

Wanneroo U3A had a marvellous 2021, successfully dodging the Covid-19 minefield, keeping our members safe and, hence, able to enjoy an impressive and entertaining array of speakers, commencing with Dr Craig Challen and the remarkable Thai cave rescue and culminating with the erudite Peter Kennedy and, in the intervening months, learning about the Royal Flying Doctor, bodies in bags, dogs' refuge, volcanoes and much more.

Our year's activities and adventures were outstanding successes. Early on we coached down south, stopping for morning tea at Cape Bouvard Winery, lunch at the Ravenswood Tavern on the banks of the Murray River and on to Yalgorup National Park to view the impressive 600million-year-old Thrombolites, the oldest living organisms in the world.



We enjoyed a June bus trip into the Perth hills. Morning tea was at Patch of Colour, followed by a leisurely stroll across Mundaring Weir, with lunch at the historic Mundaring Weir Hotel with its colourful leadlights and memorabilia and, of course, the resident parrots eager to join any lunch patrons seated on the balcony.



July, of course, was the usual ersatz Christmas Lunch, at Wanneroo Tavern, with prizes for best dressed and jokes from Ivan.

September heralded our bright and early boarding of the coach for the Club 55 Blind Cameleer Tour, a wonderful day's outing. Morning tea was riverside at Noble Falls then on to DromeDairy in Morangup for an introduction to the camels and a tour of the dairy by Dr Max Bergmann, the blind cameleer. Lunch was in Toodyay and the afternoon capped off with wine tasting at Coorinja Winery.



For our End of Year lunch we glad-ragged up and attended the Ashby Tavern for Christmas fare and door prizes amidst festive glitter and sparkle.

Remembrance Day 2021 saw our members Micheli, Cheryl and Angela festoon the trees outside the Wanneroo



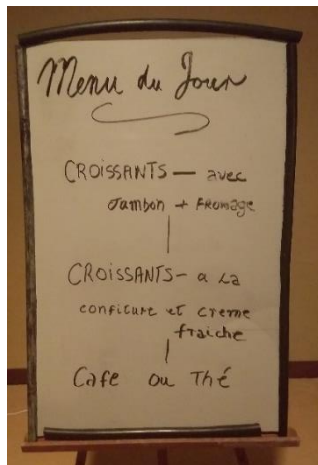
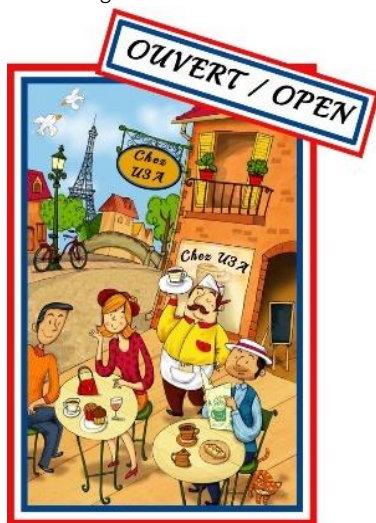
Shopping Centre with dozens of poppies handmade by our Third Thursday "Fun and Games" group. Members then met under the trees to acknowledge the armistice with a 1-minute silence and gifted poppies to passersby – with a gentle advertisement for U3A as per the writing on the back of the poppy leaf.



Coffee, Croissants & Pétanque

To celebrate a good year and to promote the game of Pétanque to Wanneroo Members, our Pétanque Group transformed our meeting room to create what we hoped would have the atmosphere of a French Café.

The waiters were dressed with chefs' aprons. Watercolour reproductions of Paris were on display. 72 croissants were warmed to perfection under difficult conditions, some with ham and cheese and others with homemade jams – strawberry, apricot and fig - plus cream, the cuisine as per the Menu du Jour.



We sat at small tables with red checked cloths and a centrepiece basket of lavender, rosemary, sunflowers and wicker-covered wine bottles, with Queen Anne Lace and red, white and blue serviettes. Wanneroo's Ukulele Group provided music to sing along.



Following the "Café" experience participants were invited to a demonstration of Pétanque and to learn the history of the game. Pétanque is a game for ages 8 to 80+ and in hosting this event our hope was that more members would be inspired to join in a healthy fun outdoor activity in 2022 and beyond.