

## *AstroUpdate – February 2026*

Welcome to what will be the FINAL EDITION of my AstroUpdate newsletter, created and launched alongside the Stella Starwoman website way back in 2007.

That's an incredible 19.5 years ago - a full nodal return, as once more the karmic North Node passes through Pisces (spirituality) and South Node through Virgo (service).

I'm proud to have produced a quality, ad-free astrology newsletter at zero cost to subscribers for almost 20 years - 220 editions and over half a million words! But the wheel of life has turned and it's time for a change. There are still so many things I want to do in life, but I need time and space to rest and regroup as my priorities shift.

I'm not hanging up my hat entirely - there will be Stella Starwoman Facebook posts – simply LIKE my Facebook page to receive updates:

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And I'll still be available for online astrology and tarot readings and astro reports [www.stellastarwoman.com](http://www.stellastarwoman.com) though not as available! I'll be taking time off mid-year to pursue other projects. It's been a wonderful journey - thank you for being part of it.

Stella xxx



*Chinese Year of the Fire Horse*  
*Carpe Diem – Seize the Day*



And there's no better time for a fresh start than 2026 – a Universal One Year in numerology ( $2+0+2+6 = 10$ , which reduces to 1 ) and the Chinese Year of the Fire Horse, which officially begins on 17<sup>th</sup> February on a solar eclipse at the Aquarian new moon.

According to Chinese astrological tradition, each year is ruled by one of the twelve Chinese zodiac signs (Pig, Rat, Ox, Monkey, etc.) plus one of the five basic elements (Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, Water).  $12 \times 5 = 60$  combinations in all.

If 2025 (Year of the Wood Snake) was all about letting go and shedding old skin, the Year of the Fire Horse asks us to seek out new opportunities and strike out in different directions. Resilient and intelligent, the horse moves quickly and resents being reined in, making this a year of freedom, confidence, adventure and creativity. Take the initiative and seize the day.

With the fire element, expect a faster pace of life and strong passion to achieve. But don't forget to keep your balance and stay in the saddle to avoid burnout!

The Year of the Fire Horse promises to be a special year for those born in 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002 and 2014.



## *Lammas Fire Festival - Count Your Blessings*



The start of February marks the midpoint between the summer solstice on 22nd December and the autumn equinox on 20th March. Those who follow seasonal cycles and the wheel of the year celebrate the festival of Lammas at this time (early August in the northern hemisphere).

Lammas is a harvest festival - a festival of thanksgiving, deriving from the Anglo-Saxon Half-Mass or Loaf-Mass, meaning 'feast of bread'. The first loaves of bread from the grain harvest are baked, broken and shared to honour the bounty of the earth.

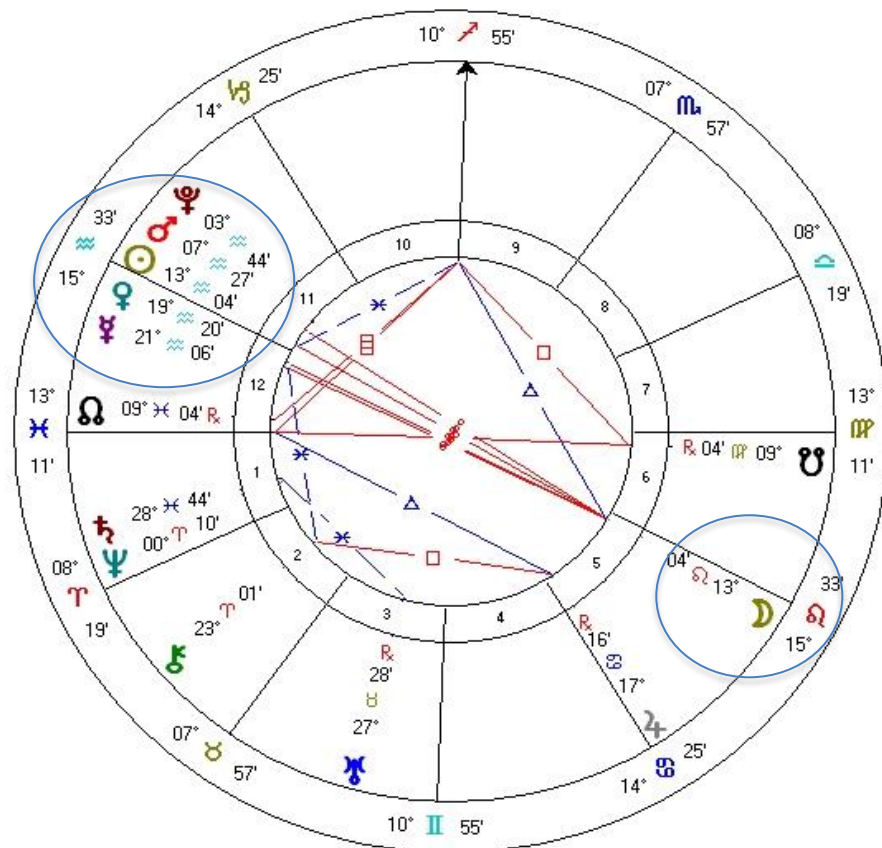
Traditional drinks are beer, cider and anything brewed from grains or the ripe fruits of the orchard. Altars are decorated with fresh loaves, wreaths of flowers and the fruits of the harvest. Seeds are gathered for the next season's crops.

