

Most U3A Melville groups have adapted to meeting under current COVID regulations, although some have noted a reduction in participants. There will be opportunities in the next few months to increase awareness of U3A with the Mah Jong for Beginners' Course and various Seniors' Week activities.

Ciao Italia.

Thoughts from U3A Melville Italian Language group member, Darka Marotte.

I decided to join the Italian group early in 2019 ahead of our next overseas holiday. A school background in Latin made me feel ready for the challenge but it was with some trepidation that I attended the first lesson. Some of the group had been studying Italian for four years and here I was a novice amongst a group of veteran experts. Needless to say, my apprehension soon vanished. Our leader, Norman, made our Italian journey interesting, interspersing the lesson with European history and imbuing us with fascinating facts. Sadly, Norman had to discontinue teaching the class. What were we to do? By this stage we were so in tune with one another that abandoning the group was not an option. Three members of the group offered to collaborate and lead the class forward. Denise, Frank and Ian were fully supported by all members. We continued our classes until unexpectedly COVID-19 infiltrated our lives and our face to face classes had to be discontinued. It was suggested that maybe we could continue our classes on Zoom which became an instant hit, with group members Zooming in for our weekly sessions. As COVID restrictions eased in WA and members agreed to resume classes, a suitable location had to



to be found which would comply with the restrictions still in place. A meeting room at AH Bracks library was a welcome venue and members were delighted to be together again - like long lost friends. The rapport we have with one another is natural and relaxed. As we muddle our way through verb conjugations, prepositions and passato prossimo, the overwhelming support we have from each other keeps us motivated and inspired to continue. May our Italian class continue well into the future.

Melville Lecture

The Geological History of Western Australia presented by Dr Ignacio Gonzalez-Alvarez. The speaker will enlighten us about the formations of our unique landscape and their rich mineral resources.

Friday September 18, 2:00pm at Melville LeisureFit Room 6.

Mah Jong for Beginners' Course

Friday 4 September – 20 November, 2020, 9:30 am – 11:30 am, Kadidjiny Park Hall, u3amelville@gmail.com

Bingo afternoon

Kathy Money is organising a Boredom Busting Bingo afternoon for all members at Kadidjiny Park Hall on Sunday October 25 at 1:30 pm. Further details to follow.

U3A Joondalup Region Art Group Art Exhibition Hillarys Boat Harbour, September 3 – 20

<https://www.weekendnotes.com/u3a-joondalup-art-group-art-exhibition-and-sale/>

U3A Perth AGM Sunday November 1, 1:45pm at State Library Theatre or Zoom.

City of Melville Man Cave Expo Tuesday November 10, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Blue Gum Recreation Centre.

Have'a'Go Day Wednesday November 11, 9:00am – 3:00pm Burswood Park.

U3A Melville & Districts AGM, Friday December 4 afternoon, Kadidjiny Hall, more details to follow.

U3A Perth Office in Claremont is looking for volunteers to assist with various administrative tasks. If you are interested and are available for two Wednesday or Friday mornings each month. Contact u3amelville@gmail.com for further information.

