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U3A Altona Newsletter

TERM 1 1st February—1st April 2021

To all our U3A Altona members—welcome to our Term 1, 2021 Newsletter. We are pleased to be offering some new programs as well as continuing with our popular ones.

We know that many of you are keen to return to face to face classes—as soon as it is safe to do so. We have developed a COVIDSafe plan (in conjunction with Hobsons Bay City Council) for all of our classes in the Beryl Hevey Centre (BHC).

The COVIDSafe plan covers hand sanitiser, face masks, social distancing and the cleaning requirements before and after each class at the BHC. There are also COVID requirements for our classes held in the Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre.

Class Bookings by email altonau3a@yahoo.com.au or phone Dorothy on 0439 047 194

Bookings will be processed in the order they are received

Due to Council's Covid restrictions numbers of people in the office are restricted—so NO DROP INS please. Messages will be monitored and registrations confirmed.

New - Be Connected Program



Would you like to:

Be smarter with your smartphone, or have the confidence to purchase your first smartphone?

Talk to or see family and friends more often?

Learn the basics of getting online more often?

Build your confidence using digital devices (smartphones and/or tablets)?

Learn how to shop online safely and securely?

If so, please register (either by phoning or email) for our first Be Connected information and enrolment session on Tuesday 9th February at 10.00am at the Beryl Hevey Centre. Ongoing sessions will be held Wednesday and/or Tuesday mornings. We are proposing to have one on one mentoring or small groups for the program. Initially sessions will run for 1 hour.

New - Spanish for Beginners – Juan Pablo Navarrete G.—Interested in trying to learn one of the most widely spoken languages in the world? Then this is your opportunity to learn some language and about Chilean and Latin -American culture from Juan Pablo.



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Current Affairs – Ann Nicol—Always too many topics to cover in this popular course as the world is ever changing. The course covers global, national and local issues and participants bring a range of points of view to the discussion.

Ukeleles – Graham Waghorn—Join this fun class to learn how to play the Ukelele in a small group. Bring your own instrument or borrow one for the Term (we have 3).

Cryptic Crosswords – Barbara Campbell—This class will help people new to Cryptic Crosswords to understand how to read the clues and to practice getting to the answers as a group.

Tang Dynasty – Ted Morton—This period, particularly the first half, is referred to as “China’s Golden Age”, a period in which the power and culture of China had not risen to before nor since. It includes the only Empress and the great Silk Road.

Creative Writing - Julie Williams—Ever wanted to write your story? Ever wanted to tell your tale? This seven week course will help you improve your writing skills and to create an engaging piece for family, friends or even publication. Learn the tricks of the Writer’s trade. No prior experience required.

All Things French – Jerome Champetier de Ribes—This group mainly conducts their conversations in French so is suitable for people who are wanting to practice their French conversation skills. Topics for discussion all relate to French language and culture.

Book Club – Ann Nicol - Book Club meets once each month to discuss a topical book. Discussions are varied but generally based on questions from internet sources that may include studies about the author, the plot, the setting and the themes included in the text. This year we are looking forward to meeting face to face again for further enjoyable reading and discussion. Pick up first book Tuesday 2nd Feb

TERM 1 TIMETABLE

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mon | Current Affairs | 10.30-12.00pm | Weekly Starts 8th Feb | BHC HALL |
| Tues | Book Club | 10.30-12.00pm | Monthly 4th week | BHC HALL |
| | Be Connected | 10.00-11.00 | Weekly Starts 9th Feb | BHC HALL/ LOUNGE |
| Wed | Be Connected | 10.00-11.00 | Weekly Starts 10th Feb | BHC HALL |
| | Creative Writing | 10.30-12.00pm | Weekly Starts 10th Feb | BHC Lounge |
| | Cryptic Crosswords | 10.30-12.00pm | Weekly starts 10th Feb | LJAC Boardroom |
| | Ukuleles | 10.00-11.30 | Weekly Starts 10th Feb | LJAC Gallery |
| | Spanish for Beginners | 5.30-6.45pm | Weekly Starts 10th Feb | LJAC Boardroom |
| Thurs | History— Tang Dynasty | 10.30-12.00pm | Weekly Starts 11th Feb | LJAC Boardroom |
| Fri | All things French | 10.30-12.00pm | Weekly Starts 12th Feb | LJAC Activity Room |
| **BHC Beryl Hevey Centre | | **LJAC Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre | | |

TERM ONE DATES TO REMEMBER

Please remember to book for this

Wednesday 3rd February

Get Together in The Park 10.30am

Logan Reserve

Thursday 18th March

Trivia 1.00-2.30pm

LJAC Activity room

DISCLAIMER: Members need to be aware that they must accept responsibility for their own welfare when attending any U3A Altona classes or social activities..