

UPDATE TERM 4 2021

It is with great anticipation, Ararat & District U3A will be resuming on **Monday 4th October for Term 4**. I am certain everyone will be looking forward to gathering together again!

We will **not** be holding a formal enrolment day due to COVID19 number restrictions indoors, so we are asking that you email or phone through your selections to Pam Brennan for planning purposes (u3aararat1@gmail.com)

The response to our social gatherings has been very positive so we are rescheduling both the **Cuppa, Cake & Chat** at Grampians Estate, on Tuesday 16th November, and the **Leisurely Lunch** at the Great Western Hotel on Sunday 21st November. We will be starting new lists so it will be necessary to RSVP for all those events again, thank-you!

Mary Alp is making a mammoth effort to complete her fabulous sessions : **“The Untold History of Australia”**. Her course will be scheduled on both Wednesday afternoons, and on Thursdays (from 11/11) for the sessions that were postponed from Term 3. Her Australian history course looks at our history from the Indigenous perspective. It is a lecture series and discussion group, complimented by a DVD series. Mary’s preparation and detailed research makes this an informative and thought provoking course.

As these sessions are capped at 20. Those allocated to each session are below, please let me know if I need to make alterations to either list.

Rescheduled Thursdays 1- 3pm (from 11/11) (Marlene G, Heather H, Anne H, Gerry H, Pat L, Gwen H, Kevin H, Fay H, Alwyn K, Ian W, Carmel S, Jim S, Joan P, Liz S, Margaret B)

Term 4 :Wednesdays 1-3pm (Rose R, Chris Mcl, Dorothy A, Joan P, Anne M, Coral B, Yvonne D, Lynne W, Gwen M, Trudy S DC, Rick T, Anne B, Merle B, Merrilyn W, Janine A, Peter B , Pam O, Ferg A, Lou A, Maureen G)

I am sure news is spreading about Janine Adams’ fabulous **‘Mad About Science’** sessions. She has converted one of our rooms into her own little Science Lab. All her sessions are very “hands on” learning and many grandparents have been entertaining their grandchildren with the exciting experiments experienced. This term, on Tuesdays, Janine is adding a new session at 11am, and her original class at 9:30 am has graduated into the extension class **“Madder about Science”**. I do encourage members to get involved

Our long-standing **Djembe Drumming workshop** will be rescheduled in 2022!! It is too difficult to plan at present, when the instructor is coming from Melbourne! It should eventuate in Term 1 next year!!!!

There are a number of activities that due to restrictions will not resume this term: Meditation, Singing, Cooking, Sewing, Knitting and Crochet. So much to look forward to in 2022!!

Marg Farrar’s enthusiastic **Bushwalking** group meets fortnightly on Fridays at 9 am at the Carpark next to Ararat Bowls. The weather this term will encourage others to get involved!

The U3A Friday gathering for Alexandra **Lake Walk**, has certainly been a highlight over the last couple of difficult years, a great venue to catch up with members for a cardio workout and then a chat over coffee.

A reminder that the **Gardening Group** are keen to receive donations of any gardening tools that members no longer require. The building surrounds are benefitting from all their attention....and we have decided to hold our **End of Year Bar-b-que** (Dec 9th) on site at Melbourne Polytechnic to celebrate their efforts!! Salads will be provided by committee. Please bring all other essentials, including chairs.

We are certainly looking forward to the **Garden Glimpse** visits this term, please be sure to let me know if you are considering attending on Friday 5th November and/or Friday 19th November, so we can plan accordingly.

We are continually grateful to the dedication of all the group leaders of our regular sessions and the time they attribute to this organisation.

There are always updates on the Ararat & District U3A Website. A big thank-you to Carmel Stringer on her efforts keeping the website contemporary. u3aararat.org.au is definitely worth a visit !

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestions regarding our offerings, do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee.

President	Lynne Wilson		u3aararat1@gmail.com
Secretary	Pam Brennan		
Treasurer	Carmel Stringer		

Third time lucky for our excursion to Grampians Olive Company. Fingers crossed it will eventuate!

GRAMPIANS OLIVE COMPANY (TOSCANA)		Friday 3rd December	11:00am Carpool
11:00 am	Meet at the Carpark beside the Ararat Bowls club		
12:00 am	376 Olive Plantation Road, Laharum, Victoria, 3401 Owner/ Operator Greg Mathews will welcome us to his property, formally Toscana, which was established in 1943. We will participate in a Press Tour and learn about the process from sustainable organic growing to harvesting, cold pressing and hand-bottling.		
	Tastings of premium olive oils, infusions table olives and artisan vinegars. A selection of dukkahs, honey and seasonal preserves will be available.		
1:00 pm	Lunch Platters, Espresso Coffees and Tea in the Tranquil Surrounds		Total package Tour & Lunch \$25 per person
Website	https://www.grampiansoliveco.com.au		

U3A BIG SCREEN MOVIES, MUSICALS & OPERAS

A big thank-you to Margaret Burbidge for welcoming members to her U3A theatre to reminisce over old time favourites!! Films from Term 3 have been rescheduled. Hope to see you there!!

○ Monday 18th October...11am BYO Lunch



GONE WITH THE WIND. This 1939 classic starring Clark Gable and Vivienne Lee is set in the American South against a backdrop of the American Civil War. One of the first technicolor movies made in Hollywood. "Gone with the Wind's epic grandeur and romantic allure encapsulate an era of Hollywood filmmaking -- but that can't excuse a blinkered perspective that stands on the wrong side of history, told from the sympathetic perspective of the racist slave owners who lost the Civil War?" It will be great to hear your opinions after watching.

This movie is almost 4 hours long, **so we will make a social day of it, starting at 11:00am and a BYO lunch at 12:30pm**

o Monday 25th October 1:00 pm



CITIZEN KANE. *Citizen Kane* is a 1941 American [drama film](#) produced and directed by [Orson Welles](#), who also co-wrote the screenplay. In 2007 listed as the number 1 US movie. Staring Orson Welles and names that we know, among others, Joseph Cotten and Agnes Moorhead. It depicts the controversial life of an influential publishing tycoon. 'Rooted in power corruption and vanity.'
With a perfect 100% score Paddington Bear recently (April '21) bumped Kane from the top spot according to Rotten Tomatoes!!

o Monday 30th August 1:00 pm.



MADAMA BUTTERFLY (on Sydney Harbour) is an opera in three acts (originally two) by Giacomo Puccini, with an Italian libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa.

“Premiering at Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour 2014, this production brings a contemporary perspective to the timeless story of Cio-Cio-San, a Japanese girl whose life is turned upside down when she marries an American naval officer. Using lavish sets and dazzling costumes, world-renowned director Alex Olle creates the perfect setting under the stars – marrying spectacle with an inclusive and sometimes confronting vision of this beloved opera.

o Monday 29th November 1:00pm



MOULIN ROUGE! Is a musical romantic drama co-produced co-written and directed by Baz Luhrmann. It follows a young English poet, Christian, who falls in love with the star of the [Moulin Rouge](#), [cabaret](#) actress and [courtesan](#) Satine. Staring Nicole Kidman, Ewan McGregor and among many others, Richard Roxburgh, also the multi award winning Carolyn O'Connor. Rated M, with adult themes, it runs for 128 minutes.