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#### ENCOURAGING MATURE AGED WORKERS BACK INTO THE WORKPLACE



National Seniors Australia has backed the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry's (CCI) call to remove the barriers for pensioners who want to work.

"Pensioners can help to meet the shortage of workers in the economy – but only if government fixes the punitive income test that discourages them from participating in the workforce," National Seniors chief advocate Ian Schenke said.

"Pensioners retiring with limited savings are effectively taxed 50 cents in the dollar when they work more than one day per week. They need to work but don't see the point", he said in a media release last month.

Mr Schenke said Australia has a large untapped resource of mature aged workers compared to many other countries. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, 4.3m Australians are aged 65 and over. However, an OECD report highlights only 14.2% (610,000) are in the workforce compared to 19.44% in the USA, 24.8% in New Zealand, 25.48% in Japan and 34.34% in Korea.

Department of Social Security (DSS) data shows there are 2.6m pensioners but only 84,000 (3.4%) have employment income. Those with limited savings are penalised if they work, so they don't.

Mr Schenke said that while he supports CCI's call for an increase to the Work Bonus and Minister Robert's extension of the Pensioner Concession Card for those who lose the pension from work, this doesn't go far enough.

National Seniors is calling for a two-year trial exempting pensioners with limited savings from the income test.

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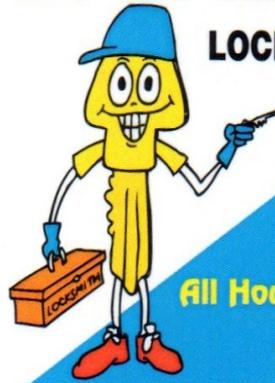
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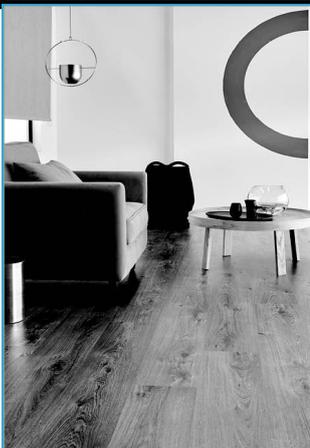
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## Term dates for 2022

**Term 1:** Monday January 24 to Friday April 1

**Term 2:** Tuesday April 19 to Friday June 24

**Term 3:** Monday July 11 to Friday September 16

**Term 4:** Tuesday October 4 to Friday December 9.



U3A birdwatching group checking out the dam at Griffith Estate before heading out to Leslie Dam on December 14.



## U3A WARWICK REGISTRATION DAY

To minimise the chance of exposure to the fast-spreading Omicron variant, we have new arrangements for our Registration Day, which was to have been held on Friday January 21 at the Warwick RSL. Members will now be able to register and renew their subscriptions as follows:

1/ Membership applications and payment [correct change required] will be accepted in person over two days - January 20 and 21 between 10am & 3pm - at the U3A Rooms in Tooth St.

This will allow us to limit the number of people in the room, ensure good ventilation, and maintain social distancing.

People must be double vaccinated, check in using the Check in Qld App, and wear a mask.

2/ People can post their application forms with a cheque or receipt for a direct deposit.

3/ Alternatively, application forms can be scanned and emailed to the secretary, with proof of payment.

4/ Members must contact course convenors direct, via phone or email, to sign on for courses.

Sandra Wilson, President

## BIRDING IN 2022

U3A Warwick birders go on an excursion once a month during term times.

**Laurel Wilson** took this photo of a King Parrot when the group visited Leslie Dam in December.



In February the plan is for the group to visit a private property at Storm King Dam, a haven for many species of native birds. This New Holland Honeyeater perched obligingly on the Protea bush for a New Year's Day snap.

Photo by Penny Davies.

# New Courses for 2022

## Re-Reading Australian Classic Novels



The recent ABC TV series "Books that Made us", hosted by Claudia Karvan has prompted us to think about re-reading some of the Australian novels that we may have read years ago. We will meet once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday ( to be confirmed) at the U3A

rooms. Hosted by Sally Edwards (pictured), the first six books have been selected so that you can look for them at op shops, libraries or in your own collection. The first six will be:

- February : Cloud Street, Tim Winton
- March : My Brilliant career, Miles Franklin
- April: Johnno, David Malouf\*
- May: A fortunate life, A B Facey\*
- June: True History of the Kelly Gang – Peter Carey\*
- July: Monkey Grip, Helen Garner\*

The titles marked with a star will be sourced from the State Library , Public Library collection of Book Club Sets. Four additional titles will be selected by the group for August to November and will be other Australian classics either from our own sources or from State Library. Some of the titles have also been made into films and can be accessed via libraries or online.

The group will be an informal discussion of the book and how it impacted us when first we read it and now how we feel about reading it again in 2022. **Sally Edwards**

## Warwick writer included in new anthology

U3A member and local author **Fleur Lind** submitted three stories to be considered for a collection of short stories from international authors.

"I'm still buzzing that they were accepted and the book was released less than a week ago!" she told **New**

### Tricks!

"I'm also hoping to get a copy to our public library". Fleur's writing appears in Warwick Today and she has her own WordPress blog, [fleurfabulousfables.wordpress.com](http://fleurfabulousfables.wordpress.com).

[viewbook.at/BOOKIWROTE-Book2](http://viewbook.at/BOOKIWROTE-Book2)



## LINE DANCING



Convenor Sandy Gordon is preparing for a Line Dancing course in 2022, to be offered on a Tuesday afternoon at 1PM for one hour. A start date will be defined within the first week of the new semester for 2022 and all interested will be advised.

"I am currently working on a venue for this course and will advise as soon as practicable"

Anyone interested in joining this fabulous course please contact **Sandy Gordon** 0488 427 699.

## A POSSE OF GARDENERS

**Convenor: Cheryl Baxter 0414 557022**



Meet 2nd Monday of the month at 10 am. First meeting February 14th 2022.

Venue: Initial meeting in my garden. Meet and greet over morning tea.

Members to decide the following month's venue, .eg a home or a nursery or the U3A rooms to watch (maybe Monty Don) on his travels through the world's gardens or DVDs on various topics, wide ranging from plant success to eg. planting for climate change and assisting wildlife.

I am anticipating that the members will initiate topics that interest them. I am there to facilitate these ideas.

## Returning courses

The committee is pleased to welcome back popular courses which went into recess last year: Woodworking, Mah-Jong and Opera. Please note there is a wait list for Woodworking.

**The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of individual writers and not of Warwick U3A Inc. The next quarterly newsletter will be published on or about April 1.**

## President's Annual Report 2021



### Overview

In 1849, French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote, "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose" or "the more things change, the more they stay the same".

2021 year exemplifies this.

On the upside, we finally received good rain and the toilet paper situation appears to have stabilised. So, no bushfires and no empty shelves at the supermarket. However, COVID-19, China-Australia iciness, lockdowns, protests, and border closures are still with us, not to mention the looming federal election. And of course, this year has seen the COVID-associated vaccine and vaccination issues which are resonating in our community, and indeed, world-wide.

