



WANGARATTA
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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Welcome back!

What a relief to be back in our room after a couple of uncertain years! Members have returned in droves and brought friends to swell the ranks. A warm welcome to new tutors. We wouldn't exist without your generous donation of time and expertise.

Annual General Meeting

Name	COM role	Additional roles
Erica Pike	President	Course Coordinator, Zoom coordinator, QR code manager, Network Course Coordinators Advisory Group
Sandra Bishop	V President	Events Coordinator, Cleaner liaison
Jennifer Price	V President	Timetable, Course Attendance
Anne Bittner	Secretary	Turf Club Liaison. Network Council delegate, Course Brochure, Enrolment forms etc, Consumer Affairs rep.
Guy Robertson	Treasurer	
Andrew Bates	COM member	Publicity, DL flyer, media releases, etc
Chris Duyverman	COM member	Technology support, Battery manager
Pauline Moncrieff	COM member	Newsletter Editor
Ian Wilson	COM member	Webmaster, Facebook, Defibrillator trainer

Twenty-four people attended the AGM, held in the Maple Room at Wangaratta Turf Club, with Sandra Bishop in the chair. There were 18 apologies. Councillor Jack Herry, who oversaw the election of office-bearers, spoke about his journey to nominate for the Rural City of Wangaratta Council with the support of his family, the family's recent trip to Japan, the type of work done by Councilors, and his interest in sustainability and Council's draft sustainability policy. Members showed their interest by asking a number of questions.

Health and Safety

- Defibrillator training will be offered in May this year by Ian Wilson, with dates and times available soon.
- All members have complied with the vaccination requirements for attending classes in person. The Advanced French courses has decided to stay on Zoom for the moment.

- Remember to sign the Attendance List at every session and note the phone number of your Course Representative/Covid Monitor so that you can text your apology to him/her if unable to attend the course. .
- Racing Victoria's covid safe requirements remain unchanged so check in by QR code or manually is still required. Masks inside are mandatory.
- The Committee has agreed that the meeting room should be professionally cleaned every two weeks,

Tech Talk

We have a new computer and modem, and a training session was held recently for tutors. Nine people attended. Our Technology Support officer Chris Duyverman has prepared instruction sheets to help people manage the technology. Phone Chris for any problems. (0414 733736)

Course Update

Membership has risen to 94 with 14 new members. All the new courses are well subscribed and the continuing courses have attracted some new participants. The Introduction to the Share Market is going ahead with a few enthusiastic participants and the excellent tutor would welcome a few more. It's not as scary as you think!

More than Music - Wednesday 1.30pm. 23 February Ray Charles Edmonton Concert
9 March Les Misérables Part II

The Garden Plot - Friday 10.10am. 4 March Open Garden. Annette is kindly offering members the opportunity to see her fabulously productive garden. More information from u3awangratta@gmail.com or 0412944664.

Smorgasbord Friday 10.30 . 25 March - .

Narelle Martin from **Regional Change Agency** will present on changing the conversation about climate change, and building hope with climate change. She hopes to develop deeper understanding and help identify practical ways of both reducing emissions and adapting to the changes already underway.

Member Benefits

Edgars Books and News is offering U3A members a 20% discount on all books. Mention your U3A membership before making your purchase.

Community events

A Literary Lunch will be held by Wangaratta Arts Council on Saturday 26 March, 11.30am for 12 noon, at the Quality Hotel, Wangaratta Gateway, with award-winning author Dr Anita Heiss as the guest speaker. Tickets and information from Edgars Books and News, Wangaratta. Phone 5721 3758.

Mullinmur Billabong Linocut exhibition is on display at the Wangaratta Visitor Information Centre, daily in February from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The billabong itself is a restored wetland, 2.5km north of Wangaratta, with three walking tracks and picnic seating. A great place for bird-watching or a walk in the cooler weather!

Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre

Upcoming shows include **Lloyd Webber and the Great Composers**, Thursday 3 March, **A Taste of Ireland**, Saturday 5 March

Mother and Son, Wednesday 16 March.

Black Cockatoo Tuesday 5 April Inspired by the true story of legendary First Nations cricketer Johnny Mullagh and Australia's first ever international sporting team, this is not just about cricket. This is a story of strength, resistance, hope and possibility.

Bookings online, in person or by phone (5722 8105)

The Wangaratta Library hosts a knitting and crochet group every Thursday afternoon, from 2pm to 5pm, and an embroidery group every second Wednesday from 2pm to 5pm. Just bring along a project you are working on, and join the friendly group. Further information from Netty, the library staff member who co-ordinates both groups.

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