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Ngaala kaaditj Whadjuk Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.
We acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as original custodians of this land.

DID YOU KNOW U3A IS 50 YEARS OLD!

It all began with Professor Pierre Vellas of Toulouse University in France, who, in 1973, recognised the pool of experience, knowledge and intelligence of retired people. He instituted *Université du Troisième Âge* where older people, who may not have had the opportunity for higher education, are able to attend courses and lectures at the university. This has become known as the 'French model'.



Toulouse University France.



Professor Pierre Vellas

Eight years later in 1981 the U3A idea was introduced to Britain by a group based at the University of Cambridge. They adopted the name but a different style with no direct links to any university. Their model was run by members, for members, where the mantra was '*those who teach shall also learn, and those who learn shall also teach*'. University in the title recalls the medieval universities where scholars exchanged knowledge. As a result of this history, around the world there are now two models of U3A: the French and the British model. Most Australian U3As use the British model. Whichever model is followed, U3A is non-religious, non-political, and respectful of everyone's right to privacy and individuality.

In Australia the first U3A was established in 1984 in Melbourne. The University Extension Department of the University of Western Australia, under the leadership of Dr Maureen Smith, took the initiative in establishing U3A in Perth in 1986. UWA has continued to provide office space and other help, to the ten U3A Perth branches based in various parts of metropolitan Perth. Branches arrange courses, excursions, guest speakers and social gatherings while there are central activities (City Courses, Choir, annual Seminar and Perth Lectures) at venues in the Perth Cultural Centre.

In WA there are also U3A's in six country regions – Armadale, Bunbury, Geraldton, Naturaliste (Busselton), Mandurah, and Margaret River.

The U3A story continues on page 2.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hullo, U3A members and friends.

I have just returned from two weeks visiting Kenya. Oh boy, what a shock! From shorts and tee shirt to chilly, wet Perth. It was a great holiday. It was my third visit to Kenya, and it certainly is a beautiful country, with generally good weather and friendly, welcoming people. However, it is the wildlife that most go to Kenya to see, and you are almost guaranteed to encounter the 'big five'. Once again, we achieved this except for the elusive leopard. We did see two cheetah cubs waiting for Mum to return. We also saw a pride of ten lionesses with the cubs from two litters which walked by our Landcruiser. The cubs were young and certainly not fearful. For them, that's not always a blessing. They have many of life's lessons to learn from their mums.

So back to home and reality. Some of you will be aware we have recently withdrawn from the U3A Network WA. We had concerns regarding their purpose, rules of association and reliable leadership. We agreed to meet with representatives from Network in Mandurah, halfway house for country and metro members. It was a congenial meeting and we left believing resolution wasn't far away. Unfortunately, Network seem to have back tracked from agreements reached. Despite this, at our recent Council meeting we agreed to rejoin the Network but with provisos. It is a work in progress which we hope to complete soon.

However, on a positive front our revised Rules of Association have been approved by the relevant authorities. They will shortly be uploaded to the website and are effective immediately. Thanks go to the team who gave many hours working on the project with me - Judith Amey, Christine Oliver, Catherine Baxter, and Janice Bowra.

Unfortunately, I missed the Perth Lecture with Kaylene Poon on the Chinese of Northbridge. I've heard lots of you attended, along with several non-members, and all reports are that it was very informative and enjoyable.

If you have any queries or suggestions, please talk them over with your branch Council delegate. Also I'm happy to receive emails from members.

Best Wishes

Liz

*Then president, Judith Amey, presents
Dr Maureen Smith with her Life Membership
in 2022.*



We are 50!! The story continues

The scope of a U3A branch program depends on the realisation by all members that the future life of a U3A depends on their willingness to contribute their particular talents.

The question of what should be included in U3A courses is fascinating. Some people believe a course on gardening, square dancing, craft, or Swedish massage, requires concentration, and will benefit participants, so is appropriate. Others feel that what differentiates U3A from other seniors' organizations, is the emphasis on educational and cultural activities. The programme for most Perth branches centres around a wide range of guest speakers, about half of whom are U3A members sharing their life experiences and knowledge. The broad scope of these presentations means members are introduced to topics and ideas broadening their knowledge of our community and the world in which we live.

