



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the time of writing we still have not been able to reoccupy the Sinclair Avenue buildings. It seems a very prolonged period of waiting and we will notify members through *Gateway* when we are able to resume use of the site.

This year has really been The Building Project Year - it has absorbed a considerable amount of our time and energy and has meant that much extra effort was required to keep the focus on some of the more traditional areas of our operation.

There are many people who should be thanked for their contribution which has helped to bring the project to fruition. I would like to recognise the contribution of:

- those who attended the working bees to pack up and then unpack and settle back into Sinclair Ave
- those who assisted with the planning and implementation including Doug Dickson who attended site meetings when Bruce Lancashire or I were not available
- the Receptionists and Database teams who worked in less than ideal conditions to keep the administration areas up to date and have worked in the new building while we waited for official occupancy to occur
- the members who hosted classes in their homes and assisted with the accommodation provision
- the Secretary, Treasurer and Database Managers who had to work from home when the telephone line was cut and we had no internet or telephone landline for weeks on end
- Julie McNaughton and team who packed up and unpacked and re-established the kitchen
- Norm Fary who coordinated the purchase of the new chairs
- Bruce and Carol Lancashire who spent hours on the establishment of the new learning spaces and office including the audio-visual and other equipment and new furniture
- members who have been patient and helpful as we tried to keep things operating as usual
- Warwick Tempamy and Lina Tallarida from Boroondara Council who attended site meetings and ensured that we were meeting all the necessary building requirements, getting the best possible building as well as providing great support and advice
- Francesca Van De Meer, the architect for the project, for her excellent work
- Councillor Coral Ross who maintained an interest and was always of assistance to our U3A.



We are fortunate to have such an excellent facility and thank Boroondara Council for the provision and upgrading of our Campus. What we have today is the result of planning and organisation which has taken place over a number of years.

Those of us who have been on this journey appreciate the work that has been involved to achieve such a pleasing result.

Still to be done:

- Installation of whiteboards
- Signage
- Sound treatment in the West Room (old office).

Opening

There will be an Official Opening, probably early next year, at the time of writing this is yet to be confirmed. *Gateway* will give details when a date has been organised.

Some Changes

The new configuration requires some changes to the way we will operate and use some of the facilities. Your tutor will have a sheet detailing these expectations. We know old habits die hard, but ask that you observe the items outlined so that we can all operate effectively and achieve maximum advantage from the new set up.

We had hoped that we would be starting the new year with everything in place, but it looks as though there will be some areas still in need of bedding down. Looking back, there has been a huge effort made to get to where we are so we can feel pleased, even if we have not quite completed the task.

The Garden

The Gardening Group Convenor, Clare Carlson, has been involved with the Landscape Gardener in the choosing of shrubbery for the planting of the new garden. When the landscaper has reached the limit of his allocated budget the Gardening Group will take over and complete the task. We appreciate the group's work over the years and look forward to seeing the product of their creativity and green fingers.

You can join the Gardening Group by enrolling in OA1 (see the Curriculum booklet).

Refreshments

We have decided to trial the provision of free tea and instant coffee for members. Plunger and

machine coffee will be provided at a cost of 50 cents a cup.

The West Room (old office) will be available for members most days to utilise as a social area, however there will be times when it is needed for meetings or class use. There is a servery bench on the outside of the kitchenette where members can serve drinks to people who would like to sit outside and chat.

All tea and coffee should be made in the kitchenette not in the kitchen attached to the Hall. In future the kitchen is only for use by the classes held in the Hall.

We ask that you clean up after your use of the kitchen facilities – clean the benches, wash cups and plungers etc. The provision of the free refreshments is dependent on members cleaning up after every use.

Communication

Our U3A, in common with other U3As, uses electronic communication (email, website, etc.) as our chief means of communicating with members.

We do this because it is:

- quicker
- more efficient
- less expensive
- more flexible and adaptable

If you have not given your email address to the office, please do so and you will be pleased with the quicker access to new courses and latest news.

Remember to notify us if you change your email address and to read your emails regularly.

Note: You do not have to print out 90% of what we send you and enrolment forms are available from the office if you don't have a printer, so please join the majority of members who have "gone electronic".

UMAS

Under the guidance of Bruce Lancashire our Data base Team are preparing for the implementation of a new software package designed specifically for U3As. In common with many other U3As we expect to drop the old system during 2017 and fully utilise the UMAS. UMAS will give us the ability to provide faster service and for members to enroll in courses electronically. This system requires us to pay an upfront fee and per capita fee - then in future we will pay a per capita fee to cover us for

maintenance and service. We will keep you posted on progress.

