



CASTLEMAINE
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

January Holiday Program 2019

U3A members are welcome at any of these events, but numbers may be limited. If an event is in a member's home, please phone to confirm and to ask for the address.

No U3A activities will take place if the temperature is forecast to exceed 38°C.

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT |
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| 31 December | 1 January | 2 January 8.30am Walk and a Coffee | 3 January 9am Rocking in the Rotunda 1.30pm Chess | 4 January 10.30 am Catch-up Coffee 6.30pm Pétanque | 5 Jan |
| 7 January 9.30 Social Bridge | 8 January 10.30am Prepare & Share Lunch | 9 January 8.30am Walk & Coffee 9.30am Table Tennis 2pm Film afternoon | 10 January 10am Word Games 1.30pm Chess | 11 January 10.30 am Catch-up Coffee 6.30pm Pétanque | 12 Jan |
| 14 January 9.30am Tai Chi 9.30 Social Bridge | 15 January 9am-11am Enrolment at Uniting Church 5pm Directing Blood Wedding | 16 January 8.30am Walk & Coffee 9.30am Table Tennis | 17 January 1.30pm Chess 8.30pm Star Gazing (following on from sessions in December) | 18 January 10.30 am Catch-up Coffee 6.30pm Pétanque | 19 Jan 12pm Solo Group lunch |
| 21 January 9.30am Tai Chi 9.30 Social Bridge | 22 January | 23 January 8.30am Walk and a Coffee 9.30am Table Tennis | 24 January 10am Word Games 1.30pm Chess 5pm Contemporary Architecture 5.30pm After Dark Social Group | 25 January 10.30 am Catch-up Coffee 6.30pm Pétanque | 26 Jan |
| 29 January <i>Some courses begin this week – see prospectus</i> | 30 January | 31 January 8.30am Walk and a Coffee 9.30am Table Tennis | 1 February 1.30pm Chess | 2 February 10am Coffee Morning at the Church of Christ, Blakeley Rd 6.30pm Pétanque | 3 Feb |

After Dark Social Group Thurs 24 Jan, from 5.30pm

This is a social evening for people who wish to be out and about in the evening; a night for good conversation, a meal and a glass of wine, at the Five Flags Hotel. RSVP is essential as Jill Loorham is booking a table. Phone Jill on 5470 5076 (Please leave a message if no answer).

Bridge Social Rubber Play (with instruction) Mon 7, 14 and 21 Jan, 9.30am-12pm

Our Social Rubber Bridge group in January is a great opportunity for you to put your toe in the water and find out what the game of Contract Bridge is all about. No partner needed; no prior experience of bridge play required. Cost \$1; morning tea provided. We meet in

Manse Room 3 in the Uniting Church Complex, Lyttleton Street.

Contact Class Leader Graham Forbes 0406 346 466

Catch-up Coffee, Every Friday, 10.30am

Why not meet for coffee at the Doveton Corner Café, Doveton Street? We'll share a table inside or in the garden, depending on the weather. New members? Look for the U3A sign on the table. We may also look at the Theatre Royal program and arrange to see a film together, probably Cold War (2018), which won best director at Cannes for Pawel Pawlikowski. It opens on Thursday 17 Jan at 8pm, but there will be daytime screenings announced later. Watch the U3A website noticeboard!

Contemporary Architecture: a doco and a discussion,
Thursday 24 January, 5pm

We will watch a documentary and discuss buildings by contemporary architects, including some women architects. Please bring a small plate to share for a light supper afterwards.

Contact: Win Jodell, 0423 423 247

Chess: Every Thursday, 1.30pm

Both experienced and new chess players are invited to join us every Thursday afternoon in the Castlemaine Library. We can help you get started if you are new to chess – and others can enjoy a social game.

Contact: Ron Moore, 0418 315 004

Directing 'Blood Wedding': Tues 15 Jan, 5pm

For those who saw the Castlemaine Theatre Company production of Lorca's 'Blood Wedding', this is a chance to talk informally with the director, Rob Jorritsma. Please bring a small plate to share for a light supper afterwards.

Contact: Win Jodell, 0423 423 247

Film afternoon at Ann Lodge's: Wed 9 Jan, 2pm

Join us to see 'Lion' (2016), the moving true story of how a Tasmanian couple adopted a six-year-old child, lost and living on the main station in Calcutta. He could only speak his local dialect and did not know the name of the very small village he came from. Using his retentive memory as an adult, Google, and hundreds of hours work on a computer, he traced his village and found his biological family. We will finish up with afternoon tea, so please bring a small plate to share with others.

Contact Ann Lodge, 5470 5915, for the address.

Prepare and Share Lunch: Tues 8 Jan, 10.30am

Learn some new summer recipes to make and enjoy a delicious lunch. Bring \$10 for ingredients. Numbers are limited, so you must book with Sue Turner, 0427 349 755

Pétanque and Plonk: Every Friday, 6.30-8pm. We play at this time in the evening from January until the State Festival at the end of March.

Our friendly games of the French bowls game, pétanque, are under the shade of the trees on the gravel behind the playground at Campbell's Creek (next to the Bowls Club). New players are welcome – and they usually have beginners' luck! We bring spare boules. You are welcome to bring something to drink before, during or after the game.

Contact: Sue-Anne Williams, 0422 877 116.

Rocking in the Rotunda: Thursdays, 9am

We'll be playing recorded music of the sixties and seventies in the Rotunda in the Botanic Gardens. Join the dancing or bring a chair and listen! Contact: Frances Knight, 0415 103 850 or Jill Loorham, 0438 501 349

Solos Group Lunch: Saturday 20 January, 12pm

On your own? Treat yourself to a café meal with the U3A Solos Group. Eva Haarbarger will be booking a table, so please contact her in good time on 5472 3391.

Star Gazing: Wed 19 Dec, Thurs 20 Dec & Thurs 17 Jan

Wed 20 December: Finding your way around the night sky, with George Gray.

Thurs 21 Dec and Thurs 18 Jan: Viewing nights with the Very Casual Astronomy Group and their telescopes.

We start at 7.30pm and finish about 9.30pm (or whenever!) with a cup of tea. No prior knowledge is required and English is spoken at all times! (No scientific gobbledegook!) Please book with George Gray in December: 03 5472 5334 or gnggray43@gmail.com

Table Tennis: Wednesdays, 9.30am, from 9 Jan

U3A members play table tennis every Wednesday throughout the year at the Table Tennis Centre in Forest Street. Why not join us? Cost: \$2 includes morning tea.

Contact: Trevor Wheeler, 5476 2286.

Tai Chi: Mondays from 14 Jan, 9.30-10.45am

Come and try Tai Chi: there's no charge for the holiday program. Tai Chi improves balance, mobility, flexibility, strength and coordination. We run our U3A groups in conjunction with Castlemaine District Community Health (CHIRP). Wear loose clothing and a hat, and bring water. We meet near the Tea Rooms at the Botanic Gardens.

Contact: Dot Henshall, 5472 5108

Walk and a Coffee: Every Wednesday, 8.30am

Meet at the gates of the Botanic Gardens. We can walk a few laps (or detour up the hill for a more strenuous option) until it gets too hot. Then we'll go for a coffee together.

Contact: Frances Knight, 0415 103 850

Word Games: Thurs 10 & 24 Jan, 10am-12pm

Come and play your favourite tabletop word games, or try something new. We have Upwords, Rummikub Words, Banagrams, Boggle, Dice Words and Scrabble – and any more you can bring along! Play in lovely surroundings with a group guaranteed to laugh a lot. Contact Helen Edwards, 0401 010 589, for the address.