Today U3A is a worldwide organisation with more than 3000 groups spread over all continents. Australia, per head of population, has the greatest number of U3A groups in the world. State networks are part of the national group called U3A Australia Alliance (U3AAA). The Alliance includes U3A Online, an individual, independent, and autonomous U3A providing online learning.

In the Third Age of our lives, we all have stories to tell – what we’ve done, where we’ve been, what we’ve achieved. Ann Klubal, a member of Swan Hills U3A, was invited to submit her story to INFORM.

MY STORY OF HORSES

I grew up in the outskirts of Melbourne.

At the age of 10, I helped at a local horse hire place, grooming and saddling horses. I just needed to be with horses.

When I turned 12, I was lucky enough to get my first pony. I had riding lessons and rode in gymkhanas at the local Pony Club.

At 14, I rode in the Royal Melbourne Agricultural Show, competing in the Teams event for the Pony Clubs of Victoria. I came in Sixth Place and won a ribbon for my horse.

Time went by. I grew up, left school, studied and worked in Melbourne. Then I decided to move to Western Australia as I wanted to bring up my family in clean, country air.

I bought a riding horse and rode in gymkhanas, competing in dressage, show Jumping, cross country jumping and polocrosse.



Galaxy (one day old) with her mother, Hoochie.

I decided to start a horse breeding stud with three stallions: a chestnut Pure Arabian, a Buckskin Arabian-bred and a grey Warmblood. I had dozens of thoroughbred mares. They were drop out racehorses – in other words, the ones that didn’t win.

Of the horses I bred, some were taken to breed Shows, as examples of the quality of their breed and won championships.

My horses have found new homes. They have been trained for riding and found homes in Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania, as well as Western Australia.

I love it when their new owners contact me to let me know how my horses are going and how happy they are with them.

Ann Klubal

EDITOR’S NOTE

You will notice this issue of INFORM is only 12, instead of the usual 16 pages. That is because we are moving to an issue every two months (previously three months), with no issue over December/January. This is an extra edition to fit with the new schedule. Contributions from members are always welcome. Next deadline 20 July.

Judith

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20 July 2023
20 September
2023
20 January 2024**

U3A LOCAL BRANCH CONTACTS

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Joondalup	0439 806 820
Lesmurdie Hills	9453 1436
Melville & Districts	9437 2125
North Coast (Hamersley)	0401 358 026
Rockingham & Districts	0423 393 183
Swan Hills	0419 911 918
Wanneroo	0402 576 112
Western Suburbs	0449 667 558

See programme pages for details on branch meetings and activities.

THE CHINESE OF NORTHBRIDGE

At the Perth Lecture on Sunday 11 June Kaylene Poon, Historical Advisor, Chung Wah Association, gave us fascinating insights into the lives of the Chinese Australians of Northbridge. In the Colony pre-1900 the bulk of the Chinese living here was made up of indentured labourers. Most of these early Chinese have left little physical evidence of their time in Western Australia.



Before the lecture begins, Ron Mitchell and Kaylen Poon check everything works.

The WA goldrush of the late 1880s-90s saw an influx of people, including Chinese, from interstate and overseas, keen to strike it rich. Government legislation at the time was designed to restrict, discourage, and regulate those of Chinese origin. For example, if you married a Chinese, you were no longer considered to be Australian.

In 1901 a royal visit by the Duke & Duchess of Cornwall (later King George V & Queen Mary) saw the Chinese community participating with a special celebratory arch and dragon dance. Used to living under the Chinese Imperial system the community had felt obliged to be part of the celebrations.

Around the late 1800s to the late 1930s the Chinese were known for their market gardens. They did not use chemical fertilizers, the produce they sold was 'freshly picked' that day, and they would often come to the consumers with their horse drawn carts. They did not use heavy machinery, just plenty of hard toil and sweat from sunrise to well after sunset. There is little doubt they provided a much-needed food source for the wider community.

Census records show that by 1930 the Chinese community in Perth numbered 500-600 people,

most of whom worked as market gardeners. The rest were employed as domestic servants or ran small businesses – often laundries and furniture manufacture.

The different custom of recording names meant many Chinese lost their family name as it was assumed to be their personal name. Frequently they were just known as 'John the Chinaman'. Lau Poi Wee was called 'Ginger' because he gave small jars of ginger to his customers at Christmas time.