Summer School

Once again we are running a Summer School here at Sinclair Avenue (hopefully!). Our Summer School is famous in the U3A community for its excellence and diversity. Details are included in this newsletter. Remember bookings are required. We hope to see you there.

Meg Adams
President

***Best wishes to all members for a
happy and safe festive season***



MUSIC NOTES

This has been a busy time of year for our U3A musicians, with a few “sidelines” tacked on to the usual rehearsals and performance plans. At the beginning of October the orchestra once again took their place on the stage of Deakin Edge Concert Hall as a highlight to the opening day of Seniors’ Week, an experience valued by all. They repeated their performance of Mendelssohn’s Violin Concerto given at the recent Orchestral concert at Genazzano, and our soloist, young Nathan Juriansz, took full advantage of another chance to perform publicly. He was aided by some of his Conservatorium student friends, who filled in a few gaps in our string sections, replacing some regular players who were unable to take part.

Rehearsals for the final concert for the year were held, and in the meantime two small groups formed from the orchestral body presented a lunchtime concert on 10 November at U3A Manningham to help celebrate their 25th anniversary. We were warmly welcomed by a large and enthusiastic audience, and it was altogether quite a splendid affair!

Nine wind players performed Gounod’s “Petite Symphonie for wind instruments” and Faye Goldsmith’s string quintet provided two short brackets of light music, some of which you will hear when we celebrate the official opening of our new campus at a time still to be announced.

Plans are also underway for the Orchestra’s 20th birthday celebration next year. To mark this occasion, they will present a gala concert on Sunday 14 May at the Hawthorn Arts Centre. This will include a specially commissioned work by Barry McKimm and a performance of Beethoven’s Emperor Concerto by Ben Martin. This is a special link to Ben’s late father Christopher who played such an important part in the development of our wonderful orchestra during his ten years as Musical Director. There is a lot of history underpinning the planning for this event and it will be a very special day for all concerned. We hope for a “House Full” audience!

For your diary:

Sunday 27 November 2016, 2.30pm, end of year concert at Camberwell Grammar School Performing Arts Centre.

Sunday 14 May 2017, 2.30 pm, gala concert celebrating the 20th birthday of the Orchestra at Hawthorn Arts Centre, Gyula Cseszkó conductor, guest soloist Benjamin Martin, piano.

Ruth Muir
Music Director

CHOIR

By the time you read this, our end-of-year concert will have taken place on 19 November. If you attended, we hope you enjoyed it. As well as including traditional and sacred songs and twentieth century classics, we decided to continue last year’s successful innovation of having the audience sing along to songs from Broadway musicals as well as carols.

It has been a mixed year for the choir. As well as welcoming some new and returning choristers, we were saddened by the deaths of Glad Everett and Austin Chapman, and a couple of choir members retired or moved away. And while conductors and accompanists co-ordinate their holidays so we are never without direction, accidents will happen.

Choir Director Meredith Vincent’s broken wrist and its aftermath made conducting all but impossible, so accompanist and former conductor Judith Chipman stepped in to take us through to the end of the year.

Bev Rangott
Choir Manager

Recorder Group

The group continues to rehearse weekly in the Stockland Community room and thoroughly enjoys working together. We recently had the pleasure of an invitation to perform at Rylands in Riversdale Road Camberwell. Two of the residents combined

with the guest players to present a very pleasant afternoon of music, and were rewarded by a delicious afternoon tea with the audience at the conclusion.

We look forward to exploring some new repertoire next year with a couple of new members to join us and are still seeking the addition of a bass and a descant player at intermediate standard of playing. Enquiries to Jeanette on 9818 2205.

Jeanette MacArthur
Recorder Group Manager

FEES FOR 2017

Annual membership fees for 2017 are as follows:

Membership of U3A Hawthorn: \$60 single or \$90 couple/two at same address

Members are reminded that membership fees for 2017 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses can be processed.

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Copy deadline for the March 2017 Newsletter is Wednesday, 1 February 2017.



EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Our year of excursions has been an interesting one. Never before have we had to cancel tours because of a lack of response, but the disruption to our home base has, we believe, had a great influence on our bookings.

However, we have enjoyed some outstanding excursions, with a tour to the Yarra Valley, including lunch at the delightful RACV and the Maribyrnong Cruise on the *Blackbird* which was both entertaining and enlightening.

Norm Fary's historic Collins Street walk led us to discover the magnificent architecture built from the proceeds of the Great Victorian Gold Rush. Thank you, Norm, for conducting these walks, both in country towns and on the streets of Melbourne.