Lammas is a harvest not only of fresh produce, but of all that has been sown since spring, many months ago. Lammas is a time to harvest, to share, to count our blessings, and give thanks for the blessings to come.



## *Full Moon in Leo – Individuality vs Collective*

**Full Moon in Leo**  
**Natal Chart**  
 2 Feb 2026, Mon  
 09:09 AEDT - 11:00  
 Melbourne, Australia  
 37°S49' 144°E58'  
*Geocentric*  
*Tropical*  
*Placidus*  
*True Node*



The February full moon lights up the skies on the 2<sup>nd</sup> in fire sign Leo, opposing the Sun in Aquarius. And it's not just the Sun – as you can see on the chart we have a powerful stellium with no less than five planets in air sign Aquarius, opposing the Leo full moon.

Our concepts of freedom and individuality (Leo) vs what it means to be part of a community (Aquarius) will be challenged and possibly threatened. Collective impulses will express themselves more strongly at an individual level. We have already seen happening with recent events in the US and Iran.

At this Leo full moon, decide where you stand and what you are truly passionate about. This is an excellent time for creativity.

## *Astrology or Tarot Reading with Stella?*



Thinking of treating yourself or a friend to an [Astrology](#) or [Tarot](#) reading? All readings are via Zoom online video and recorded, so you can listen back at leisure. Or perhaps if you're short of cash or in a hurry, you'd prefer an [Astrology Report](#)?

Click on any of the links below to find out more or book in. Payment is via my website shopping cart, bank transfer or PayPal (via credit/debit card) with all prices in Australian dollars.

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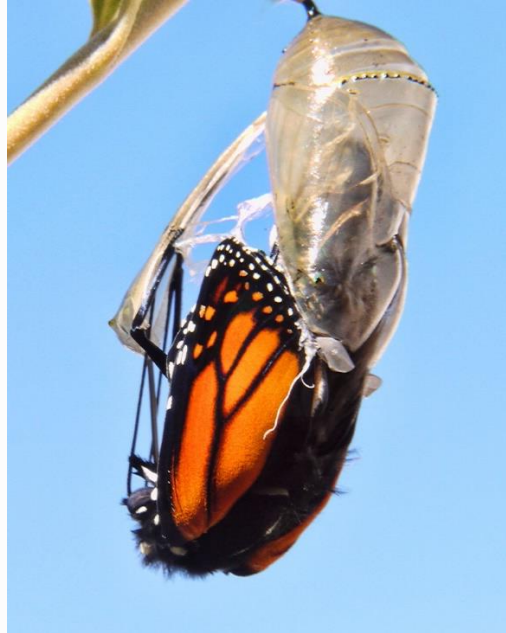
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## *New Moon in Aquarius & Solar Eclipse*



New moons are all about fresh energy and new beginnings and this month's new moon in air sign Aquarius on 17<sup>th</sup> February not only marks the beginning of the Year of the Fire Horse, but also eclipses the sun.

The full moon/solar eclipse degree is 29° Aquarius which, according to astrologer Dane Rudyar in his book on the Sabian Symbols, has the theme of 'metamorphosis' or 'initiation'.

**(AQUARIUS 29°): A BUTTERFLY EMERGING FROM A CHRYSALIS.**  
**KEYNOTE:** *The capacity to utterly transform the character of one's consciousness by radically altering the structural patterns of everyday living and the types of relationships one enters upon.*

Eclipses also have the power to transform consciousness by providing sudden insight and moments of revelation, meaning this new moon is particularly powerful. You may find yourself suddenly wanting to break out of the mold and do something completely different.