Kaylene is a fourth generation Chinese Australian, born and raised in Perth. Her parents ran the Chinese grocery shop in James Street. Using old photographs to illustrate she spoke of the many Chinese businesses and families who lived in the area north the railway line.

Loouey Wah and his family arrived in 1895. He was a successful tea merchant, and his building still stands – but now a backpacker's hostel. John Lew Gooney, a schoolteacher in China, adapted to his new country and became a well-known market gardener. Choong Kim took over Hop Hing & Co Merchants in 1924. Choong Kim was held in high regard by the wider community for his efforts to raise funds for several charities. Quan Ah Shem operated two shops in Barrack Street. Yuen Hoy Poy managed the See Wah & Co. Furniture Factory

The Chung Wah Association was founded in 1909 and was the focal place for Chinese in all matters concerning the community. The early minute books record the Association assisting Chinese facing criminal charges, acting as a voice for the community in national conferences for Chinese and to the WA government. In 1911 they opened the first major Chinese community centre in Australia – the Chung Wah hall in James Street. It is still an important meeting place for the Chinese community to socialise and to interact with fellow countrymen.

Kaylene opened our eyes to a very important part of our history, often overlooked.



We continue our series introducing U3A Perth branches.

SPOTLIGHT ON U3A JOONDALUP

Well, what can I tell you about U3A Joondalup except that it is the most friendly, happy, inclusive, and active branch that I have had the pleasure of attending.

It started in August 2008 in the tearoom of a local church but soon found a larger meeting place in the Community Hall at Heathridge. As the branch continued to grow in numbers, it again re-located to its now permanent home in Kallaroo.

Never having started anything like this before, the founding members were given a lot of help and tips from existing branches, for which we are eternally grateful.

We celebrated our 10th anniversary at the hall, which the Mayor of Joondalup attended, with lunch and a specially baked cake. The Mayor was impressed as he said he hadn't really understood what U3A was about until he met with us at Joondalup.

The hall at Kallaroo has an extra meeting room – not forgetting the well-equipped kitchen - which has enabled us to have lots of Special Interest groups as well as our regular meetings.

The regular meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, with the members running the morning meeting. This includes lots of interesting talks about their lives and interests – it is sometimes very surprising what we learn about our fellow members – we don't always see them in the same light again!!! We also have quizzes, DVDs, and general discussions. Member participation is very important to our branch, and we are all encouraged to 'Have a Go' – help is always on hand if necessary.

In the afternoons we have an outside speaker – be they from the worlds of industry, academia, science, music, politics or many more disciplines, as well as speakers from other U3A branches. We always learn a lot and many questions are asked and answered. It definitely makes us think.

The special interest groups change from time to time as new ideas are tried out but there are the groups which have always kept up their numbers and stayed. The Happy Wanderers is perennially popular, and we have been to many and varied places of interest, including the Water Police and a cockatoo sanctuary, with everything imaginable in between. We have lunch afterwards to discuss what we have seen.

The Ethics/Philosophy/History group is also very well attended, again with so much to discuss and make you think – sometimes laterally. At present we are doing a series about Carl Jung. The Art group and Mahjong group were victims of their own success and needed bigger premises than we could provide, and the book club expanded into two groups. The Creative Writing group is very productive, and the Play Reading group put on its own show for the other members last year.

U3A is about lifelong learning, laughing and living – Joondalup branch does all three in abundance.



Miriam Reader

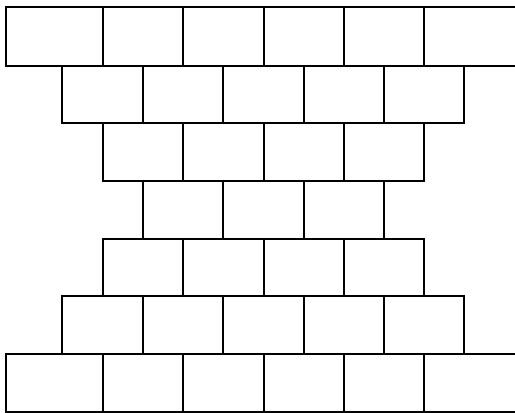
Photo taken at Joondalup's 10th birthday celebrations. Norman Harrison, a founder member, Gerald Hollinshead, vice chair at the time, Albert Jacob, Mayor of Joondalup, and Patricia Lysons, chairperson at the time.

