

# WOTZON

Whittlesea U3A

**Fortnightly Fact Sheet**

**Edition 2 - 21st January 2024**



## CONTACT DETAILS

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## 2024 CLASSES START THIS WEEK

Hello Everyone,

Most classes begin this week - Tuesday 30th January - and I know many members are really looking forward to returning to their activities. There is still time to enrol in classes however please be aware that some are full and as a result have been closed due to long waiting lists. If numbers in classes drop during the year these classes will become available. In this newsletter I have listed (on page 2) those classes that have changed their starting date. Please check if it affects you so you do not go to a venue for no reason.

After the success of our various social functions in 2023 I have booked a High Tea (lunch with lots of small finger food to share including hot food, sandwiches and cakes served with tea and coffee). The booking is during the first term break - refer to the ad on page 2 for more details. **THIS IS A MEMBERS' ONLY EVENT.**

**Remember that if you need** any assistance with information about enrolment or classes you can always contact me (using the details below) or the **OFFICE** on **03 9464 1339/0404 119 189**. If the phone is unattended please leave a message so we can return your call.

As the WOTZON is now being published fortnightly the next edition will be on Sunday 11th February.

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## OFFICE HOURS for

**WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 29th January 2024**

### PETER LALOR CAMPUS

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 29TH JANUARY

OFFICE WILL BE OPENED TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 10.00 TO 2.00

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY

### MAY ROAD CAMPUS

OFFICE WILL BE OPENED: TUESDAY 1.00PM TO 4.00 & THURSDAY - 9.30 TO 4.00PM

**WELCOME PACKS** – *all welcome packs have been either emailed (to those with an email address) or posted to all others. If you are a new member to Whittlesea U3A your lanyard has also been posted. As the post is sometimes delayed, especially with the public holiday on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, please be patient. If you are a new member and have not received your lanyard by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February please contact me or the office. If you should have received your Welcome Pack through email please check your spam/junk mail and if still nothing please contact either myself or the office so we can resend it to you. Remember that those unable to print their badges can pick them up from the offices at either Peter Lalor or May Road.*

### FOLLOWING PROGRAMS HAVE CHANGES TO START DATES:

- **LINE DANCING BEGINNERS ONLY** with Cathy and Tita– program to start Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- **COMPUTER, ANDROID, SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT** class with Shoukry – program to start Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of February
- **WALKING NETBALL** with Margaret – program to start Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February
- **BOOK DISCUSSION** with Ann – program to start 20<sup>th</sup> March
- **CANASTA WITH FLO** – program cancelled Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January

### FRENCH STREET CLASSES RELOCATED

Due to the fire at French Street in December the following activities have been moved to a different location to what was originally advertised. If you have enrolled in these classes please be aware of the change:

#### MONDAY

- **TAI CHI Class 1 with Phu** – moved to Miller Community Centre, Blamey Ave Mill Park
- **TAI CHI Class 2 with Phu** – moved to Miller Community Centre, Blamey Ave Mill Park
- **TAI CHI Sword for Health with Phu** – moved to Miller Community Centre, Blamey Ave Mill Park
- **Qi Gong Stick with Phu** – moved to Miller Community Centre, Blamey Ave Mill Park
- **Line Dancing Advanced with Tita** – moved to Nick Ascenzo, Boronia Street Thomastown
- **Indoor Walking Aerobics with Mary** – moved to Thomastown Library, Main Street Thomastown

#### THURSDAY

- **Line Dancing Beginners Only with Cathy and Tita** – moved to Spring Street Hall, Spring Street, Thomastown

### NEW EVENT - WHITTLESEA U3A HIGH TEA – TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**LOCATION: Whittlesea Bowls Club 101 Church Street Whittlesea**

**COST: \$30**

**DATE: Tuesday 9th April - this is during the term break**

**TIME: 1.00pm**

**DESCRIPTION: THIS IS A MEMBERS ONLY EVENT. Enjoy a delicious silver service high tea of hot pastries, sandwiches and small cakes with tea and coffee. Champagne and other drinks can be purchased separately at the venue. Once you have enrolled, the money, \$30, needs to be paid into the Whittlesea U3A account before your booking is confirmed. No bookings or payments can be accepted on the day. Unfortunately limited dietary variations available so if you need a special diet please contact me before you book.**

### HIGH TEA MENU

*Includes 3-tiered silver stands for the tables, tea and coffee, linen napkins, cutlery and crockery.*

