

Term 1, 2020 – 10 February – 3 April

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WELCOME BACK to our U3A activities for another successful year. For people joining U3A for the first time this year, we extend a very big welcome to you and trust you will find our activities meet your expectations. U3A stands for University of the Third Age (retirement years, or from last year, people aged 45 and over). The word University is used in its original form – a gathering of people with like interests who enjoy learning and teaching together. In Orange we have several members who teach a special subject once or twice a week, and are students in a class on other days. In the case of people with a disability or younger members they are accepted in our group, under normal circumstances, as long as there is a real need for their wellbeing. In these circumstances we do ensure that our venues are suitable for wheelchairs, walkers, etc. These requirements are the same for classes held in private homes. In May last year, Orange U3A celebrated its 30th Anniversary and provided we are still attracting new members will celebrate again in 2049. U3As operate around the world, which is another success story, although there are a couple of administration differences. In Europe, the Americas and China, most groups are attached to universities and other groups function under a community system which was set up by Professor Peter Laslett, at Cambridge University in the early 1970s. A system which suits us very well.

ORANGE U3A will be making a few small changes to our admin. systems this year, which should be helpful for all members.

1) As usual membership/name badges will be available on **Enrolment Day** for returning members. For new members they will be distributed through your course leaders a week or so after your paperwork is dealt with. In the past a lot of time has been lost because where more than one class is listed on the enrolment form the badges have sometimes been lost in the system. In future they will be posted if not picked up within a week or two. Also, when joining a new class, at any time during the year, make yourself known to the course leader. We do like to be kind to each other and keep everybody in the loop.

2) If any member finds that the course they have chosen is not really what they expected, it is possible to join other classes listed in the term program, but we do ask that, if a class is not suitable for you, please have a chat with the course leader or class assistant and, let them know the reason you are exiting the class.

It is very important that this information finds its way back to the committee. If there is a real problem, please contact Diane Melville (details page 2) who is the liaison person between the committee and classes.

3) We also have a Welfare Officer (list page 2) who sends best wishes/cards etc. when required, but it is important to let her know of a happy or sad occasion. The course leader will pass all information on to the Welfare Officer and committee, if a member does not contact Jenny Sams directly. Form and contact details in the course leaders's folder.

4) As we enter the 2020s and head towards our next anniversary, it is time to think seriously about future courses. It is not only committee members who are involved in suggesting new courses, so we appeal to all members to talk to a member of the planning committee with ideas and/or suggested course leaders, which can be offered later in the year – from Term 2 would be very encouraging. You will notice that Monday morning sessions have been cancelled for this term.

ENROLMENT DAY will be held as usual at the City Centre, probably near Priceline Chemist on Thursday 23 January from 9.15am–2pm. As usual we will have an **Open Day** at the Nguluway-Ngurang–Orange Senior Citizens Centre on Wednesday 29th January. We will be trialling a new system for **Open Day** this year, where a representative from each of our courses will have time to talk with individuals – a one on one situation which hopefully will cut down the time spent obtaining information about the course you are interested in.

The office will be open during the first week of term to take late enrolments from 10am–2.00pm. At other times put the paperwork in an envelope with your cheque/money and push it under the office door.

PLEASE NOTE on page 2 the date of our quarterly **General Meeting** in February. These meetings, in February, May, August and November are important and we encourage a representative from all courses and members attend, when we all have an opportunity to receive, and pass on relevant information.

You will notice that there are not many changes to our basic program this term – the most important change being for the **Creative Writing class which will move to the NN–OSCC on Tuesday morning.**

From the President

Dear U3A Friends,

A new year, a new decade and new plans for our U3A. Last year we started working under a new system to become more proficient by having the Committee working in small groups to ensure that every position will have a second person familiar with another role and be able to step into the action very easily if the need arises. In recent years, we have had some concern about people who become members, enrol in a particular course but do not attend any course at all. This has happened in past years too, but recently appears to have become a problem for us. Are we offering the right classes each year? For other people who attend a class or two, then do not darken our doors again, raises another problem which is becoming a big concern. Ideal classes for our U3A Group is 10–15 people, but when numbers drop to three or four, it is time to worry about where to go from there. As you will see, we do need more help with planning future courses. I do thank the people who did raised concerns during 2019, which were overcome to everybody's satisfaction. With best wishes to you all for another happy U3A year.

