

## CITY COURSES SEMESTER 2, 2021

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### Aged Care - When is it needed?

Aged care or Home care? An overview of the issues presented by an Aged Care provider.

#### **Venue: Citiplace Senior Citizens' Centre, 1st floor**

1130 – 1300 Tuesday 19th October.  
1 session Maximum 20 \$5  
Alexi Lawes [alawes@regis.com.au](mailto:alawes@regis.com.au)

### Art Appreciation

A series of richly illustrated talks about art and artists in the Theatre of the Art Gallery of WA. There are three sessions remaining in the series. **See appendix 1 for a description of each lecture.**

#### **Venue: Art Gallery of WA Theatre**

1015 – 1130 Wednesdays 11th August, 8th September and 13th October.  
3 sessions 15 vacancies \$15  
Contact: Robyn Talbot 0466 474 135  
[derekrobyn@hotmail.com](mailto:derekrobyn@hotmail.com)

### Film Discussion

Discussion about all current films showing in Perth. Members share and compare views on the quality, direction, acting and story line of films which they have seen.

#### **Venue: Citiplace Senior Citizens' Centre, 1st floor**

0945 – 1115 1st Tuesdays, 3rd August until 2nd November.  
4 sessions Maximum 20 \$20  
Nicky Dair 6250 0553 [nic@bentleypark.com.au](mailto:nic@bentleypark.com.au)

### Health Matters

“Health Matters” is an occasional series on matters related to health in general, and of potential relevance to your own health. Dr David Thorne originally trained and worked as a GP and an anaesthetist. He transitioned to become a Specialist in Palliative Care for a further 33 years and eventually an Associate Professor, teaching Perth’s medical students until his retirement in 2017.

#### **More about ‘health’ supplements**

This time we discuss the essential minerals and Omega-3 supplements. We also explore in more detail the challenges faced by those who wish that hard evidence could underpin all of our proposed therapies.

### Why do we get cancer?

A historical tour-de-force from primitive sharks to Egyptian pharaohs and child chimney-sweeps through to our modern-day diet, sex and lifestyle, we look at why cancer is such a ubiquitous condition.

#### **Venue: Citiplace Senior Citizens' Centre, 1st floor**

1130 – 1300 Tuesdays 17th August & 21st September.  
2 sessions Maximum 20 \$10  
Dr David Thorne [david@drthorne.net.au](mailto:david@drthorne.net.au)

### Lecture Series A - a series of one off sessions on various subjects

Sessions include - Artificial Intelligence, Survival of Native Plants, The Battle of Culloden, Social Work in Vietnam. **See appendix for details.**

#### **Venue: Citiplace Senior Citizens' Centre, Ground floor**

1330 – 1500 1st Tuesdays, 3rd August until 2nd November.  
4 sessions Maximum 40 \$20  
Valerie Buckley will introduce the various presenters.  
0438 272 911 [valeriebuckley@westnet.com.au](mailto:valeriebuckley@westnet.com.au)

### Lecture Series B - a series of one off sessions on various subjects

Sessions include - Lord McAlpine - Beyond Broome, A Tumultuous Life, What do Penguins and Coral Reefs have in common? West Australian Symphony Orchestra - behind the Scenes. **See appendix 3 for details.**

#### **Venue: Citiplace Senior Citizens' Centre, 1st floor**

1330 – 1500 3rd Tuesdays, 17th August until 16th November.  
4 sessions Maximum 20 \$20  
Valerie Buckley will introduce the various presenters.  
0438 272 911 [valeriebuckley@westnet.com.au](mailto:valeriebuckley@westnet.com.au)

### Literature

We welcome new members to join us this semester as we continue our lively discussions on looking at the following novels: Bridge of Clay, The Dictionary of Lost Words, The Voyage of the Beagle, Atonement. **See appendix 2 for detail.**

#### **Venue: State Library, Kimberley Room, G3**

1130 – 1300 1st Tuesdays, 3rd August until 2nd November.  
4 sessions Maximum 12 \$20  
Athene Baugh 0478 641 277  
[athenetruman@hotmail.com](mailto:athenetruman@hotmail.com)

### **Philosophy**

Ideas and aspects of past and contemporary philosophical topics are explored, where discussion and contributions are encouraged.

#### **Venue: State Library, Kimberley Room, G3**

0945 – 1115 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 12th August until 25th November.  
8 Sessions Maximum 18 \$40  
Hans Hoette 0419 906 310  
[noltenpin@gmail.com](mailto:noltenpin@gmail.com)

### **Science and Technology Discussion**

The continuing discussion about the recent trends in Science & Technology from a popular perspective - eg: genetics, climate change, mobile phones. Each session will have a number of pre-prepared discussion items, led by a member of the group, as well as a general discussion on contemporary topics.

