



Orange U3A Inc.

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2017 Term 4: October 9 – November 17

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THANK YOU to the course leaders who attended the special meeting at the end of last term. Your attendance will make putting the 2018 program together much easier and finished before the end of the year. If you have not already done so, please give your details to the Course Co-ordinator, before the end of this term. By having this meeting at the end of Term 3, means that in future we should only need 2 course leaders meeting each year, instead of the 4 envisaged when these meetings were first planned. That should save us having to attend another meeting or two.

ARCHIVING DAY Over recent weeks there has been a lot of talk about old U3A photos, articles etc. (the older members must be sorting out cupboards and boxes) We will be celebrating our 30th anniversary in early 2019, so it has been decided to have a day in the U3A office early in the new year to start sorting and marking some of these pictures. If anybody would like to join us, please diary the date – SCC 8th January 10am.

INFORMATION DAY To make this day run more smoothly, there will be more helpers rostered on the table at the City Centre. If you can spare an hour or two after 9.00am, please talk to Cecily or Jenny Solling or see form in Course Leaders folder, so that a roster can be finalised before the end of term.

NOTE FOR COURSE LEADERS AND CLASS ASSISTANTS Please keep checking the class envelopes for updated information for all members, even if it is only to remind them about term dates. This is the only way the committee can get important information to members.

Dates for 2018. We still seem to be losing time at a great rate. Following are the important diary dates for January and February. Enrolment Day 25th January at the City Centre, next year starting at 9.30am which will hopefully make the day flow more smoothly. The reason why we have two similar days close together is that if people want more information about the courses, they are invited to the Open Day 31st January at the Senior Citizens Centre. Obviously it is not possible to have all our course leaders present at the City Centre.

For current members, your new name badge will be available on both days, so please allow a few minutes extra to collect your badge.

CHANGES TO TERM 4 PROGRAM

- Art Appreciation has been cancelled for this term to give Brenda Gray more time to recover after surgery. Best wishes from the Group to Brenda.
- Derek Dolstra will start Geology sessions again on Tuesday 10th Oct. 11am.
- Crochet classes will continue at SCC Friday 10.00am

With best wishes to all members for a very happy and relaxing Christmas Season with family and friends and send the problems packing



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greetings Friends

I wish to salute all Orange U3A members, because we have had a very positive year so far. Our 'thank you' lunch for group leaders at Duntryleague was a success, especially with the discussion about keeping members informed about special events and having some input into committee meetings. Unfortunately, not everybody could attend this lunch, so with members of the committee, thank you all for your continued support during this year. We look forward to welcoming you again in 2018.

There were positive results for our new groups this term, Crochet, Local History and French Beginners. Our first workshop for seniors on Containing Electricity for our Budgets had 50 people attending, There was plenty of time for asking questions. I would like to recommend the Police Fraud Squad Forum to be held at Connect Café on 16th November (the day before we break for the year). There will be a morning and afternoon session, but the actual time/details are not known yet. More information on the Note for the Fridge page.

Bev Holland

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COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE. Thank you to the members, and friends, who continue to bring in items for our goodies bags for the less fortunate families in our community. These bags are distributed through recognised agencies. We do collect anything from warm woolly jumpers and rugs to tubes of toothpaste – it all helps somebody. Would anybody like to knit beanies and scarfs for the children?

VENUE ABBREVIATIONS

Art Gallery	Adjoining Orange City Library – Byng St
ASR	Art Society Rooms Cultural Centre in Woolworths car park. Use door closest to Harris Farm and Orange Arcade
Church of Christ	Cnr Rawle Ave & Burrendong Way
CISC	Community Information & Services Centre (entry from Woolworths car park)
MRHC	Marsden Rural History Centre – Railway Station – Entry from car park – Centre is the second door on left on platform
OCCC	Orange City Creative Centre, bridge end of Peisley St. Cross railway line and the Centre is the multi storey building with a large orange circle on display. A lift is available.
ORC	Orange Regional Conservatorium, 73a Hill Street (almost opposite car wash)
SCC	Senior Citizens Centre, 77 Kite Street (entry via ramp from Woolworths car park)

TERM 4 PROGRAM

MONDAY

- Monday Forum** SCC 10am Oct 9th & 16th Local broadcasters (107.5 and ABC)
23rd Special session with Dept Fair Trading, following all the publicity being given to entry into retirement homes/units lately and other scams. **Contact:** Cecily Butcher 6362 6818
- Armchair Travel** SCC 10am Oct 30 Ray Norman & Mac Percy – Italy
Nov 6 Helen Nicol – Antarctica & Galapagos
Nov 13 Peter Walker – Moscow to Brussels
- Pencil Drawing** SCC 1.30 – 2.30pm Still one of our most popular programs.
Course Leader: Lynne Atkins 6362 4018

