
2023 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

From the President's Desk

Despite a variety of health issues, trips away and family commitments, your Committee continues to work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our organisation. Some of our current concerns are two opportunities during the Seniors festival in October to promote our organisation to possible new members. In order to provide useful information at these we need to have next year's program and timetable available. If you have any suggestions which may be useful for this, especially new courses, please contact us.

We are also looking at the enrolment process for next year. There will be more details when available. Because the constitution was changed at the AGM this year in order to separate the enrolment process and the AGM, the next AGM will be in May 2024. If you would like to become involved in running U3A Wangaratta we can make information available about the tasks required.

There are frequent opportunities to apply for grants to help our local community and we have contacted tutors to ask if they have any requests we may be able to apply for. Past grants have provided us with the smart television and new chairs. If you have any ideas of ways your experience at U3A may be improved please let us know.

Erica Pike

Committee Corner

Committee of Management, 2023

Erica Pike - President

Sandra Bishop - Vice-President, Events Organiser, Housekeeper

Guy Robertson - Treasurer

Helen Wrigley - Secretary

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

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

All Tutors are invited to send Pauline any information about forthcoming sessions.

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.

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.

14 September - **Authors' lives**. Research an author of your choice and share interesting facts about the person's life.

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

6 September - **Simone de Beauvoir**

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 .

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)

Tuesday 12 September, 7pm. Cathedral College Junior School presents **Mystery at Magpie Manor**, with comedy, songs, mystery and 1920s dance routines.

Thursday 5 October, 7.30pm **An Evening With the MSO.**

Scam Watch

Beware of scams when selling items using Facebook Marketplace or Gumtree. Many Australians have lost money to fraudulent buying and selling schemes. The scammer will offer to buy your item, and will ask for your PayID. They will sometimes claim that a friend or family member will collect the item the next day, but they are having trouble with your PayID account and you will need to upgrade the account or make an additional refundable payment to release the funds. If you then transfer the money, it will go to the scammer. The scammer may even send fake text messages that appear to be from PayID confirming payment. **PayID is a free service and no fees will ever need to be paid.** PayID will never communicate with customers through texts, emails or phone calls. Cease contact immediately and send no money.

Comedy Corner

Some good one-liners from the Edinburgh Fringe:

I started dating a zookeeper, but he was a cheetah

I spent the whole morning building a time machine, so that's four hours of my life that I'm definitely getting back.

My dad suggested I register to be an organ-donor. He's a man after my own heart.

Member Benefits

Book Exchange

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

Recently added: **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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