

Newsletter

June 2021

Second semester arrangements

The Timetable and Course Descriptions have been circulated to all current members and those who were members in 2019 but did not return last year. We hope for Plan A and a return to our room at the Turf Club but if Racing Victoria does not ease the restriction on the public on race courses, there is a Plan B. The committee will decide which Plan to follow at a special meeting on 28 June. So please advise us of your choice of courses asap by email u3awangaratta@gmail.com with Courses in the subject line.

Morning Tea on Friday 25 July in the Oaks room

Invitations have been circulated. Please respond to u3awangaratta@gmail.com or 0412 944 664. Looking forward to seeing you there if restrictions are lifted.

Wareena Park Development

The concept design has been received and Anne will meet with the architect on 24 June to discuss the needs of U3A. The only issue is the perennial one of not enough female toilets!

RSL Grant for Mobility/Waiting room Chairs

Council staff have provided us with a very reasonable quote for several types of chairs. The Committee favours stackable types with fabric covers. We are not going ahead with an order at this stage because we do not have a place to store them!

Looking ahead.....

More than Travellers' Tales

Community Room at the Library

Thursday 24 June at 1.15 pm **History of Sicily with Ian Wilson**

Smorgasbord

Erica has arranged some very interesting speakers for next semester. See attached file. A reminder that the first session at the Wangaratta Museum is limited to 12 people and mobility is an issue because there are stairs. So when you enrol for this course, please say whether or not you want to attend this session.

Befriend your device

Ian Wilson is the tutor for this course starting on 20 July at the Digital Hub and he would welcome a trial run on Tuesdays June 22, 29, July 6, 13 between 1 and 3 pm. Bookings should be made through the Digital Hub by calling 0447 093 888. This would be a good opportunity to get the QR code check-in sorted on your phone. There seems to be different ways of doing it depending on the make and model of your phone. Pesky virus!

Latin spreads its wings!

The Latin tutor has agreed to open the course state-wide which puts Wangaratta on the map and we may see an increase in Associate Membership.

Increased use of school bus services for regional Victorians.

A Victorian government inquiry into expanding the use of school buses in rural and regional Victoria is seeking community input. The inquiry will look at the transport limitations experienced by rural and regional Victorians, particularly seniors, youth and low-income households and how school buses could be used to get more people connected socially and economically. This is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TV3VL9D>

The lack of local transport is a perennial problem for our rural friends. Please take a few minutes to fill in the survey that will help to reduce the isolation of others.

Dates for your diary

The Commissioner for Senior Victorians, Gerard Mansour will be guest speaking at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre at 2pm on **Tuesday 20th July 2021**. Booking details to come.

Mr Lyster's Touring Opera presents *Don Pasquale* by Donizetti at the Oxley Hall on 31 July at 2 pm It is a comic opera. Should be fun. Tickets \$30 per person at Trybooking.com or 0410 890 388 This was postponed due to the recent lockdown.

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