



WANGARATTA
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

2022 JUNE NEWSLETTER

From the President's Desk

Your Committee continues to keep things running behind the scenes whilst our fabulous tutors keep your courses going and, we hope, fill your time with interesting things to do, to talk about and to think about.

Smorgasbord was scheduled for June 17 but won't be happening as there is a race meeting scheduled.

The program and timetable for Semester 2 is about to be sent out. We assume you will continue in your current courses but if things change please let your tutor, at least, know.

We are looking at revamping the Course Representative role description as much has changed since the advent of Covid. If you have any issues you would like to be considered please let us know, via email or in person. In the meantime, please do your bit to assist the smooth running of your courses and ensure your tutors are supported.
Erica Pike

Health and safety

Members are getting Covid and recovering well. The 4th dose can be given 4 months after receiving the third dose, or from 4 months after a confirmed COVID-19 infection. The hub in Tone Road will be closed for vaccinations very soon but testing will continue into June.

Five members attended the defibrillator training. The machine is now on view with appropriate signage. The First Aid boxes have been checked and are up to date.

Toilets:

The toilet door has swollen with the rain so is very hard to open. If you cannot open it, use the other toilets further on which are always open. If you find it open, leave it open. The issues will be taken up with the Turf Club.

Course Update

More than Music - Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

15 June - Bee Gees. Do you know which Bee Gees song was written in Wagga Wagga? Come to More than Music on June 15th to watch The Bee Gees 1997 One Night Only concert to find out.

The Garden Plot - Friday 10.30am -12.30. Group leaders Lorraine (mobile 0448 387180) and Rosalie (mobile 0427 219627)
10 June - Winton Wetlands Garden Plot tour and coffee. Venue - Winton Wetlands, Lake Mokoan. **Note 10am start.** Meet at Winton Wetlands.
24 June - Lunch TBA (somewhere nice)

Smorgasbord Held monthly, Fridays 10.30am - 12.30.

Friday 17 June - **Cancelled, due to a race meeting being held that day.**

Friday 29 July - **Local historical buildings.** Helen Al Helwani will bring photos and stories of historic Wangaratta buildings.

Email u3awangaratta@gmail.com and indicate which sessions you would like to attend.

Literature

Fortnightly, Thursdays, 1.30pm.

9 June - Life and works of William Wordsworth.

23 June - Australian cinema and national landscape. The many ways that landscape is portrayed in films, from benign to threatening.



Scene from *The Rover*, a dystopian Australian Western, 2014.

Further notes for members

U3A Network visitor:

Martina Ryan, Member Services Manager, will visit Wangaratta on Tuesday 7 June. She will be at our room about 3.30 pm just as Hot Topics is finishing and would like to meet as many members as possible. The Committee have invited her to an informal dinner in the evening.

Succession Planning: Your Committee will be looking for a Secretary next year because the current one is retiring. As Committee members have willingly shouldered all the extra roles which she was doing, only the true secretarial tasks are required: minutes, correspondence, and the membership list. Please talk to the incumbent if you are interested in the role.

Community events

Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre

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

Upcoming shows include:

Celtic Illusion Re-imagined - Wed.22 June, 7.30pm

Ostinato Choir visits West End to Broadway. Sunday 26 June, 2.30pm.

Wangaratta Film Society - proposed

Moves are proceeding to establish a local Film Society. Contact Pauline on 0400 328 613 for more information.

Short Story competition, with prizes. Friends of Paynesville Library invite entries to this annual event. Winning stories will be published. Entries close Friday 1 July 2022.

Details www.friendsofpaynesvillelibrary.com

Boroondara Literary Awards

The annual Short Story Competition is open to all Australian residents and closes on 29 July.

<https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/about-council/awards/boroondara-literary-awards/enter-boroondara-literary-awards>

Member Benefits

Book Exchange

The library collection in our rooms is being refreshed, and we would welcome more donations of recent novels in good condition. All members are welcome to borrow.

Group concert bookings

There are still 3 spots available in the group booking for the MSO visit on Wednesday 19 October. All are in an excellent position, near the 'sweet spot'. Contact Pauline if you'd like a ticket. (First in, best dressed). Mobile 0400 328 613

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