PUZZLE PAGE

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PUT & TAKE #18



Steady
Drizzle
Wound
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Flog
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Thanks to Denise Beer who compiles the Put & Take

WINTER QUIZ

1. How many sides do all snowflakes have?
2. The foot of which mountain was the site of the first Winter Olympics, 1924?
3. What winter Olympic sport involves sliding large stones towards a target?
4. Which ancient stone monument is aligned with the northern winter solstice?
5. Which winter team sport involves some speedy skating, sticks and a disc?
6. Where in the world has the lowest temperature been recorded?

JUST ADD WATER!

Actually, just add vowels to complete these words relating to water vapour coming from the atmosphere to earth:

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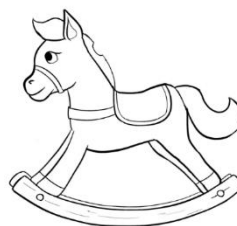
CITY COURSES

Information is now available on the website for City Courses Semester 2.

Courses are filling rapidly but Literature, Italian, Meditation, Health matters, Science & Technology are all available.

Book through the website, or call Ron on 0439 919 670

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Worry is like a rocking horse. It gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere.

U3A BRANCH PROGRAMS

The ten U3A Perth Branches each conduct a program of activities including: speakers, courses, discussion groups and social outings. U3A Perth members may attend the activities at any of the Branches, however numbers may be limited, so please phone the contact person prior to attending. Please be aware that changes to programs may occur after printing this edition of INFCORM. The most up to date programs can be found on the Branch pages of the U3A Perth website: u3auwa.org

CANNING RIVER BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: St Augustine's Church Hall, Cnr Park & Cale Streets, Como

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Fri 7	1:45 PM	Quirks and oddities	Richard Offen	Bevan	9472 3242
Jul, Fri 21	1:45 PM	Doing a family tree	Paul Simmons	Bevan	9472 3242
Aug, Fri 4	1:45 PM	Protect your assets	Arvind Pillay	Bevan	9472 3242
Aug, Fri 18	1:45 PM	Your Driving Future	RAC	Bevan	9472 3242

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Coffee Club	1:00 PM	5th Friday	Globe Café South Perth	Glenyse	0449 610 953
Current Affairs	1:45 PM	4th Friday	Hazel McDougall House	Glenyse	0449 610 953
Painting to Music	1:45 PM	2nd Monday	Hazel McDougall House	Jos	0409 683 490
Round Table Forum	1:45 PM	2nd Friday	Hazel McDougall House	Nicky	6250 0553

JOONDALUP BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: Rob Baddock Community Centre, 160 Dampier Avenue, Kallaroo

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Mon 10	11:30AM	Quiz	Heather Harrison	Terry	0452 543 738
	1:15 PM	A Perth Camera	Richard Offen	Louise	0419 274 75
Jul, Mon 24	11:30 M	Travels	Brian Rudolph	Terry	0452 543 738
	1:15 PM	Catching a Cold Case Killer	Robert Mead	Louise	0419 274 725
Aug, Mon 14	11:30 M	Lake Argyle - 2	Marilyn	Terry	0452 543 738
	1:15 PM	Iceland Fire and Ice	Denise Beer	Louise	0419 274 725
Aug, Mon 28	11:30 M	TBA	Clive	Terry	0452 543 738
	1:15 PM	Cuba	Rhonda Andrews	Louise	0419 274 725

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Book Club #1	1:00 PM	3rd Monday	Rob Baddock Hall	Brenda	0418 859 955
Book Club #2	11:15 AM	3rd Monday	Rob Baddock Hall	Marilyn	0430 237 516
Card/Board Games	1:00 PM	1st Monday	Rob Baddock Hall	Miriam	423 873 677
Happy Wanderers Outing	TBA	TBA	TBA	Barbara	0417 961 045
Music Group	1:00 PM	1st Monday	Rob Baddock Hall	Vince	0423 159 910
Philosophy/History	11:15 AM	1st Monday	Rob Baddock Hall	Barry	9300 5197
Writers Group	1:00 PM	3rd Monday	Rob Baddock Hall	Miriam	0422 873 677

PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

Put and Take #18: Stable, Baste, Stab, Bat, Beat, Bleat, Tablet

Winter Quiz 1. Six, 2. Mont Blanc (town of Chamonix, France), 3. Curling, 4. Stonehenge, 5. Ice hockey
6. Vostok South, Antarctica (-98.2C, 21st July 1983)

Watery words: - cloud, dew, mist, fog, mizzle, drizzle, shower, storm, torrent, rain, hail, snow, sleet, precipitation.

