



# U3A Altona Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear U3A Altona members,

Welcome to our term 2 Newsletter for 2022. Once again our Program Team (Marijke, Rudith, Wendy and Ann) have put together a great program and have added some new classes and activities for you to consider.

As the weather cools down, the 'flu season approaches, and with Covid still in the community we urge any member who feels unwell to stay at home, for the health and safety of our members. There is still a council requirement to sign in (and out) manually at the Beryl Hevey Centre.

We took the opportunity during 2021 to update our key policy areas - Code of Conduct, Anti Discrimination, Bullying and Grievance. They can be found on our website under the "about us" tab. They remind us of the importance of treating each other well, and simply being kind to each other.

We hope you find some classes and activities to enjoy. As always, you can register for classes by sending us an email, or ringing our office. Please be prepared to leave a clear phone message if you ring outside office hours, which are **Mondays to Thursdays 10.00am to 12.30pm**.

We look forward to seeing you in term 2

**Registration for classes begins TUESDAY 19th April**

**All attendees must be able to show proof of vaccination and also sign in & out manually.**

## Term 2 GUEST SPEAKERS

**History of Spotswood**—Well known local historian and author Jim Hevey will present his research findings into the history of the Spotswood suburb and the Spotswood family



Is it Spotswood or Spottiswoode ?

Early settlement of the area and establishment of Industry

Land Sales

The Pumping Station

The lasting effects of the Hudson Brothers early land purchase.

Origin of Street names in the area. Spotswood citizens who influenced development of the town.

The Football Club, its origins and amazing record of players to VFL, VFA and AFL Clubs

**Mon 9th May 1.30pm Beryl Hevey Centre—Lounge**

## Saving the ABC with Dr Lorraine Harrison

The ABC has never been under such serious attack as it is currently: significant funding cuts, major staff and program losses and a concerted push by vested interests to privatise it. Dr Harrison will overview the campaign of ABC Friends to counter this assault and ensure that Australia has a well-funded, independent public Broadcaster.

Lorraine is a member of Friends of the ABC Victoria and a co-convenor of the Western Melbourne ABC Friends local group. She has been a social worker for over thirty years and is passionate about contributing to the sustainability and the very survival of our national broadcaster. **Mon 20th June 10.30am Beryl Hevey Centre**

**The fires. The virus. The crisis.  
Imagine them without the ABC.**

- ABC funding halved from 8 cents a day in 1987 to 4 cents today – just when emergency broadcasting has increased.
- Over 1250 jobs gone.
- Privatisation of the ABC openly advocated.

NO MORE CUTS!

**It's Your ABC. Fight for it.**

## Term 2 Classes



**Hobsons Bay City Council** is again making one of their **minibuses** available for us to do trips - a cost of \$3.80 will be billed by the council. At this time masks must be worn in bus.

### Thursday 19th May

Pick up at BHC 9.30am

Travel down the Great Ocean Road to view the lighthouse at Torquay, have a cuppa and stroll around, then travel back to **Great Ocean Road Chocolateries & Ice Creamery** where we can view the making of chocolate and purchase whatever takes your fancy. No entry fee.

Brunch available all day 9.00am-4.30pm, Cost \$11-\$17 at your own expense.

Return by approximately 3.00pm

### Thursday 16th June

Pick up at BHC 10.00am to travel to

#### Wyndham Harbour

View the boats, have a walk around the harbour, then travel for lunch to **The Views Café** overlooking the Werribee Park Golf Course, river and cliffs.

Seniors menu \$15-\$17. Return by approximately 3.00pm

**NEW**

**Renewables Revisited - Peter** This 5 week course will look at the huge range of exciting renewable projects under development, both within Australia and overseas. These projects include wind, solar, pumped hydro, etc. We will also look at the new generation of vehicles - hybrid, plug-in hybrid and all electric vehicles (EVs). Also another look at how to save energy (and money) in your home. **Tuesday 10.30am to noon, BHC boardroom starting 3rd May**

**Current Affairs – Ann** There is NEVER a shortage of topics for Current Affairs. Amazing things happen in Australia and the world every day.

In Term 2 we will talk further about Climate Change which can sometimes seem very urgent and negative. We have invited Mel Brown, the Environment Librarian from Hobsons Bay, to discuss a range of positive changes that are happening locally and globally.

We will also discuss how “history” presents a particular view of events that does not give us the true or complete story. As usual we will review the previous major events and enjoy a few lighter moments of music.