### Classes

Normal service returned to a large degree this year, with appropriate check-in, social distancing, and sanitation arrangements in place. Member numbers and the range of classes were somewhat reduced, as has been the case with other U3A groups in Queensland. Lacking a tutor, our popular computer classes have not resumed, and Meet the Orchestra, Indonesian, Opera, and Recorder classes have been on hiatus for some of the year for various reasons. However, several new classes began, including Indoor Tai Chi, Meditation, Wood Crafting, Know Your Tablet, and the Music Show. We also had a brief flirtation with Latin, until its convenor decamped to live in Tasmania.

### Committee

I would like to thank this year's current and former committee members. They have been helpful, enthusiastic, and hardworking, and I am extremely grateful for their support. Grahame Peacock, a new member last year, bravely joined the committee as Secretary, learning the administrative side quickly as well as sorting out workplace health and safety issues and, increasingly, providing practical expertise and advice. Janet Schultz, our Treasurer, managed our financial affairs and our Database with aplomb, and for quite some time from afar, and Neil Bonnell, our eminence grise, provided wise and tactful advice.

Barbara Diery has been our Social Convenor and Maree Espie our Course Co-ordinator – thankless tasks from which they are retiring. They will be missed, as was Cheryl Baxter when she retired as Vice President earlier this year. Sally Edwards and Sandy Gordon have done stellar service as Publicity Officer and Community Liaison Officer respectively.

Stephen Jackson has relinquished his role as Newsletter

Editor to get a life that does not entail the pressure of producing a magnum opus every month. I thank him for his time, effort, and dedication, and welcome Bob Wilson, who has taken over as Newsletter Editor. Bob is a former journalist who will no doubt put his own stamp on the quarterly "...new tricks!" issues.

### Functions

Apart from the social morning teas and luncheons organised by Barbara Diery, we held one official function this year, our Annual Luncheon in July. The venue was the Churches of Christ auditorium in Dragon Street, and COC also catered the event. They provided an excellent meal, and the venue was welcoming and comfortable. We hope to return to more functions next year. Registration and Sign-on Day was held in our Tooth St Rooms over three days to accommodate Covid limitations but should return to one morning at a central venue in January. See details in our newsletters and on our web site.

### Volunteers

I'd like to thank all our members who help when something needs to be done. Your contributions are invaluable and U3A would not function as well without you. In particular, I would like to thank Ray Harm, who prints and helps fold our quarterly newsletter "...new tricks". Cheryl Baxter and Janet Schultz also assisted with the newsletter, helping Ray and me to fold it and printing and attaching labels etc.

### Goondiwindi Sub-Branch

Our Goondiwindi members were also affected by COVID-19 issues but have continued their line-dancing classes and restarted their art classes at a new venue. They have a full committee for 2022 and we hope to arrange a little more interaction with them next year.

### Technology

The AV equipment purchased using a grant from SDRC has facilitated several new courses as well as existing courses in our Tooth St Rooms. It has also been used on one occasion by another community group, and we hope this diversity of use continues and that new courses will be encouraged by its availability. We will also be making greater use of our web site next year to communicate with members in between our quarterly newsletters.

### Sponsors

Heartfelt thanks are due to our sponsors, whose advertisements in our quarterly newsletter "...new tricks!" help defray printing and postage costs. Please do patronise them, and make sure you let them know you are a U3A member and that you saw their advertisement in our newsletter.

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## President's annual report 2021, from page 3

### Vale

Several of our long-term members died this year, including Jeanne Klaudt, Jane Durand, Helen Ferrer, and Ben Durand. They were valuable members of our community, and we miss them. We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

### The Future

As usual, the unknown will bring challenges and benefits. We hope it brings new members, new ideas, and new courses. New members, and new committee members, are our lifeblood. Without them, U3A, like any organisation, will become moribund. Some of our existing committee members, including me, will probably step down next year, before we too become moribund. To paraphrase JFK, ask not what U3A can do for you, ask what you can do for U3A.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Good health and best wishes for 2022.

**Sandra Wilson**  
**November 26, 2021**

### U3A WARWICK'S COMMITTEE FOR 2022

We welcome our new Vice President, Sally Edwards, who was elected at the annual general meeting on November 26. She replaces Cheryl Baxter who stood down earlier in 2021.

Sandra Wilson (President), Grahame Peacock (Secretary) and Janet Schultz (Treasurer) were re-elected. Five other committee members were elected: Bob Wilson, Sandra Gordon, Mark Agnew, Neil Bonnell and Stephen Jackson. With the exception of Mark Agnew, all have previously served on the committee.



(L-R) Janet Schultz, Sally Edwards, Grahame Peacock, Sandra Wilson

## President's Perspective



Happy New Year! I trust you have enjoyed the Christmas break and that many of you have been able to catch up with family and friends since the border opened in December.

As I write this, on the last day of 2021, we have received 1262.3 mm of rain in Warwick this year, which is 593.7 mm more than the annual average of 668.6 mm and 530.1mm more than the 2020 total. [Figures ex Elders Weather]. Leslie Dam is full, we saw a moderate flood in Warwick earlier this month, and La Nina might not yet be quite finished with us. I saw many smiling faces as I – along with what seemed half of Warwick – visited the Dam recently to see water over the spillway for the first time in eleven years. Our editor Bob Wilson has written a broader piece about our extraordinary weather on page 14.

We will resume our classes in 2022 in compliance with U3A Queensland's vaccination policy, which states that people must be double vaccinated to offer or attend face to face classes unless they have a medical exemption. We hope this policy helps to keep all of us safe and well in the face of the recent arrival of the extra-transmissible Omicron variant.

The year ahead looks promising, with some new courses on offer, and many favourites back. Our new management committee has a good balance of new and experienced members, and we look forward to seeing you on our rescheduled Registration Days (January 20 and 21) before classes begin. There is a registration form on page 24 of this newsletter. If you need more copies, there is a printable version on our website,  
[www.u3awarwick.org.au](http://www.u3awarwick.org.au).

*Sandra Wilson*

# WARWICK U3A COURSES FOR 2022

Courses are held weekly unless otherwise stated

## MONDAYS

### **CANASTA (JONOLA)**

**Convenor: Maree Espie 0498 237837 U3A rooms 1 & 2 1PM**

We play Canasta Jonola which is an easier form than the original version. With our version only 5 cards instead of the whole pack is picked up/ This provides an interesting and at times hilarious game of cards.

Please come along and join us. No one takes themselves too seriously. If you are ready for an afternoon of fun while chatting to everyone around you, please join us. Don't worry if you have never played. Someone is always on hand to teach you.

### **A POSSE OF GARDENERS**

**Meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10am. (flexible). See article page 4**

**Convenor: Cheryl Baxter: 0414 557022**

Venue: Initial meeting (February 14) in my garden.

### **INDONESIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

**Convenor: Gabrielle Samson 0438 661 091 Room 1 at 10am**

#### **Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian Language)**

Indonesian, the language of one of our nearest neighbours is spoken throughout the many islands of Indonesia, including Bali. Derived from Malay, Sanskrit and Dutch it uses phonetic spelling and the same alphabet as English so is one of the easier Asian languages to learn especially in the early stages.

Our U3A class focuses on written and spoken Indonesian and the fascinating and varied cultures of Indonesia. The tutor, Gabrielle, has spent many years in Indonesia and loves both language and culture. She believes learning should be stress-free and fun and our class is!

*Selamat datang!* Welcome!

