



U3A HobsonsBay/Williamstown

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Art, Film & Theatre

212DRS07: Drawing & Sketching Term 2

Type: Weekly

Dates: 20/04/2021 - 08/06/2021

Frequency: , Tue 3:15pm - 4:45pm

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ed Marshall

If you want to start, or improve, your sketching skills come along to this eight week course. You will learn about the 7 elements of drawing, including form, line and shape and practise using various media to combine these elements. You will have 90 minutes of fun, challenge and friendship each week. Ed, the Convenor, has a lifetime's experience and love of art and illustration to share.

213NTL10: National Theatre at Sun Theatre

Type: Monthly

Dates: 03/02/2021 - 15/12/2021

Frequency: , Wed 10:15am - 1:00pm

Location: Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat Street Yarraville

Convenor: John Adams

This group meets on Wednesdays approximately monthly at the Sun Theatre, Yarraville, to watch National Theatre Live transmissions of performances from London's National Theatre and other UK theatre companies. Members meet in the theatre foyer at 10:15 am for a 10:30 am start. After each screening members are invited to visit a local café for tea/coffee, etc. Members are responsible for organising their own tickets. Plays and screening dates will be advised by email when arrangements for 2021 are known.

213OPE09: Opera at the Sun Theatre

Type: Monthly

Dates: 03/02/2021 - 15/12/2021

Frequency: , Wed 10:15am - 1:00pm

Location: Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat Street Yarraville

Convenor: John Adams

This group meets on Wednesdays approximately monthly at the Sun Theatre, Yarraville, to watch high-definition transmissions of live performances from New York City's Metropolitan Opera. All screenings are subtitled, synopses are available and the interval features provide a greater insight into each opera and the artists involved. Members meet in the theatre foyer at 10:15 am for a 10:30 am start. After each screening members are invited to visit a local café for tea/coffee, etc. Members are responsible for organising their own tickets. Operas and screening dates will be advised by email when arrangements for 2021 are known.

213SBJ03: Craft Circle

Type: Weekly

Dates: 03/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Wed 9:30am - 12:00noon

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ena Holt

Is scrapbooking your thing? Or jewellery-making, or crochet, or knitting, or some other handcraft? This group shares skills and cheery company while offering the time and space to start and maybe even finish individual projects.

214ART06: Inspirational Art Group

Type: Weekly

Dates: 04/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Thu 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ian Barclay

Painting, in any medium including sketching, drawing, charcoal, Landscapes, Still Life, Abstract, Botanical, etc. Activities include a weekly art group gathering to sharing ideas and inspiration, with discussion and feedback on current projects. Other activities will include visiting art displays, galleries, exhibitions. Participating in local art shows e.g. Painting the Gardens and connecting with other like art groups

Not suitable for beginners. Enthusiastic about continuing to develop art skills. Want to connect with like people to enjoy sharing ideas

215ART04: Art

Type: Weekly

Dates: 05/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Fri 10:00am - 12:00noon

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ken Gratton

This group of happy people enjoy the social atmosphere while producing some excellent examples of their talent each week. Beginners are provided with advice support and encouragement from their classmates. Some members have led the class in demonstrating a special skill or technique that others may have difficulty with. Members receive a course guide each year that provides them with multiple choices of topics each week. We also undertake local excursions for outdoor painting trips to galleries etc. A free lending library of DVDs is available for those interested in the history of art art for beginners techniques and applications the Great Masters and their works et al.

215FMG01: Film Group

Type: Monthly

Dates: 26/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Fri 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Sun Theatre 8 Ballarat Street Yarraville

Convenor: Kerry Lewis

The Film Group meets to watch films at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville and then afterwards discusses the film over coffee or lunch. The monthly activity is scheduled for the fourth Friday of the month. The group meets around 10am depending on the session time of chosen film.

217AHS02: Art Happenings

Type: Per email of events

Dates: 01/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Mon 10:00am - 5:00pm

Location:

Convenor: Sarah Berry

This group is for attending events in good company. We attend a diverse range of performances, exhibitions and screenings at different costs, places and times. We aim to use public transport and attend events in the West and CBD and to have a host for each event. Members will select the events that suit them. We hold a coffee meeting in Williamstown every 6-8 weeks to chat and decide what to do next. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend to socialise. In between meetings we use email to stay in contact. Everyone is welcome to submit ideas and anyone can choose to host.

