

Terms 3 & 4, 2022

25 July – 16 September and 10 October – 18 November

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Orange Senior Village Hub (OSVH)

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COMBINED TERMS 3 AND 4 NEWSLETTER. Welcome to the second half of the year. We will only be putting two newsletters out from now on.

We are finding that printing and postage too much a drain on our finances. This will mean that we can put the things we know about in these newsletters and anything else folks will be notified either by email or phone. In short next year there will be a Summer edition or January/February or 1st and 2nd term then a winter edition or Terms 3 and 4.

If there is anything special that you would like to have in the newsletter, please let us know early.

AGM. The Orange U3A Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 19 August at 10am at the Orange Senior Village Hub (Known previously as the Senior Citizens Centre). All positions will be vacant and nomination forms can be collected from the Secretary or office.

COURSE LEADERS PROGRAM. We have managed one course leader's workshop so far this year. I will try to hold another one very soon with the outcomes from the first workshop. Diane Melville will be stepping down as Course Leaders Co-ordinator at the AGM. If anyone is interested in taking on this roll, please let me know.

THE HUB. The Orange Senior Citizens and Pensioners Centre is reinventing itself to be the **Orange Senior Village Hub (OSVH)**. The aim of the Hub is to create an environment where people can share skills and life experiences with each other. The centres steering committee has changed its name to the Hub Steering Committee. There will only be one committee co-ordinating the direction of the centre. Orange U3A will be part of the services available for the Senior Citizen and Pensioners of Orange. We will retain our autonomy as an organization and run our own courses.

RENOVATIONS TO CENTRE. You will all have noticed that the centre, where we meet and run classes, has all been freshly painted and look more inviting and friendly. I understand that the air-conditioning will be replaced when funds are available.

AROUND OUR MEMBERS. Our Simply Ukes Ensemble class recently was part of an Adult Ensemble Concert at the Orange Regional Conservatorium called 'Winter Crop'. Well done folks and congratulations to Lee Britton. I understand that there will be another concert later in the year.

Please remember that the Writing group publish their book, *The Moving Finger* each November. Please support these folks when the book is launched.

Welcome back to Kristine Smith who has volunteered to run craft classes at her home. She is offering, knitting, sewing, scrapbook making and crochet and later on has offered to teach Japanese cooking. **Not starting till Term 4 due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.**

Peter McFarland has completed his course on the very popular subject of 'The spread of Homo-sapiens over millions of years'. This proved to be well attended and interesting course. Thank you Peter.

Thank you Isabel, for arranging a special morning tea to celebrate the 99th Birthday of Faith Williams. Faith was one of the first members of Orange U3A back when it was founded in 1990. We all wish her well and congratulate her.



The committee wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and the best wishes for a healthy and safe New Year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Friday Social Morning Tea venue and dates, Orange Ex-Services Club, 10am, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November**
- **Term 3 starts Monday 25 July. Term 4 starts Monday 10 October**
- **Annual General Meeting is on Friday 19 August, 10am OSVH**
- **The Christmas Lunch will be held at the Robin Hood Hotel on Friday 18 November at 12.00 noon. Please ring Ron Mills 6360 0115 for a booking.**

Notes from the President

I hope that everyone is keeping warm and well over these very cold winter months. To say that it's been a bit of a challenge to keep the class rooms warm for everyone would be an understatement in the extreme. As you would be aware there have been many challenges to maintain the heaters at the centre and we are hoping that this will be addressed very soon by the management of the building on a more permanent basis.

Meanwhile my friends, I hope that you stay well and safe from those nasty winter bugs and that you have the opportunity to thaw out. Looking forward to the Spring! – *Elizabeth*

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TERM DATES

- Term 1**, 14 February – 8 April
- Term 2**, 9 May – 1 July
- Term 3**, 25 July – 16 September
- Term 4**, 10 October – 18 November

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

Meetings & Social Dates, Terms 3/4

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 19 August

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Friday 16 September, Friday 21 October

GENERAL MEETING (for all members)

Friday 18 November

Christmas luncheon after the meeting at the Robin Hood Hotel at 12 noon.