DIANELLA & DISTRICTS BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: Church of Christ Community Centre, 68 Waverley Street, Dianella. Our speakers begin at 12pm sharp. To assist in the smooth running of the program, please join us from 11.30 to allow time to sign in and greet friends.

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Mon 10	12:00 PM	Powers of Attorney, Wills and other stuff	Arvind Pillay	Liz	0413 437 729
	1:45 PM	Spanish connections to the WA border	Rhonda Algaba	Shirley	0416 069 037
Jul, Mon 24	12:00 PM	Memory	Peter Flannigan	Jan	0408 024 800
	1:45 PM	More interesting snippets from the London Times	Carol Hudson	Shirley	0416 069 037
Aug, Mon 7	12:00 PM	TBA		Liz	0413 437 729
	1:45 PM	Bush Ballads	David Twohig	Shirley	0416 069 037
Aug, Mon 21	12:00 PM	Global Population	David Urquhart	Liz	0413 437 729
	1:45 PM	Shetlands - Remote and beautiful islands with a colourful history	Ginie Bristowe	Shirley	0416 069 037

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Book Club	10:00 AM	Mon 10/7, 14/8	Dianella Library	Jan	0408 024 800
Lunch group	12:30 PM	Every 2nd Thursday	TBA	Ginie	0431 138 188
Movie Group	9:40 AM	Mondays after 1st lecture	TBA	Carol	9370 5692
Writers group	2:00 PM	Every 1st Wednesday	Morley Library	Ginie	0431 138 188

LESMURDIE BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: Falls Farm, 42 Cagney Place, Lesmurdie

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Tue 4	10:00 AM	Rocking around Australia	Peter Alcock	Heidi	0437 441 024
Jul, Tue 18	10:00 AM	From Caves to Canvases	David Hounsome	Heidi	0437 441 024
Aug, Tue 1	10:00 AM	History of Guide Dogs WA	Kay McIntyre	Heidi	0437 441 024
Aug, Tue 15	10:00 AM	Growing Australian Plants	Jackie Hooper	Heidi	0437 441 024

Outings

Date	Time	Where	How	Contact	Phone
Jul, Sun 9	9:00 AM	Visit to Yanchep	Bus from Falls Farm	Heidi	0437 441 024
Aug, Tue 29	10:00 AM	Visit to Parliament House	Bus from Falls Farm	Heidi	0437 441 024

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Coffee Club	10:00 AM	4th Tuesday	TBA	Heidi	0437 441 024

ALAN'S TRAVELS



This photo was taken in July 2006 in Blackpool in the UK. It was 'Fleetwood Tram Day'. This involved the whole tram line between Fleetwood to Blackpool. There were many traditional Blackpool trams running and huge crowds of people. This is in a pedestrian area at Blackpool North. An open top tramcar, a 'stage' for banjo players – all the old songs – and especially George Formby. A happy occasion. Afterwards, returning to Cheshire with friends seemed a bit of an anti-climax!

Alan Mortimer.