See page 1 for **Enrolment** and **Open Day** dates. The term commences on Monday 10 February.

Games start 15 January. Best wishes to you all for another enjoyable U3A year – *Cecily Butcher, President*

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TERM DATES

Term 1, 10 February – 3 April

Term 2, 4 May – 26 June

Term 3, 27 July – 18 September

Term 4 12 October – 20 November

Class accommodation is only booked between these dates each term, except for Wednesdays

Meetings & Social Dates

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

17 January, 20 March, 17 April

GENERAL MEETINGS

21 February

Lunch after 21 February meeting is at the Robin Hood Hotel, Burrendong Way. Please make a booking with Ron Mills 6360 0115

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 19 June

Nominations close one week before the meeting

Meetings are held at the Nguluway Ngurang–Orange Senior Citizens Centre and commence at 10am

FRIDAY SOCIAL MORNING TEA VENUES

14 February, **Anything Grows**, Summer Street

13 March, **Two Fat Ladies**, Lucknow (car pool).

There will be no social morning tea in April as our day falls on Good Friday.

Contact Isabel Mitchell on 6365 8228 to make a booking.

Meet at the venue 10am unless advised otherwise.

Newslink quarterly newsletters via email?

If you would like to receive your future *Newslink* electronically via email please send this request to Jean Penrose. Her email address is penrosel@tpg.com.au

The Newslink is also available on our website under <https://orange.u3anet.org.au/>

Go to the tab on the right hand side on the home page named *Newslink* and download or print it.

Send your course information to our website

If you would like to update any information that is currently a topic or feature of interest (including photos) attach them to your email and send to our webmaster

Barry Jensen bazjensen@bigpond.com for placement on our website at <https://orange.u3anet.org.au/>

If you would also like this in the *Newslink* send the information to Cecily Butcher cecnev@bigpond.com

Venue Abbreviations

ASR	Art Society Rooms, Cultural Centre in Woolworths car park. Use door closest to Harris Farm Markets and the Orange Arcade.
C of C	Church of Christ, Cnr Rawle Ave & Burrendong Way.
NN-OSCC	Nguluway Ngurang–Orange Senior Citizens Centre 77 Kite Street (entry via ramp from Woolworths car park).
OAG	Orange Art Gallery, adjoining Orange City Library – Byng Street.
OCL	Orange City Library, Byng Street.
ORC	Orange Regional Conservatorium 73a Hill Street (almost opposite car wash).
WEML	Westend Motor Lodge, 2–6 Dalton Street, Orange.

Term 1 Program

MONDAY

Pencil Drawing NN-OSCC 1.15–2.45pm. This is one of our most popular classes for people who enjoy drawing. Can take one or two new students this year. For those members who spend the morning in town, it is possible to take a sandwich to the Centre and make a cup of tea, before classes commence. **Course Leader:** Lynne Atkins 0476 664 489.

Geology NN-OSCC 3–4pm. U3A Geology will continue to explore local and distant rocks, minerals and earth happenings – things like volcanoes and earthquakes. It will also explore how rocks are used in everyday things, from food additives, to medicine, and to kitchenware. Dr. Laurie Sherwin will be teaching us more about astronomy on the last week of the month. For enquiries contact Course Leader: Derek Dolstra ddolstra@bigpond.net.au or 6361 4872.

TUESDAY

Art Appreciation OAG 2.00pm. Held on the second Tuesday each month during four terms. Cecilie Knowles the Education Liaison Officer at the Gallery takes us on a journey through the current exhibition. It's amazing what we see. New members welcome at any time. Dates this term – 11 February, 10 March. **Course Leader:** Jean Penrose 6315 6025.

Creative Writing NN-OSCC 10.00am–12noon. **Please note change of venue.** We start our classes with a spontaneous piece of writing which we read to the group. Homework is planned for the following week. At the end of each year a book is produced of our best work. Each person's copyright is respected. We do not offer censorship, but common sense has always prevailed and we encourage good writing. **Course Leader:** Rosemary Curry 6362 3232. Unfortunately, cannot take new members this year.

Beginners and Continuing French NN-OSCC. All classes have combined this year, commencing 12.30pm–2.30pm. No new students this term. **Course Leader:** Christiane Rondeau 0417 257 684.