### **RECORDER WORKSHOP**

**Room 3, 1.30pm**

**Convenor: Jenny Eldridge, 0429 613 862 [jenae2009@gmail.com](mailto:jenae2009@gmail.com)**



Jenny will again run her recorder groups in consorts of 2,3 and/or 4 SATB (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) parts at an easy to intermediate level. Members will meet first to choose their music for the year.

“Any genre is welcome – folk, Celtic, baroque, classical or jazz pieces are available. I am not a music teacher but have spent time during lockdown gathering resources for play-along pieces. The main idea is to have fun together and develop our recorder and group playing skills”.

## TUESDAYS



### **BIRD WATCHING**

**Convenor: Sandra Wilson 0412 065 221.**

Rendezvous by email on 2nd Tuesday of the month.

All you need is a pair of binoculars, a camera, water bottle and a folding chair for a (BYO) cuppa. We usually meet at 7.30am (8am in the winter months),

Outings are usually for half a day.

**LINE DANCING:** Line Dancing Line Dancing will be offered on a Tuesday afternoon at 1PM for one hour. Venue to be decided. **Sandy Gordon on 0488 427 699. See story Page 4**

### **JUNK JOURNALING BECOMES PAPER CRAFT:**

**Convenor: Sally 0478 161 817, Warwick Art Gallery 10am-12noon**



The Junk Journal group had a wonderful year making beautiful books out of old paper and ephemera. We have now decided to broaden our horizons and take on other crafts using paper. We will be making folders, boxes, envelopes, cards, decorations, and all manner of things paper. We will not be abandoning making journals and will make a new journal in February so we can record all our wonderful creations during the year. The classes are coordinated by Sally Edwards. Members of the group take on leading the group from time to time as well. You don't have to be "artistic" to enjoy these sessions as there is no "right way" to do things, just bring along your sense of humour and desire to have fun.

### **EVERYDAY SCIENCE**

**Convenor: Dudley Fitzgerald First Tuesday. Room 3 at 10.00 Phone: 4661 4238**

**Simple explanations of the world around us.**



What do plants eat, do they scream when you cut off a branch? What is electricity, where does it come from, where does it go when you turn off the switch? If the moon comes out at night, why do we see it in the middle of the day? What is soil, where does it come from, why is it so important to protect it from erosion? What the hell is chemistry and who cares?

There is no need for any previous science knowledge. This course is for those who are curious and want to understand the world around them a little better. Bring: an old-fashioned school pad and biro.

## TAI CHI (INDOOR FOR BEGINNERS)

Facilitator: Caroline Belmont – Tel. No.: 4461 8725

Venue and Day: Every Tuesday morning 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in U3A Rooms 1 & 2

Learn Step by Step by DVD

Teacher: Dr Paul Lam

**Unfortunately it will not be possible to include new students during 2022**

Dr Paul Lam is a medical practitioner in Sydney and a Tai Chi expert. He has worked closely with various medical specialists to create Tai Chi programmes.

## WEDNESDAYS



### TOWN & COUNTRY WALKS

Convenor: Laurel Wilson 0418 187104, last Wednesday of the month. Liaison by email.

This group is for those who like to spend some pleasant time outdoors - in the bush or suburban environment. Some will be actual 'bush walks', others will be interesting walks around Warwick and other towns/villages in the Southern Downs and Granite Belt.

How often?

Walks will be on a monthly basis from February to November- last Wednesday of the month.

Walk Arrangements:

Participants will be advised ahead of time where the month's walk is to take place and where and when we'll be meeting (usually 7:30 or 8am).

Contact details (for expressions of interest in joining the group and for monthly walk arrangements):

Laurel Wilson 0418 187 104. Email [goodwills@ozemail.com.au](mailto:goodwills@ozemail.com.au)

### CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Convenor: Ray Harm Room 3 from 3pm till 4pm

0490 872 992 rayharm88@gmail.com

As a group we solve easy to difficult puzzles treated as a learning exercise but making it enjoyable as well. You need to be competent in standard crosswords and to have knowledge of anagrams, homonyms and other grammatical expressions. Our intent is to become more proficient at puzzles and not to be critical of anyone's lack of understanding.



### MAH-JONG

Convenor: Carol Domjahn 0421 979 853. 2nd and 4th Wednesday, Room 1, 9.30am

Mahjong is an old Chinese game of tiles that we play in a much more relaxed, slower, social way than the ancient culture played it. It requires 3 or 4 players each table and as you play independent of each other there is no stress to perform so as not to let down your partner – like there is in some card games.

## OPERA



**Wednesdays at 2pm Room 2**

**Convenor: Stephen Jackson: 0411 644 200**

Starts in Term 3. Each term eight to 10 operas will be shown in chronological order. Most operas will run for at least two hours, so it important that participants arrive a little ahead of time for an introduction to the work. Term one's program will depend on the composition of the group; some will have already experienced more than a year of opera. Once membership is known a program will be sent to participants. **NB:** Mobile phone usage is not welcome during the screenings.

## THURSDAYS

### CHINA TODAY



**Convenor: Neil Bonnell 0408 361 482**

**1st and 3rd Thursday at U3A rooms 1 & 2 at 10.30am**

As China seeks to expand its influence in the Pacific and the wider world, the US seeks a way to limit China's expansion. America is facing the prospect of losing its world dominance to this Asian power-house. Through print, television and radio we will watch this intriguing contest as we hope that it does not lead to military conflict The situation in Hong Kong adds a layer of uncertainty.

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### THE BIBLE AS HISTORY

**Convenor: Neil Bonnell 0408 361 482 2nd and 4th Thursday U3A Rooms 1 & 2 at 10.30am**

Who would have thought that a poultice of figs was a life-saving treatment for a serious infection? Find out about this and much more in a course with fourteen units from Genesis to the Acts of the apostles.

This course is also available online. For more information ring Neil on the number above or e-mail: [neilbonnell@hotmail.com](mailto:neilbonnell@hotmail.com)

### SAMBA

**U3A Room 1 Thursdays at 1.30pm**

**Convenor: Maree Espie 0498 237 837**

Samba is a slightly harder game to play than Canasta in that you also need to have a Samba, which is a run of 7 cards of the same suit as well as Canastas. Don't worry if you have never played. There is always someone around to teach you. It's a fun (and sometimes frustrating) afternoon. Feel free to join us!

### WOODCRAFTING

**Convenor: Sandy Gordon 0488 427 699. Weekly at 9am, Warwick Shire Woodcrafters, Activity Street, Warwick.**

This course has two wonderful tutors who go out of their way to help us understand the techniques of wood work and give us 3 hours of their valuable time each week. Currently we have a full class, but should a vacancy occur I can put you on a wait list.

## THURSDAY COURSES CONT'D

### TAI CHI (ADVANCED)



**Leslie Park at 9am.**

**Convenor: Avis Stehn 0438 511 983**

If you have learnt Yang Style Tai Chi, you are welcome to join the advanced tai chi group who meet in Leslie Park on the Guy St side at 9am on Thursdays. The first part of our class is taken up with warm up Qi Gong exercises which are easy to follow. The second half of our lesson is spent working on and improving our tai chi. This year we will learn a new routine called Shibashi 3. This hour of exercise offers exceptional health benefits , promoting relaxation, flexibility, balance, peace of mind, companionship and much more. If the weather is rainy, we meet in the Rotunda on the Palmerin St of Leslie Park. Please wear loose clothing, flat shoes and bring a bottle of water.

