



WANGARATTA
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Course Descriptions Semester 2 July - December 2021

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.

NEW COURSES:

History of our First Nations aka What you never learnt at school!

First Nations is a course which takes us from 70000 years ago to today. The 8-week course gives the history of the Australian Indigenous people from the Day of Creation, to the landing of Captain Cook and ending with the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Needless to say, we can't cover everything in just 8 weeks! Videos showcasing the Indigenous voice, such as First Australians, directed by Rachel Perkins, followed by discussion are at the core of the program.

Smorgasbord

A series of guest speakers with interesting and diverse topics to provide food for thought. Topics could include philosophy, psychology, art or history. Venues may vary, depending on numbers and requirements of the speakers.

RETURNING COURSES

Mahjong

Mahjong is a tile-based game that's been played in Asia for over 300 years and is gaining global popularity. Although the game is hard to master, it's easy to learn the basics and have a lot of fun along the way.

Befriend your device

Wondering how you can keep up with the grandkids on their devices? Frustrated to the point of throwing the thing out of the window? Tired of trying to navigate Government web sites? Help is at hand on making your device your friend. You can bring your device and all your questions along to the Digital Hub at the Library where a VERY patient Ian Wilson will guide you to success. You might want to know about being safe online, using Facebook or other social media, shopping and banking online, using MyGov, or sharing photos with the family. No questions are wrong or silly. Give it a try.

Basic French

For those who have no knowledge of the language and those who have vague memories of French at school..

Hot Topics

Members bring along a newspaper cutting, article, or cartoon about current issues to discuss. These can be large or trivial, international or local, serious or funny, It's your choice and everyone is encouraged to participate in the debate bearing in mind that each person's point of view is valid for them.

Share Market Discussion Group

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

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.

Conversing in French

This advanced course is for students who are reasonably fluent in the language so it is by invitation only. Please email u3awangaratta@gmail if you are interested in joining it.

Buongiorno Italia

This is for all who love the Italian language and for those who think they may travel to Italy. It is 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 be prepared to revise and prepare for each session. If you are interested in joining, please email u3awangaratta@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

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. It may be possible to have some Covid safe field trips.

Latin

Latin is famed as being a hard language, but it’s important to remember that people once spoke it casually on the streets and ordered their fish and chips in it so, with a little application and persistence, I have every confidence that you can learn it and a great deal about the history of other languages, including our own, into the bargain.

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.com 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.

General Committee Meeting

All members are welcome at the General Committee Meetings. Input from members is vital to the ongoing health of the organisation. So please bring us your ideas, bouquets, and brickbats!

COURSES AVAILABLE OFF SITE:

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 2021 are aligned with the Wangaratta Art Gallery exhibitions program. Join Inga Hanover on Zoom or in person as she shares 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.

Volunteer 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

The **Wangaratta Turf Club** generously supports U3A through the provision of a stand-alone room for our sole use.

Wangaratta Library staff members are always ready to help us search the catalogue of books, DVDs, and online databases for our class projects.

We thank the **Wangaratta Art Gallery** for providing the art talks at the gallery.

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.

Wangaratta Digital Hub is a welcoming space which offers easy, affordable access to a range of digital technologies, skill development opportunities and support networks. These services are free of charge for community organisations.

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