Please ring Ron Mills 6360 0115 for a booking.

Meetings are held at the Orange Senior Village Hub and commence at 10am

FRIDAY SOCIAL MORNING TEA VENUES

Orange Ex-Services Club, 10am

Every second Friday of the month starting 12 August, then 9 September, 14 October and 11 November

Remember Orange Ex Services Club opens 10am.

Contact Isabel Mitchell on 6365 8228 to make a booking.

THE AIMS OF U3A AS DECIDED AT THE 1996 CHARTER.

1. To provide for mature people, in complete or partial retirement from paid to unpaid employment, programs of learning activities which will give stimulation and development in their lives.
2. To create a community of scholars in which there is no distinction, in terms of its membership, between those who teach and those who learn.
3. To operate the U3A in such ways that learning is pursued without any reference to entry criteria, qualifications or assessment.
4. To assist in dispelling the notion of intellectual decline with age.
5. To exchange ideas and resources with other U3As, both in Australia and overseas.
6. To encourage the establishment of similar institutions in other parts of Australia.

THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE OPERATION OF U3A

1. Members will be encouraged to learn and teach, or in other ways to assist in the operation of U3A.
2. Members will receive no payment for contributions as tutors (course leaders, etc.), convenors or organisers.
3. Young person's will not be prevented from joining, but the interests of Third Age people will provide the criteria for the organisation of U3As and its programs.
4. U3A will be financed principally by annual membership fees at levels which enable access to persons on limited means.
5. The program of activities will be as wide as the human resources of its membership permit.
6. No qualifications from a local university or tertiary institution, but organisation and financial autonomy will be the guiding principle at all times.
7. Every U3A should be encouraged to affiliate with the NSW Council of U3A Inc. for mutual encouragement and support.

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.
OSVH	Orange Senior Village Hub, 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.

Terms 3 & 4 Program

MONDAY

Quiz Morning OSVH 10.00am. For the first week 1st August, Ron Mills will be conducting a quiz morning starting at 10am. All equipment will be supplied. Ring Ron 6360 0115.

Armchair Travel OSVH 10.00am. **Reintroducing Armchair Travel from 8 August.**

Enjoy our members travel tales from around our great country or overseas, in the company of friends. **Contact:** Ray Norman 6361 4385.

Grey Matters OSVH 11.30am. **Not starting till Monday 15 August 2022.** Heretical Histories – building on our worldview theme, Grey Matters will look at a different historical event or person each week to see how worldview was expressed or changed. From The Black Death to the Swinging Sixties we'll look at events in surprising and new ways. Term Three classes start August 15. Open to newcomers. **Course Leader:** Lydia Smith 0458 017 527, lydiasmith1066@gmail.com

Pencil Drawing OSVH 1.15–2.45pm. Interested in drawing? Let's start at the beginning then branch off into the area of your interest and ambition. Contact the Course Leader for equipment needed for first lesson. **Course Leader:** Lynne Atkins 0476 664 489.

Geology OSVH 3–4pm. This group will continue to explore local and distant rocks, minerals, volcanos and earthquakes, as well as how rocks play an important part in everyday things. Weather permitting, short excursions could be included. **Course Leader:** Derek Dolstra 6361 4872, ddolstra@bigpond.net.au

TUESDAY

Art Appreciation OAG 2.00pm. Sessions will be held on Tuesday 10 May and 14 June. The Education Liaison Officer at the Gallery takes us on a journey through current exhibitions and it's amazing what we can see. New members welcome at any time.

Contact: Julie Horspool 0428 617 595.

Creative Writing OSVH 10.00–11.30am. We are an enthusiastic group of people who simply enjoy writing. We encourage good writing and self editing, but do not offer censorship. Weekly sessions require each person to do some spontaneous writing and are given writing exercises for homework to be read out (if desired) on the following week. At the end of the year a book of our work is published called *The Moving Finger*. **Course Leader:** Rosemary Curry 6362 3232.

Continuing French OSVH 12.30am–2.30pm. Please contact Christine for more information. There is not room for beginners this year and the one session will last for two hours.

Course Leader: Christine Rondeau 0417 257 684.