## FRIDAYS

### INTERMEDIATE TAI CHI CLASS.

**Convenor: Avis Stehn 0438 511 983**

This class will be learning levels 3 and 4 of Yang style Tai chi this year, and revising and refining levels 1 and 2. The first part of our class will be warm up exercises which include joint exercises, Sh.ibashi 1 and Shibashi 2 and other easy to follow Qi Gong exercises. While Tai Chi seems difficult to master at the beginning, repetition and patience will reward and the health and well being benefits are worthwhile. We meet on the Guy St side of Leslie Park at 9am Friday and if the weather is rainy, we go over to the Rotunda on Palmerin St side of Leslie Park. Please wear loose clothing, flat shoes and bring a bottle of water.

### SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE



**Convenor: Marg Bond 0429 700 217 10am, weekly, U3A Rooms 1&2**

There are many different types of dances like Jigs, Reels & Strathspeys in 2,3,4 couple sets.

Once you learn the different formations, technique & steps so you can dance anywhere in the world or just learn a new skill, socialize with others & most definitely enjoy yourself. This is not Highland Dancing which is suitable for younger participants or Ceilidh Dances like Strip the Willow which can be very lively but Scottish Country is more refined.

Come along and learn Scottish Country Dancing as it is therapeutic and helps with balance. Just remember, that we all started as a beginner.

### JOURNAL AS A WAY

**10 FOR 10.30 AT THE LITTLE GALLERY CAFÉ First meeting January 28**

**Co-ordinator: Clare Cotton 0448 093 872**

This is a way to get us thinking and talking. It is a small discussion group where we share ideas, experiences, memories, and beliefs with a new topic each week. We share our writings. Sometimes we play word games. It is relaxed. We laugh a lot. Numbers are limited.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

**Convenor: Rhyl Dearden 0437 646 061 1st Friday in U3A Room 3 at 2.00pm**

This is an organised book club which will run all year, with no school holidays break. Books are sourced from the State Library at minimal cost.

## FRIDAY COURSES CONT'D

### Re-Reading Australian

**Classics with Sally Edwards 0478 161 817**

2pm , Room 3, 3rd Friday (see new courses story page 4)

### KNOW YOUR TABLET

**Weekly U3A Room 3, 10am till 10.30**

**Convenor: Annice 0427 619 706**

The aim of this course is to show you how to use your tablet to get the best results.

### THE MUSIC SHOW

**Convenors: Cheryl Baxter & Sandra Wilson**

**Rooms 1 & 2 at 14.00 2nd and 4th Friday**

**Phone: 0412 065 221 [zandru1950@gmail.com](mailto:zandru1950@gmail.com)**

Back by popular demand [ours!], twice a month for around 1.5 hours, we will continue to explore the plethora of music available via the magic of YouTube and let it rejuvenate us. We will also delve into our extensive CD collections for your edification and enjoyment, as well as consider your recommendations. Notes on the playlist and its URL are emailed after each show, so you can explore genres and artists you enjoyed and avoid the ones you didn't.

## SATURDAYS

### MEDITATION

**Convenor: David Leech, 0428 710 961 Room 1 at 10am**

I am offering a Meditation group which requires no previous experience. It will be an introduction for people who have never meditated before or a quiet meditation space for people who have. Meditation is simple but not easy. The approach taken is not intellectual but practical; if participants have learnt Mindfulness or some other technique, this is not a problem. Meditation is best learnt by doing it; many find it easier meditating in a group. There is the opportunity for discussion and questions although the primary aim is to provide a quiet, contemplative space in our busy lives.

### MUSICAL MEDLEY

**Convenor: Sandra Wilson, 3rd Saturday, Rooms 1 & 2 at 2.30**

**Phone: 0412 065 221 [zandru1950@gmail.com](mailto:zandru1950@gmail.com)**

Please note that I will NOT be playing Musicals per se. Unless, of course, I want to. Rather, I will choose something music-related that appeals to me. It might be a DVD of a concert, it might be a documentary or a film about a musician, it might be a film with a terrific soundtrack. Recommendations and offers of DVDs are welcome.

## REGISTRATION DAY ARRANGEMENTS

To join U3A or renew your membership, attend the U3A Rooms at 1 Tooth Street on Thursday January 20 or Friday January 21 between 10am and 3pm. Please bring your completed registration form and tender the correct money, \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.

### Course Enrolment

We request that members contact convenors directly by phone or email to enrol in courses. We will be unable to do this on either of the registration days.

### Term start date delayed to February 7, 2022

The committee has decided to delay the start of courses to Monday February 7. This is in line with the Queensland Government decision to delay the start of the new school year by a fortnight. The delay is to give people a chance to get their booster jab and also allow those of us who are grandparents to care for grandchildren, who will now be at home for a further two weeks.



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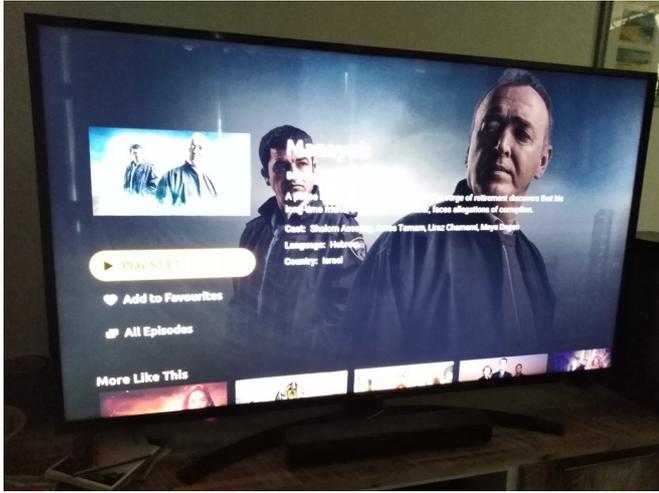


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The last time I watched an Israeli TV series it was *Prisoners of War*, the under-rated precursor to the US show *Homeland*. It was brutal and harrowing and you had to pay attention to the subtitles as Hebrew is one of the more impenetrable languages.

So one night idly browsing SBS on Demand, I found **Manayek**, a 10-part series about a straight-arrow internal affairs investigator up against a bunch of crooked cops. The best thing I can say about *Manayek* is finding out there is a second season brewing in 2022. It's that good.

Izzy Bachar, played by Shalom Assayag, is a dead straight IAD investigator whose marriage is in trouble. He and Eti dote on their family pet, (a Bouvier des Flandres, according to Laurel Wilson), taking him for walks at odd hours (whenever they happen to get home from work).

You worry about who will get the dog – well, I did. Izzy gets caught up with an investigation into his best buddy, Barak, a senior policeman accused of corruption. Izzy is in deep with Barak and Dudu (chief of police). They go fishing on Friday nights; they and their families are friends. Izzy is initially in denial.

Strong women emerge in *Manayek* (street slang for police), first with Ronit taking over the task force investigation and later the troubled Tal joining Izzy as the investigation deepens. They get the best dialogue.

Make no mistake here, the baddies are bad, the violence full-on and the bodies quickly pile up. The curious thing is that we as viewers see the bad guys doing bad things then covering them up. The task force has its suspicions but doesn't know as much

as we do.

