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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.

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Course Brochure

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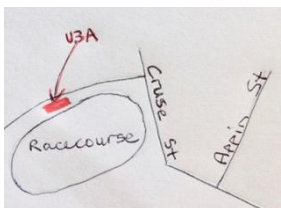
Timetable

Semester 1

February - June 2020

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. **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!** sessions are mostly held at varying 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.

Traveller and Culture Tales **NEW**

Scratch that itch to travel as we hear all about the travelling experiences of our members and guest speakers. And be better prepared for your upcoming trip abroad by learning about cultural customs around the world and why different populations of people settle in a particular place at a particular time.

Art Gallery Talks **ONGOING**

The *Art Lovers Talks* series for 2020 are aligned with the Wangaratta Art Gallery exhibitions program. Join Inga Hanover for morning tea and an informal discussion and insights into the processes and techniques of the artists whose work is exhibited.

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.

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.

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.

“21 Lessons for the 21st Century” **NEW**

Historian Yuval Noah Harari tries to offer some clarity about the future of humanity. Clarity can empower us to face the future with courage and hope. The book's focus is on current affairs and the immediate future of human societies. Throughout the course we will be discussing questions like: What are today's greatest challenges and choices? What should we pay attention to? What should we teach our kids and grandkids? Is it possible to find a firm ethical ground in today's world?

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.

Reading more James Joyce's **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. We will be finishing our sessions on *Ulysses* with the reading of *Episode 16 Eumaeus*. We will then continue to explore other works by James Joyce such as *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* and *Dubliners*. Both these books can be accessed free online with Project Gutenberg. Participants do not need to have attended the 2019 sessions.

Course Descriptions

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.

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

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 year 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 please contact U3A on Mobile 0412 944 664.

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. You will have the opportunity to discuss your views on matters of interest in local, national and international events of your choosing. The aim for the course is to allow people to question, confirm, challenge and enhance their own views on the subjects or events discussed. Success will depend on a willingness to become involved and to respect the differences of opinions of individual participants.

Collectors and their Collections *ONGOING*

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.

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 it is essential you have a good knowledge of the Italian language. Basic grammar skills will be included in each session. Participants must be prepared to revise and prepare for each session.

Cryptic Crosswords *ONGOING*

Cryptic crosswords explores 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. We will begin from the very first concepts, and then solve crosswords as a group for fun and learning.

International Relations *NEW*

International relations is the study of the interconnectedness of politics, economics and law on a global level. It will draw from the fields of communications, history, demography, geography, sociology and psychology. It encompasses issues such as globalisation, diplomatic relations, state sovereignty, international security, ecological sustainability, nationalism and human rights. Regional studies will focus on the Pacific, Middle East, South Asia and Africa. Considerable attention will be given to cultural and historical matters in the development of international relations between Australia and selected nation states. We will make use of media reports and current television programmes to assist in a broad understanding of the contemporary international scene.

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.