MELVILLE & DISTRICTS BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: Melville Leisurefit, Cnr Stock Rd & Canning Highway, Melville

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Fri 21	2:00 PM	History of Perth Airport	Geoffrey Thomas	James	0467 022 153
Aug, Fri 18	2:00 PM	Electric Vehicles - Your next car	Dr Thomas Braunl	James	0467 022 153

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Beginners Italian - No vacancies	10.00am	Every Friday	Melville LeisureFit	Frank	0417 669 354
Book Club	1.30pm	4th Monday	Miller Bake House	Margaret	0407 601 526
Current Affairs Forum	9.30am	1st Wednesday	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Ian	9329 9058
French Conversation with Culture and History	9.30am	1st Thursday	Miller Bake House	Helen B	0411 340 745
Games	9.30am	4th Wednesday	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Barbara	9364 4510
Gardening	1.00pm	4th Thursday	Various	Tom	0484 199 330
Going to the Movies	about Noon	1st Tuesday	Luna SX Fremantle	James	0467 022 153
History	9.30am	2nd Wednesday	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Ian	9329 9058
Intermediate Italian - no vacancies	9.30am	Every Friday	Melville LeisureFit	Denise	0450 727 516
Intermediate Ukulele	1.00pm	Every Monday	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Bill	0418 824 223
Italian Continuing (Basic Italian required)	11.45am	Every Friday	Melville Leisurefit	Frank	0417 669 354
Looking at Books	9.50am	4th Monday	Lisa O'Malley's office	Helen B	0411 340 745
Mahjong on Fridays	9.15am	Every Friday	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Keith	0459 575 399
Mahjong on Tuesdays	12.15pm	Every Tuesday	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Jan	0422 079 374
Mahjong for Beginners 9 week course	10.00am	9 Tuesdays starting May 9th 2023	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Mark	0419 837 735
Mens Coffee Club	10.30am	4th Tuesday	Crema Crew Café Garden City	Kesi	9316 0359
Philosophy - no vacancies	9.30am	2nd Monday	Melville Leisurefit	Helen F	9315 4169
Poetry Appreciation	1.30pm	3rd Tuesday	Miller Bake House	Sandra	9335 6703
Reading 21st Century Literature	10am	2nd Tuesday	Miller Bake House	Ann	9457 1879
Ukelele Group	12.30pm	Every Wednesday	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Bill	0418 824 223
Women's Coffee Club	10.30am	3rd Monday	Muffin Break Garden City	Alice	93649511
World Events	9.30am	3rd Wednesday	Kadidjiny Park Hall	Robin	0481 283 023
Writing for Pleasure	9.30am	4th Wednesday	Miller Bake House	Joy	0417 933 464
Writing Life Stories	9.30am	1st and 3rd Tuesday	Miller Bake House	Pat	0409 993 924
Writing on Life	9.30am	2nd Wednesday	Miller Bake House	Tom	0484 199 330

VALE GAIL LLOYD

Members of the Melville U3A Mahjong community were saddened by the passing of Gail on 10 June.

Until her recent illness Gail was a keen Mahjong player, having been introduced to Mahjong 10 years ago by a U3A Melville Mahjong player. She learnt the game at one of the Melville Mahjong beginner's courses. Gail travelled from north of the river to play at Melville usually two times a week, often being one of the first to arrive and last to leave. Gail's regular table of ladies will treasure the one last opportunity to play Mahjong with Gail three weeks before she passed. Gail had been absent from Mahjong for many months due to her illness.

The thoughts of the Melville U3A are with Gail's husband, Peter, and her extended family.

NORTH COAST (HAMERSLEY) BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: Hamersley Recreation Centre, Belvedere Rd, Hamersley

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Fri 7	11:30 AM	Music Appreciation - John Williamson	Terry Harvey	Dee	0450 100 801
	1:00 PM	City of Sin with William Hogarth	Elton Brown	Dee	0450 100 801
Jul, Fri 14	1:00 PM	Catalinas on the Swan	Kevin Smythe	Dee	0450 100 801
Jul, Fri 21	1:00 PM	Nuclear Energy	Ian Stann	Dee	0450 100 801
Jul, Fri 28	1:00 PM	5 Minute talks - Members		Dee	0450 100 801
Aug, Fri 4	11:30 AM	Music Appreciation, Laugh or Cry	Bill Berry	Dee	0450 100 801
	1:00 PM	T E Lawrence, The Man behind the Legend	Nigel Ridgway	Dee	0450 100 801
Aug, Fri 11	1:00 PM	Homelessness and Rotary	Ken Mullin	Dee	0450 100 801
Aug, Fri 18	1:00 PM	King Charles II, Affairs of State & Heart	Don Manning	Dee	0450 100 801
Aug, Fri 25	1:00 PM	Art with a Purpose	David Hounsome	Dee	0450 100 801

