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Semester Dates for 2022

Semester 1: Monday 7 February to Tuesday 28 June

Semester 2: Monday 9 August to Tuesday 13 December

Venues

1. All tutorials, classes and most small group activities will be in the Hammond Centre, Christ Church, Henna Street, Warrnambool and/or streamed on zoom, as specified
2. Music appreciation, 240 Lava Street, Warrnambool
3. Geology Presentation, Deakin Campus, Sherwood Park

Tutorials

Full details of all tutorials and presenters will appear in advance in the Monthly Newsletters of U3A Warrnambool. The information below is very brief, to give members a flavour of what to expect.

One-offs – hybrid, face to face and zoom. All Tuesday afternoons from 9 August, in principle every second week. Hammond Centre at 14.00.

Convenor: Peter Dexter

As the name implies, these tutorials are mostly unlinked, and generally represent offerings from experts in and around Warrnambool.

The 1903 Earthquake in Warrnambool. John Sherwood. 9 August

The city experienced a significant earthquake in July 1903. Buildings were shaken and cracked but there were no fatalities. In this talk we will review the causes and nature of earthquakes, the frequency of them in Australia and what happened to our city in 1904. Most importantly I guess is 'could it happen again?'

The Medea of Euripides: A cautionary tale. Janet Blagg. 23 August.

Set aside what you think you know about Euripides' Medea — 'a woman so unnatural as to kill her own children to revenge herself on a husband who abandons her for a younger woman with better prospects.' A cautionary tale, yes, but not for the reasons most often assumed. Medea's situation is a bit like that of society at large in the transition from the matrilineal epoch to patriarchy — a tremendous social upheaval in which the deeply rooted and fiercely resistant remnants of the old ways fought tooth and claw the rising institution of the father family — drenching the Greek Tragedies in the blood of dynastic family members, if we read the plays literally.

The talk will assume a basic knowledge of the Euripides' Medea, so if you don't have that yet, read the play, or at least an outline of it — Wikipedia provides a fairly good précis and there are several sites that will give you more. This site is

reasonable: <https://literariness.org/2020/07/13/analysis-of-euripides-medea/>

Even better, research other versions of the story/myth. This is where the fun begins.

Advance Care Planning. Melissa Couch. 6 September.

Advance care planning is the process of planning for your future health care needs if you were to become seriously ill or injured and were unable to communicate your preferences for medical treatment or make decisions. ACP can relate to healthcare you would or would not like to receive

and gives you the opportunity to think about, discuss with loved ones and record your preferences for the type of care you would like to receive and the outcomes you consider acceptable. It helps to ensure your loved ones and the medical team caring for you, know what your health and personal preferences are and that these preferences are respected.

Topics covered will be around developing and documenting these wishes in an advance care directive and ensuring you have the right substitute decision maker appointed who will carry them out. All relevant documents will be supplied.

Japan Series. Peter Hankinson. 13, 27 September, 11 October

1. Japan Under the Shoguns: How, after 100 years of civil war among the feudal lords, the Tokugawa Shoguns were able to bring 260 years of peace to Japan.
2. Edo - the Shogun's Capital City: A city, planned by the Shogun's government, but, over time, literally shaped by the forces of Fire and Water.
3. Edo Period Popular Culture: During this long period of peace, a national identity was formed through increased literacy, Woodblock books and prints, popular entertainments such as Kabuki Theatre, Sumo Wrestling, Haiku Poetry etc.

Geological history of Victoria and geological linkages to other states.

Ross Cayley. 18 October

Ross Cayley is the Senior Geologist with the Geological Survey of Victoria, and hails from Hamilton originally. He is an excellent public speaker and is able to convey his subject matter in an entertaining and informative way. His talk will be presented in two 1-hour segments and will encompass the geological history of Victoria over the 500Ma, and will also show how the State is linked into other major geological features in other states.

The first session will be presented from 10.30 to 11.30 am and will be followed by lunch at the Brother Fox café on the Deakin campus.