We share email addresses to make circulating information between members easier. Members need familiarity with smartphones or other internet connected devices, to register for events they will attend and to buy their own tickets. Members can discuss any access needs privately with convenor Sarah Berry berrysel@optusnet.com.au

Discussion

214BKC01: Book Club 1

Dates: 18/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Location:

This group selects books from a list available from a list from Hobsons Bay Library. There is a cost for the ten books from the library for the year. This is paid to the convenor during the year's activity. It is approximately \$30. Members of the group have a month to read the book and then meet to discuss what they have read.

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Thu 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Convenor: Liz Holland

211BKC02: Book Club 2

Dates: 01/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Location: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria 120 Nelson Place Williamstown

The Book Group will meet on the 1st Monday of the month to discuss a set book. The group will also share what they have been reading over the month. Books will be sourced through the Hobsons Bay Library (Fee approx \$25) as well as some digital ebook.

Type: Monthly

Frequency: , Mon 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Convenor: Sue Dawkins

213INR08: International Relations

Dates: 15/09/2021 - 22/09/2021

Location:

International Relations – discussion of current issues. Peter Dawkins retired Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Economics, Victoria University will give two sessions: Topics to be covered Australia Foreign policy, China – US relations, politics of global warming, world economy and international movement of people especially refugees

Type: None

Frequency: None, Wed 10:00am - 11:30am

Convenor: Peter Dawkins

213SUP07: Superannuation in Australia

Dates: 12/05/2021 - 19/05/2021

Location:

Superannuation in Australia – current issues and discussion. Peter Dawkins retired Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Economics, Victoria University will give two sessions: Session 1 Overview and Session 2 Environmental. Social and Governance Investing and current reforms

Type: None

Frequency: None, Wed 10:00am - 11:30am

Convenor: Peter Dawkins

214AFP08: Australian Foreign Policy Challenges

Dates: 20/05/2021 - 05/08/2021

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Allan Patience is the Principal Fellow in Political Science in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. The program he is offering will outline the history of Australian foreign policy, examine the country's assumed status as a 'middle power' and then focus on four contemporary challenges confronting Australia's foreign and defence officials. Each session will include a presentation of information followed by plenty of time for discussion.

Type: Weekly

Frequency: , Thu 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Convenor: Allan Patience

214CAA03: Current Affairs

Dates: 04/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Location: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria 120 Nelson Place Williamstown

Current Affairs involves lively debate over what's in the news - politics the environment international affairs - the range is endless but driven by the headlines of the day. This group is becoming one of the most popular activities of our U3A.

Type: Weekly

Frequency: , Thu 10:00am - 11:30am

Convenor: Joan Thompson

Outdoor

214BRW05: Birdwatching

Type: Monthly

Dates: 18/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Thu 8:30am - 10:30am

Location: Designated meeting point in an

Convenor: Susan Myers

The birdwatching activity involves a walk/wander in a locality known for a variety of bird species. This will be in local bushland or park land expanding out to locations up to an hour away. We will locate birds, observe and identify their habits and habitats. The location, facilities available and directions will be sent out at least a week beforehand. Meet in Swanston St outside the U3A premises. Equipment: a pair of binoculars are a prerequisite and bird reference books or apps helpful. Also a camera is useful for identifying birds and recording their presence. Be aware of Ethical Birding Guidelines: the welfare of birds always comes first. The outing will be cancelled on days of extreme heat or heavy rainfall.

214CRC02: Cycling

Type: Monthly

Dates: 04/02/2021 - 02/12/2021

Frequency: , Thu 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Designated meeting point in an

Convenor: Kerry Lewis

Get fit, have fun and explore the local area and beyond with like-minded people by bike. Rides will occur on the first Thursday of every month, generally departing from the Kiosk near the Williamstown Life Saving Club at 9.00 am. They will generally be 20 – 30 kilometres long and, except on occasional circumstances, rides will be on cycle paths rather than roads. We will stop for coffee and cake and a chance to chat, usually returning by 1.00 pm. At times we may venture further afield and return by train – this may involve lunch and a later return. Participants must be self-insured.

A moderate level of fitness is required.

215EMW03: Explore Melbourne Walking

Type: Monthly

Dates: 05/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Fri 9:00am - 3:30pm

Location: Designated meeting point in an

Convenor: Sue Duff

Walks usually start from Williamstown North station to catch the 9.21 train (or meet on the train by arrangement along the line to the City) and may include travelling by train, bus, tram and ferry. The pace is fairly easy and the distance covered is 6-10 kilometres. The day out often includes coffee and lunch stops along the way, returning around 3.00 pm. Details of destination and arrangements to commence the walk are provided each month.

