

SWINBURNE SERIES

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U3A Hawthorn, in conjunction with Swinburne University, is holding the inaugural Swinburne Series of lectures in the first half of 2013. This series will provide a unique opportunity for U3A Hawthorn members to hear presentations by leading Swinburne researchers.

Swinburne has 14 designated Research Centres that cultivate strength in specific areas by concentrating both human and instrumental resources. The Centres consist of groups of researchers that collectively have a demonstrable national or international profile. All of Swinburne's Research Centres demonstrate an excellent record of scholarship, publication and research funding.

Session 1 Friday 15 February 2013 1.30 – 2.30pm Venue – Swinburne University
Bigger than Big – A Virtual Tour of the Universe

Dr Chris Fluke, Research Professor, The Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing

For over a decade, Swinburne University of Technology has been taking school groups and the general public on virtual tours of the Universe using the purpose-built Virtual Reality Theatre. Now it is your turn to put on a pair of 3D glasses and be amazed by this unique exploration of all things astronomical. In this session, you will be taken into space to explore our Solar System, the stars, galaxies, and other fascinating objects that make up a Universe that is "Bigger Than Big". Along the way, you will discover some of the world-leading astronomy research that is being undertaken at Swinburne University, through the use of 3D movies created in-house by the highly talented Swinburne Astronomy Productions team.

Location:

Virtual Reality Theatre, Room AR104, ground floor of AR Building
Access via tunnel through AR Building adjacent to Haddon's Café
A map will be provided closer to the event

(Limit 50 participants, bookings essential)

Session 2 Friday 15 March 2013 1.30 – 3.00pm Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue
Snapshots of interesting projects in the Faculty

Professor Leon Sterling, Dean Faculty of Information & Communication Technologies

Session 3 Friday 19 April 2013 1.30 – 3.00pm Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue
Aboriginal Smart Art

Dr Elizabeth Tunstall, Associate Dean for Learning and Teaching, Faculty of Design

Session 4 Friday 10 May 2013 1.30 – 3.00pm Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue
Professor Susan Rossell, Faculty of Life and Social Sciences

Details of the March, April and May sessions will be provided in the next newsletter

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Please register for each individual session by telephoning the office (9821 0282) or by returning the slip below to the U3A Office. Members are invited to bring guests to the sessions (except for Session 1), but names must be registered by the RSVP date.

Name/s _____ Member No/s _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Please register me/us for the following sessions in the Swinburne Series

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| Session 1 Friday 15 Feb 2013 | Dr Chris Fluke | <input type="checkbox"/> | RSVP 8 Feb |
| Session 2 Friday 15 March 2013 | Professor Leon Sterling | <input type="checkbox"/> | RSVP 8 Mar |
| Session 3 Friday 19 April 2013 | Dr Elizabeth Tunstall | <input type="checkbox"/> | RSVP 12 Apr |
| Session 4 Friday 10 May 2013 | Dr Susan Rossell | <input type="checkbox"/> | RSVP 3 May |