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## 2023 AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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### Committee Corner

#### Committee of Management, 2023

Erica Pike - President

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Guy Robertson - Treasurer

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Yve Weinberg - Publicity Officer

Pauline Moncrieff - Newsletter Editor, Facebook

Ian Wilson - Webmaster, Facebook

Chris Duyverman - Technical Support, Membership Secretary

Jennifer Price - Course co-ordinator

(Contact details for Committee members are on display on the noticeboard in our room)

#### Website help

U3A is looking for someone with an eye for graphic design, or a photographer. We are planning to revamp our web site. We are looking for someone with a photographer's eye to take photos that are inviting to potential members. Contact Ian Wilson 0409 894 255

**Question: Where in Wangaratta is there a 20km speed-limit sign?**

**Clue: On a road we all drive regularly...**

**Answer: Near the entrance to the Racecourse (so small it's hardly visible).**

**We all need to slow down to avoid startling the stabled racehorses!**

There is now a permanent suggestion box on the table in our room.

### Course Update

The class timetable is available on our website [www.u3awangaratta.org.au](http://www.u3awangaratta.org.au)

**All Tutors are invited to send Pauline any information about forthcoming sessions.** This is an excellent way to boost numbers in your classes.

If any tutors feel the need for technical training in using the equipment in our room, contact our Technical Support person, Chris, on 5722 1303 and she will be pleased to assist.

We would also be glad of any colourful photos of class activities, to enhance our website (see Ian Wilson's message above).

**If you have an idea for a possible new course**, contact Erica or Jen at [u3awangaratta@gmail.com](mailto:u3awangaratta@gmail.com).

**Garden Plot** (fortnightly, Thursdays, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm)

Contact Lorraine for any further enquiries, on 0448 387180.

**Literature** (fortnightly, Thursday, 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm).

17 August - **Biography and autobiography**.

31 August - **E M Forster**

**Philosophy** (fortnightly) Wednesday, 11am to 12.30 at the North Eastern Hotel.

In semester 2 we'll be looking at the groundbreaking achievements of 'difficult women' who helped change the course of history.

### **Book Circle**

Thursday 7 September, from 1.30pm, in the U3A rooms

Members bring books they have read and enjoyed recently, and take turns in talking about them to the group. We also discuss and recommend films or live performances we have seen. If you haven't read anything lately, come along anyway, and be inspired by others. At this session, Erica and Brenda will share some highlights of Chris Hammer's presentation at the Literary Lunch

More members would be welcome, so if you'd like to join us, email me at

[pauline.moncrieff@gmail.com](mailto:pauline.moncrieff@gmail.com) .

### **Refreshments**

Tea and coffee are provided in our rooms for use by all classes, but biscuits or cakes are at the discretion of each individual group.

## **Community events**

### **Wangaratta Library**

**Rural Women Online** (Men are welcome, too). No bookings needed; just turn up.

Wednesdays 10am -12noon.

Free help in getting the most from your computer, iPad, tablet or phone.

\*\*This group has also produced ten short video tutorials on keeping safe online. Topics cover scammers, online payments, managing passwords, etc

<https://ruralwomenonline.org.au/keep-safe-online>

### **Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre (WPACC)**

Victorian State Ballet presents **Cinderella**. Saturday 26 August, 7.30pm

**The Barber of Seville**, presented by Opera Australia, Saturday 2 September, 7.30pm.

There are still good seats available for this, but be quick!

## **Scam Watch**

**Social media scams.**

Be careful on Facebook. Scammers may create false log-in pages that look like Facebook, and harvest your log-in details. Make sure you are on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) before entering any information.

Don't accept friendship requests from people you don't know. Be very suspicious if anyone contacts you out of the blue.

Always log out of Facebook if using a shared computer.

## **Member Benefits**

**U3A Tuesday Lunchtime Forums** (Zoom) from 12.30pm. Current affairs, including local events, politics, science, the environment and international events. Register via [forums@u3acanberra.org.au](mailto:forums@u3acanberra.org.au). More details at [www.u3acanberra.org.au](http://www.u3acanberra.org.au)

## **Book Exchange**

All members are welcome to borrow books from the library in our room.

Recently added: **Consolation, by Garry Disher**, gripping rural noir, set in outback South Australia.

**The little wartime library, by Kate Thompson**, about a public library service relocated to serve evacuees living in an abandoned Tube station during WWII. The library itself had been badly damaged in the Blitz. This is fiction, based on real events.

**Still life, by Val McDermid**, an excellent writer of Scottish noir.

**The Murray Whelan series, by Shane Maloney** These fast-paced and entertaining political thrillers are set in Melbourne at the time of a previous Labor government. If you know Melbourne well, and remember the era, you'll enjoy these.

**Edgars Books and News offers U3A members a 20% discount on all books.**

**Mention your U3A membership before making your purchase.**

**Find us on Facebook (Wangaratta U3A). All members are welcome to share any interesting and relevant posts.**

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