. Wine tasting is optional!

# Course Descriptions

## Talk French! **ONGOING**

This course is ongoing so is not suitable for complete beginners. Please contact U3A Wangaratta by emailing eileen.sidell@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining the class and have some knowledge of French - perhaps from some years back in the past. Emphasis will be on gaining the skills to understand and speak French with confidence. Basic grammar skills will be included in each session.

## The Garden Plot **ONGOING**

Do you love gardens and gardening? Join us for interactive sessions with guest speakers, plant swap days and field trips. Suitable for new or experienced gardeners and anyone who just wants to have fun in a relaxed atmosphere.

## Literature **ONGOING**

Literature includes images as well as text. In addition to novels, plays, films, poems, there are TV shows, documentaries, feature films, and even advertisements to be 'read' and assessed for the stories they tell and the way they are constructed. The topics for each semester are chosen by the course participants so, whatever your taste in literature, it is likely to be catered for, and you may well be surprised by new exciting ideas.

## Understanding Religions **ONGOING**

Globalisation and high-speed communication put 21st century people in contact with adherents of a wide variety of world religions. Exploring religious stereotypes will hopefully shed light on unfamiliar philosophies and practices. The popular idea that all religions lead to the same God fails to account for the distinctive origins and radically different teachings found across the world's many religions, beliefs and practices. This course will present religion as a complex and intriguing matrix of history, philosophy, and culture.

## A Basic Introduction to the Share Market **ONGOING**

This short course will give the participants an overview of the stock market and how it works. Discussion subjects will include:-

- The Australian securities exchange
- Equity securities
- Role and history of share ownership
- Understanding the numbers
- Understanding risk
- Who invests in the share market
- Types of shares
- Initial public offering
- Pricing of shares

Some research may be required.

There is a limit of 14 in this course so please contact the U3A Secretary on Mobile 0412 944 664 if you wish to attend.

Please note that this course does not provide investment advice but gives discussion on the subject only.

## Be Connected **NEW**

Be Connected starts in September and is a FREE Australian Government initiative helping older Australians to get the most out of going online. U3A Wangaratta is partnering with Pangerang Community House to help you discover how being online can add new skills and experiences to your life. For total beginners or for those who have learned a little already, we offer warm, friendly support in our own U3A meeting room so that you can take your time developing confidence as you learn. Bring your own mobile phone, iPad or laptop, if you have them. There are a limited number of devices available on loan.

### **Bird Watching** *NEW*

Beginning in Spring, this course for bird and nature lovers will be facilitated by a knowledgeable and passionate admirer of our avian wonders during walks around picturesque Wangaratta.

### **Mah Jong** *ONGOING*

Mah-jong is not a difficult game but you have to keep your wits about you. It is good for the memory and quite easy to learn. Your own set of tiles would be valuable for practice. It is a simple game once the rules have been mastered - the rest is luck! Concentration, patience and quickness of play are the key. The more you play the more enjoyable the game.

### **Come for a walk!** *ONGOING*

Last semester the group walked along many of the beautiful walking tracks around Wangaratta. We intend to renew our acquaintance with some and discover new ones this semester. We usually have coffee together once a month or so, but otherwise just enjoy each other's company as we walk at our own pace. Come and join us. For our first walk we will meet at Apex Park and walk along the lovely Ovens river.

### **Conversing in French** *ONGOING*

Because there is a limit of 12 members in this course there are no vacancies at this stage, but if you are interested in this course please contact U3A on Mobile 0412 944 664.

### **Collectors and their Collections** *NEW*

Are you a numismatist or philatelist or some other type of collector? Maybe you are just a common garden variety arctophile. If so, then this course may be of interest to you. Participants are encouraged to bring in their own collections (or photographs) to discuss with the group. We will also consider the WHY of collecting – some of us collect items for nostalgic reasons, others just take pleasure in the art of building large collections, while the more serious among us see collecting as a way of making a living.

### **Hot Topics** *ONGOING*

Come along and join in discussions on the major (and minor) social, cultural, scientific, philosophical and political issues in Australia and around the world. This course is planned to allow participants the opportunity to discuss their views on matters of interest in local, national and international events of their choosing. The aim for the course is to allow the participants, to question, confirm, challenge and enhance their own views on the subjects or events discussed. The success of the course will depend on the willingness of the participants to become involved and to respect the differences of opinions of individual participants.

### **Buongiorno Italia** *ONGOING*

This is for all who love the Italian language and for those who think they may travel to Italy. This is not a beginners course and because it is an ongoing course and numbers are limited please contact us on the U3A phone 0412 944 664 if you are interested in joining the class and have some knowledge of the Italian language. Basic grammar skills will be included in each session. The group will be working with a text so it is expected that participants buy 'Talk Italian' Book 2 which costs approximately \$15.95 for the book or \$30.00 for the book and CD and can be bought through Edgars Newsagency or on-line. Participants must to be prepared to revise and prepare for each session.

### **Cryptic Crosswords** *ONGOING*

Cryptic crosswords explore the magic of the English language – how words can mean so many things, and how our mind plays tricks on us when we read the clues. People often say, "I'd like to try cryptic crosswords but I never know how to start." This is a class for both new crossworders and those continuing. The first hour will begin from the very first concepts, while the second hour will solve crosswords as a group for fun and learning. All students are welcome to attend either or both.