As the series progresses, it becomes obvious that people in high places are helping cover up links between corrupt police and organised crime. We take a side trip into the Ukraine, where, it is hinted, corruption is far worse.

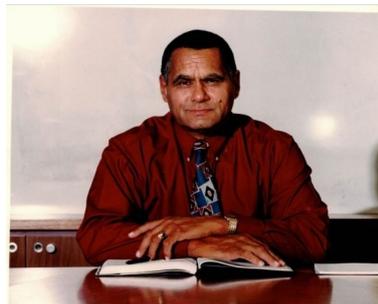
Poor Izzy, his moral compass points true north but he has a weakness for vulnerable women and through fatigue, human nature, and chilli vodka, makes some bad decisions. No matter, the investigation grinds on, one episode after the other. As it does, you get attuned to the mellifluous sounds of Hebrew and the occasional English word emerging like a heavily accented 'bullshit', from Tal.

I'm not about to reveal the plot but you do have to pay attention and perhaps read the introduction to each episode. The writers and producers left *Manayek* wide open for a second series, probably the next quality Israeli series to be given a makeover in the the US.

\*\*\*\* Bob Wilson

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### SENIOR AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR



Queensland's Senior Australian of the Year: Dr Colin Dillon AM APM, is among eight state and territory candidates eligible for the Senior Australian of the Year Award.

Dr Dillon is Australia's first Indigenous police officer. He was the first serving police officer to voluntarily step forward and provide crucial first-hand evidence before the Fitzgerald Inquiry into Police Corruption in 1987.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said since his induction into the Queensland Police Service in 1965, Dr Dillon has been a strong advocate against racial discrimination and police corruption.

In 1992, he was awarded the Australian Police Medal and in 2013 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his services to the First Nations community.

After retiring from the police force, Dr Dillon served as Chairman of Indigenous radio station, 98.9FM, and as a Director of the Queensland Heart Foundation.

Currently, he is a community member on the Parole Board of Queensland.



Leslie Dam in April 2021—a long way from full

## THE WETTEST YEAR SINCE 2011

While Covid looms as an ever-present threat to our health and welfare, the close of 2021 saw one certainty – the return of water security to the Southern Downs.

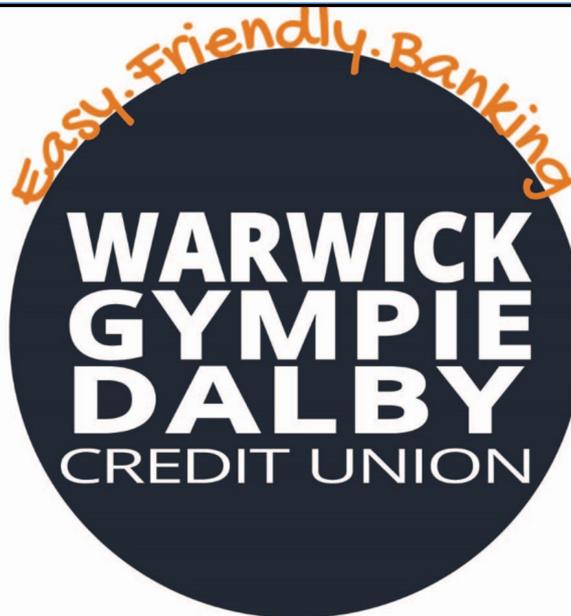
The region as a whole experienced torrential rain in March, unusual winter rain and another deluge in November, all of which pushed the level of water in Leslie Dam to 100%. Stanthorpe’s main water supply, has been at 100% since mid-year and Stanthorpe’s Storm King Dam was likewise replenished.

Most of the region had surpassed average annual rainfall by August and La Nina continued to fill creeks, rivers and dams across the region.

The last time Leslie Dam was at 100% (and spilling over) was in 2011, when widespread floods invaded Brisbane and other cities and towns in South East Queensland. We probably don’t need to be reminded that at the worst of the 2018-2019 drought, Leslie Dam dwindled to 6%. Stanthorpe’s Storm King Dam all but dried up and authorities began carting water to the Granite Belt at a huge cost to the taxpayer.

It seems surreal now to think back to a time of water restrictions (80 litres per person per day) and a local government campaign to encourage installation of water tanks. Southern Downs residents of long standing will know that the rains are ephemeral, as the region has a long history of prolonged drought periods. As President Sandra Wilson observed, we had 1,262mm of rain in 2021, including a big dump in November which saw the Condamine River again break its banks. Apart from the 100mm or so that fell on December 1 and 2, we ended the year with just another 60mm over the 29 days to December 31.

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## NEIL BONNELL CONTINUES HIS MEMOIRS

### THE QUEENSLAND YEARS

#### Part 1 1985-1990:

##### Scots PGC The Expansionary Years



Just before I arrived as Principal at what is now called THE SCOTS PGC COLLEGE Arthur Butler, then the Headmaster of Rockhampton Grammar, told me that Scots in Warwick was “a tidy little operation.” How wrong he was! Certainly, numbers were only about 350, of whom 75% were boarders, but within that number there were several sub-groups. First, the school was co-educational, but with a majority of boys. There was still lingering resentment about the amalgamation of the boys’ and girls’ colleges, which had occurred fifteen years earlier. The boys and girls retained their own uniforms and badges. Then a little over 10% of enrolments were overseas students from the following countries: Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Hong Kong as well as a few from other Pacific islands. Added to that was a cohort of Aboriginal students, whose fees were largely paid through Austudy. Each group had its own needs and characteristics. It was to be expected that the college would pay homage to its Scottish legacy, but the number of portraits of Bonnie Prince Charlie scattered through the college seemed to be taking this a little too far. One by one they were quietly removed by a Sassenach.

I was also advised to have a good look for six months before I decided to make any changes, but there was one change which had to be made immediately. The girls, under the tutelage of the redoubtable Peggy Given wore their uniforms smartly and were never without their hats while in public. By contrast, the boys were somewhat careless in their dress. Cricket teams, for example, wore a mixture of whites, tracksuits and other non-white clothing. The boys had to be reminded that “uniform” meant uniform. Another change came later, namely, the name of the college. The official title of the school after amalgamation was The Scots and PGC Warwick Colleges. This name confused many parents, who assumed that two separate schools still operated. In two stages this was simplified to The Scots PGC College. The name is now fully capitalized. This may look neater, but is a

grammatical absurdity.

Another distinctive feature of the college was that Years 11 and 12 were each larger than any of the junior years. This was due to the influx of overseas students and local students from “high-top” State Schools. In their boarding houses, the boys were grouped in years, which led to a large number of senior boys having no positions of responsibility. As soon as it was possible, this was changed to each house having a mixture of years, although Kingswood House was retained as a Year 8 haven. The two existing clans (equivalent to houses) each had a mixture of girls and boys, the boys being allocated regardless of which dormitory they occupied. For all that, it was clear that staff and students enjoyed a relaxed but respectful relationship. There was sufficient evidence of a family atmosphere to hope that this could be nurtured and strengthened.

