



# WESTERN SUBURBS Newsletter

May 2021

## Welcome!

Because of Easter and Anzac Day we only had only Monday talks meeting during April. The planned excursion to Kanyana Wildlife Centre in Lesmurdie was postponed because of weather warnings - which turned out not to be as dire as predicted. The visit will be re-scheduled - watch out for the new date. And the movie at Windsor theatre on the 26th was cancelled because of the snap lockdown.

Our Member's Talks on Monday 19 April gave us wonderfully diverse selection of topics.

**Geoff** started off by explaining why it is necessary to use the microphone for people who use hearing aids. He further praised new technology in the form of Smart TV which enables him to listen to world class classical music - especially Beethoven!

**Judith** told of her experience getting a Covid vaccination and encouraged all members to do the same.

**Clive** reminded us of the Missile Crisis, and **June** spoke about women in refugee camps.

**Beryl** came forward and shared her experience of nursing in Zimbabwe.

**Pat** shared her recollections of being a kindy teacher - with a wonderful impersonation. (Hidden talent there!)

**Gabor** spoke about the development of universities and the beginning of scientific investigation.

It is true we all have life and learning experiences and U3A gives us the opportunity to share them.

Time then for afternoon tea and a chance to 'mix and chat' before we welcomed our guest speaker **Daniel Midgley** and his topic of *Ungrumbling Language*. He explained people get grumpy because language is very close to us and our use of it changes from person to person. Language is continually changing. Members offered some of their own pet grumbles -  
-Like! Used ad infinitum by teenagers.

- It is what it is
- If I'm being honest
- Very unique
- 9am in the morning
- At this point in time
- ATM machine.

Everyone uses a mix of language styles every day. Our background, ethnicity, social group and identity are revealed by the language you use.

Tolerance is good and we need to accept language diversify.

Instead of grumbling when people use language differently, Daniel suggested we accept it's cool when people use language differently because then we get to learn more about language.

## MAY'S PROGRAMME

### Monday 3 May

1.00pm **Peter Merralls** *Crete and the Minoans*. Peter and his wife visited Crete and walked the 16km Samarian Gorge which has been a haven for resistance fighters over the ages. They paid respect to the ANZAC troops who were involved in the Battle of Crete in May/June 1941 when Greece fell to the Nazis. The ancient inhabitants of Crete, the Minoans, are just one of many ancient civilisations that have flourished and then disappeared and their achievements and demise are most interesting.

2.30pm **Fran Wilson**, *Be Stroke Safe*. In Australia, a stroke occurs every 19 minutes. In 2020, more than 27,000 Australians, of all ages, experienced stroke for the first time. However, it doesn't need to be this way. Up to 80% of strokes are preventable. Learn  
>What stroke is and how to recognise the signs of stroke.

>What to do if someone is having a stroke.

>How to prevent stroke for yourself and the people you love.

### Saturday 15 May - Perth City Lecture

1.00pm **Peter Veth** *Cultural Heritage in Western Australia - New Perspectives*. Peter will map some of the history of the proposed new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act, where it has been challenged and failed, and where it could go in the future, using real life examples from the Kimberley, Western Desert and Pilbara.

VENUE State Library Theatre, Perth

FREE but registration required. Go to [u3auwa.org](http://u3auwa.org) and click on Perth Lecture

## Monday 17 May

1.00pm **Gabor Bedo** will take us to 'Katjarra Country (Carnarvon Ranges)' located at the southwestern edge of the Little Sandy Desert some 200km north of Wiluna. He will comment on a trial managed cultural and environmental group tour on Birriliburu Indigenous Protected Area country and parts of the goldfields.



2.30pm **Bernice Barry John & Georgiana Molloy - the Big Picture.** Georgiana Molloy was the first



woman in Western Australia to become an internationally successful botanical collector. The details of her floral passion and her tragic life as an early settler in WA's southwest are well-documented but the influence of people close to her, particularly her husband Captain John Molloy, was considerable. The way those relationships shaped and supported her work is a wider story.

## Regular activities

**Spanish Conversation**, Thursday 1 & 15 April , 9.30am Drabble House Nedlands, Contact Jean 0409 553 871.

**Canasta**, Friday 9 & 23 April. 1.00-3.00pm, Cambridge Community Centre, Wembley. Contact Judith 0414 767 877

## Why May?

There are two different theories about how May got its name. Some experts say it was named for the goddess, Maia, the mother of Hermes. Others say Caesar named the month to honour *Major*, the senior branch of the Roman Senate, and he named June, not for Juno, but for the Junior branch of the Senate.

You can take your pick - there isn't anyone around today who remembers just why those names were chosen.

## ANIMAL FACTS



The **South American Coati** lives in tropical and sub-tropical forest habitats. Their fur varies in colour from grey to dull orange depending on their camouflage needs.

They use their long narrow snouts to dig like a shovel. They are great climbers and can rotate their ankle joints more than 180°, which helps when descending from trees head first.

Coatis communicate in a variety of ways, including emitting different sounds. For example when foraging they use a soft whining sound that helps keep the group together. When danger is detected they woof and click to alert other members, and then drop from the trees to run or hide in tree hollows.



## BRAIN GAMES

- If SIX is TEN, ONE is HIS, and FIVE is LEGS, what is SEVEN?
- Andy likes orange but not purple. He likes torches but not chandeliers. He eats berries but not fruits. Following the same rules, does he like Byron or Keats?



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- ANSWERS 1. TSGSI - a simple substitution code  
2. Byron - the first two letters make up separate words (or,to,be,by)