The coming year has some newly sourced and exciting tours ahead, so check your Newsletter and Gateway News to keep up to date. You can book for these tours online or by sending in your payment to Reception..

Many thanks to my dedicated team, Julieanne Lewis, Colette Flynn, Jan Noonan and Ann Heath for their great assistance throughout the year.

Joan Harding
Excursions Manager

FORTHCOMING EVENTS MARCH – JUNE 2017

Thursday 16 March	Tour of Bishops Court Historic Mansion, East Melbourne 10.00am to 12 noon
Tuesday 21 March	Readman Series Lecture: Professor Linda Kristjanson – <i>Future Directions in Tertiary Education: Continuity and Change</i> , Sinclair Ave 2.00pm (time to be confirmed)
Friday 21 April	Tour of McClelland Sculpture Gardens and the Royal Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, 9.00am
Friday 12 May	Tour of the Australian Jazz Museum, 10.30am to 12.30pm
Sunday 14 May	Gala 20 th Anniversary Orchestra Concert, Hawthorn Arts Centre 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 June	Tour of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, 10.20am



AUTUMN EXCURSIONS

For bookings please telephone the U3A Reception

For further queries please contact:
Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987
Or
Colette Flynn on 98826097

BOOKING POLICY

All tour fees payable at the time of placing reservation.

Payments may be made by credit card or cheque at Reception, or by paying online.
Bookings close two weeks prior to the event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations 14 days or less prior to the scheduled departure time will mean no refund will be paid.

Thursday, 16 March

TOUR OF BISHOPSCOURT HISTORIC MANSION, EAST MELBOURNE

Cost: \$15 including delicious morning tea

Time: 10.00am – 12 noon

Departure: 120 Clarendon St, East Melbourne (corner of Gipps St)
Melway: 2J D3

Limit: 30 participants (minimum 20 participants to run the tour)

Inclusions: Tour and morning tea

This large colonial mansion surrounded by a high bluestone wall has an interesting history. Completed in 1853 it was used for a short period as Victoria's Government House and after an additional wing was added in 1903 became the official residence of all the Anglican Diocesan bishops' and Archbishops of Melbourne. Tour the house and see the tiny chapel still used for the occasional wedding. Finish the tour with a guided walk through the beautiful garden. Bring a friend, it's well worth a visit!

Friday, 21 April

TOUR OF MCCLELLAND SCULPTURE GARDENS AND THE ROYAL CRANBOURNE BOTANIC GARDENS

Cost: \$65

Time: 9.00am sharp

Departure: By bus from U3A Sinclair Ave

Limit: 40 participants

Inclusions: Bus, morning tea and two course lunch

Today we explore the beautiful Mornington Peninsula and will have a freshly baked morning tea on the shoreline of Port Phillip Bay. We continue to McClelland Sculpture Park which has its origins in the 1920s. The gallery opened in 1971 and is host to many exhibitions and a permanent outdoor sculpture park with 100 works.

We reboard the coach and head across to the beautiful Amstel Golf Course where we will have lunch at the club rooms. The restaurant is located on the course side of the club house which overlooks the smooth, rolling putting green.

A short drive will then take us to the Royal Cranbourne Botanic Gardens which were established in 1970 for conservation, research, display and enjoyment of Australian native plants. You will have time to wander the gardens at your leisure and may even enjoy a coffee at the cafe.

At extra charge, the 'people mover' shuttle will be available to take you around the gardens if so desired.

Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a hat and an umbrella if the weather appears unfavourable.

Friday, 12 May
TOUR OF THE AUSTRALIAN JAZZ MUSEUM (FORMERLY THE VICTORIA JAZZ ARCHIVES)

Cost: \$25

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Departure: 15 Mountain Highway, Wantirna (in Koomba Park, opposite head office of Nutrimerics)
Melway: 63 H8

Inclusions: Tour and lunch

By popular demand we will revisit this incredible collection of jazz memorabilia and be entertained royally by talented jazz musicians. A great tour concluding with a delicious lunch. Invite a friend to share this wonderful experience.

Tuesday, 20 June
TOUR OF THE ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Cost: Free

Time: Meet at 10.20am (tour leaves at 10.30am sharp)

Departure: Corner of Swanston and LaTrobe St, Melbourne

Inclusions: Tour

Limit: 20 participants

We have all watched with interest the great expansion of this institution over the last few decades. Now we are fortunate to be given a great opportunity to go 'behind the scenes' to take a closer look at the developments, and led by Paul Noonan, Media and Communications Advisor and son of Jan Noonan (Hawthorn U3A member). This exclusive tour will not be repeated.

