

THE SMART AGE PAGE

Mudgee District U3A Inc in Wiradjuri Country

Monthly Update January 2022



Dear Mudgee District U3A Members

Welcome to 2022.

We were hoping for a less disruptive year than the past two, but sadly, with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, it looks like we are in for more of the same.

Although there may not be an official lockdown, limiting exposure to public places is highly recommended, and that is why the difficult decision has been made to make changes to our Enrolment Day and Showcase. Enrolment will go ahead, but not the Showcase or morning tea.

Enrolment will be at the Baptist Church Hall (NOT Kildallon) from 9.30 - 12 noon on this Saturday, 15th January. The Committee will be there to conduct registrations and, to the best of our ability, answer questions about courses. Please wear a mask and bring your enrolment form. Payment (\$30) can be by cash, cheque or Direct Deposit.

If you do not wish to attend Enrolment Day, please fill in your enrolment form as soon as possible and post it or drop it into a committee member. Payment can be made by cheque or by Direct Deposit (bank details are on the form). If you do use Direct Deposit, please remember to put your name or phone number as the payment reference.

Unfortunately, the prevalence of the virus means that inevitably some of us are going to be affected. To that end, a **COVID Kit** containing helpful information about dealing with a positive case, is attached (thank you Marianne).

We are sincerely hoping that the situation will have improved by the start of term, but while case numbers continue to rise, we will have to remain flexible.

The good news is that the work on the buildings at Kildallon should conclude this week allowing us time to move in and prepare for 2022 classes.



Kildallon was the topic of a presentation given by local historian and author, John Broadley at our End of Year Morning Tea, held at Club Mudjee on 17th December last year. It was good to see so many of you at that gathering and from the feedback received, you enjoyed John's presentation. From the presentation we learned that Kildallon was built in the late 1880's and was the residence of the Kellett family until the 1940's. It was then leased to various tenants until, under the charge of the CWA, it was converted it to Girls' Hostel which operated until 1983 when the site was taken over by TAFE. More information about Kildallon is available on our website http://www.mudgeedistrictu3a.org.au/uploads/1/0/8/3/108374501/history_of_kildallon.pdf or from the book containing John's research on Kildallon, which he presented to U3A.

The book will be located on a bookshelf in a classroom in Kildallon. Following my request for a spare book case, thanks to Nancy Chapman, Barbara Vickary and Elly Rands, we now have three.

Before concluding, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Martin McNamara. Martin was an excellent musician and he had volunteered to share his enthusiasm and skills in two classes this year. Sadly, these will not take place.

Hoping to see you on Enrolment Day, or if not, at Kildallon.

Heather

Mudjee Library Activities for 2022

Adult Chess Club

All levels welcome

3rd Thursday of the month, 5:30pm-6:30pm

Writing Group

Calling all writers (established, new, future) to join our Writing Group at Mudjee Library.

Where: Event Zone, Mudjee Library, 64 Market Street

When: Monday afternoons (during school terms only), 1pm-3:30pm with the flexibility to leave earlier if required.

Free to join, tea & coffee provided.

Each term the group will examine a different genre or style of writing, with opportunities to get and give valuable feedback – receive encouragement – and refine your writing process.

The first group will start on Monday 7 February 2022, with Poetry 101 for Term 1.

Book Groups

- Afternoon Group - second Thursday of the month, 2:30pm at Mudjee Library
- Evening Group - first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm at Mudjee Library (currently full but feel free to join the waiting list)
- **NEW!!** Online Group - third Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm via Zoom (perfect for those who live out-of-town or who don't have time to travel to Mudjee for face-to-face meetings)
- **NEW!!** Books That Made Us - first Thursday of the month, 6:00pm at Mudjee Library (if you are enjoying watching Books That Made Us, you might enjoy our new BTMU spin-off Book Group, discussing some of the fabulous Australian books featured in the ABC series)

All events can be booked on the Eventbrite page: mwrclibrary.eventbrite.com or library staff can assist with bookings.