Painting for Fun 1.30–3.00pm ASR. Painting for fun is an interesting venue for working in all mediums. Come along and enjoy the challenges. **Course Leader:** Edna Silvester 0490 068 864.

Music Appreciation 1.30pm C of C. Music is important to connect the brain. Every week the group listens with 'listening ears' as directed, to a specific work and its composer.

Course Leader: Ruth Harrison 0427 500 035.

Russian History 10am–12 noon. Held as five week blocks over three terms, continuing Term 3 on Tuesday 26 July. Sorry, no new enrolments. **Course Leader:** Diane Melville 0428 494 932.

WEDNESDAY

Lively Discussion OSVH 10–11.15am. Lively discussion involving a wide range of interesting topics. Some of our group's summaries are put on the Orange U3A website for others to read. Contact: Christine Fraser 0419 277 606. or Helen Nicholson 0447 096 677.

Cryptic Crosswords OSVH, 11.15am–12.30pm. Think outside the square and learn to decipher those CRYPTIC clues that seem to make no sense at all. There is expert help to guide you through the maze of words. **Course Leader:** Jean Penrose penrosel@tpg.com.au or 6315 6025.

Card & Board Games OSVH. 1–4pm. Another long running session where Marjong, 500, Scrabble and Canasta will be played this year. If there is sufficient interest, we will endeavour to revive Bolivia classes. Afternoon tea 50c. **Course Leader:** Jenny Solling jasolling@gmail.com or 0409 557 004.

Ipads and Iphones OSVH, 2–3pm. This course is basically for individuals, covering Ipads, tablets and Iphones. **Contact Course Leader** Bev Holland bevpch70@bigpond.com or 6362 4744, to check if your equipment is covered by Bev's expertise, as there are so many different brands on the market which do not speak to each other these days.

THURSDAY

Craft 10am–12noon. **Not starting till Term 4 due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.** Are you interested in having a crafty morning with friends? We are running knitting, sewing, crochet and scrap book sessions in a relaxed environment. **Contact Course Leader** Kristine Smith on 0428 011 700 for directions to her home or kristinesmith11@gmail.com

Recorder Consort C of C 11.30–12.30pm. A group of recorders playing in four parts with music from the Renaissance to a more modern style. They play for U3A functions and at local retirement homes regularly. **Course Leader:** Ruth Harrison 0427 500 035.

Literature WEML, 2–3pm. Study 12 novels throughout the year, chosen by group members the year before. We read and share poetry chosen by members for four sessions at the beginning of each term. Novels are studied one week and short stories, microfiction 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. Group members volunteer to prepare information and discussion questions for each of the novels read. **Course Leader:** Sue Adams 0467 529 990 and Julie Horspool 0428 617 595.

FRIDAY

History Unravalled OSVH, 2–3.30pm. Come on an adventure through history. Who knows where we might explore about Australian History and what events we will discover. Cross the centuries and some foreign countries to discover the impact that they had on Australian History. Possibly a bus trip or two can be organised to explore why early settlers settled in the district. **Course Leader:** Elizabeth Griffin egriffin31@outlook.com or 6361 1920.

Simply Ukcs Ensembles ORC. Friday 10.30–12 noon and Saturday 11.00am–12 noon during school terms. Classes are held at the Orange Regional Conservatorium (ORC) in conjunction with students enrolled via the ORC. Beginners are welcome and preferably should contact Lee prior to first class to get a heads up on how the classes are run and what will be provided. **Course Leader:** Lee Britton 0411 219 537.

Friday Social Morning Teas Orange Ex-Services Club at 10.00am. They are held on the 2nd Friday of each month. Dates are: 12 August, 9 September, 14 October and 11 November. Remember the Ex Services Club opens at 10am. Contact Isabel Mitchell on 6365 8228 if you wish to attend.

Armchair Detectives OSVH, 10.00–11.00am. The first Friday of every month, including holidays. A return of the popular literary journey through the history of crime fiction. Lively discussion, lots of interactions and a murder to keep you on your toes. **Course Leader:** Lydia Smith, 0458 017 527, lydiasmith1066@gmail.com