Aquarian energy focuses on making the world a better place by improving technology and supporting causes dear to the heart (environment, social justice, human rights, health care etc). Look at where the eclipse degree falls in your birth chart (29 Aquarius) to see how you may experience the eclipse.



*Saturn-Neptune Conjunction at 0° Aries*



February is a huge astro- month with not only a solar eclipse, but mighty Saturn and Neptune forming a conjunction on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February at 0° Aries, the first degree of the zodiac, sometimes referred to as ‘the world axis’.

This rare alignment (Saturn and Neptune meet roughly every 36 years) signifies a profound *cosmic reset* — a collective rebirth for humanity as we transition into a new generational cycle.

The last Saturn-Neptune conjunction in Capricorn was in 1989-90 and coincided with the collapse of the Berlin Wall, an event that led to the reunification of East & West Germany; the dissolution of the USSR and the collapse of Communist rule in Eastern



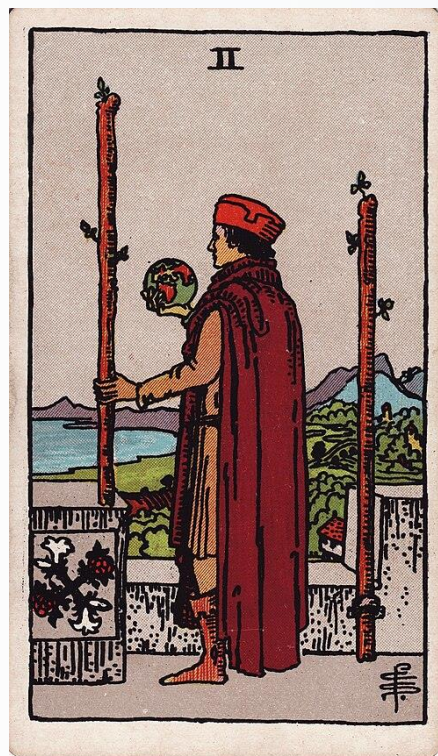
Europe. The same year there were student protests in Tiananmen Square in China calling for wide-ranging reforms, such as a free press, freedom of assembly, and an end to official corruption. This period also marked the beginning of the end of South African apartheid.

- **New Realities:** If we believe under Saturn-Neptune energy that seemingly permanent and irreconcilable viewpoints, boundaries, divisions and institutions (Saturn) can be eroded and dissolved (Neptune), we might wonder: ‘What are our modern-day equivalents of the Berlin Wall, Chinese government oppression and South African apartheid? And how will our current reality be eroded or dissolved over the coming years?’
- **Artificial Intelligence:** Under the Saturn-Neptune energy, visions can be brought into tangible form. The current AI revolution, which translates imagination into instant images, words, and code, is an apt reflection of this archetype.
- **Water Management:** As Neptune rules rivers and oceans, we could see new ways of tacking rising sea levels and waste in our oceans; water restrictions, and new systems of storing water or cleaning it up. During the last Saturn-Neptune conjunction in 1989, the UN established the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- **Competing Beliefs:** Historically, Saturn–Neptune cycles highlight clashes between belief and reality, ideals and structures. Expect stark ideological divides — religion vs. atheism; left vs. right, faith vs. scepticism — a pattern already visible in today’s increasingly polarised world.
- **Identity Crisis:** We may feel disoriented, both collectively and personally, as traditional ways and beliefs dissolve and new ideals take shape. Themes of disillusionment, scepticism, and loss of faith may surface, alongside a yearning for unity and compassion.

The Saturn–Neptune conjunction at 0° Aries represents both dissolution and renewal. Structures that no longer serve will dissolve like a dam bursting or a wall crumbling, yet from this release comes the possibility of fresh creation — a new collective myth aligned with Aries’ pioneering energy. The Saturn-Neptune conjunction challenges us to transform disillusionment into clarity, and ideals into reality.



## *The Magic of Tarot – Two Wands*



Some of you may know that as well as being an astrologer, I'm also a tarot reader. The two disciplines work well together – astrology is more left brain and tarot more right brain. Astrology is based on the symbolic movement of planets through the zodiac, whereas tarot is great for uncovering what's going on right now – bypassing the logical mind and revealing hidden motivations and information.

Tarot can teach you about yourself; help solve problems; inspire you to make the most of your day; unpack what's going on in your relationship, and if you have a tricky choice to make, shed light on the real issues involved. But first you have to learn the meanings of the 78 cards, which can be overwhelming.