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND WEBSITE

In order to make the best use of email for U3A Hawthorn communications **it is essential that you notify any changes in your email address by sending an email to the U3A Hawthorn office at:**
mail@u3ahawthorn.org.au

indicating your email contact details. **Please include your name(s) and U3A ID number(s).**

Our website is **<http://www.u3ahawthorn.org.au>**

All courses, forms, and newsletters are available for download from this website.



HAWTHORN
UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

OCCASIONAL LECTURES
READMAN SERIES LECTURES 2017



**Future Directions in Tertiary
Education: Continuity and Change**

*Professor Linda Kristjanson,
Vice Chancellor, Swinburne University*

Tuesday 21 March 2017, 2pm
(Time to be confirmed)

Hall, Sinclair Avenue Campus

RSVP:

The Readman Lectures are open and free to all members of U3A Hawthorn, but registration is essential. Please RSVP to the U3A Hawthorn Office by Monday 13 March Tel: 9821 0282. Refreshments will be provided.

TIMETABLE U3A HAWTHORN SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

Bookings essential – numbers are limited

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
am	2 nd No Class Public Holiday	3 rd 10.30 – 12 noon No Class	4 th 10.30 – 12 noon A Brief History of Cruising <i>Dr Elizabeth Pittman</i>	5 th 10.30 – 12 noon Roman Dalmatia: from Pirates to Emperors <i>Dr Christopher Gribbin</i>	6 th 10.30 – 12 noon The Dunera Boys <i>Euan Walmsley</i>
pm	2 nd No Class Public Holiday	3 rd 1.30 – 3pm No Class	4 th 1.30 – 3pm Jordan – a Revelation <i>Frank Devlin</i>	5 th 1.30 – 3pm Antarctica – the icy continent <i>Tom & Christobel Cornerford</i>	6 th 1.30 – 3.30pm Unlock the Writer in you <i>Blaise van Heck</i>
am	9 th 10.30 – 12.30 The Zhou Dynasty of Ancient China (1122BCE – 256BCE) <i>Wolfe Sharp</i> OR # Scrabble Workshop <i>Rebecca Booth</i>	10 th 10.30 – 12 noon Most Hallowed Ground – the American Civil War <i>Graham Pratt</i>	11 th 12noon Is the Art of Conversation still Relevant in today's Wired-up World? <i>Laurie Smale</i>	12 th 10.30 – 12noon The Australian Film Industry <i>Vincent Giarrusso</i>	13 th 10.30 – 12noon The lives of Hitler and Stalin - a study of evil - Part 1 <i>Rob Siedle</i>
pm	9 th 1.00 – 4.00 # Summer Bridge <i>Claus Gyrn</i>	10 th 1.30 – 3pm Weird stories from Australia's past <i>Gillian Yung</i>	11 th 1.30 – 3pm All about Dark Matter <i>Dr Alan Duffly</i>	12 th 1.30 – 3pm Drugs in society today - what we are using and why <i>Dr Naham Warhaft</i>	13 th 1.30 – 3pm Life and Death <i>Nobby Ward</i>
am	16 th 10.30 – 12 noon Why have I got coronary artery disease? <i>Dr Harry Mond</i> OR # Scrabble Workshop <i>Rebecca Booth</i>	17 th 10.30 – 12 noon Rivals to ruin: the tragic consequences of bibliomania <i>Shane Carmody</i>	18 th 12noon A visit to Myanmar (Burma) <i>Graham Pratt</i>	19 th 10.30 – 12noon You too can walk the Camino to Santiago de Compostela! <i>Diane McDonald</i>	20 th 10.30 – 12noon The lives of Hitler and Stalin - a study of evil - Part 2 <i>Rob Siedle</i>
pm	16 th 1.00 – 4.00 # Summer Bridge <i>Claus Gyrn</i>	17 th 1.30 – 3pm Splendour and influence; Byzantine art & architecture in Constantinople and beyond <i>Em Prof Frank Sear</i>	18 th 1.30 – 3pm The History of Blues Music <i>Peter Hardham</i>	19 th 1.30 – 3pm Politics Today: the need for change <i>Professor Colleen Lewis</i>	20 th 1.30 – 3pm US Presidential Politics: the challenges for both the Democrats & the Republicans <i>Dr Kenneth Chan</i>
am	23 rd 10.30 – 12 noon Downsizing, how to create your lifestyle vision <i>Trish Khoury</i> OR # Scrabble Workshop <i>Rebecca Booth</i>	24 th 10.30 – 12.30 Liberal Democracy, the Welfare State, and the Political Philosophy of John Rawls <i>Wolfe Sharp</i>	25 th 10.30 – 12noon The Irish Rebellion of 1916 <i>Donal Denham</i>	26 th No Class Public Holiday	27 th No Class
pm	23 rd 1.00 – 4.00 # Summer Bridge <i>Claus Gyrn</i>	24 th 1.30 – 3pm How do projects work (with an indigenous community perspective)? <i>Colin Knowles</i>	25 th 1.30 – 3pm Jazz on Sinclair <i>The Jazz Doctors</i>	26 th No Class Public Holiday	27 th No Class