September 2020					
Tues 1	9:30 AM	Writing Life Stories 1	Miller B'house	Gaye	9313 8308
Tues 1	TBA	Going to the Movies	Luna Sx Ftle	James	9272 4929
Tues 1	12:30 PM	Mah Jong on Tuesdays	Kadidjiny	Lawrie	0417 967 755
Wed 2	9:30 AM	Current Affairs	Kadidjiny	Ian Kidd	9329 9058
Wed 2	12:30 PM	Ukulele	Kadidjiny	Erin	0416 100 146
Thurs 3	9:30 AM	Intermediate Spanish	Miller B'house	James	9272 4929
Fri 4	9:30 AM	Mah Jong on Fridays	Kadidjiny	Mark	0419 837 735
Fri 4	9:30 AM	Mah Jong for Beginners (1)	Kadidjiny	Mark	0419 837 735
Fri 4	9:30 AM	Italian	Melville LeisureFit	Ian	0408 838 906
Tues 8	10:00 AM	Reading 21st Century Literature	Miller B'house	Ann	9457 1879
Tues 8	12:30 PM	Mah Jong on Tuesdays	Kadidjiny	Lawrie	0417 967 755
Wed 9	9:30 AM	History	Kadidjiny	Ian Kidd	9329 9058
Wed 9	9:45 AM	Writing Life Stories 2	Miller B'house	Tom	0484 199 330
Wed 9	12:30 PM	Ukulele	Kadidjiny	Erin	0416 100 146
Thurs 10	9:30 AM	Intermediate Spanish	Miller B'house	James	9272 4929
Fri 11	9:30 AM	Mah Jong on Fridays	Kadidjiny	Mark	0419 837 735
Fri 11	9:30 AM	Mah Jong for Beginners (2)	Kadidjiny	Mark	0419 837 735
Fri 11	9:30 AM	Italian	Melville LeisureFit	Ian	0408 838 906
Mon 14	9:30 AM	Philosophy	Melville LeisureFit	Helen	9315 4169
Tues 15	9:30 AM	Writing Life Stories 1	Miller B'house	Gaye	9313 8308
Tues 15	12:30 PM	Mah Jong on Tuesdays	Kadidjiny	Lawrie	0417 967 755
Tues 15	1:30 PM	Poetry	Miller B'house	Sandra	9335 6703
Wed 16	9:30 AM	World Events	Kadidjiny	Judy	0427 409 791
Wed 16	9:30 AM	Music Appreciation	Miller B'house	Ann	9418 7282
Wed 16	12:30 PM	Ukulele	Kadidjiny	Erin	0416 100 146
Thurs 17	9:30 AM	Intermediate Spanish	Miller B'house	James	9272 4929
Fri 18	9:30 AM	Mah Jong on Fridays	Kadidjiny	Mark	0419 837 735
Fri 18	9:30 AM	Mah Jong for Beginners (3)	Kadidjiny	Mark	0419 837 735
Fri 18	9:30 AM	Italian	Melville LeisureFit	Ian	0408 838 906
Fri 18	2:00 PM	Melville Lecture: Dr Ignacio Gonzalez-Alvarez, The Geological History of WA	Melville LeisureFit	James	9272 4929
Mon 21	10:30 AM	Women's Coffee Club	Crema Crew Cafe	Judy	0427 409 791
Tues 22	10:30 AM	Men's Coffee Club	Crema Crew Cafe	Kesi	9316 0359
Tues 22	12:30 PM	Mah Jong on Tuesdays	Kadidjiny	Lawrie	0417 967 755
Wed 23	9:30 AM	Games	Kadidjiny	Barbara	9364 4510
Wed 23	9:30 AM	Writing for Pleasure	Miller B'house	Angela	9330 1674
Wed 23	12:30 PM	Ukulele	Kadidjiny	Erin	0416 100 146
Thurs 24	9:30 AM	Intermediate Spanish	Miller B'house	James	9272 4929
Fri 25	9:30 AM	Mah Jong on Fridays	Kadidjiny	Mark	0419 837 735
Fri 25	9:30 AM	Mah Jong for Beginners (4)	Kadidjiny	Mark	0419 837 735
Fri 25	9:30 AM	Italian	Melville LeisureFit	Ian	0408 838 906
Mon 28	9:30 AM	U3A Melville Committee Meeting	Miller B'house	Rhys	9335 6703
Mon 28	9:50 AM	Looking at Books	TBA	Ann	9457 1879
Mon 28	1:30 PM	Book Club	Miller B'house	Margaret	0407 601 526
Tues 29	12:30 PM	Mah Jong on Tuesdays	Kadidjiny	Lawrie	0417 967 755
Wed 30	12:30 PM	Ukulele	Kadidjiny	Erin	0416 100 146

VENUES FOR MELVILLE & DISTRICTS REGION MEETINGS

Miller Bakehouse Museum, 7 Baal St, Palmyra
Luna SX is on Essex St., Fremantle
Melville LeisureFit, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Hwy

Kadidjiny Park Hall, 72 Kitchener Rd, Melville
Crema Crew Cafe, Garden City, Booragoon
TBA – contact group leader for details