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Book Club	11:30 AM	2nd Friday	Hamersley Recreation Centre	Anka	0450 100 801
Discussion Groups	11:30 AM	2nd Friday	Hamersley Recreation Centre	Val	0400 133 466
Games - Rummikub, Chinese Chequers etc	11:30 AM	3rd Friday	Hamersley Recreation Centre	Dee	0450 100 801
Poetry	11:30 AM	4th Friday	Hamersley Recreation Centre	John	0450 100 801

SWAN HILLS BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: Midland TAFE, Lecture Theatre Block D, Cnr Eddie Barron Drive & Lloyd Street, Midland

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Fri 7	1:30 PM	Impact Craters	Prof Aaron Cavosie	Richard	0419 911 918
Jul, Fri 14	1:30 PM	Wellness of Mine Sites	Michael Waller	Richard	0419 911 918
Jul, Fri 21	1:30 PM	The British Involvement in the Establishment of Israel	Nigel Ridgeway	Richard	0419 911 918
Jul, Fri 28	1:30 PM	50 Years of U3A	Janice Brooks	Richard	0419 911 918
Aug, Fri 4	1:30 PM	Internet Scams	Consumer Protection	Richard	0419 911 918
Aug, Fri 11	1:30 PM	More Australian Birds	Lyn and Niels Dahl	Richard	0419 911 918
Aug, Fri 18	1:30 PM	The Inquisitive Traveller Around the World	Judith Amey	Richard	0419 911 918
Aug, Fri 25	1:30 PM	Music Afternoon	Denise Beer	Richard	0419 911 918

Retro Film Group

Date	Time	Film	Location	Contact	Phone
Aug, Wed 9	10:00 AM	The Bookclub	Private Residence	Denise	0417 934 406

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Brain Games	10:00 AM	4th Tuesday	Private residence	Denise	0417 934 406
Discussion Group	10:30 AM	2nd Tuesday	TAFE Lecture Theatre	Janice	0438 477 297
Mahjong	1:30 PM	Every Friday	Private residence	Catherine	0400 952 585
Online Study Goup	10:30 AM	1st and 3rd Wednesday	Virtual meeting on line	Janice	0437 477 297
Social Coffee	10:00 AM	4th Wednesday	TBA	Lyn	0407 436 755
Social Lunch	12:00 PM	5th Wednesday	TBA	Denise	0417 934 406

ROCKINGHAM BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: Masonic Hall, Wanliss Street, Rockingham

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Fri 7	1:30 PM	Lord Howe Island	Peter Alcock	Dave	0421 811 450
Jul, Fri 21	1:30 PM	Israel the Nation - from past to present	Bob Kucera	Dave	0421 811 450
Aug, Fri 4	1:30 PM	Hobby Writing	Nigel Ridgway	Dave	0421 811 450
Aug, Fri 18	1:30 PM	Irish Migration	Denise Beer	Dave	0421 811 450

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Literary Group	10:00 AM	3rd Monday	Rockingham Library	June	0401 096 811
Lunch Group	12:00 PM	4th Friday	Various Venues	Colleen	0423 393 183
Mahjong	2:00 PM	1st and 3rd Tuesday	Rockingham Library	Frances	9527 2920
Open Learning	10:00 AM	1st Wednesday	9 Vela Court, Rockingham	Liz	9527 9471
Scrabble	1:30 PM	2nd and 4th Thursday	Challenger Court	Veda	9592 9934
WA History	10:00 AM	2nd Monday	Rockingham Library	John	0432 434 474

WANNEROO BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: Wanneroo Recreation Centre, 275 Scenic Drive, Wanneroo

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Thu 13	12:45 PM	The Other Golden Fleece	Kevin Gest	Ann	0417 998 043
Jul, Thu 27	12:45 PM	Oxygen	Peter Alcock	Ann	0417 998 043
Aug, Thu 10	12:45 PM	Spanish Connection to WA Border	Rhonda Algaba	Ann	0417 998 043
Aug, Thu 24	12:45 PM	Members Talks	Members	Ann	0417 998 043

