

Watson

10th September 2021

Hi to all members,

Please accept my humble apology for not contacting you via Watson for past few weeks. We were put into our 6th or for us 7th lockdown with only a few hours notice. Everything stopped suddenly, we did the right thing and stayed at home and there was nothing that I or anyone else could think of to write about. From today, the Regional Victorian Covid restrictions have eased somewhat, but we not out of the woods as yet, the venues we use are still closed and our sessions cannot continue as yet, also from next Friday 17th September 2021, we have the end of Term 3.

Victoria school holidays in 2021?

Term 1: Monday 27 January to Thursday 1 April

Term 2: Monday 19 April to Friday 25 June

Term 3: Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September

Term 4: Monday 4 October to Friday 17 December

Darley Neighbourhood House: an email was received this morning stating that unfortunately under the current restrictions the House will remain closed for the remainder of term 3 and if there are no lockdowns will reopen on Monday 4th October 2021, they will keep in touch as Term 4 draws closer. On a more personal note, they wrote 'Please send on a big 'hello' from us too, we miss seeing everyone!!'

Providence Community Hall: Closed until further notice.

Lerderderg Library: Are working on a click n' collect system on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday and Thursday the Library is open for anyone to come in and brows. The library is not open for book club meetings and rooms are not available for hire.

Click n' collect: You may ring the library 5367 2533 and give your preference of book titles or authors and they will put together books of your preference and will give you a designated time for collection or you may order books on line. For those that would like to try this, bring up Lerderderg Library website, go to heading 'Contact our Libraries' scroll down to Lerderderg Library, on the third line, click on the word here and a form will come up, complete form and press submit.

Open Library (Tuesday & Thursday), 20 people at one time, you may come in and select books, you will be allowed a duration of 30 minutes and you will need to show ID. It was suggested that coming in at a busy time eg. 10am-12.00 may mean you may not be admitted straight away.

Looks like it is going to be several weeks before we can meet face to face and continue our sessions. If any Team Leaders are interested in holding sessions via Zoom, please contact John Spain 0468 453 340 or email john@omapa.net for details and passwords.

On a sad note, our long time member Douglas McBurnie passed away on 7th August 2021. We sent our condolences to Mazi McBurnie and family. Doug was a regular attendant and exhibitor of our Art class with Barbara Press (also dec). He attended Painting for fun with Laurel Janson for some time until his illness got worse and he was placed in a Care facility. A floral tribute was forwarded to his family on behalf of U3A Bacchus Marsh committee and members. Due to Covid restrictions, a funeral was not able to be held, once restrictions are lifted a memorial service will be organised and members will be notified.

If you, or if there is anyone or if you know of anyone that needs assistance of any sort at this time, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Sharon on the below contact details.

Spring has certainly sprung and we have had some glorious sunny days, gardens are in bloom with beautiful flowers of all colours.

Garden Group: will be holding a garden day on Wednesday 22nd September 2021 @11.00am at Rosa's place 3304 Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Rd Balliang East. Can you please bring something that can be shared for lunch. For further details please contact Mazi McBurnie 0409 245 881 or Rosa McCarroll 0405 588 048. They look forward to a great turnout.

Take care and stay safe everyone.

That's all for now. Any queries in regard to any of the above, please contact either:

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