

WOTZON

Whittlesea U3A

Weekly Fact Sheet

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CONTACT DETAILS

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WELCOME TO 2022

Hope you all had an opportunity to celebrate with friends and family over the summer break and are looking forward to the 2022 classes. I know that many of you are a little apprehensive with increased COVID numbers and we will provide everyone with the most up to date information as it becomes available. Please refer to page 2 of this publication for the current regulations. At this stage all classes will be going ahead as advertised on the calendar.

The new year officially starts on Monday the 31st January and committee members and office volunteers have been busily preparing the behind the scenes organisation for classes and activities. This WOTZON provides some current and basic information about activities, enrolments and COVID information. In next week's publication I will advertise some of the newer and less known classes. Should you have any questions about anything from the calendar please contact myself, Judy Cleary or any of the office volunteers. Office opening hours are listed below.

SOME SPECIAL EVENTS FOR TUTORS:

1. A tutor thank you lunch has been organised on Monday 24th January for the 2021 tutors at Epping RSL and thank you to those who have indicated that they will be able to attend. If you have not RSVP I will be calling you to finalise numbers. The lunch begins at 12.00. Please make sure your vaccination certificates are up to date and either on your Services Victoria app or you have an official Medicare certificate. *I have been advised by the RSL that due to staff shortages they will not be opening their doors until 12.00 so do not get their early as you will need to either line up or wait in the car.*
2. Two information sessions: these sessions are aimed at providing tutors with some basic information relating to class organisation, attendance sheets, venue procedure, how to send an email to members of the class, how to check who is in the class, COVID regulations etc. It is also a chance for tutors to ask any questions they might have. Two sessions will be held - **Tuesday 25th January 11.00 to 12.00 on Zoom** and **Thursday 27th January 11.00 to 12.00 a face to face session at the May Rd Campus**. An email will be sent to all tutors next week with the zoom link and necessary information. Come to the session that best suits you. There is no need to reply just attend the online or face-to-face session and have your questions answered. Various members of the committee will be attending to assist you with your inquiries.

Once again welcome to all members, new and returned, to 2022 and remember if you have a question or query there are many people who would love to help so contact us either by phone or email or visit one of the offices and we will answer your questions, enrol you in classes or just have a chat.

See you all soon.

Natalie Lim, Class Coordinator/Communication Manager.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Peter Lalor Campus Office will be opened on Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th, Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th January between 10 am and 1pm. From 30th January the office will be opened Monday to Thursday between 10.00am to 4.00pm. The office is closed on Friday.

May Road Campus Office will reopen on Tuesday 1st February at 12.00

WELCOME PACK

Your WELCOME PACK with confirmation of all the classes you are enrolled in, and your 2022 membership tag, will be sent to you by email or regular mail from the 20th January. If you receive it by regular mail it may arrive a little later than the 20th. If you do not receive your pack by the 30th January please contact one of the phone numbers or email address above. Don't forget to check your junk/spam mail first just in case.

2022 ENROLMENTS are still available

Enrolment in classes is still available.

You can enrol in the following ways:

GO TO THE OFFICE - the volunteers will be very happy to assist you with enrolments.

ONLINE - Go to the members section of the Whittlesea U3A website for information

BY POST - Postal address - **Whittlesea U3A P.O. Box 1157 Lalor**

CONTACT ME - communication@whittleseau3a.org.au and I can help you to enrol. If you call leave a message and I will return your call.

CONTACT JUDY CLEARY - leave a message and she will call you and help with enrolment. 9464 1339 or 0404119189

Payment Options

PAY AT THE PETER LALOR CAMPUS OFFICE OR MAY ROAD OFFICE - Refer to opening hours above. You can pay at the office using cheque or cash.

BANK TRANSFER (internet banking): Account Name: Whittlesea U3A Inc. BSB: 033 137 Account Number: 189765 Make sure you include your U3A membership number/name

PAYING AT ANY WESTPAC BRANCH: Account Name: Whittlesea U3A Inc. BSB: 033 137 Account Number: 189765 Ask the bank teller to include your U3A membership number.

PAYING BY PAYPAL This option is available only when you enrol online.

COVID AND 2022 CLASSES

At this stage classes will be going ahead as advertised based on the following conditions:

- Anyone enrolled in a face-to-face class must be fully vaccinated (until we are advised otherwise by the State Government fully vaccinated means 2 injections. However the requirement to have the booster shot may become necessary soon).
- All indoor activities - except where the activity is strenuous exercise - masks must be worn.
- QR Codes need to be used in venues.
- Tutors will check your vaccination certificate during the first class so please make sure you either have connected to your Services Victoria app or have an official copy as supplied by Medicare.

PLEASE CONTACT ME OR THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED ANY FURTHER INFORMATION.

NEED INFORMATION ABOUT MY AGE CARE

My Age Care packages. <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/help-at-home/home-care-packages> Their phone contact is 1800200422. Some providers do not charge the Basic daily fee so keep that in mind when looking for a provider.