

WOTZON

Whittlesea U3A

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Hello Everyone,

*Christmas lunch at Epping RSL is filling fast and there are only about 30 places left. Tables have been organised by many tutors and members. Tables will be finalised in the next couple of weeks so if you want to go on a particular table, AND THERE IS ROOM, you need to contact me as soon as possible. Unfortunately due to the large number of people attending all those attending will be allocated to tables and it will be almost impossible to move people around on the day. **If you are attending the lunch and have special dietary needs please contact me before you enrol so I can make sure we can accommodate your needs.***

JUST A REMINDER THAT TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY. THERE ARE NO CLASSES ON THIS DAY. Both the Peter Lalor and May Road Offices will be CLOSED ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER.

Reminder that Monday 4th November is our Monthly Morning Tea and the launch of our Enrolment Information. Kevin will be present at the Morning Tea at Epping RSL to provide members with the information regarding the enrolment process for next year. As enrolments begin soon and many members have asked about the very popular classes this would be an excellent morning tea to attend and get all of your questions answered. The morning tea begins at 10.15 and is at Epping RSL, Harvest Home Road, Wollert. You can also pay for the Christmas lunch at the morning tea.

Prizes are also needed for the Christmas raffle held at the lunch. If you are able to donate any new items bring them to the morning tea on Monday or drop them in at the office.

Natalie Lim

WU3A President

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OFFICE HOURS for WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 4th November

PETER LALOR CAMPUS

OFFICE WILL BE OPENED Wednesday 10.00 TO 2.00 & Thursday 10.00 TO 1.00.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY - Monthly Morning Tea, TUESDAY - Public Holiday and FRIDAY

MAY ROAD CAMPUS OFFICE WILL BE OPENED: Thursday - 9.00 TO 4.00PM. It will be closed on TUESDAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

PAYMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND OTHER EVENTS can be made at both offices during opening hours, Online, or at a WESTPAC bank.

Whittlesea U3A Banking details are:

Account Name: Whittlesea U3A Inc.

BSB: 033 137

Account Number: 189765

ALWAYS QUOTE YOUR MEMBER NUMBER WITH THE TRANSACTION.

Please contact the office during opening hours for assistance.

EXPO 2024 THANK YOU

As I mentioned in last week's Breaking News, the 2024 Expo was extremely successful. This could not be possible without the commitment of all the members who volunteered their time and energy to take an active part. Led by our venue coordinator, Christine Czerny, the team was able to showcase how incredible Whittlesea U3A members are and how much fun they have together. Whether they walked around the Lalor Shops in their incredible gear, encouraging shoppers to visit us; talking to those attending; selling and displaying their homemade goods; selling sausages and drinks and raffle tickets; giving out cups of tea and coffee; exhibiting their art; helping in the digital literacy corner; displaying their dancing, singing and ukulele skills or just walking around, everyone who volunteered their time had fun and contributed to this success.

I would also like to thank our sponsors who made the day possible. These include: ARCARE AGED CARE; Sherwin Rise; WISHEZ in Mill Park; THE BASE at Westfield; KENNARDS HIRE; THE WINNING POST in Mill Park; QBD; and PASTRY PARADISE in Lalor. Their donations of either raffle prizes or equipment was greatly appreciated and we would like to recommend these companies to our members.

We are already planning for an even bigger Expo in 2025 so if you have any ideas on what we could include or how you could help please contact us on the website contact us page on: whittleseau3a.org.au/contact-us as we are always open to suggestions.

On the following pages I have included some photos of the day. Sorry I couldn't get more but it was so busy.

Natalie Lim

RAFFLE WINNERS - DRAWN AT Whittlesea U3A EXPO ON SATURDAY 26TH October.

The results of the raffles drawn at the Expo yesterday, Saturday 26th October, were:

MAIN RAFFLE:

- **FIRST PRIZE:** ANN M - ticket # 2840;
- **SECOND PRIZE:** PAM H - ticket # 0038; and
- **THIRD PRIZE:** JUNE W.-ticket # 0806.

MINI RAFFLE:

- **FIRST PRIZE:** HEATHER V - ticket Orange C002;
- **SECOND PRIZE:** RITA Z - ticket Orange C023

Members selling their home made products and items made in class





Federica, walking around the Lalor Shops informing shoppers of the event.

Providing Members with information



Listening and watching our performers: Choir, Ukulele group and Line Dancing Group



THANK YOU to OUR VOLUNTEERS



Unfortunately this year we will be saying goodbye to 3 more tutors.

Elaine Moore and Anne Heafield, both of whom have been leading the Family History groups for many years have decided to retire. Both of these leaders have assisted Whittlesea U3A members to research their past and discover where their heritage tree of life originate.

Oscar Altavilla, our Italian Beginners tutor has also decided to retire this year. Oscar has been a great tutor who has inspired many members to learn Italian with his carefree and helpful nature. Those who attended Oscar's class have found the sessions to be extremely enjoyable and fulfilling.

On behalf of all the members at Whittlesea U3A, I would like to thank these leaders for the fantastic work and their incredible commitment over the years.