Term 1 of 1985 turned out to be a difficult one. The bursar who had been appointed in the second half of 1984 was found to have embezzled about \$40,000 with the result that no decisions requiring major funding could be taken until the accounts had been fully audited. Not long into Term 1, the Electrical Trade Union called a strike which resulted in blackouts for a fortnight. This is the last thing that you want in a boarding school. While power was restored after two weeks, the nasty dispute went on for months. It was fortunate that power had been restored before the flu epidemic struck. Emergency measures required separate dormitories to be allocated to those infected. At the Oxenham St campus, Kingswood House was used as an isolation ward. Sister Behrendorff was assisted by Richie Bonner, a past student and medical student, who tended to the patients each night. Some schools in Toowoomba closed for several weeks and one school principal became seriously ill. Because the Scots staff mostly avoided infection, we remained open, but parents were given the choice of collecting their children or leaving them in our care in our isolation wards. Our view was that to send them home would only serve to spread the flu across Queensland.

When all the students had left for home at the end of term, the term was not quite over. Ross McLellan, the Housemaster of Kingswood House, had conducted a search of the luggage of the Year 7 boys who attended Warwick East State School, but boarded at ScotsPGC. He found several items of

sports gear. Three boys had obtained keys to the sports store at Warwick East and at night had stolen these items. It was later discovered that they had also “borrowed” a bicycle from the storeroom at East to help them carry their loot. In true gangster fashion, they had then thrown it into the Condamine River. Two who were on their second chance were expelled and the third was suspended but allowed to continue at Scots. He completed Year 12 in due course. I had been informed in mid-afternoon and had about five hours to deal with the situation before I was due to leave for Sydney by bus. In that time, I had to inform the Chairman of Council of my decision and telephone three sets of parents. Needless to say, two sets of parents were most unhappy, as Scots PGC had been something of a last chance for these boys. Informing parents of the expulsion of their child was never easy, but in a couple of cases the parents were good enough to write to tell me that this forced them to face their problems and deal with them at home.

At the end of 1985 I had my only serious disagreement with Peggy Given. The visit of the Governor of Queensland, Sir Walter Campbell to the College required me to inform all staff and students of the protocols required for a vice-regal occasion. Peggy, an ardent feminist, refused to curtsy to Sir Walter, a family friend of long standing. In vain I argued that she would not be according that gesture to Wally, but to the Governor. The impasse remained until Sir Walter arrived at the PGC campus to open a new dormitory. I accompanied the Governor as he was introduced to each member of staff. We had not quite reached Peggy when he caught sight of her, bellowed, “Peggy” and rushed to embrace her. The rest of us had to obey protocol while the Wal and Peggy show rolled on.

Because of the size of Year 12 and the usual number of Year 10s leaving, it was necessary every year to find more than 130 new enrolments. To do this, we conducted a local story campaign. Whenever a student achieved something worthy the story was sent to the local paper where he or she lived – or at least that was the plan. Our publicity officer and I attended various events such as Agfest and visited Hong Kong, Malaysia and PNG. Just as I dreaded phone calls to tell me that a student would be leaving, I was delighted when a fresh enrolment form landed on my desk. One, in particular, intrigued me. It was an application from Vanuatu for a boy called Fraser

Mackie. Nothing could be more Scottish. When Fraser arrived, instead of a strapping young redhead I saw a diminutive lad who could only be indigenous from a Pacific island. Fraser turned out to be a very clever soccer player and a popular member of the school. That reminds me of an incident involving a Solomon Islander, whose nickname was Smokin’ Joe. One afternoon I came across him down by the riverbank in a cloud of cigarette smoke. As soon as he saw me he pulled his T-shirt over his head and ran off, exposing a broad band of very brown torso. I didn’t have to look far to find him.

One of the most significant events of my time at the college was the whole-school evaluation carried in 1988. This process required every group within the college from the students to the School Council to examine their own success in fulfilling their aims. At neither school where I oversaw this process did the governing bodies realise the full import of the exercise until they were handed the evaluation manual. Each group, **including the Council**, was required not only to judge their own performance but to make recommendations for improvement. A visiting committee of practicing teachers then spent a week at the school to judge the accuracy of the reports and in turn make recommendations. Those who pre-



pared the school report were encouraged to avoid vague statements such as “improve communications” in favour of something like “start a daily bulletin” to be read in conjunction with roll call.” The recommendations concerning buildings and equipment were, over time, largely implemented. In 1990 \$1,800,000 was spent on buildings, which included a boys’ dormitory, a new staff room, extensions to the administration block and renovation of the Assembly Hall. A classroom block, housing home science facilities and other classrooms, costing \$500,000 replaced an old timber building

which was moved across the road. Perhaps more important than buildings were recommendations concerning the personal needs of the students.

A survey showed that Year 8 boys, who moved from their own dormitory to the main campus were the least confident group in the school. A mentoring programme known as the Peer Support Programme was implemented. It aimed at encouraging senior students to act as mentors to juniors. The formal structure was to pair off each Year 8 student with a Year 11 student whose job it was to help the younger one. This idea was not unknown at the PGC campus. One period a week was set aside for the students to be divided into tutor groups where they could discuss matters of importance to them. The first cohort of those Year 8s had just reached Year 11 when I left the college. Sadly, the programme did not survive long after my departure. I believe that it would have been effective in reducing such bullying as existed in the school. The self-evaluation was also the catalyst for the formation of a Student Council, whose purview included community service, student welfare, discipline and entertainment.



The Visiting Committee also recommended that the college adopt a single badge and a common uniform. Various attempts that were made to combine the two badges failed, given the detail in each, to produce anything but a very fussy result. I decided to use the example of the coats of arms in British heraldry and based my design on two main symbols: the thistle for the girls and the Scottish lion for the boys, each given half of the shield. Superimposed was a small dark blue shield with the cross of St Andrew and the Southern Cross joining the two. This design was used as the logo for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in 1993 – as a kind of softening up process. The lion did not appear in the original Scots badge, but had been used by sporting teams as their emblem. In addition, the boys' section of the college had used the Scottish flag with the red lion as their flag.

There were still some past students with attachments to the old badges. Peggy Given, a former captain of PGC, might have been excused for being one of them. On the contrary, she once said to me, "If it's the last thing you do, get a single badge." On Speech Day, 1994 at my last official function, the student of longest standing and the youngest unveiled the new design. It was easy for my successor to introduce a navy blazer for all students.

In a boarding school, it is important to organize weekend activities to provide important experiences for the students. Of the college's extra-curricular programme Basil

Shaw, the author of the college history had this to say, "it is possible to take part in almost any sport if a few like-minded individuals can be identified." Activities outside the normal run of team sports such as sailing, horse-riding, orienteering, canoeing and long-distance running were offered from time to time. A soccer team was organized at the request of overseas students, who were more used to this way of chasing a ball around a field. One significant change to the boys' programme in 1989 was the return to Rugby Union from Rugby League. Membership of the Warwick Schools Sports Association provided an opportunity for our students to earn, as many did, a place in a Darling Downs team and from there to become a State representative. Additional opportunities were provided for girls when Scots PGC became a foundation member of the Independent Schools Association, which aimed at providing organized sport for girls, especially those in co-ed schools whose boys played in the T.A.S. competition. It would be remiss not to mention the clay target shooting team, which under the tutelage of the late Greg Newey, won the Winchester Shield for State-wide competition four times.