At 1 pm we will be taken on a guided tour of the most interesting native garden which surrounds the campus buildings, and Ross's second session will occur around 2 pm. After noon tea will be available in the café following this.

This day will be open to the Deakin Students and general public.

The Victorian Coastal Monitoring Project. Blake Allan. 25 October

Details TBA

Spring Creek and Megafauna. Bill Gardner. 14 November

The Spring Creek fossil site is of significance because it is probably of a very recent date and contains fossil remains of Megafauna and controversially, evidence of human co-existence. An initial tutorial will examine the literature written about the site, and how it slots into global theories of why the Megafauna became extinct (globally not just Australia). John Sherwood will present examples of trace fossils of Megafauna he has encountered in the local area. (e.g. near Thunder Point)

The following week an excursion to the site will examine it firsthand, guided by the property owner. A bus will most likely be hired for the day, and a pub lunch somewhere may occur.

Raining fish and frogs - rivers in the desert. Joan Powling. 21 November

The ARIDFLO Project was a collaborative, multi-disciplinary study of the rivers of the Lake Eyre Basin conducted by scientists and volunteers from several institutions, between April 2000 and February 2003. These rivers are among the world's last to remain unregulated and are characterised by catchments which are almost entirely within the arid zone. Little was known of their basic hydrology and biology and the project was devised to help address this paucity of knowledge. The field program covered data collection from 5 river reaches in 3 major river systems and comprised algae, zooplankton, macro-invertebrates, fish, water birds, vegetation and turtles.

PS: The title is the president's choice.

Classes/discussion groups

The classes and discussion groups are focussed on specific topics or issues and will be conducted in such a way as to stimulate discussion and hopefully further understanding and exploration by participants.

An introduction to Philosophy 2

Tutor: Keith Purdie, classes at 2 weeks spacing. Thursday afternoons at 14.00, beginning 11 August.

Dr Keith Purdie is a retired Anglican priest and registered psychologist. He has worked as a parish priest, and in a variety of industrial settings as counsellor, trainer, and applied researcher

Keith has a B.A (phil major), B.D. (Bachelor of Divinity); Grad Dip Psych; and PhD (in psychology, exploring the free will/ determinism issue as it applies to psychology. Jointly supervised by a psychologist and a philosopher)

Keith taught a philosophy class at U3A Emerald Victoria for 6 years

Science in the Home.

Tutors: John Sherwood, Bill Gardner and Robyn Archer. 6 Classes, every second week starting 6 October, Thursday mornings at 10.00.

Chemistry in the Home – 3 classes – Sherwood

- a. The good oil on oils (and fats!)

The major food groups include proteins, carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals, water and fats. The last of these groups is a major source of energy. We use fats in cooking (and love the taste!) and store fat in our bodies for future use and this has led to a variety of health issues with sometimes serious

consequences. We will investigate the chemical differences between “fats” and “oils” and “good” and “bad” fats as well as the difference between butter and margarine, its synthetic copy.

b. Froth and bubble: the story of soaps and detergents.

Soap is a natural product and one of the earliest human inventions. Its use to clean has saved countless millions of lives. In the twentieth century chemists began to understand how soap worked and this led to the development of synthetic cleaning agents (detergents) which were much more effective in a range of circumstances. The chemistry of cleaning is full of surprises.

c. You’re not what you wear: understanding fabrics and other polymers

It is hard for us to see our modern life being free of plastics. They are just one of a large family of giant molecules called polymers which are used in everything from containers to fabrics to paints. Nature has produced polymers from the beginnings of life (think cellulose and rubber in trees or wool and silk in animals). The first of many commercial polymers were made in the early to mid-twentieth century. They have greatly improved the quality of our lives but as we now realise create very significant waste problems.

Fun with Physics in the Kitchen – 2 classes – Archer

Physics is everywhere in the kitchen and some of it is fun. Investigation of some of the tools and materials helps us to understand what is actually happening and the best ways to deal with situations. Participants will be asked to bring along something (to be specified before the class) from their kitchen each time.