Natalie

PROGRAMS HAVE CHANGES

If a class is cancelled or changes are made those enrolled in the class will be notified by email or SMS

LINE DANCING ADVANCED with TITA - this class is cancelled on Monday 4th November

FEEL WELL, BE WELL with PATTI - this class is cancelled on Monday 4th November

LINE DANCING BEGINNERS AT WHITTLESEA with BEV - this class is cancelled on Monday 11th November

REFLEXOLOGY, WELL BEING STEPS ONLINE with MARIA - this class is cancelled on Saturday 9th November

EXERCISE HEALTHY FOR HEALTHY LIVING LALOR CLASS 1 AND 2 with KUMAR - These 2 classes will be combining on Thursday 28th November and the class will start at 11.00. The members of the sessions will be having a celebration at the end of the class so if you are a member of this class please bring a small plate of food.

THANK YOU FROM MEMBERS OF A CLASS & RECOMMENDED FOR 2025 COUNTING THROUGH THE AGES

(Previously titled The History of Number)

This course has been both entertaining and thought-provoking. Oliver has provided us with Fact sheets and other information to promote discussion on how past communities and cultures developed the many different systems of counting and the representation of numbers. We looked at each of these systems in terms of history, time and culture and talked about how and why each of them might have developed as they did.

Oliver eased us into the year gently, beginning with a study of Roman Numerals, something most of us are already a little familiar with. We gained an understanding of the rules of this numbering system, how to convert today's Western Arabic numbers and dates into Roman Numerals and looked into how and where they are still sometimes used in today's modern world. We continued on to look at many other numbering systems throughout the year and with each one, we thought about the time in history for each one and how they might have developed. There are too many to name them all, but some of the numbering systems we looked at were the Greek numerals, Egyptian hieroglyphics, the Babylonian numbering system, and the differences and similarities between Eastern and Western Arabic numerals. Along the way, Oliver added insights into the history of the times when each of these numbering systems came into being. I looked forward to each and every session and enjoyed them all but some of my favourites along the way were our dives into the Fibonacci sequence and the natural world, the Chinese abacus and how to use it, and the use and patterns of the Roman Cistercian numerals.

Thank you Oliver for a wonderful look into numbers past and present!

Whittlesea U3A POLO SHIRTS

An order has been sent for polo shirts for those members who have placed and paid for their shirts up to the end of October. These should be arriving in about 2 weeks (or less). Marion will contact you when they arrive to arrange delivery.

WALKING FOOTBALL TEAMS ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR THE GAMES IN QUEENSLAND

GOOD LUCK!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE WALKING FOOTBALL MEMBERS WHO ARE TAKING PART IN THE PAN PACIFIC GAMES THIS COMING WEEK. LOOKING FORWARD TO PUTTING UP SOME GREAT PHOTOS.

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS LUNCH (241MON36)

DATE: MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER

TIME: 11.15 – 15.00

COST: \$35 Members & \$40 Non Members

LOCATION: EPPING RSL, Harvest Home Road, Epping.

MAIN MENU

MAIN: TRIO OF ROASTS served with seasonal vegetables. Each plate will have a serving of ham, pork and turkey with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables. All servings will be the same.

DESSERT: Plum Pudding with custard.

VEGETARIAN OPTION: (THIS MUST BE PRE BOOKED - CANNOT BE ORDERED ON THE DAY)

MAIN: Stir Fried vegetables with rice

DESSERT: Individually served plum pudding with custard

Other special Dietary changes may be available, however you will need to notify the course coordinator when you book as no last minute changes can be made.

DRINKS:

Tea and coffee and some soft drinks provided. Other drinks including alcohol can be bought at the bar.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING VEGETARIAN:

If you need a special meal please contact the course coordinator on 0412 230 561. **DO NOT CONTACT THE VENUE.** Not all requests can be accommodated so please call to discuss your needs.

Members need to enrol for this class as usual. Payments need to be finalised by Friday, November 22nd. No further bookings can be made after this date as the venue requires time to prepare. As you can see Non Members are also welcome to this event at a cost of \$40. Members who wish to invite non members need to contact the course coordinator on 0412 230 561 to book.

GROUPS/CLASSES MAY WISH TO BOOK A TABLE. PLEASE BOOK EARLY. All tables are made up of 12 people.

CALENDAR OF MAIN EVENTS - Term 4 2024 & Term 1 2025

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
NOVEMBER 2024		
Monday 4th @ 10.30	Monthly Morning Tea FOCUS ENROLMENT 2025	Epping RSL
Monday 4th	PETER LALOR OFFICE CLOSED TODAY	Closed for Monthly Morning Tea
Tuesday 5th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	NO CLASSES TODAY/OFFICES
Monday 11th @ 9.30	Committee Meeting	Mernda Support Centre
WEEK OF 25th - 29th	LAST WEEK OF CLASSES FOR 2024	
Sunday 24th	Last Breaking News published for 2024	
DECEMBER 2024		
Sunday 1st	Last WOTZON published for 2024	
Monday 2nd @ 12.00	Whittlesea U3A CHRISTMAS FUNCTION	Epping RSL
Wednesday 4th 10.00	1ST REENROLMENT DAY	VENUE PETER LALOR CAMPUS
Thursday 5th 10.00	2ND REENROLMENT DAY	VENUE MAY ROAD CAMPUS
Sunday 8th @ 11.00	Line Dancing Christmas Social	Epping Memorial Hall
JANUARY 2025		
Thursday 23rd @ 12.00	High Tea BOOKED OUT	Parliament House
Wednesday 29th	2024 Volunteers Lunch (By invitation)	Epping RSL
FEBRUARY 2025		
Monday 3rd	Monthly Morning Tea	Epping RSL
Monday 3rd	Beginning of Term 1 - most classes begin this week	Various Venues