U3A HAWTHORN SUMMER SCHOOL 2017

Wednesday 4 January to Wednesday 25 January 2017

Venue: Main Hall, Sinclair Avenue Campus

The U3A Hawthorn Summer School 2017 will run over three weeks from Wednesday 4 January to Wednesday 25 January 2017. Two sessions (one morning, one afternoon) will be provided each weekday. Morning start time is 10.30am and afternoon start time is 1.30pm (except for Bridge). Most sessions are 1.5 hours in length, but there are some longer sessions – please check the timetable.

The Summer School is free, but is available only to **Members of U3A Hawthorn who have paid their 2017 membership fee.**

Please register for the sessions of your choice **using the Registration Form provided** to assist us with planning, and to enable us to contact you if a session has to be cancelled due to an unforeseen event such as illness of the speaker. See the **Timetable** for the list of sessions, and their dates and times, and the **Topics** for more detail about each session.

You are welcome to come to sessions you have not registered for, except for Bridge and Scrabble. However you are urged where possible, to assist us by registering, and then attending, sessions. It is very disappointing for speakers and organisers when members who register fail to attend.

It is not possible to phone the office to advise of absence during the Summer School as the Office is operating on restricted hours throughout January.

IN PERSON BOOKINGS Place your registration form in the Summer School box at Reception.

MAIL BOOKINGS To assist office staff with mail sorting, please address envelopes SUMMER SCHOOL, U3A Hawthorn, 26 Sinclair Ave, Glen Iris 3146.

EMAIL email the form to summer@u3ahawthorn.org.au – please note you must (1) download the form from the website, (2) save it to your computer with another name, (3) fill it in and (4) email with the form as an attachment.

NO PHONE BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED

TIMETABLE & TOPIC DETAIL

----- **WEEK 1** 4 - 6 January -----

A Brief History of Cruising

Dr Elizabeth Pittman

Wednesday 4 January

10.30 – 12noon

Whether you usually travel on water or by land or up among the clouds you must have noticed the upsurge in cruise ship advertising – cruising is big business. In the 1850s on-board amenities were few because the liners merely transported passengers from port to port so most spent time reading and walking on deck. As sailing became a holiday pastime of the wealthy, cruise lines competed by offering their 100 or so passengers exquisite food in a dress-for-dinner restaurant. Passenger lists eventually included a wider range of people encouraged by the articles Mark Twain, Noel Coward and others wrote for *Vogue* magazine and, of course, the romance of the post WWII Love Boat series on TV. Sailing away was originally thought restful and restorative to health. Now competition has changed the emphasis from rest to on-board activities.

Jordan – a Revelation

Frank Devlin

Wednesday 4 January

1.30 - 3pm

Jordan - an ancient country attractive to art lovers, historians and tourists alike. Discover Petra and the Lost Kingdom of the Nabataeans – regarded by many as one of the seven wonders of the world. Explore the numerous Roman sites including Jerash – probably the largest Roman site anywhere with so much in its original condition. Visit the Sea of Galilee, close to Palestine, the Israeli Occupied Golan Heights near the Syrian border and travel to the Baptism site by the River Jordan. Wonder at the 5th and 6th Century Byzantine mosaics in the “Mosaic City” of Madaba including the unique mosaic map of the Holy Land.

Explore the Crusader castle where Lawrence of Arabia stayed, Saladin's castle and the "Desert Castles" from the Umayyad era. Visit the Dead Sea, cross the enormous Wadi Mujib canyon and explore the raw desert at Wadi Rum.

Roman Dalmatia: from Pirates to Emperors

Dr Christopher Gribben

Thursday 5 January

10.30 – 12 noon

Over the course of 700 years, the Dalmatian coast (in modern Croatia) went from being a violent enemy of Rome to an integral part of the empire and birthplace of several emperors. This lecture looks at how and why the Romans transformed this area and the extraordinary legacy they left behind. Christopher Gribben has lectured in Classics at Melbourne, Monash and La Trobe universities and has been an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne's School of Historical and Philosophical Studies since 2004. He is one of the 2017 tour leaders for ASA Cultural Tours.