Excursions became more common, including visits to Toowoomba to see plays at the University of Southern Queensland and attendance at concerts by the musically inclined. In less prosperous times interstate and overseas trips were ruled to be inappropriate, but now Rugby sides regularly visited Armidale and even ventured as far as New Zealand. Not to be outdone, the girls also undertook a hockey and netball tour of the Shaky Isles. In the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year a group of cadets, pipers and drummers visited Scotland and England. During their visit to the depot of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, whose tartan they wore, our students met the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Cadet Unit, including its rifle-shooting team, was one of the college's greatest successes. Both boys and girls were cadets. The unit passed a stern test when the final thirty minutes of the 1986 Passing out Parade was held



Front row: Karen Cook, Dougal Finlay, Major R. McGowan ACSM, Wayne Kajewski and Lee-Anne Sutherland.

thirty minutes of the 1986 Passing out Parade was held in pouring rain and rumbling thunder without a single cadet flinching. A by-product of this event was that the leather fittings on the kilts gave way and a fund was launched to replace the pre-war kilts. At the 1991 Queensland Cadet Open Day the Unit was placed first out of 28 units. Having become an open unit, Scots PGC Cadet Unit (17 RCU) was fully funded by the government and membership was open to anyone in the community of the right age. About 16 or 17 Warwick High students joined. Their request to carry the Warwick High flag at the Passing Out Parade was granted. It is no idle boast to say that under the masterful coaching of Reg McGowan, Scots PGC possessed the pre-eminent school small-bore rifle-shooting team in Queensland, if not Australia. Over the years, our team won a first, second and third place in the Ffennell Competition, which was open to cadet units from the UK and the former dominions. The winning team contained five boys and three girls. Scots PGC won the Governor-General's Shield so often that the competition lapsed for want of other entries. Locally, the Bishop Kelly trophy was usually won by the college team. One of the highlights of the year was always the march into Warwick along the highway to the start point of the annual Anzac Day Parade and service. It has to be said that as fewer teachers became available for appointments as officers-of-cadets and the vacancies were filled by non-teachers, discipline at times lapsed in off-duty times during annual camp, a development which had to be addressed. The core of the problem was the Year 12 platoon, most of whom had no responsibilities. This platoon was split up and any Year 12 student who had not achieved at least the rank of corporal was discharged. This proved to be a beneficial change. After the next camp, the OC of another unit praised the unit on its improvement in tone and discipline.

The next five years would present many different challenges.



**Neil Bonnell 2021**

The next chapter of Neil's memoir about the Queensland years at Scots PGC will be posted on the U3A website on February 1.

## Visit our refurbished website

As we have discontinued the monthly Emag, features and breaking news will be posted on the U3A website. The quarterly newsletters will also be posted to the website, starting in January with an extended Emag version.

As we have introduced new content to the website, we would like to encourage members to visit at least once a month. Regular features will be posted on the 1st of the month.

We will flag a new post on the home page. New posts will be in News & Views and/or Notices.

The courses pages have been updated so if you have misplaced your printed newsletter, this is the next best place to find that course you meant to attend. <http://www.u3awarwick.org.au/>

## Watch out for fake online deals

Shopping scams are on the increase again as more people shop online during the Covid-19 pandemic. Scamwatch reported that Australians had lost \$12.9 million to online shopping by November 2021. The reported tally of 26,000 online scams was more than the total for 2020.

In an online shopping scam, scammers create realistic looking fake online stores selling items at heavily discounted prices. However the items are fake, or never delivered to buyers.

"It's important to be aware of the possibility of scams," said Australian Consumer and Competition Commission spokeswoman Delia Rickard.

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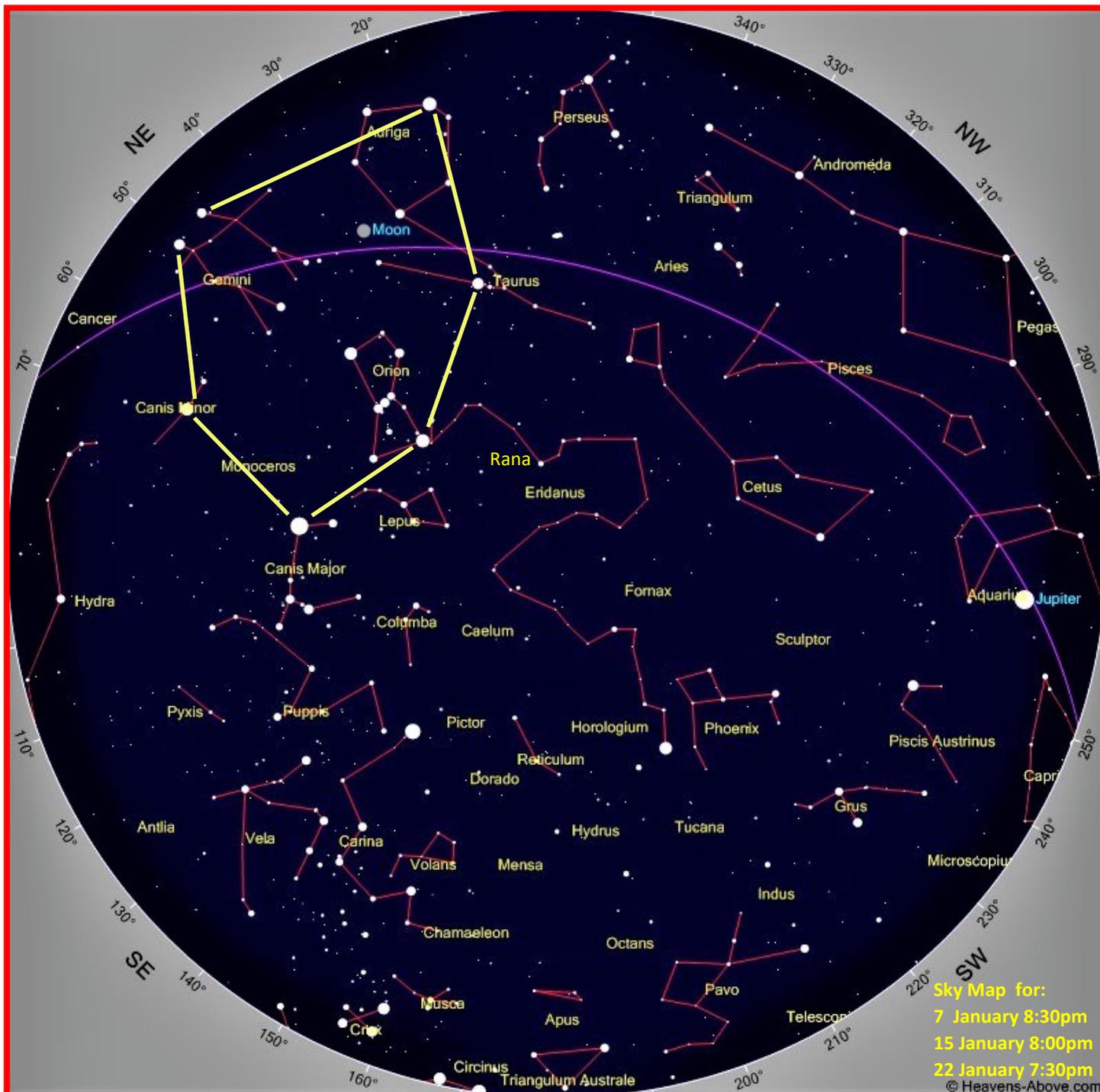
"If you're waiting for your parcel, remember that scammers also take advantage of people expecting deliveries.

