



U3A Perth Regional Highlights



▶ Beauty and Horror - The Wonders of Australia's Carnivorous Plants with Laura Skates



Australia is a hotspot for carnivorous plants boasting more than 250 species. Laura Skates will share her PhD research on the ecology of carnivorous plants - an amazing group of plants which use specialised trapping leaves to capture, digest, and absorb nutrients from its prey.

Laura recently completed an Australian Postgraduate Research Internship project on science communication at the Botanic Garden in Kings Park.

Friday 5 August 2022; 1:30 PM

U3A Rockingham

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▶ Stories of the Dreamtime and Modern Astronomy with Quinton Tucker

Quinton Tucker has lived most of his life in the Perth Hills. He has worked as a member of the Aboriginal Materials Committee and has extensive experience in recording and identifying sites of significance within the Western Australian Department of Aboriginal Affairs.



Quinton identifies with the greater Western Desert Cultural Block and is able to bring those stories alive as they relate to the Dreamtime and modern-day Astronomy. He is currently a volunteer at the Perth Observatory, Bickley.

Come along and enjoy the stories he will share then join us afterwards in the TAFE Coffee Shop for a cuppa and a chat.

Friday 5 August 2022; 1:30 PM

U3A Swan Hills

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▶ The Mystery Surrounding the Disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 with Geoffrey Thomas

Never in the history of aviation has there been so much misinformation and falsehood about the disappearance of an aircraft that when the truth emerges it is barely recognisable.



The tragedy of MH370 has gripped the world for eight long years but hope abounds that a new search will be mounted.

Geoffrey Thomas is an international aviation expert. He has followed the disappearance of MH370 from day one and will bring us up to date with the facts and nothing but the facts.

Friday 5 August 2022; 1:45 PM

U3A Canning River

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▶ Fish and Ships - The Photographic Life of Patrick Baker



Pat Baker has been a passionate underwater photographer for over sixty years. In 1973, he became Photographer for the Western Australian Museum's Department of Maritime Archaeology, documenting maritime and shipwreck heritage along WA's 'Shipwreck Coast' until his retirement in 2017.

Pat will tell something of his photographic life, illustrated with many of his amazing, oft published, images. Pat will also be visiting England later this year to see the 40th Anniversary of the Raising of King Henry VIII's "Mary Rose".

Monday 8 August 2022; 12:00 PM

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▶ Along the River's Edge with Mike Lefroy



St Ayles skiff Ripple from Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club rows past Woodbridge House, Guildford, heading up river.

The Swan/Derbal Yerrigan is an ancient river that has changed its shape and size over millions of years. The river swirls with surface stories and undercurrents of many others. In this presentation Mike Lefroy will follow some of these stories from the last Ice Age through to the present day.

Mike Lefroy is a fifth-generation Western Australian with a passion for history. He previously worked as Head of Education at the WA Maritime Museum and with the Duyfken Foundation. He is currently a freelance educator and writer.

Monday 8 August 2022; 1:15 PM

U3A Joondalup

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▶ Eyes in the Sky: Surveillance for Survival – Satellite remote Sensing in the WA Government with Dr Richard Smith

Richard Smith will explain how the new technology of Earth Observations from Space (EOS) was introduced into the WA Government giving key Government Agencies unparalleled access to the means of measuring WA's natural resources. However, it also revealed the massive human impacts driving climate change. Many innovative applications of EOS were developed for the management of renewable resources.



Richard will explain the massive possibilities that exist for driving negative emissions once Net Zero Emissions are reached along with the political hazards when economics ignores ecology.

Richard Smith has global experience in Agriculture and Systems Theory. In 1990, he developed applications of EOS in WA.

Monday 15 August 2022; 2:30 PM

U3A Western Suburbs

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▶ Women in Telecommunications in Australia with John Paskulich

John Paskulich of the WA Historic Telecommunications Society will give a talk about the WAHTS/Wireless Hill "Number Please" exhibition which is running until October. The exhibition covers the history of the telephone in Western Australia.



John will highlight the status and roles of women, who made a significant contribution as postal workers, telegraphists, telephonists, technicians and latterly as business managers in the Australian Telecommunications Industry from colonial times to the present.

The WAHTA/Wireless Hill "Number Please" exhibition has won its class in the 2022 National Museum Awards! We look forward to John's presentation and also visiting the exhibition later in August.

Tuesday 16 August 2022; 10:30 AM

U3A Lesmurdie Hills

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▶ Tales from the WA State Archives with Damien Hassan



The WA State archives collection consists of over one million Colonial, State and Local government records from



1829 through to current times. These include such things as aboriginal history, architecture, convicts, education, hospitals, immigration and passenger lists, shipping, mining, maps and policing.

Damien Hassan, senior archivist, will focus on unusual and possibly unknown pockets of WA history including interesting content relating to the Melville area.

Friday 19 August 2022; 2:00 PM

U3A Melville and Districts

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▶ Following in Her Footsteps with Hilary Silbert

There had been a strong belief that Edith Dircksey Cowan, OBE, JP, 1861-1932, was neglected in the history of Australia, despite being the first woman to be elected to an Australian Parliament, due to her activity in women's suffrage and welfare organisations.



Hilary has made it her mission to record the history and notable work of Edith Cowan to

ensure she receives her due recognition as one of the greatest citizens of this nation. 'Dee' Cowan's image now appears on Australia's \$50 banknotes and she has a university named after her.

Historian Hilary Silbert will share her insights to this remarkable woman.

Friday 26 August 2022; 1:00 PM

U3A North Coast

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