TUESDAY

- French la Gare** (Conversation) MRHC 9.30am Unfortunately cannot take new members at the present time. **Course Leader:** Diane Vivers 6369 1152
- Beginners French** SCC 1.30–2.30pm Not many people have dropped out of this class, so it would not be possible to enrol new members.
Course Leader: Christiane Rondeau 0417 257 684
- Beginners Spanish.** SCC 2.45–3.45pm **First three weeks of term only.**
Contact: Tina Ford 0402 690 675
- Painting for Fun** ASR 1.30pm Have fun with pastels, acrylics and any medium you chose
Contact: Ray Norman 6361 4385
- Art Appreciation. Cancelled for this term only**
- Music Appreciation** Church of Christ. 1.30pm Something different every week with relative notes by Leader Ruth Harrison. **Resuming 10th October**
Contact: Bev Holland 6362 4744
- Beginners Bridge** 27 Sampson Street 2–4pm. **Course Leader:** Hennie Moore 6361 1479
- iPads** This is a very popular course so numbers are always limited.
Contact: Bev Holland 6362 4744 for more information
- Geology SCC** Will resume 11am, 10th October. **Contact:** Derek Dolstra 6361 4872
- Russian History** 10 Amana Circuit, 10am No new members this term. Resuming 10th Oct.
Contact: Diane Melville 0428 494 932

WEDNESDAY

- Lively Discussion Group** SCC 10–11am Another popular program where there is always an opportunity to join in with the wide ranging topics for discussion on the day.
Course Leader: Keith Curry 6362 3232
- Decoding Cryptic Crosswords** SCC 10.30–12 noon Still a very popular group and beginners are always welcome. **Course Leader:** Gillian Baxter 6360 2524
- Card and Board Games** SCC 1–4pm including Bolivia, Canasta, Mahjong, (using reference book by Patricia Thompson and Betty Maloney), 500 and Scrabble.
Contact: Marilyn Prusiak 6362 9744
- Advanced iPads** 10.30am Venue to be advised. **Contact:** Bev Holland 6362 4744

THURSDAY

Creative Writing CISC 10.30am An enthusiastic group of people who like to write and take turns running the class, setting an exercise and homework each week. New members always welcome. The class' 'Moving Finger' 2017 edition will be launched at the end of term.

Contact: Course Leader, Rosemary Curry 6362 4242 & Janette Giffin 6369 0767

Recorder Consort Church of Christ 1.30–2.30pm Here again the members are very busy at this time of the year visiting and playing at retirement homes The Variety Concert in September was another enjoyable occasion for the group and their musical friends.

Course Leader: Ruth Harrison 6365 3250

Literature Group CISC 2–4pm Each week provides something different – novel study fortnightly, poetry one week each term plus short stories, micro fiction and essays

Course Leader: Joan Coote 6361 4601 and Sue Adams 6361 096

Turning the Tide: Senior Sustainability. OCCC Alternate weeks **commencing 12th October.** Group looking at new topic subjects for 2018. New members welcome.

Contact: Course Leader Cilla Kinross 6365 7651 re recommended book for reading.

Greeting Card Making 27 Sampson Street 9.30–12 noon first Thursday monthly. Arrangements to be made re meeting dates this term. Basic materials can be purchased on the day.

Course Leader: Hennie Moore 6361 1479 for dates

FRIDAY

Crochet for Beginners. SCC 10am No new members this term.

Course Leader: Charleen Sly. **Contact:** Bev Holland 6362 4744

Local History SCC 2–4pm This term again, we will be learning about District History, area and buildings, So far we have covered the villages of Lyndhurst, Carcoar, Blayney and Junction Reefs **Course Leader:** Elizabeth Griffin 6361 1920

Friday Socials On second Friday each month we meet at a local café for coffee and chat.

Contact: Helen Williams 6365 0665 to book. Also refer to venues p.2 A good excuse to get to know new members.

Friday Talks SCC 10am start with cup of tea. It is amazing just how much community information we gather from these sessions.

October 27 Alison Logan from Headspace – a group working with people with mental health problems aged 12–25

Nov 3 Andrea Hamilton Vaughan, Council's Traffic Officer

Contact: Eileen Holtz 6361 4396

Ukulele Groups ORC Our members can join either the Friday (10.30am) or Saturday (10am) morning groups with the ORC students. **Contact:** Lee Britton 6362 4206

Something to please all those members who have asked for a 'traffic' speaker. On Friday, 1st November, Andrea Hamilton Vaughan, the Council's Road and Safety Officer will be the Friday Talks speaker. Andrea would like to hear about our problems too.

Shopping Centre Information Table Keith Curry is prepared to continue setting up a table once a month in the K-Mart shopping complex, but would like more assistance. If class members cannot be rostered on as a group (on a nominated date) it would be wonderful if individuals put their name on the list. The hours are 10am–1pm working in one hour slots. Keith usually takes the last hour. If you can help in October or November have a chat with Keith 6362 3232. A new roster will be prepared for 2018.

February 2018 Roster. We have learnt a hard lesson last year, trying to arrange an office roster for February, under very short notice. Before the end of term there will be a form in the C L folder asking for volunteers for Information Day and at least three days a week for February in the office.

Updating Information Handbook. The publication put together for Committee Members some years ago, is due for revision – this time to include information relevant to all members. Do you have suggestions/ideas which would be useful for everybody, such as accident procedure and where to find information to help keep our organisation running smoothly.