#### **Venue: Citiplace Senior Citizens' Centre, 1st floor**

1130 – 1300 1st Tuesdays, 3rd August until 2nd November.  
4 sessions Maximum 20 \$20  
Ken Mullin 0414 521 390  
[ken.mullin@inet.net.au](mailto:ken.mullin@inet.net.au)

### **The Marvellous 19th century - Invention and Discovery**

The 19th century was a time of rapid change. From the discovery of electricity to the steam revolution, through photography and the telegraph to the internal combustion engine and on to the invention of radio advances in science and technology came thick and fast. There were also great changes in medicine and health as well as attitudinal change such as the abolition of slavery and the huge change in thinking that came with the Theory of Evolution. Problems there were but, overall, it was an exciting time.

#### **Venue: State Library, Kimberley Room, G3**

1130 – 1300 Thursdays 28th October & 25th November.  
2 sessions Maximum 18 \$10  
Peter Flanigan [flanrigg@bigpond.com](mailto:flanrigg@bigpond.com)

### **WA - The continuing history from its earliest days**

1. **The Duyfken Story.** Learn the fascinating story behind the first recorded visit of a ship to what was to become Australia-Tuesday 17th August
2. **The Batavia Story.** Few stories of mutinies match the Batavia Story with its treachery and blood thirsty outcomes for those involved-Tuesday 21st September
3. **The Fenians Story.** One of the great escape stories from Fremantle Prison and organised from 18,000kms away-Tuesday 19th October
4. **The Cockman House Story.** A story of the earliest pioneer family in Wanneroo and how they came to live here when they had a home in Wellington Street Perth -Tuesday 16th November

#### **Venue: State Library, Kimberley Room, G3**

1130 – 1300 3rd Tuesdays, 17th August until 16th November.  
4 sessions Maximum 18 \$25  
Anthony Alborn 0433 132 172  
[anthonyalborn@westnet.com.au](mailto:anthonyalborn@westnet.com.au)

### **How to Enrol**

U3A Perth members enrol and pay for City Courses online from the U3A Perth website at [u3auwa.org](http://u3auwa.org). Click on the **CITY COURSES** button that is displayed on the home page and follow the instructions to login and enrol.

If you are not a member you are welcome to participate in City Courses, but first you need to join U3A Perth. Open the website at [u3auwa.org](http://u3auwa.org), click on the **JOIN U3A** tab and follow the instructions. You may enrol in City Courses after you receive your receipt.

**Contact Christine on 0468 781 857 if you have any problems enrolling or joining.**

### **Queries**

Contact Alan Mortimer (0401 784 777 or 9450 2398) with queries regarding the courses.

You may contact the course presenter if you have questions regarding specific course content.

Owing to the high cost of room hire, once you have booked, course fees are not refundable if you cancel your booking. Note that U3A Perth cannot accept responsibility for the cancellation of classes during Semesters.

## Venues

The venue for each course will be one of the following, as shown on the respective course listing:

- **Citiplace** refers to the Citiplace Senior Citizens' Centre, on the Eastern Concourse, above Perth Railway Station.
- **State Library, Kimberley Room G3** is on the ground floor of the State Library Building, just near the Café.
- **The Art Gallery of WA** is located in the Perth Cultural Centre, adjacent to the Citiplace Senior Citizens' Centre.

## Member Suggestions

If any members of U3A Perth feel they could suggest a future course or would like to run a course, please contact the U3A Perth office. Financial support for course costs and audio-visual support is available.

## Appendix 1 – Art Appreciation at the Art Gallery of WA

**Eight** illustrated lectures 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, March to October in the private Theatrette of the Art Gallery. Please arrive and check in by 10:15, lecture finishes at 11:30am

11 August	<b>Art of Today</b> <i>Frauke Chambers</i>	Art of Today – what does it mean for you? This lecture will look at recent acquisitions in the Art Gallery of WA and discuss potential significance beyond mere appearances – a journey of discoveries.
8 Sept	<b>Art or Vandalism?</b> <i>Stephanie Watson</i>	Denounced as gang-culture and vandalism, Street Art has become a multi-million-dollar business. It has also moved art out of museums to places where it can be seen by everyone. Tracing the evolution of street art, this lecture will look at how street art has democratised and redefined our understanding of 'art'.
13 October	<b>Food Art: Appetisers, afters, snacks and the insatiable!</b> <i>Karen McKay</i>	Throughout history artists have used food to make political, economic or social statements. Food became art, ranging from still life representation of pictorial nourishment to deeper symbolism of societal values or one's real or perceived worth within society. The art of food offers up a smorgasbord of themes and a visual feast for the eyes!

## Appendix 2 – Literature

**3<sup>rd</sup> August:** *Bridge of Clay* is the 2018 novel by Australian author Markus Zusak. It revolves around the five Dunbar brothers, who bring each other up in a world run by their own rules as they come to terms with the disappearance of their father.