Soil Science – 1 class - Gardner

Soil.....we will explore some of the things that give soil its properties by a combination of presentations and hands on experiments (clay dispersion, the effects of additives such as gypsum or alum, and the effects of salinity, measuring pH). A short video explaining the mechanisms behind these properties will follow, leading into a discussion about what controls soil pH (the measure of acidity or alkalinity). This will lead into a consideration of local soils and why they behave as they do, and what implication this may have for plants growing in them. The process of coastal limestone formation will be discussed.

Social support and interactions in Warrnambool

Convenors: Merran Koren and Robyn Harlock. Hammond Centre Mondays at 10.30.

29th August - Foyer presentation which will discuss Youth Homelessness and Build More Foyers focus.

15th September - Realise Enterprise Presentation

NDIS and the Social model of disability

- Showcasing our Social Enterprise Tasty Plate
- Impact of Covid on service delivery
- Employment of people with disability - local context

This presentation would include some Brophy participants from Tasty Plate, and it might be possible to consider undertaking the presentation onsite at their Fairy Street facility.

26th September - Youth Mental Health

We will also be having a presentation on Standing Tall in Warrnambool, a youth mentoring programme, on a date to be determined later.

Small group activities

As the title implies, these activities are normally conducted in small groups. They are focussed on individual learning and enjoyment of each topic.

Mah Jong – Barb Phipps. Every Tuesday, Hammond Hall, 10.00

Learn to enjoy this game which is played with 144 small rectangular tiles featuring dragons, winds, bamboo, circles and characters. Two to four people play, each attempting to complete a winning hand and so declare “Mah Jong”. All equipment is supplied, and assistance is offered to new players.

Cryptics – Barb Phipps. Second and fourth Mondays every month, Hammond Hall, 14.00

Do you read the clues in these crosswords and wonder what on earth they mean? In a small group setting members learn to unravel the clues and share the process by which the solutions are found. Two puzzles are attempted at each session. No elephant stamps, rather “Hurray” is exclaimed when each puzzle is solved.

Book club – Barb Phipps. Monthly, third Thursday, Hammond Centre, 14.00

Our Book Club is centred on themes e.g., Travel, Biography, Australian Poetry, Art, History etc. Members bring a book of their own choice which fits the selected theme for the month. Information about the author, the characters, the plot, style is shared. Passages are sometimes read to illustrate aspects of the writing. Members are introduced to a variety of literature and frequently lend books to each other.

Fine music – Peter Hankinson : Monthly, second Sunday. David Fallaw: Monthly, third Sunday, 240 Lava Street, 14.00

A Grand Tour through the lives and music of the great, as well as some lesser known, composers of the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romantic Periods. Each monthly session, on a Sunday afternoon, has informative handouts and playing of standout recordings of the composer’s works, all in a relaxing and friendly environment.

Film appreciation – Peter Hankinson, Monthly, first Sunday, Hammond Hall, 14.00

Screenings of films by directors from around the world, giving insights into the diversity of art and imagination across many cultures. Stories from everywhere, not only Hollywood. For the second semester of 2022, the theme will be films inspired by Shakespeare. Come along once a month and enjoy these films in very comfortable surroundings and have a cosy chat about them afterwards!

Live Music

Convenor: Peter Dexter. Additional dates and times to be advised

Recital, Christ Church, Wednesday 2 November at 14.30. Julie McErlain, piano.

Excursions

Convenor: Barrie Baker. Dates and times to be advised

We hope to finally be able to undertake these long-planned excursions in 2022. They will involve guided tours of the sites and may incur an additional small fee.

Spring Creek Megafauna site – Bill Gardner. Tentatively 15 November.

BudjBim, 4 August 10.30. Barrie Baker. To be confirmed

Warrnambool Library. To be advised.

Deakin University Garden. In association with lectures by Ross Cayley on 18 October.

Sustainable Living Tour Cudjee, 12 October 14.00. Barrie Baker. To be confirmed