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"Many delivery companies have apps where you can track your parcels rather than clicking on links in messages or emails," Ms Rickard said.

Some of the more significant losses reported to Scamwatch during 2021 related to high value purchases. Pet scams were the most reported and also the most financially damaging. Scamwatch received over 2,800 reports and almost \$3.5 million in losses so far, a 78% increase compared to last year. #

## Watt's in the sky for January?



Remember the sky chart above is meant to correspond to the sky over your head. You have to imagine holding the chart above your head to use it, and then the compass directions are correct. Star map published with permission and thanks to Chris Peat. For masses of interesting information, visit HeavensAbove <https://www.heavens-above.com/main.aspx>

Many of the constellations visible in the northern sky were named by the ancient Greeks from their mythology. Think of Aquarius, Taurus, Gemini, Orion, as examples, while, interestingly, most of the brighter stars have Arabic-derived names. Achener, in the constellation of Eridanus (“The River”), means “head of the river”, while Betelgeuse means “hand of the hunter”. By contrast, the southern constellations were only catalogued once the scientific age had started in the eighteenth century. The names Telescopium, Microscopium and Octans are “modern” additions to our astronomy. Octans is the constellation of the South Celestial Pole and has three stars much closer to the Pole than Polaris is in the north. Unfortunately, the closest of these, Polaris Australis is only magnitude 5.5—very close to the limit of naked-eye visibility.

I have marked the “Winter Hexagon” (northern winter) of six bright stars on the sky chart as guides. The stars are Sirius (shoulder of the big dog and brightest star in the sky), Rigel (foot of the Hunter), Aldebaran (eye of the Bull), Capella (head of the Goat), Castor/Pollux (the Twins) and Procyon (hind-quarters of the little dog). All of these stars are within the main band of the Milky Way, pointing your binoculars/telescope at any of them reveals a well-populated star field with nebulae close-by.

Fair smack in the middle of the sky chart (in other words, straight above us) is the largest constellation in the sky, Eridanus—the River that drains water from Virgo, the Water Maiden. I’ve already mentioned Achenar, one of the brightest stars in the sky, but another interesting one is  $\epsilon$  Eridani, Rana, about half-way along the tortured course of the river. This is slightly smaller than our Sun and the third-closest naked-eye star to us after  $\alpha$  Centauri and Sirius; the big interest in Rana is that it is the closest to us with a detectable planet, a Jupiter-size gas giant.



On the 26th at 4am, Mars and Venus appear in the eastern sky with three interesting telescope objects - M8 (Lagoon Nebula), M20 (Trifid Nebula) and the Small Sagittarius Star Cloud—all in the same field-of-view of a small telescope. A treat for the early birds.

And on the 30th at the same time, the Crescent Moon, Venus & Mars appear just above the eastern horizon. Try binoculars for this close approach— Venus also appears as the thinnest of crescents, like the Moon.

Good viewing.

Stuart





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## COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

U3A Warwick Inc is committed to ensuring the health and safety of its volunteers, students, and visitors. As you are aware, U3A Warwick Inc is communal and offers face to face services which makes it more susceptible to the spread of coronavirus. We also are an organisation offering learning to aged members of the community.

If there is an active case of coronavirus at our premises, this has the effect of placing a significant amount of people in our community at risk. We consider this in light of the large face to face group sessions (consisting of seniors) that we offer in our programs.

### What is the Policy?

In line with the Queensland Government directives, U3A Warwick Inc is required to keep its premises safe and minimise the risk of infection and transmission of coronavirus.

U3A Warwick Inc has decided that in the best interests of the community and the safety of those who attend that all those who are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and wish to physically attend U3A Warwick Inc classes must be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption from vaccination.

U3A Online virtual courses can be accessed and do not require physical attendance.

### Conditions of entry

The following conditions of entry to physical attendance classes apply:

attendees comply with any COVID-19 Safe Plan; and those who are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination are vaccinated; and evidence of COVID-19 vaccination status is provided.

U3A Warwick Inc will not refuse entry to individuals who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons (proof of medical exemption must be provided).

### What happens when I enter?

Upon entering U3A Warwick Inc, individuals are required to provide proof of vaccination or evidence of a medical exemption to receiving immunisation.

There are two ways to show proof of your vaccination:

Your COVID-19 digital certificate which shows proof of only your COVID-19 vaccinations that you can add to a digital wallet.

Your immunisation history statement which lists your COVID-19 vaccinations and all other vaccinations.

For more information, please see <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld/digital-vaccination-certificate>

U3A Warwick Inc will not keep a record of attendees COVID-19 vaccination status, the purpose of providing evidence of vaccination is merely to determine whether entry into the Centre should be allowed. If an attendee has a medical exemption form vaccination, then they must show evidence of that upon seeking entry, such as a medical certificate from their medical practitioner.

### Feeling Unsure?

We acknowledge that there may members in the community who may have other reasons for not being vaccinated. We will assess this on a case-by-case basis and try to offer the safest solution. As always, we strive to accommodate the needs of the community.

This policy is not intended to discriminate or prevent anyone from accessing U3A Warwick Inc's services, rather it is focused on ensuring everyone's health and safety.

If you are unsure if being vaccinated is safe for you or are unsure which COVID-19 vaccine to get, please make an appointment to see your doctor to discuss.

If you have any questions or concerns or require assistance regarding attending U3A Warwick Inc and vaccinations, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Other Control Measures

It is important to remember that even if you are vaccinated, there is a continuing risk that you may still get or spread coronavirus because the vaccines do not provide 100% protection.

This means the additional risk mitigations continue to apply to all members and volunteers for the foreseeable future. These include:

continue to physically distance  
implement good hygiene  
use personal protective equipment such as masks or gloves or face shields as appropriate; and  
do not attend if unwell.

### Changes to this policy

This policy may be amended or withdrawn by us at our discretion. We will continue to keep the situation in relation to vaccinations under review in our ongoing COVID-19 risk assessments and review this policy in accordance with any material changes.

Policy last review date: 02/12/2021



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2022

To keep records up to date and for insurance purposes, it is necessary for all members to complete a yearly registration form. On registration day, please place one completed application form per person with cash, cheque, or online receipt for the correct amount in a sealed envelope. (Do not mail cash).

Annual Subscription: \$30 per person or \$25 each for two members at the same address. Correct money is essential. U3A is unable to provide change.

Postal Address: The Treasurer U3A Warwick Inc. PO Box 615 Warwick Qld 4370

*Bank Details: Contact [treasurer@u3awarwick.org.au](mailto:treasurer@u3awarwick.org.au)*

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I wish to apply for membership of U3A Warwick Inc. I agree to abide by the rules of the Association.

Please find enclosed \$..... for my subscription to U3A Warwick Inc. for 2022.

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Surname.....

First Name..... Preferred Name.....

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Mobile.....Landline .....

Month of Birth (optional).....

Signature..... Date.....

Postal Address.....

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Please tick the box and include a stamped addressed envelope if you wish to receive a receipt.

U3A IS YOUR ORGANISATION. We welcome your involvement in making U3A Warwick even more successful. Would you be interested in acting as a course leader or activity coordinator? If yes, please indicate below in which subject areas you have particular interest, experience or expertise and that you think could be of interest to other members.

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