Antarctica – the icy continent

Tom & Christobel Comerford

Thursday 5 January

1.30 – 3pm

Continue your armchair travel with Christobel and Tom Comerford, two ancient mariners and U3A members from Castlemaine, who relive their January 2015 *Spirit of Antarctica* adventure.

The Dunera Boys

Euan Walmsley

Friday 6 January

10.30am – 12 noon

As a wave of fear over a German invasion gripped Britain at the start of World War II, thousands of foreign nationals were kicked out over fears that they might be enemy spies. They were put on the ship *HMT Dunera* which set sail from Liverpool in 10 July 1940, without the passengers - later known as the Dunera Boys - knowing where they were going. The vessel was crammed with some 2,000 mostly Jewish refugees, aged 16 to 60. Euan tells the story of five Dunera "boys" he knew.

Unlock the writer in you – Workshop

Blaise van Heck

Friday 6 January

1.30 – 3.30pm

Everyone has at least one book in them, but how do you transform your ideas and experiences into a compelling read? This workshop will give participants the tools to write prose that is magnetically engaging, how to structure a story and how to tell your story without it being boring. So if you want to write your memoir, family history, a business book or the next best-selling novel, this is the place to start. Blaise van Hecke is an award-winning writer, writing and publishing coach and co-owner of Busybird Publishing.

----- **WEEK 2 9 - 13 January** -----

The Zhou Dynasty of Ancient China (1122BCE – 256BCE)

Wolfe Sharp

Monday 9 January

10.30am – 12.30pm

The Zhou Dynasty, a dynasty of kings rather than of emperors, was the longest in the entire history of China. It instituted a political philosophy, the Mandate of Heaven, that has lasted for over 3000 years and which is as relevant today as in the ancient past.

Play a more challenging game of scrabble

(bookings are essential)

Rebecca Booth

Monday 9 January

10.30 – 12 noon

If you can promise never to say "That's not a word" and would like to play a better game of Scrabble, come along to three sessions during Summer School and be enlightened. You will find how easy it is to play in scrabble competitions all over the world, meeting interesting people and challenging your memory and strategic thinking in ways you never dreamed of. Please bring notebook, pen plus board and tiles if you have them, otherwise they will be provided.

Summer Bridge (11 tables only - 44 participants)

Claus Gyrn

Monday 9 January

1 – 4pm

For experienced Bridge players - **bookings are essential.**

Most Hallowed Ground – American Civil War

Graham Pratt

Tuesday 10 January

10.30 – 12noon

Most Hallowed Ground - a 2014 tour with this title provides the basis for exploring several key issues arising from the American Civil War. It was just over 150 years ago that the young United States experienced a devastating civil war from 1861 to 1865. We will view some of the key historical sites and battlefields and explore the legacy of the war and its impact on contemporary American politics.

Weird stories from Australia's past

Tuesday 10 January

Gillian Yung

1.30 – 3pm

Gillian Yung presents wonderfully researched and delivered talks, providing fascinating details of quirky Australian stories. In this session Gillian has researched more strange (but true) tales from Australia's past.

Is the art of conversation still relevant in today's wired-up world?

Wednesday 11 January

Laurie Smale

10.30 – 12noon

In today's digital society people appear to keep more and more to themselves. We see it all the time on public transport and in shopping centres; people plugged in to their smart phones and ipads with little inclination to give others the time of day. So what's happened to the friendly conversation with those around us of yesteryear? Has it really disappeared or have things just changed? Well, author of the best-selling book *How to be a Conversational Success*, Laurie Smale, believes that notwithstanding our incredible technological advances, there will always be a need for people to talk with each other face-to-face for there are some things on the human scene that technology cannot duplicate. Try not to miss this informative and *fun-filled* talk!

All about Dark Matter

Wednesday 11 January

Dr Alan Duffy

1.30 – 3pm

Dr Alan Duffy from the Centre for Astrophysics and Supercomputing at Swinburne University will talk about the SABRE dark matter experiment in a former gold mine at Stawell, and more generally about the dark matter concept (with easy to demonstrate physical examples of why we are so sure dark matter exists!)

The Australian Film Industry

Thursday 12 January

Vincent Giarrusso

10.30 – 12noon

Vincent Giarrusso is a lecturer in Film and Television in the Department of Film and Animation at Swinburne University. He will reflect on the film industry in Australia today and the challenges facing film makers.