Painting for Fun 1.30–3.00pm ASR. Another long running class where members enjoy experimenting with colour, pastels, acrylics, or any medium of their choice. New members can be taken this term. **Course Leader:** Ray Norman 6361 4385.

Music Appreciation 1.30pm C of C. Can take new members this year. Music appreciation is learning to listen with a listening/discerning 'ear'. Each week we look at the life of a composer, followed by brief analysis of the work/s to be studied. **Course Leader:** Ruth Harrison 0427 500 035.

Spanish 2.45–4.15pm. NN-OSCC. We are delving into our Spanish language with Julie Egea from the Philippines. Can take new students this term. **Course Leader:** Cilia Kinross 6365 8221

Russian History 10am–12 noon, 10 Amana Circuit. A course based on 3–5 weekly terms. Starting in the ninth century. Diane Melville knows Russia well, and because of her vast library, sessions will be held at her home. Please ring her 0428 494 932 for directions to her home.

WEDNESDAY

Lively Discussion NN-OSCC 9.30–10.30am. This the 14th year of this friendly group and the one hour session consists of two separate topics plus a short 'media moment'. Some of our group's summaries are put on the Orange U3A website for others to read. **Course Leader:** Keith Curry 6362 3232, Email: currykeith75@gmail.com

Card & Board Games NN-OSCC. 1–4pm. Another long running course where groups meet to play Scrabble, 500, Bolivia, Canasta and Mahjong. Over the years the groups have slightly changed the original rules for the games, so to avoid confusion it is important to remember that the Orange U3A rules apply in all circumstances, because in many cases, over nearly 30 years, our members have adopted their own set of rules. Because this group does not take term breaks members pay an extra \$10 a year to cover the extra 20 weeks they get together. There is also a weekly 50 cents donation for afternoon tea. Course Leader: Jenny Solling 0409 557 004.

Decoding Cryptic Crosswords NN-OSCC, 10.30–12noon. Think outside the square and learn to decipher those CRYPTIC clues that seem to make no sense at all. Expert help to guide you through the maze of words. Can take new members. Course Leader: Jean Penrose 6315 6025.

iPads 10.30am at course leader's home. All devices will be covered, including upgrades. Class numbers limited. **Course Leader:** Bev Holland 6362 4744 for more information.

THURSDAY

Literature 2–3pm, WEML. Study 12 novels throughout the year, chosen by group members the previous year. We read and discuss poetry for four sessions at the beginning of each term. Novels are studied one week and short stories, micro fiction or essays are read and discussed the next week. Each member receives a detailed outline of the weekly discussions at the beginning of the year. Twelve group members volunteer to prepare information and discussion questions for each of the novels read. **Course Leader:** Joan Coote 6361 4601.

Recorder Consort C of C 11.30–12.30pm. This happy group continues to grow. They play for U3A functions and at local retirement homes regularly. **Course Leader:** Ruth Harrison 0427 500 035.

FRIDAY

History Unravalled NN-OSCC, 2–3.30pm. Come on an adventure through History. Who knows where we might explore and what event we attend. We even go out on bus adventures to surrounding villages and towns. Elizabeth is very interested in having suggestions for learning sessions or bus excursions. **Course Leader:** Elizabeth Griffin 6361 1920.

Simply Ukcs Ensembles ORC. Interchangeable with Saturday sessions (Friday 10.30–12 noon) (Saturday 11am–12 noon). The 'Simply Ukcs Ensemble' meet weekly, mainly on Friday. U3A members learn with the Conservatorium Group and new members are welcome. All course materials are provided in class. The group plays for U3A functions and at retirement villages. **Course Leader:** Lee Britton 0411 219 537.

Friday Socials Meet at local coffee shops on the second Friday each month. 10am. This term we only have two venues because the April date clashes with Good Friday. 14 February **Anything Grows**, 13 March, **Two Fat Ladies**. It is important that we make a booking for these venues. Book with Isabel Mitchell 6365 8228.

Know Your Community NN-OSCC, 10.00–11.30am. **28 February** U3A Orange Planning Meeting; **6 March**, Borenore–Nashdale Men's Shed, John Bowler and Barry Jensen; **27 March**, Jenny Sams, Welfare and View Club; **3 April**, TBA.



U4A History class on their trip to Carcoar. Elizabeth Griffin leads the group (2nd right). This picture on the large hill overlooking Blayney.



The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Carcoar, part of the history trip.