

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 ; Swinburne University. He will reflect on



ent of Film and Animation at 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.

Play a more challenging game of scrabble

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Monday 16 January

Rebecca Booth

10.30 – 12 noon

See Monday 9 January for details.

Summer Bridge

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Monday 16 January

Claus Gyrn

1 – 4pm

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

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
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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.