Drugs in society today - what we are using and why

Thursday 12 January

Dr Naham Warhaft

1.30 – 3pm

Naham Warhaft is a specialist physician in addiction medicine and will discuss a range of aspects in relation to problematic drug (including alcohol) use in our society.

The Lives of Hitler and Stalin – a study of evil (Part 1)

Friday 13 January

Rob Siedle

10.30 - 12noon

An examination of what 'evil' is. Assuming it is a force that enters people, at what stage did it enter two of the greatest monsters of all time.

Life and Death

Friday 13 January

Nobby Ward

1.30 – 3.30pm

What is life? Is death something to be feared, or is there something else?

----- **WEEK 3** 15 – 20 January -----

Why have I got coronary artery disease?

Monday 16 January

Dr Harry Mond

10.30 – 12noon

Dr Harry Mond gave an excellent presentation on this topic this year to CU01 and there were many requests for a repeat. Don't miss out on this extremely interesting and informative presentation on a topic which affects so many of our members.

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Rivals to ruin: the tragic consequences of bibliomania

Shane Carmody

Tuesday 17 January

10.30 – 12noon

In this lecture Shane Carmody will tell a story of rivalry in collecting books and its consequences for the Spencer and Spencer-Churchill families. Beginning with Charles Spencer, Third Earl Sunderland and his bitter political and collecting rivalry with Edward Harley, Second Earl of Oxford and Earl of Mortimer; the story traces how 'collecting to the death' continued with the great-grandsons of the third Earl Sunderland, George Spencer-Churchill, Fifth Duke of Marlborough and his cousin George Spencer, Second Earl Spencer, with catastrophic consequences. The ultimate destinations of some of these collections will also be discussed showing how the collapse of private fortunes led to public ownership. Shane Carmody has worked for the National Archives, the State Library of Victoria and the University of Melbourne Library and is a leader for ASA Cultural Tours.

Splendour & influence; Byzantine art & architecture in Constantinople & beyond Em Prof Frank Sear*Tuesday 17 January*

1.30 – 3pm

When Emperor Justinian built the magnificent Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, a great domed church filled with glistening mosaics, he stepped away from the traditional rectangular basilica of the west and created one of the world's most influential and enduring buildings. His capital was home to a thriving community of artists and architects, and as the fortunes of the Eastern Empire waxed and waned, and the political and religious lines of Europe were drawn, the legacy of these artists continued to be felt far afield. By considering churches in Italy, Greece, Turkey and Russia, this lecture will consider the role of Hagia Sophia in the development of Byzantine art and architecture. Emeritus Professor of Classical Studies at the University of Melbourne, Frank Sear is also a leader for ASA Cultural Tours.

A Visit to Myanmar (Burma)

Graham Pratt

Wednesday 18 January

10.30 -12 noon

A recent tour of this former British colony provides the basis for a discussion of its turbulent time since independence in 1948. We will trace the recent history and view many of the fascinating historical, cultural and geographic features of this diverse nation. We will explore what the future holds for Myanmar and highlight its great potential as place to visit.

The History of Blues Music

Peter Hardham

Wednesday 18 January

1.30 – 3pm

The History of Blues Music is an oral and musical journey, through the history of America's greatest asset, roots and blues music. From the folk, work, and spiritual songs, emanating from the mid-nineteenth century, to the development of gospel, jazz, blues, and rock music, which spread from the deep south, to throughout America, from the Afro-American people, to the white population, and then all over Europe, and then the rest of the world. Peter's Presentation will examine the important contribution to this process of the legends of blues music such as Bessie Smith, Lois Armstrong, Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Big Mama Thornton, Eric Clapton, the Rolling Stones, and many others. This presentation is guaranteed to put a real spring in your step'.

You too can walk the Camino to Santiago de Compostela!

Diane McDonald

Thursday 19 January

10.30 - 12noon

Walking long distance to Santiago de Compostela is becoming increasingly popular. This session provides historical and current day background information about the Camino; introduces participants to a number of the more tranquil and picturesque Pilgrim pathways; and includes useful insights to assists participants to prepare for the journey along The Way.

Politics today: the need for change

Professor Colleen Lewis

Thursday 19 January

1.30 – 3pm

Colleen Lewis is an Associate Professor in the Criminology Department at Monash University. In this presentation she will canvass issues such as: self-serving nature of political donations laws; the role of the media in influencing how we perceive politics and politicians; politicians' professional development and the need for reform; the growing trust deficit between politicians and the community; and does the community demand too much of their politicians?

The Lives of Hitler and Stalin – a study of evil (Part 2)

Rob Siedle

Friday 20 January

10.30 - 12noon

An examination of what 'evil' is. Assuming it is a force that enters people, at what stage did it enter two of the greatest monsters of all time.