- **House Baked Lemonade Scones** Served with Kinglake jam and double cream
- **Egg, Lettuce and Aioli Finger Sandwiches**
- **Chicken Caesar Pin Wheels**
- **Smoked Salmon Crostini (GF)** Served with capers mayo and caviar
- **Mixed Berry Panna cotta (GF)** Served with fresh berries
- **House Baked Sausage Rolls** Served with tomato relish
- **Chocolate Shot** Includes double chocolate Mousse, Double Cream and Chocolate Shards
- **Petite Lemon Curd Tarts** With Passionfruit Coulis and Spun Toffee
- **Petite Assorted Tarts** Finished with cream cheese and raspberry coulis
- **Fruit Skewer (GF)** Including passionfruit Cointreau
- **Petite Assorted Quiche** With Sour cream and Chives

**ABSENCE REGISTER** – The absence register is designed in the UMAS system so that members who are unable to attend a class can register their absence. This notifies the tutor as well as the office and ensures that you do not lose your place in the class. Remember that according to the Terms and Conditions, refer to the extract below, if you are absent from a class for 3 consecutive classes without registering the absence you may be removed from the class especially if that class is full or has a waiting list.

### SUMMARY OF INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE FROM A COURSE/ ACTIVITY

1. Go to <https://whittleseau3a.org.au/> website and click on **Member Login** top right of the menu
2. Login to your profile using your **MEMBER NUMBER AND PASSWORD**
3. After successful login you will see **My Membership details**
4. Click on **ABSENCES**
5. Select the Course **YOU WILL BE ABSENT FROM or All Courses applicable**
6. Select **Reason** for the absence. This is optional and the default is **“Other”**
7. Select the date range applicable – start of absence to end of absence
8. Click **Submit** and the absence will be recorded
9. Once an Absence is recorded it will be displayed on the same page under Current Absences

## My Membership

To update your details, simply edit the form below, and then click the SAVE button at the bottom of the form. You can also change your  and view your [enrolments](#), [invoices](#) and [absences](#).

***When a member (or office on behalf of the member) reports an absence an email will be sent to the member (if you have an email), the tutor / leader (if they have an email), the Course Coordinator and the administrator.***

***If you (the member) needs to make a change to your reported absence, please advise the Course Coordinator with the details.***

#### **Whittlesea U3A Membership Terms and Conditions state**

- cl 10. Due to the popularity of some classes if a member fails to attend three (3) consecutive classes without a valid reason their place may be offered to someone on the waiting list.
- cl 11. If a member is going to be absent for more than three (3) consecutive course times they must notify the course leader or the office to maintain their place in the class coordinator

These instructions are also available with illustrations on the Whittlesea U3A website. Follow this link if you want to see more information: [ABSENCE REGISTER INFORMATION LINK](#)



## Retirement Phase of Superannuation consultation

Looking for 8 members who have retired in the last 5 years or plan to fully retire in the next 5 years to participate in a discussion lead by COTA Australia 1:30 pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at Mernda Senior Support Centre.

The discussion will explore your experience of the available financial information on superannuation, the advice you have received, your information and advice needs, and what could be done to improve provision of this information.

COTA Australia will use what you tell us in our advocacy and submission work and will provide a report to the Department of Treasury, which is funding this research.

Getting the system right is one of the biggest challenges facing Australia. It's a challenge for superannuation funds but also for the Federal Government as the regulator of the system.

Contact Glen Wall [president@whittleseau3a.org.au](mailto:president@whittleseau3a.org.au) or mobile 0422852593 to arrange to attend.

## NEW 3D PRINTING CLASS AT PETER LALOR CAMPUS IN 2024 **243TUE24**

We have a new tutor who is starting a class at Peter Lalor Campus on 3D Printing. This class will be conducted weekly starting on Tuesday 6th February from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Learn how to create interesting objects using this 3D printer. There may be a small charge for some of the personal objects that you will create.

## CALENDAR OF MAIN EVENTS - Term 1 2024

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>		
Monday 29th @ 11.00	2023 Volunteer Thank You Lunch	Epping RSL Harvest Home Rd, Wollert
Tuesday 30th @ 9.00	MOST classes begin this week	Various Locations
<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>		
Monday 5th @ 10.00	Monthly Morning Tea	Epping RSL Harvest Home Rd, Wollert
Monday 12th @ 9.30	COMMITTEE Meeting	Mernda SS Centre
<b>MARCH 2024</b>		
Monday 4th @ 10.00	Monthly Morning Tea	Epping RSL Harvest Home Rd, Wollert
Monday 12th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY	NO CLASS
Thursday 28th	END OF TERM 1	