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Book Club A	1:00 PM	1st Tuesday	Wanneroo Library	Vicki	0412 767 790
Book Club B	10:30 AM	3rd Tuesday	Wanneroo Library	Stephanie	0429 133 891
Coffee Group	10:30 AM	4th Saturday	TBA	Marilyn	0402 576 112
Creative Writing	1:00 PM	1st Thursday	Wanneroo Recreation Centre	Stephanie	429 133 891
Fun and Games	10:00 AM	3rd Thursday	Wanneroo Recreation Centre	Constance Cheryl	9206 4098 9306 1621
Petanque	10:00 AM	1st and 5th Thursday	Wanneroo Recreation Centre	Constance Cheryl	9207 4098 9306 1621
Weekday Walkers	9:00 AM	Monday to Friday	Various	Constance Cheryl	9208 4098 9306 1621
Excursion		5th Thursday	TBA		



ALEXANDER CILIA LA CORTE

5 June 1942 – 9 January 2023

The Wanneroo branch of U3A Perth wishes to announce the passing of our esteemed member, Alex.

Alex was a valued member and is missed for his good nature and postpositive contribution around the activities of our branch.

Our sympathies to his family.

WESTERN SUBURBS BRANCH

Presentations - Venue: The Grove Public Library, Cnr Stirling Highway & Leake Street, Peppermint Grove

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Contact	Phone
Jul, Mon 3	1:00 PM	Barging on European Waterways	Ian Deany	Vlasta	0408 920 867
	2:30 PM	Delicious Nutrition Delivered	Brad Howard	Clive	0439 955 157
Jul, Mon 17	1:00 PM	Chinese Treasure Ships of the Fifteenth Century	Ian Kidd	Vlasta	0408 920 867
	2:30 PM	Misadventures in Paradise	Graham Henderson	Clive	0439 955 157
Jul, Mon 31	1:00 PM	The SAS - An Insight	Gregory Mawkes	Clive	0439 955 157
	2:30 PM	The benefits of the W.A.Seniors Card	Rachel Hughes	Clive	0439 955 157
Aug, Mon 14	1:00 PM	Shingles - Risks and Remedies.	David Thorne	Vlasta	0408 920 867
	2:30 PM	Philosophy 101	Alan Tapper	Jean	0417 184 924
Aug, Mon 28	1:00 PM	History of the Gene - Part 2	Geoff Beyer	Gabor	9384 3488
	2:30 PM	ChatGPT - How it works and future influences	Siwen Luo	Jean	0417 184 924

Activity Groups

Activity	Time	Monthly	Location	Contact	Phone
Come Play Canasta	2:00 PM	Every Friday	Wembley Community Centre	Clive	0439 955 157
Round Table Discussion	10:00 AM	1st and 3rd Monday	Wembley Community Centre	Laurie	0419 192 036
Spanish Conversation (Advanced)	9:30 AM	1st and 3rd Thursday	Drabble House, Nedlands	Jean	0409 553 871

ANTIKYTHERA MECHANISM

In 1900 Greek sponge divers found the wreck of a Roman-era cargo ship at 45m depth near the island of Antikythera northwest of Crete. The Hellenic Royal Navy recovered valued artefacts, but corrosion accelerated on an ancient bronze apparatus removed from the sea without conservation treatment. The original artefact is in the National Archaeological Museum in Athens, Greece.

It is an Ancient Greek hand-powered orrery, created in c. 200 BCE and the oldest known analogue computer to predict astronomical positions of star constellations, planets and the sun. Greeks 22 centuries ago applied Babylonian, Egyptian and Greek astronomical observations, together with Pythagorean mathematics, to accurately study the movements of Earth, our moon, other planets and the sun. They noted the timing of the various cycles and predicted eclipses of the moon in the Mediterranean world decades in advance.

Recent CT scanning enabled analysis of external engraved markings and internal gears, so that replicas can be devised. There is a display of two replicas, a small bronze one and a larger wooden one, at the WA Museum, Boola Bardip, Perth Cultural Centre. Designed by local Greek-Australian specialist engineer, Dr Nick Andronis, they are accompanied by detailed posters and an explanatory video presentation by him. This display can be visited until August 2023.



Left: Front with pointers, and reverse with engraved calculations, of Dr Nick Andronis' replica bronze model of the

Antikythera mechanism. Right: Wooden replica gauges and metal disk

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