### **Two Wands – Rider Waite Deck**

The card shows a wealthy man, well-dressed man standing on his balcony looking out to sea. In his right hand he holds a small world and in his left a sturdy wand with green shoots. Behind him on the balcony is another wand affixed to the wall with a metal brace. In the distance are mountain ranges and in the foreground several beautiful looking homes surrounded



by greenery. The man is master of his situation, however, by staying in this safe, comfortable yet limited world, he may well miss the range of opportunities available in the wider world.

Wands in the tarot relate to action, adventure, passion, risk, intuition and energy

Some key concepts for the Two Wands are:

- Deciding between two paths – trust your intuition
- Thinking you are in control, but vision could be limited.
- The risk of missing opportunities by playing it safe.

Here are my Two Wands interpretations for the three most common tarot questions/situations - work, love and health.

### 1) WORK/MONEY

Although you think you're in control, your ideas are limited. You believe you have to make a choice between two courses of action, but there are many other options you have simply overlooked. Life is not black and white, so go for a walk, take a break or spend some time meditating. You'll be blown away by the possibilities out there.

### 2) LOVE/RELATIONSHIP

This is a card of choice, but though you think you have all the facts, your way of thinking is extremely limited. Perhaps you're trying to choose between two partners or have some other relationship dilemma. There are dozens of options you have overlooked or are unaware of. Get out of the comfort zone and surprise yourself!

### 3) HEALTH/WELLBEING

Although you think you know all about what is possible (or not possible) in the body/health/exercise/diet area, you don't have all the facts and certainly don't know it all. There are many options you have simply overlooked or are completely unaware of. To tap into these, you'll need to leave the comfort zone and take a few risks.

If you have a set of tarot cards, pull out the Two Wands, take a good look at the image and think about what it might mean for you right now.

And if you'd like to book a TAROT READING, go to my website:

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## *Lunar Planning + Hair Cutting, Waxing, Body Care*

Launch projects the week after the New Moon, bring them to completion in the period from just before the Full Moon to the Waning Quarter phase and wind them down and reflect on developments in the week before the next New Moon. The period between the New Moon and the Full Moon is the waxing moon (moon getting bigger and fuller). The period between the Full Moon and the New Moon is the waning moon (moon getting smaller and thinner).

Use my moon chart to select the BEST DAYS to slow or increase hair regrowth. I've marked the best dates for waxing/shaving in yellow and the best dates to cut hair for thicker, lusher growth in green. Consider purchasing a moon calendar or diary to find out exactly what time of day the moon changes from one zodiac sign to the next and fine-tune your activities with confidence. <https://www.timeanddate.com/moon/phases/australia/melbourne>

### FEBRUARY MOON CALENDAR

Date	Sign	Element	Moon phase
<u>1st</u>	<u>Cancer</u>	<u>Water</u>	
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leo	Fire	Full Moon in Leo (2 <sup>nd</sup> February)
<u>3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Virgo</u>	<u>Earth</u>	
5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Libra	Air	
8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Scorpio	Water	Third Quarter Moon in Scorpio (9 <sup>th</sup> )
<u>10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Sagittarius</u>	<u>Fire</u>	
13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Capricorn	Earth	
<u>15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Aquarius</u>	<u>Air</u>	New Moon in Aquarius (17 <sup>th</sup> February) Annual Solar Eclipse Chinese Year of the Fire Horse
<u>18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Pisces</u>	<u>Water</u>	
20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Aries	Fire	
<u>22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Taurus</u>	<u>Earth</u>	
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>	Gemini	Air	First Quarter Moon in Gemini (24 <sup>th</sup> )
<u>26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Cancer</u>	<u>Water</u>	
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb-2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Leo	Fire	



## MARCH MOON CALENDAR

Date	Sign	Element	Moon phase
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leo	Fire	
2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Virgo	Earth	Full Moon in Virgo (3 <sup>rd</sup> March) Lunar Eclipse
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Libra	Air	
7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	Scorpio	Water	
10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Sagittarius	Fire	Third Quarter Moon in Sagittarius (11 <sup>th</sup> )
12 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Capricorn	Earth	
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Aquarius	Air	
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	Pisces	Water	New Moon in Pisces (19 <sup>th</sup> March)
19 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Aries	Fire	
21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Taurus	Earth	
23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Gemini	Air	
25 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Cancer	Water	First Quarter Moon in Cancer (26 <sup>th</sup> March)
28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Leo	Fire	
30 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Virgo	Earth	

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