



Sketch of dingo pup Alita by Sonja Ridden (permission granted by owner)

To watch a recent dingo doco [click here](#)



MYALL HIGH NEWS

LIVE, LAUGH AND LEARN

October - a time of new life in Australian nature with all manner of spring flora bursting into bloom, delicate wildflowers softening our ragged bush land, flannel flowers attractively seaming our roads and new life emerging in our wildlife population. If you are lucky you might even spot some playful dingo pups leaping about on your bush walk. Be aware, however, that they generally will be closely guarded by their watchful parents. Dingoes, though not unique to this neck of the woods, do seem to find Hawks Nest a wonderful place to live, breed and thrive. Although not everyone will agree, we are fortunate to have these natural predators in our space. Dingoes, according to official data, are important to our ecosystem. They generally mind their own business, keep feral species in check and are a significant drawcard for tourists. Whilst dingoes (physically) closely resemble domestic dogs, it is very important to remember that they are a wild species and should therefore neither be befriended nor fed. For a recent documentary on dingoes, click on the dingo puppy image above the green banner, for a brief. If you just want a to read up on some dingo facts, [click here](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN U3A:

ART SHOW: October is an exciting month for our U3A community. Not only does it provide an opportunity to support our talented Art Group but also our equally talented Writers Group. Ray Keipert, a longterm member of that group and former U3A Course Coordinator, will be launching his 4th book at this event. We'd appreciate it you would support him as well as our artists!

FAREWELL: On a sad note, it was a only a few days ago that we bid farewell to one of our oldest members, Pam Spears. Pam, a wonderful lady, beloved by the local community, recently died at the age of 91. Many of us attended her funeral where we learnt more about her full and active life. We enjoyed the loving tributes as well as the beautiful songs performed by our U3A choir. Anny Rutter (Pam's daughter) says a big 'Thank You' to all choir members! Although very sad, it was a wonderful celebration of life well lived. If you'd like to reread the interview with Pam that we posted last year, [click here](#).

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP: Due to health concerns our much valued Photography Group Convener, Paul Mulvaney, will regretfully be stepping back from his Convener role at the end of this year. We are hoping that the group will continue and welcome anyone who wishes to assist with this process. Please don't be shy to put up your hand, even if you feel that you could not run the group in the same way as it has, thus far, been run. We are always open to embracing different ways and happily encourage change.

TECH TIPS:

Using your phone internationally:

Most cellular service suppliers have daily add-on options to purchase international data plans. Contact your provider to select the right international data plan for you. If you decide not to add an international plan to your service, be aware of possible costly roaming charges. In this situation, divert all your calls to voicemail and put a message that you can be contacted by SMS or (if applicable) by email. Make sure your roaming is switched off and you are solely using Wi-Fi while abroad.

DID YOU KNOW that:

- The River Festival is returning to Tea Gardens and I am very happy about it. I believe this event is a great asset to our local community and am grateful that our towns are again able to offer such a happy event (after the long Covid drought). What an opportunity to be involved and enjoy! We hope you will all come out 'to play' on that day - Saturday, October 5th.
- The local artist community will showcase the considerable talent in our neck of the woods. Not only will U3A host its annual Art Show (now running for more than 20 years) and hosting Ray Keipert's book launch at the Hawks Nest Community Centre but Galleries In The Garden will also offer its wares on this occasion.
- We are still looking to increase our Committee member numbers and are seeing to fill the positions listed below.



BOOK LAUNCH:



Ray Keipert, member of the Writers' Group, will officially launch his new fictional novel, 'Code 1990' at the U3A Art Show in the Hawks Nest Community Hall at **11 am on Saturday 5 October**. 'Code 1990' is a tale of Cold War espionage both behind the Iron Curtain and elsewhere as the forces of state terror and those of democracy battle to win. Please [click here](#) for more details on this exciting novel. You are welcome to join the launch and also enjoy the U3A Art Show.



JOIN OUR...

DYNAMIC COMMITTEE



Positions:

- * Vice President
- * Assistant Secretary
- * Assistant Programs Coordinator
- * Assistant Technical Coordinator

Please help!

Myall U3A are fortunate to have a strong dynamic committee and we want to keep it that way! Some of our members are looking to be replaced after many years on the committee and others need support and assistance as our U3A continues to grow.

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