

Newsletter #1

February 2020

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter!

2020 has started on a high note with all courses well attended and most attendances in double figures. There are 99 enrolments with 14 new members at this point. Very gratifying!

Your 2020 Committee of Management is pictured below:

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President:	Lorraine Crellin
First Vice President:	Fiona Clarke
Second Vice President:	Georgina Rea
Treasurer:	Peter Leonard
Secretary:	Anne Bittner
General Members:	Sandy Bishop , Dot Fletcher, Margot Inwersen, Joyce Widdows, Kathleen Woodward, Erica Pike.



The Committee endorsed the allocation of portfolios as follows:

Events coordinator	Sandy Bishop
Room maintenance and kitchen	Dot Fletcher
Publicity officers	Margot Ingwersen/Georgina Rea
Course coordinator	Erica Pike
Purchasing officer	Peter Leonard
Technology support	Anne Bittner/Erica Pike

Feedback and suggestions about any matter is welcome. Use the U3A email address and it will be redirected to the appropriate person: u3awangaratta@gmail.com

Events

Mid-year lunch – Friday 26 June.

Annual breakfast - Friday 27 November.

Seniors Race Day – TBA

Speakers are needed for the lunch and the breakfast. If you have a suggestion for an interesting speaker, please contact Sandy or email u3awangaratta@gmail.com

Art Gallery Talks

The exhibition of war propaganda material from the War Memorial drew 11 U3A members, a class of students, and members of the public. The curator of the exhibition gave a fascinating talk about the motives behind the advertisements from the governments of Australia, America, Britain, Germany, and Indonesia. Most of them were recruiting advertisements and some were urging the public to keep quiet in public places – talk costs lives.

The next Art Gallery talk is on Friday 6 March at 10 am - **Maker's Hand : Tricia Flanagan**
Tricia's production includes site-specific sculpture, social sculpture, sound sculpture, sculptural installation, wearables and performance installation.

Traveller and cultural tales – 10 am

Adrian and Helen Twitt took us to Iran at the last session and compared the Iran of 2028 with the Iran of 1986. This fascinating talk was followed by a DVD on the culture of the Arab cluster of countries.

Friday 28 February – Erica Pike talks about **“Walking the Camino” which is the pilgrim trail** leading to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain

Friday 13 March – Mason and Olga Scholes will talk about their years of working in **Maningrida** which is one of the largest remote towns in the Northern Territory, and is located approximately 500km east of Darwin in Arnhem Land at the mouth of the Liverpool River.

Friday 27 March – Erica Pike will talk about her travels in **Spain and Portugal**.

Come for a walk!

The group does not have a set program. It usually decides week by week where and when it will walk the following Tuesday. The facilitator sends out an email on Sunday nights to remind everyone of where it has decided to meet and walk on the next Tuesday morning. Ruth is happy to give out that information over the phone: 0408 376 639

The Garden Plot – 10 am

Thursday 27 February - **Werner Kazenwadel Citrus** and ornamental trees. Garden talk. 197- 199 Murdoch Rd Wangaratta. Afterwards at Murdoch store. (YUM) 106 Murdoch Rd

Thursday 12 March - **Linga a While Nursery**, 130 Tone Road. Mandy will speak about **“Gardens in health and healing”** with her personal recollections. BYO tissues.

Housekeeping

1. Please can all facilitators complete an enrolment form for insurance purposes. No fees are required unless you are attending a course other than your own.
2. There are two microphones attached to the PA system: a headset microphone and a hand held microphone. Both are operational with new batteries.
3. We have applied for funding for 10 waiting-room style chairs with arms and will know the result in April.

Best wishes for continued enjoyment in your U3A experience!
Anne Bittner

