



**WANGARATTA**  
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# Course Brochure Semester 2

## July – December 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.***

### Course Descriptions

The courses running this semester have been grouped by the method of tuition ie online, email, post, offsite, so your choice of courses may depend on your level of digital skills. Note that some courses occur more than once because the tutor is catering for more than one method of receiving material (e.g. Literature).

#### Courses conducted online

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

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. Participants do not need to have attended the 2019 sessions. We are reading it again chronologically and are enjoying watching online readings of sections of Joyce's work..

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

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. The tutor is prepared to run a session on 23<sup>rd</sup> July to help people new to Zoom so please indicate if you need this and you will receive an email advising you of the time.

##### **Share Market discussion group**

A monthly discussion on share market stocks, subjects and issues. Some preparation may be required.

## **Conversing in French**

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.

## **Buongiorno Italia**

This is for all who love the Italian language and for those who think they may travel to Italy. It is on an ongoing course so 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 to be prepared to revise and prepare for each session. .As numbers are limited please contact us on the U3A phone 0412 944 664 for more information.

## **Literature**

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.

## **How Does It Work?**

- Did you know that a very important astronomical event occurred not too far from here in 1969 (not the Moon landing)?
- Do you know how a combustion engine works and why tractor lovers have been very upset recently?
- How does a metal knee get hotter or colder than the surrounding leg?
- And what is all the fuss about with making sourdough bread?

If you have wondered how something works in psychology, physics, chemistry, biology or any other area of science or technology, then this is the course for you.

## **A short history of civilization**

We wander along the trail of the development of civilization choosing interesting stopping points dictated, in part, by recent archaeological evidence that the stories of the Old Testament may actually be history. Recommended text: From Eden to Exile: the 5000 year old history of the people of the Bible, David Rohl, Greenleaf Press, 2002.

## **Device User Group**

This is your opportunity to ask about all those frustrations which happen with your device (computer, tablet, phone). We will try to help you solve the issues and have a number of tutors on standby to offer short tutorials in particular software or topics as requested by participants.

## **Social Seniors Program**

An exciting program offered by U3A and Libraries Victoria, at times and dates to be determined. See attached brochure for more detail. If you are interested in this course please contact the Course Coordinator who will arrange the times with the presenters. [pikee@bigpond.com](mailto:pikee@bigpond.com)

## **Courses conducted by email**

### **The Garden Plot**

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.

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## **Cryptic Crosswords**

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.

## **Courses conducted by post**

### **Talk French!**

This course is ongoing so is not suitable for complete beginners. However, if you have some knowledge of French - perhaps from some years back in the past. - please do indicate your interest in joining the class by contacting [u3awangaratta@gmail](mailto:u3awangaratta@gmail) and the tutor will contact you. Emphasis will be on gaining the skills to understand and speak French with confidence. Basic grammar skills will be included in each session.

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## **Courses conducted off site**

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

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.

### **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

### **Art Gallery Talks**

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. Details of talks will be passed on to members when they have been finalised.

## **Instructions For Enrolling in Second Semester Classes**

### **Existing U3A members**

Email [u3awangaratta@gmail.com](mailto:u3awangaratta@gmail.com) indicating those classes you wish to be enrolled in. Use the subject header Enrolment please. For online classes you will receive an emailed invitation to the Zoom meetings. Please indicate if you would like to have a practice session before your first class to familiarise yourself with how it works. Note classes will only go ahead if the minimum 5 participants have enrolled before the starting date.

### **New members**

U3A Wangaratta has a policy of allowing prospective members to ‘taste’ a class before enrolling to ensure they are comfortable with the material on offer. Please email your class selection to [u3awangaratta@gmail.com](mailto:u3awangaratta@gmail.com) indicating that you are a prospective member. Use the subject header Enrolment. For online classes you will receive an emailed invitation to the Zoom meetings. Please indicate if you would like to have a practice session before your first class to familiarise yourself with how it works. Note classes will only go ahead if the minimum 5 participants have enrolled before the starting date.

When you are comfortable, download and fill out the enrolment form and make the \$25 fee payment as instructed on the form. Then scan, photograph or print and send it by email or post to the appropriate address below.

## **For more information**

<https://www.u3awangaratta.org.au>

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## **Membership Fees**

A half-year membership fee of \$25 is offered to those who join in July. See the enrolment form for details of preferred payment method.

## **General Committee Meetings**

All members are welcome at the General Committee Meetings. Input from members is vital to the ongoing health of the organisation. Meetings are currently held online via the Zoom conferencing software. Please email [u3awangaratta@gmail.com](mailto:u3awangaratta@gmail.com) for an invitation to any meeting.

## **Volunteer Facilitators/ Tutors**

U3A relies on the expertise of volunteer tutors. 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 tutor, please let us know and the Course Coordinator will be in contact with you..

## **Acknowledgements**

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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.