**Mon 10.30-12.00 BHC Lounge starting 2nd May**

**Tai Chi—Jess** - We are thrilled that this class is returning in term 2 Our volunteer trainer Jess has both Tai Chi and first aid training, and the class will be held in the hall on Wednesday mornings throughout the term. This course would suit both beginners, and those with some Tai Chi skills. **Wednesday 9.45-10.30 BHC Hall starting 27th April**



**NEW**

**Knitting Circle** —Join the knitting /crochet circle to knit /crochet for fun or Charity. Enjoy a cuppa while knitting/crocheting and exchanging ideas at Rudith’s place. On the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month starting at **1.30pm Monday 2nd May**. Address details available from Office

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

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## Term 2 Classes

**Book Club – Ann** Book Club meets on the fourth Monday afternoon of each month to discuss a novel, short story or nonfiction book which are borrowed from Altona Library Bookclub collection. They are usually quite recent publications and give us the chance to engage in lively and enjoyable talks which never fail to add to our understanding of the book. The group are unanimous in saying that directed discussion of plot, characters, or themes makes each book more memorable.

Coffee generally follows. **10.30-12.00 BHC Lounge**

**NB** Ann will run book club from home on April 25 (Anzac Day) details available from Office

**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. **Fri 10.30-12.00 LJAC Boardroom 29 April**

 **Rummy Card Games** - Interested in having fun learning some variations of Rummy? Join Cheryl and friends for a relaxed and social time playing cards on **Mondays 1.30pm-3.00pm BHC Boardroom starting 2nd May**

**Spanish for Beginners – Jorge Gatica** Want to learn the basics of Spanish? Then this is the class for you. Jorge is continuing introductory Spanish . Also covers some Chilean and Latin -American culture.

**Weekly Thursday 10.30-12.00pm starting 28th April, BHC Boardroom**

**Ukeleles – Graham** 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).

**Wed 10.00-11.30 Altona Homestead starts 27th April**

**Tang Dynasty – Ted** Ted will continue sessions on the Tang Dynasty in China, discussing its rich history, power struggles and culture.

**Weekly Thursday 10.30-12.00 LJAC Boardroom starts 28th April**

**Floral Art with Carole is back.** Classes at 2 weekly intervals. The first week Carole will give a demonstration and a summary of what will be covered in the weeks to come and any equipment needed. This term we will be working with fresh flowers as well as silk. There will be no fee for this class.

**1.30-3.00pm starting 6th May fortnightly—private residence. Details available from office**

**Trivia** This fun afternoon is held once a term in the Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre. Join a team of 3 or 4 people and test your general knowledge skills then enjoy afternoon tea provided by our members. **Friday 27th May 1.00pm LJAC**



**Williamstown Heritage Walk Thursday 12<sup>h</sup> May. Start at 10am.**

This is a delightful and easy walk around the Nelson Place area of Williamstown following a self-guided guide from the Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre.

It is a short walk of about an hour to be followed by coffee in one of the many cafes along Nelson Place.

Walkers will meet at the “Anchor” at Commonwealth Reserve (near children’s playground) at 10am. Please leave details at U3A office if you require transport to and from Williamstown.

Please register for classes via email : [altonau3a@yahoo.com.au](mailto:altonau3a@yahoo.com.au) or telephone 9398 1346.

**If you are unable to attend class please advise the office or tutor prior to class.**

MON	Current Affairs	10.30-12.00pm	Starts 2nd May for 6 weeks	BHC Lounge
	<b>Knitting Circle</b>	<b>1.30-3.00pm</b>	<b>1st and 3rd Mon of month</b>	Private Residence
	Book Club	1.30-3.00pm	4th Monday of month	BHC Lounge
	Rummy		Starts 2nd May weekly	BHC Boardroom
TUE	Renewables Revisited	10.30-12.00pm	Starts 3rd May for 5 weeks	BHC Boardroom
WED	Tai Chi	9.45-10.30am	Starts 27th April weekly	BHC Hall
	<b>Ukuleles</b>	<b>10.00-11.30am</b>	<b>Starts 27th April weekly</b>	Altona Homestead
THU	<b>History - Tang Dynasty</b>	<b>10.30-12.00pm</b>	<b>Starts 28th April Weekly</b>	<b>LJAC Boardroom</b>
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**LJAC = Louis Joel Arts & Community**

**BHC = Beryl Hevey Centre**

History of Spotswood - 9th May

Mini Bus Trip 1 - 19th May

Friends of the ABC - 20th June

Mini Bus Trip 2 - 16th June

Historic Walk & Coffee - 12th May

Trivia—27th May



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