

Membership Guidelines

U3A is run by retired people for retired people at low cost. Classes are held in the day during school terms. There are no entry requirements or exams. There is a wide variety of courses.

Mudgee District U3A welcomes members from the towns of Mudgee, Gulgong, Rylstone and Kandos along with the villages of Hargraves, Windeyer, Goolma, Ulan, Birriwa, Turrill, Wollar, Bylong, Lue, Ilford and Running Stream, plus those from all the properties and homesteads in between.

Members receive a copy of the Constitution and the quarterly newsletter.

Class attendees must have enrolled prior to attending any courses. The running of classes is dependent on sufficient registrations to make the class viable. You will be notified if the class has to be cancelled.

There are no tuition fees for most courses, but you may have to provide your own materials or pay a small amount to help cover the cost of hall hire, computer use and for morning or afternoon tea as appropriate.

Members receiving printed notes from their class Presenter will be asked to contribute towards the cost of resources. There is no charge for notes or handouts delivered by email.

Class members may decline the offer of receiving the notes in either format.

The Worldwide History of U3A

Universities of the Third Age, or U3As, are voluntary, non-profit organisations which aim to offer older people low-cost educational opportunities which operate in a pleasant, supportive social setting. There are no formal entry requirements, no examinations and no "awards". U3As are basically self-help groups built on the premise that collectively, older people have the skills and knowledge to provide learning opportunities for themselves. After all, "experts" of all kinds in all fields eventually retire! In fact the word "university" in the title is used in the broad, medieval sense of a community of scholars coming together to learn from each other. The principles of self-help and mutual support are the very cornerstones of the U3A movement.

U3A is a world-wide organisation. It began in France in 1968, when legislation was passed that required universities to provide more community education. The first U3A was formed in Toulouse in 1973. This organisation was open to anyone over retirement age; no qualifications or examinations were required and fees were kept to a minimum.

The idea spread rapidly throughout France, Belgium, Switzerland, Poland, Italy, Spain, Great Britain and across the Atlantic to Quebec and California. U3A came to Melbourne in 1984. The first in NSW was established in the Shoalhaven area. By the end of 1999 there were 108 groups nationwide and national membership was 40,500 plus and growing rapidly.

Mudgee District U3A was formed in 1998 with 80 members. There are now over 325.

MUDGEE DISTRICT U3A Inc.

PO Box 469, Mudgee 2850

www.mudgeedistrictu3a.org.au

**"Providing learning and social opportunities
for older people"**



Membership & Programme Information 2011

Term 1

31st January - 8th April

Term 2

26th April - 1st July

Term 3

18th July - 23rd September

Term 4

10th October - 16th December



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Joining U3A

New Members may enroll at any time during the year.

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

The annual membership subscription of \$25 is on a sliding scale depending on when a person joins.

Joining at Term 1: \$25

Joining at Term 2: \$20

Joining at Term 3: \$15

Joining at Term 4: \$10

Residents of Mudgee's Aged Care Facilities pay \$10 per year if only attending classes at their Home.

Membership fees cover administration, insurance and postage costs.

Other possible costs are listed in Membership Guidelines (overleaf).

TO OBTAIN THE FULL PROGRAMME

For complete details including an enrolment form, please contact:

Robert Waller - 6372 9919

The booklet will be posted to you.

You may download both online at:

www.mudgeedistrictu3a.org.au

TO JOIN U3A

Remove the centre-fold Enrolment Form from the Programme Booklet, complete it and send it with your enrolment fee to:

**Mudgee District U3A, PO Box 469,
Mudgee, 2850.**

**Cheques should be made payable to
"Mudgee District U3A".**

Please make sure you enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your receipt. Your receipt acts as proof of membership.

Monday

Current Affairs	9.30 - 11.00am	T1,2,3,4
History of Art & Things Seen	9.30 - 11.30am	4 Lectures
Sing Along @ Pioneer House	11.00am - 12 noon	T1,2,3,4
Upholstery	11.30am - 1.30pm	T1,2,3,4
Canasta	1.30 - 4.00pm	T1,2,3,4
Australian History - Colonial Women	2.00 - 3.30pm	T1 ONLY
Persian Prophets of the 19th Century	2.00 - 3.30pm	T,1,2,3,4

Tuesday

Microbiology	9.00 - 11.00am	T1 & 2
Qi-Gong	11.30am - 12.30pm	T1,2,3,4
Storage, Display & Care of Old Documents	11.30am - 1.30pm	T2 ONLY
Indoor Fun & Games	1.30 - 3.30pm	T1 & 4
Mah-Jong for Beginners	2.00 - 3.30pm	T1,2,3,4
Writing for Fun	2.00 - 4.00pm	T1,2,3,4
Ron's Films	2.00 - 5.00pm	T1,2,3,4

Wednesday

Bridge for Beginners	9.30 - 11.00am	T1 ONLY
What I've been reading this month	9.30 - 11.00am	T1,2,3,4
Hand Bells	10.00 - 11.30am	T1,2,3,4
Numerology	12.30 - 2.00pm	T1,2,3,4
Painting with Water Colours	2.00 - 4.00pm	T1,2,3,4
Family History Research	2.00 - 4.00pm	T1 ONLY
Life Story Meanings	2.00 - 3.00pm	T3 ONLY
You & Your Laptop	2.30 - 3.30pm	T3 & 4

Course information including, Presenters and class venues are set out in the complete brochure available only on request or via the website.

Thursday

Tourists' Guide to Ancient Greece	9.00 - 10.30am	T1,2 & 4
The Accidental Counsellor	9.00 - 11.00am	T1 & 2
Computing for Beginners Plus	9.30 - 11.30am	T1,2,3,4
Line Dancing	10.00 - 11.30am	T1,2,3,4
Material Crafts	10.30am - 12.30pm	T1,2,3,4
Book Groups	2.00 - 3.30pm	T1,2,3,4
Classical Music	2.00 - 4.00pm	T1,2,3,4
Free Computer Software	2.30 - 4.30pm	T1,2,3,4

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Broadband for Seniors (Mudgee Library)

Basic Computer Taster Lessons; ends 30th June

Friday

Folk Art	10.30am - 1.00pm	T1,2,3,4
Chess	2.00 - 4.00pm	T1,2,3,4
Popular Music Forum	2.00 - 3.30pm	T1,2,3,4
Cricket Appreciation	2.00 - 3.30pm	4 Lectures
Writing & Reading Traditional Rhyming Verse	2.00 - 4.00pm	T2 ONLY

Saturday

Andrea's Town & Country Walks	10am - 12noon	T2 & 3
Horses, Mates & Nature		T2 & 3

Those registering their interest on the enrolment form for either of these Saturday activities will be contacted before Term 2 with appropriate details.

The activities highlighted in this pamphlet may change according to varying circumstances. To keep up-to-date with all U3A information, visit www.mudgeedistrictu3a.org.au Members will receive quarterly Newsletters in February, May, August and November. These are also available on the website.