

Newsletter

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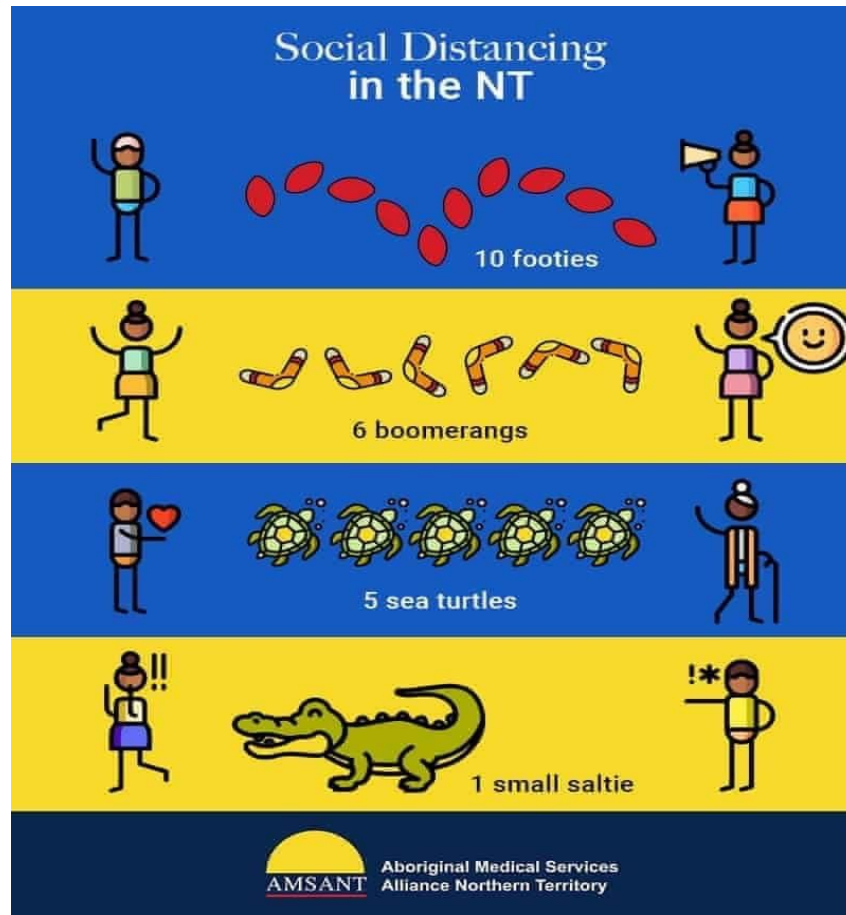
Arrangements for the start of second semester

Yes, we will be back in our room at the race course which is good news for us all. We have a QR code for tracing purposes and a Covid Safe Plan as requested by the Turf Club. The current regulations also require that masks be worn indoors and that social distancing be observed. So what does that mean for members?

- **Bring your own food and drink – the kitchen is closed**
- **Wear a mask unless eating or drinking or you have an exemption. (Tutors can be exempt if they wish)**
- **On arrival, use supplied hand sanitizer, check-in via mobile phone or fill in your details on the form provided.**
- **Fill in the attendance register which is a U3A requirement, and**
- **Take a seat at the places marked with coloured tape.**
- **The handheld microphone can be used by the tutor only and must be cleaned with an alcohol wipe after use.**

A committee member will be present at the first session of each course to oversee that first check-in and to answer your questions. He or she will also request the assistance of two class members to act as Covid Monitors for the following sessions. They will be responsible for the tasks set out in the attached file Covid Monitor Duties. Cleaning is absolutely essential after every class. So please think about volunteering for this vital task.

Your Committee has fulfilled government requirements and, therefore, its duty of care to the members. It is the responsibility of each individual member to follow the current restrictions regarding masks and social distancing to keep themselves and fellow members safe. Have you heard that before somewhere???



Second semester courses

The two new courses, **Smorgasbord**, and **History of First Nations**, have been well subscribed. **Befriend your Device** could do with a helping hand or two. This is not a standard course: it is a drop-in course. If you want advice on a problem with your device – call in and ask Ian how to fix it. Some people may want more time than others as they learn to negotiate different features of their devices. Come on, let's test Ian's IT skills!

Mah Jong needs more than the two people currently enrolled. Are any of the RSL players interested in returning to U3A? **Introduction to shares** and **Basic French** could also benefit from more participants. Do talk to your friends about the courses. Word of mouth is the best advertisement!

Morning Tea

35 members enjoyed a delicious morning tea last Friday in the Oaks room at the Turf Club. All the food was cooked on the premises so the croissants were crisp, the fruit was fresh, and the scones had just come out of the oven! Peter and Gillian provided us with some fun through sets of trivia questions, and Erica provided us with an update on the room situation. Thanks to all for a great social event.

Wareena Park Development

Anne spent 45 minutes talking with the architect and the Council Project Manager about our requirements for our new room. Hearing and vision requirements were first and foremost. The plan is on the noticeboard in our room. Take a look! The Development is expected to be shovel ready in a couple of months when the quest for funding will begin. The old swimming pool is currently being removed.

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.

Free Safe Drive Forum conducted by Goulburn Valley Roadsafe. This forum will focus on driving tips for older drivers, safer vehicles and the law and will include a segment on the safe use of mobility scooters. At the PAC on 28 July 10.30 am to Noon. morning tea is included from 10.00am. For catering purposes please RSVP to Wendy on 03 5722 0762 or email w.daly@wangaratta.vic.gov.au.

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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