**7<sup>th</sup> September:** *The Dictionary of Lost Words* is the debut novel by Australian writer, Pip Williams which tells the story of the team of dedicated lexicographers who collect words for the first Oxford English Dictionary, and centres around Esme, motherless and irrepressibly curious, who spends her childhood in the "Scriptorium", a garden shed in Oxford where her father and the other lexicographers work.

**5<sup>th</sup> October:** *The Voyage of the Beagle* is the title of the republished, *Journals and Remarks*, from 1839 by Charles Darwin. It covers the second expedition of the ship HMS Beagle as part of Darwin's extraordinary voyage aboard Fitzroy's famous survey ship.

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:** *Atonement* is the 2001 British metafiction novel by Ian McEwan set in three time periods, 1935 England, WWII England and France, and present-day England. It details an upper-class girl's half-innocent mistake that ruins lives; her adulthood in the shadow of that mistake; and a reflection of the nature of writing.

## Appendix 3 – Lecture Series

Title and Speaker	Description of the lecture / speaker background	Month	Date
Artificial Intelligence and its future. Tim French <a href="mailto:drtnfuwa@gmail.com">drtnfuwa@gmail.com</a> >	Artificial Intelligence has promised a lot for a long time but the impact on our day to day lives is subtle. Recent advances have allowed machines to do amazing things. However, many things we find simple, like maintaining a conversation, planning a shopping trip or walking through a pedestrian mall can be immensely challenging for machines. This talk will consider what intelligence, AI and machine learning mean. What recent advances have achieved and what limitations remain.	August	3rd
Lord McAlpine – Beyond Broome Catherine Baxter <a href="mailto:catbax88@hotmail.com">catbax88@hotmail.com</a>	West Australians know Lord Alistair McAlpine for the Cable Beach resort and the Pearl Coast Zoo, but as well as being an entrepreneur he was a developer, art collector, raconteur, author and significant political figure in the government of Prime Minister Maggie Thatcher. This is the story of his full and fascinating life.	August	17th
Native Plants – Survival. Byron Lamont <a href="mailto:Protea2@hotmail.com">Protea2@hotmail.com</a>	Native plants - how they have survived millions of years of drought, heat and fire, sterile sand and strange animals that use them as food.	September	7th
A Tumultuous Life. Brian Burke <a href="mailto:brian@brianburke.com.au">brian@brianburke.com.au</a>	A Tumultuous Life. Brian is a knowledgeable, interesting, humorous and entertaining guest speaker – not surprising, given that he was considered an outstanding speaker and debater in WA Parliament and a brilliant political strategist. While he is no longer a member of the Labor Party, he maintains connections across the political spectrum. He is a well-informed, insightful and astute observer and commentator on the Australian political scene.	September	21st
Culloden John MacDonald. <a href="mailto:jmaccona@bigpond.net.au">jmaccona@bigpond.net.au</a>	The <b>Battle of Culloden</b> <u>Scottish Gaelic: Blàr Chùil Lodair</u> . This was the final confrontation of the <u>Jacobite rising of 1745</u> . On 16 April 1746, the <u>Jacobite army of Charles Edward Stuart</u> was decisively defeated by a <u>British government force under William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland</u> , on <u>Drumossie Moor near Inverness in the Scottish Highlands</u> . It was the last <u>pitched battle</u> fought on British soil.	October	5th
What do Penguins & Coral Reefs have in common? Marji Puotinen <a href="mailto:M.Puotinen@aims.gov.au">M.Puotinen@aims.gov.au</a>	Penguins thrive in the icy waters of the Southern Ocean, while coral reefs are found in the sunlit shallow waters of the tropics. What does this have to do with 1000 women scientists who went to Antarctica over 10 years? See amazing footage of Antarctica, see a giant (5m by 7m) banner of 1,246 children’s drawings on the Antarctic ice, touch a coral skeleton, try your hand at feeding like a coral. Discover why scientists are gravely concerned for our Great Barrier Reef and what you can do about it!	October	19th
Social Work in Vietnam Fran Crawford <a href="mailto:fran.crawford@bigpond.com">fran.crawford@bigpond.com</a>	I lived in Vietnam for twelve months from February 2017. Based in Hanoi, I had the opportunity to travel throughout this rising Asian power. The population of some 96 million, has doubled and urbanized since the end of the war in 1975. The age demographic profile is the inverse of that of Australia. With this has come a demand for social work services, particularly with young people in school. Photos from this time will be used to illustrate some of the strengths and challenges in developing social work services responsive to the Vietnamese context and culture.	November	2nd
WASO – Behind the scenes Alan Tyrrell <a href="mailto:tyrrella@waso.com.au">tyrrella@waso.com.au</a>	Join WASO’s Artistic Planning Manager, Alan Tyrrell to learn what goes on behind the scenes at orchestral concerts, how a season is built and how an orchestra survives a global pandemic.	November	16th

Lectures are compered by Valerie Buckley. Mobile: 0438 272 911

**Note:** Views expressed in these sessions are not necessarily held by U3A Perth