

Orange



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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Term 2/3, 2020 – 29 June–18 September

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Newsletter 20th June, 2020

Greetings U3A Friends

Would you believe after three months we can resume classes from 29th June, when our group has come to the end of Term 2 and due to take a term break until 27th July. When you check the enclosed sheet, you will notice that Painting for Fun and Geology will commence on due date and continue classes until 18th September (12 weeks) when Term 3 break is due to start. The same will apply to Card and Board Games which will resume on Wednesday 1st July. Course Leaders have already had an opportunity to speak with their students and the actual commencement dates are enclosed with this note.

Council indicates that 20 people can meet in our section of the SCC-NN Centre plus course leader and assistants **It is important that we all observe the current Covid-19 rules, trying not to sit next to each other, wipe chairs and tables before and after use and keeping the 4sq.metres rule. Our sanitiser, wipes and gloves will be found in the top kitchen cupboard closest to the fridge, Council has also put similar items in the building, probably near the sign-on book in the hallway. Cakes of soap will be in the washrooms.**

The reason why classes are opening at different times appears to be that during the break, several groups have continued with email sessions, so many people and course leaders have been busy and in touch with each other, so it is now time for a break. For others, it has not been possible to transfer classes to email sessions and the thought of having another month at home is not really an option. for some of our members. In other cases, course leaders and members had already made arrangements in advance to take holidays during the school holidays.

You will notice that I have deleted email addresses on the enclosed information sheet to make room for opening-up dates, so I do hope you still have the full details from previous Newslinks, in a safe place. The phone numbers are important.

The Council cannot give me a list of all the daytime groups using the other side of the building yet, so for the first few weeks of the new arrangements I will monitor the system to make sure the SCC-NN Centre is open and closed to fit our purpose.

Because it was very difficult to close down our activities in March, mainly because course leaders did not have time to take their paperwork home, we are being very careful with the opening up details, but like most tasks, something is sure to throw a spanner in the works. If you have not heard from your course leader or class assistant within the next week or so, please contact them if the enclosed information is not clear. This Newsletter will be in the mail a week before opening day (29th June) to allow the postal system to work during the week, but it would be wise to check details with you course leader or class assistant if

you have any doubts. The Recorder and Music Appreciation classes cannot resume until their venue is open, which could be a few more weeks. No doubt the Course Leader will keep everybody informed about an opening date.

Please note that on Monday mornings, at the beginning of Term 3 (27th July) 10.00am Keith Rawsthorne will be presenting a very interesting session on the history and development of Forbes. There is no need to register for this Armchair Travel sessions. Arrangements will be the same as for the Forum last year. There will be plenty of room in the building. Hopefully Armchair Travel will also begin later in the year.

No doubt you have noticed that we missed our AGM on 19th June, which is quite all right under the unusual circumstances occurring this year. The meeting can carry over to the next financial years. This information was obtained from the Department of Fair Trading which oversees meeting regulations.

You might noticed the advt. In next Thursday's Orange Life which indicates our activities would resume on 29th June, but if you have any doubts at all, contact your Course Leader. It mentioned to look at our web page which will be up to date Barry has it up to date already.

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After reading this note, you have probably realised how difficult it has been to recommence our activities while bearing in mind all the restrictions etc. we will need to follow, balanced against the need for many of our members to get their lives back to some sort of normality as soon as possible. I do thank you all for support and understanding at this difficult time. Behind the scenes there have been times when it would have been easier to put everything in the too hard basket and no doubt we will all have to consider the odd problem or two in coming months.

VALE During the break we lost two faithful, long term members, Robert Burgess and Dr. Laurie Sherwin and extend our sympathy and loving thoughts to Joanna Burgess and Katie Sherwin at this very sad time for them, and their families.

With best wishes to you all

President: Cecily Butcher

REVISED OPENING DATE TERM 2&3 – 2020 SESSIONS STARTING
Please Note – some dates show beginning of term, other are actual dates

MONDAY

Cecily Butcher 6362 6818 cecnev@bigpond.com

Forum	Ray Norman	6361 4385	Term 3 27 th July
Armchair Travel	Ray Norman	6361 4385	Starting Term 4
Pencil Drawing	Lynne Atkins	0476 644 489	29 th June
Geology	Derek Dolstra	6361 4872	29 th June

TUESDAY

Creative Writing	Rosemary Curry	6362 3232`	Start Term 3
Painting for Fun	Ray Norman or Edna Silvester		(see note re phone number) 30 June.
Russian History	Diane Melville	0428 494 932	Start Term 3
French	Cristiane Rodeau	0417 257 684	Start Term 3
Spanish	Cilla Kinross	63657651	Start Term 3
Art Appreciation	Jean Penrose	6315 6025`	11th August, 8 th September

WEDNESDAY

Lively Discussion	Keith Curry	6362 3232	29 th July
Card & Board Games	Jenny Solling	0409 557 004	1 st July (next week)
Decoding Crosswords	Jean Penrose	6315 6025	Term 3
iPads	Bev Holland	6362 4744	Bev will contact students

THURSDAY

Literature	Joan Coote Sue Adams	6361 4601 0467 529 990	Term 3
Recorder Consort	Ruth Harrison	6365 3250	When venue opens

FRIDAY

History Unravalled	Elizabeth Griffin	6361 1920	Term 3
Simply Ukes Ensembles	Lee Britton	0411 219 537	Fitting in with the Con program
Friday Socials	Isabel Mitchell	6365 82289 th	9 th July ExServices Club

***** Please Note: Sometimes Term 3 is mentioned – that means the term begins on 27th July so classes will fall into their usual weekly time slots. Otherwise actual dates are given

COVID-19 - ORANGE CITY COUNCIL HIRER CONDITIONS OF USE

The Australian and NSW Governments have provided information regarding the use of community centres and halls to ensure safety for communities and individuals.

The following conditions of use must be adhered to by all hirers and attendees of Orange City Council venues from 22 June 2020 until further notice. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the cancellation of future bookings.

1. Each room will have a maximum capacity sign located near the entry door and provided to hirers. The maximum capacity must be adhered to. This figure has been developed using the one person per four square metre rule, however all indoor group activities must be limited to a cap of 20 participants.
2. Where the room capacity is over 20 people due to size, the maximum number of 20 participants still applies (plus the facilitator/instructor and any assistants).
3. Advise participants that if they have any cold or flu symptoms they must not attend activities or enter the building.
4. Ensure any spectators comply with the 1.5 metres physical distancing, unless they are people who live in the same household.
5. Reduce crowding and use physical distancing of 1.5 metres when people are queuing.
6. Keep a record of name and mobile phone number or email for all staff, volunteers and attendees by providing a sign in sheet for all activities.
7. Use the provided disinfectant on tables, chairs and kitchen facilities before and after use of the venue, and more often when high-intensity cardio classes are conducted. Wash tableware and cutlery with provided detergent and hot water after use.
8. Use hand sanitiser and correct hand washing practises on a regular basis. Hand hygiene kits will be provided when picking up keys.
9. If serving food buffet style designate a restricted number of people serving and practice correct hand hygiene before and after service.
10. Arrange tables and seating to support 1.5 metres of distance between people. Gloves must be worn when moving furniture, and hands washed with soap and water after afterwards.
11. Ensure activities, including sports and exercise, are non-contact as much as is practical.
12. Persons who do not adhere to these conditions, demonstrate and symptoms of illness in line with COVID-19, or have knowingly been in contact with a person suspected of having COVID-19, will be requested to leave Council premises.
13. It is the responsibility of all members of the community to adhere to COVID safe strategies and social distancing.

Louise Geaghan

MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES