



**WANGARATTA**  
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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## 2022 MARCH NEWSLETTER

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### From the President's Desk

I hope you are enjoying the opportunity to meet up with others and attend classes in person. Covid restrictions are easing so we no longer have to use the QR code/sign in sheets for contact tracing but please tick the attendance sheets. Thank you to everyone for making it easy for Committee members to check your vaccination status. You are no longer required by law to wear masks but please do if it helps you feel safer as we are in the more vulnerable age group. Your Committee members have all been hard at work and you will read about some of those tasks elsewhere.

I have been enjoying meeting members at several of the classes and we had an interesting speaker at the first Smorgasbord session. Narelle Martin from Regional Change Agency talked about what can be done both to help us all adapt to the changes caused by ongoing climate change and to try to mitigate it. She covered things that we are probably mostly aware of in terms of sustainability, but also how big business and government are working towards (or being “persuaded” to work towards) improvements in our response as a nation to these issues. I will include some of the web sites Narelle told us about in case you want to investigate for yourself.

The final message I gained from that talk is the importance of framing the discussion in terms of financial, business, health and environmental concerns so that people can understand the myriad effects it is having on us all (as if the current flooding situation isn't a sufficient concern). We need to build hope that we can collectively find ways to deal with the problems and hopefully reduce the rage and despair we have been witnessing from those protesting all over the world.

[www.regionalchangeagency.com.au](http://www.regionalchangeagency.com.au)

<https://www.necma.vic.gov.au/Solutions/Climate-Change/>

<https://whatsyour2040.com/#>

<https://www.farmersforclimateaction.org.au/>

Erica Pike

## Course Update

**Good news! Members may now use the kitchen for tea and coffee, but please bring your own mug.**

**Please record the phone number of the Course Representative, so you can message them if you need to apologise for missing a class.**

**Introduction to the Share Market** still has a few vacancies. Participants are learning how to make informed investment decisions, in a relaxed and friendly environment. So far they have had fun with a hands-on exercise, creating a mock share portfolio.

**More than Music** - Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

9 March - Les Mis Part II

23 March - Beatles - A Long and Winding Road. Lots of your favourite Beatles songs from actual concerts held in 1964 and 1966, plus appearances by Cilla Black, Millie Small, Long John Baldry and PJ Proby. What memories do you have from times when you listened to *I Want To Hold Your Hand* or *This Boy*? Will your favourite make the list?

6 April John Denver Wildlife concert

**The Garden Plot** - Friday 10.30am -12.30. Group leaders Lorraine ( mobile 0448 387180) and Rosalie (mobile 0427 219627)

4 March Garden tour, Annette Starhia's beautiful and productive garden, 40 Park Lane  
BYO cup and some food to share.

18 March Woodland Gourmet Mushrooms, Carboor. PowerPoint presentation in the U3A rooms.

1 April Mosaic and garden visit, Yackandandah (depart at 10am)

**Smorgasbord** Held monthly, Fridays 10.30am - 12.30.

Friday 25th March. Chris Rogers, a local retired teacher, will present information about geology, helping us to understand how this affects us in the North East. Earthquakes and mineral exploration are recent topics of discussion that are impacted by geology.

Friday 20th May. Ian Wilson. Philosophy.

Email [u3awangaratta@gmail.com](mailto:u3awangaratta@gmail.com) and indicate which sessions you would like to attend.

## Health and Safety

Expressions of interest are invited now for defibrillator training conducted by Dr Ian Wilson on May 6 and 9 at 10.30am. Groups of 3 will be given 30 minutes of training, so there will be 3 groups on each day. Please respond to [u3awangaratta@gmail.com](mailto:u3awangaratta@gmail.com) with Defibrillator training in the subject line.

## Tech Talk for Mac users

There is an HDMI adapter for MacAir laptops in the front pocket of the U3A computer (An HDML cable connects a device with the TV). However it will only fit MacAir Pro models from 2016 and all MacAir models from 2018.

## Community events

Farmers Market stall Saturday 12 March 8 am to 12 noon at the Cathedral. Displaying generic flyers, course brochures and enrolment forms and free books. As a gesture of support for U3A, members attending the Market are invited to wear their U3A name tags.

**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.

**Wangaratta Community Garden, 36 Wills St. Open Day Sunday 20 March 9am -12 noon.**

Garden tours, planting tips, compost-making, cooking demo. For more information, contact [gritandresilience@wnagaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:gritandresilience@wnagaratta.vic.gov.au)

## Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre

Upcoming shows include **A Taste of Ireland**, Saturday 5 March

**Mother and Son**, Wednesday 16 March,

**Black Cockatoo**, Tuesday 5 April. Inspired by the true story of 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.

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

## Member Benefits

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

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