US Presidential Politics: the Challenges for both the Democrats & the Republicans Dr Kenneth Chan
Friday 20 January 1.30 – 3pm

The issue, in American politics is that there is still a disconnect between the political system and the major parties and the voters they claim to represent. Many people are disillusioned or cynical about the political process and are turned off. At the election just past, the voter turnout was 50% or thereabouts. Trump was elected with 25% of the voting public. That means that 75% did not vote for him, a large majority of the adult population. So this talk will speak about the conservative turn that American politics has taken but will focus on the vast social and economic challenges the nation faces.

Downsizing, how to create your lifestyle vision Trish Khoury
Monday 23 January 10.30 - 12noon

Trish Khoury is an Interior Designer and Founder of Grace Interior Designs. She will talk about the challenges and opportunities of downsizing and getting the right help.

Play a more challenging game of scrabble (bookings are essential) Rebeccah Booth
Monday 23 January 10.30 – 12 noon
See Monday 9 January for details

Summer Bridge (11 tables only - 44 participants) Claus Gyrn
Monday 23 January 1 – 4pm
For experienced Bridge players - **bookings are essential.**

Liberal Democracy, the Welfare State, and the Political Philosophy of John Rawls Wolfe Sharp
Tuesday 24 January 10.30 – 12.30pm
This lecture will cover some of the many factors which influenced the development of Liberal Democracy over the centuries, the Industrial Revolution which gave rise to new political ideologies, the institution of the Welfare State (and its critics) and, finally, look at the political philosophy of John Rawls.

How do projects work (with an indigenous community perspective)? Colin Knowles
Tuesday 24 January 1.30 – 3pm
Using projects developed through working with the organisation Indigenous Community Volunteers (often in remote locations), Colin will look at how projects are put together and then implemented and provide a practical, first hand insight into indigenous communities.

The Irish Rebellion of 1916 Donal Denham
Wednesday 25 January 10.30 - 12noon
Former Irish Ambassador, Donal Denham, will talk about the Irish Rebellion of 1916 from his grandfather's perspective. He was Volunteer no.79 in The Irish Citizen Army, one of two rebel groups who took part in the Rising against British rule. It has been a major Centenary commemoration year in Dublin.

An afternoon of jazz with The Jazz Doctors 1.30 -3pm
Wednesday 25 January
Come along and relax with the music of the Jazz Doctors, hopefully spilling out onto the patio and grass, and enjoy some light refreshments. Registrations for this session are necessary to enable us to plan room set up and catering.

Please tick the sessions you wish to attend and return this form to the U3A Office.

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Wed 4	10.30 – 12noon	A Brief History of Cruising	Dr Elizabeth Pittman	
	1.30 – 3	Jordan – a Revelation	Frank Devlin	
Thur 5	10.30 – 12noon	Roman Dalmatia: from Pirates to Emperors	Dr Christopher Gribben	
	1.30 – 3	Antarctica – the icy continent	Tom & Christobel Comerford	
Fri 6	10.30 – 12noon	The Dunera Boys	Euan Walmsley	
	1.30 – 3.30	Unlock the writer in you - workshop	Blaise van Heck	
Mon 9	10.30 – 12.30	The Zhou Dynasty of Ancient China (1122BCE – 256BCE)	Wolfe Sharp	
	10.30 – 12noon	Scrabble Workshop	Rebecca Booth	
	1 – 4	Summer Bridge	Claus Gyrn	
Tues 10	10.30 – 12noon	Most Hallowed Ground – American Civil War	Graham Pratt	
	1.30 – 3	Weird stories from Australia's past	Gillian Yung	
Wed 11	10.30 – 12noon	Is the art of conversation still relevant in today's wired-up world?	Laurie Smale	
	1.30 – 3	All about Dark Matter	Dr Alan Duffy	
Thur 12	10.30 – 12noon	The Australian Film Industry	Vincent Giarrusso	
	1.30 – 3	Drugs in society today - what we are using and why	Dr Naham Warhaft	
Fri 13	10.30 – 12noon	The lives of Hitler and Stalin - a study of evil (Part 1)	Rob Siedle	
	1.30 – 3	Life and Death	Nobby Ward	
Mon 16	10.30 – 12noon	Why have I got coronary artery disease?	Dr Harry Mond	
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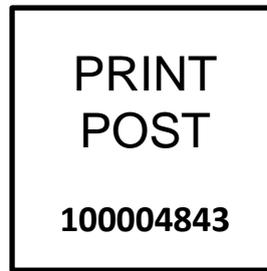
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