

NEWSLETTER

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Bad news first.....

COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate

This is now required for entry into any local government building and that includes the library. You will not be able to attend a course in the library unless you can show the staff your vaccination certificate either on your smartphone or on paper. It can be printed from your MyGov account if you have a computer. If Medicare rebates are paid into your bank account, then you are likely to have a MyGov account.



If you don't have a MyGov account, you can call the Australian Immunization Register on 1800 653 809 Monday to Friday 8 am to 5 pm and request your Immunization History Statement which will take 14 days to arrive by post.

No computer? No smartphone?

Printed certificates are available from your GP when you have an appointment. **Medicare** can also print out vaccination certificates for you.

Help is available the Digital Hub for setting up a MyGov account. You will need your Medicare card and a driver's licence and your phone must be able to receive messages. Phone **0447 093 888** to make a booking. Bookings are essential because it is a one-on-one service due to privacy and complexity issues.

Smartphones

Smartphone users can follow the prompts from the updated Service Victoria app and link the certificate to the QR code reader so that a green tick appears when you login via the QR code. Ian Wilson is available to help at the Digital Hub on Tuesday 26 October from 12 to 13.30. Phone 0447 093 888 to make a booking for a one-on-one appointment.

Ian has also provided the DIY method below:

Click on this link to link your vaccination certificate to your smartphone
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/getting-help-during-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations/how-get-proof-your-covid-19-vaccinations#gettingproofonline>

Overview of the steps required for this method

1. Make sure Medicare is linked to your MyGov account
2. Download and update Medicare and Service Victoria apps
3. Open Medicare app and sign in, select proof of vaccination, view history, and then share with check-in app.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page to accept.

Now for the good news!

Social event

All members are welcome to attend a Morning Tea at the Oxley Hall on Tuesday 7 December at 10 am. The cost will be \$10 per person. Put the date in your diary. Booking arrangements will be in the November newsletter.



The CEO of the Wangaratta Turf Club has confirmed that our room will be accessible to fully vaccinated members next year in line with Public Health Orders and Racing Victoria's CovidSafe plan. Your Committee has a lot of work to do on updating our policies and procedures to accommodate these directives.

Succession planning

The good news is that there are two members willing to come on Committee next year and another who is considering the possibility. We would be so grateful if another couple of members would consider joining the team to lighten the load. Do call or email Anne or Erica to find out more.

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