A moderate level of fitness is required.

213WAL06: Local Walking Group

Type: Fortnightly

Dates: 10/02/2021 - 14/12/2021

Frequency: , Wed 10:00am - 12:00noon

Location: Designated meeting point in an

Convenor: Ann Banham

A fairly relaxed walk around our local area covering 5- 6 kms. Starting mid-morning and lasting for a couple of hours with, of course, a stop for coffee along the way. Walks will be planned for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

213ROS09: Rose Pruning

Type: One-off event

Dates: 23/06/2021 - 23/06/2021

Frequency: , Wed 10:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Designated meeting point in an

Convenor: Susan Myers

Participants will travel to the State Rose Garden at Werribee Park (VSRG). Car pooling suggested with meeting at the Cottage. There will be a rose pruning demonstration for bush and standard roses. Participants will be given an overview of the history of the rose garden. At the conclusion we will adjourn to the kiosk at Werribee Park for coffee/lunch. State Rose Garden at Werribee Park (VSRG). Wear sensible shoes for walking outdoors. Obey the Covid rules in place at that time. \$5.00 per head as a donation to VSRG Supporters. Sue is the Past secretary of VSRG Supporters Group and experienced rose pruner. A second pruner will demonstrate the standard roses.

Games

211BRG01: Social Bridge

Type: Weekly

Dates: 12/04/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Mon 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ena Holt

Bridge is a fun and challenging card game which keeps the mind active and is one of the worlds most popular card games. Our activity is suitable for members who have a recent or rusty knowledge of the game played in a relaxed and informal environment. New members are welcomed. Members wanting to learn bridge are encouraged to take lessons through the Williamstown Bridge Club in a supported environment. Details are available on their website.

211CRY03: Cryptic Crosswords Moderate (Monday Age)

Type: Weekly

Dates: 01/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Mon 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Location:

Convenor: Darby Higgs

This activity shows how Cryptic Crosswords are compiled so you can learn the strategies and tricks for solving these puzzles. A written guide is provided which gives key words and the meaning of the hidden or cryptic clues. The Monday Age is the most commonly attempted crossword. The activity is run as an exercise in cooperative puzzle solving and is lots of fun. Beginners, including those who have never solved a cryptic crossword, are most welcome in this group. More advanced Cryptic Crossword solvers are referred to the Friday group.

215CRY05: Cryptic Crosswords Advanced (Friday Age)

Type: Weekly

Dates: 05/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Fri 11:30am - 12:30pm

Location: Platform 177 Cafe 177 Ferguson Street Williamstown

Convenor: Tony McCosker

Friday's Age Cryptic Crossword is set by David Castle -DA or Dastardly Awful as his followers refer to him! This is the most complex of the week's crosswords in the Age and has brought some solvers to tears. The group that has formed to solve this puzzle are truly amazing and can usually complete the puzzle in 40 minutes especially if they concentrate rather than chatting and socialising. The Tuesday group solves the less complex Tuesday Age Cryptic Crossword.

Well developed skill at solving Cryptic Crosswords

212BGA06: Board Games

Type: Fortnightly

Dates: 27/04/2021 - 26/12/2021

Frequency: , Tue 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Sarah Berry

Rummikub combines aspects of the card game Gin Rummy and the tile game Mah Jong and is both mentally stimulating and great fun! It is easy to learn and can be quite addictive. Each Rummikub set can be played by 2, 3 or 4 players. Open to both learners and seasoned players. Learners become experts very quickly. We will meet fortnightly and combine games with a good beverage and convivial company. Tuesday 2nd and 4th Obey the Covid rules in place at that time. For game info and rules, see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rummikub>

212CAR05: Cards

Type: Weekly

Dates: 02/03/2021 - 14/12/2021

Frequency: , Tue 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Keith Seddon

A social session to play Cards. It is proposed to start with the card game 500 or five hundred. This is a trick-taking game that is an extension of euchre with some ideas from bridge. You win the game by earning 500 points or forcing your opponents to reach -500 points Commonly played by four players in partnerships. Beginners welcome. The date and time will be finalised in discussion with those that have signed up.

213FOT05: Footy Tipping & Chat

Dates: 17/03/2021 - 29/09/2021

Location: None

Type: Weekly

Frequency: , Wed 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Convenor: Max Elliott

213MAH01: Mah-Jong

Dates: 03/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Type: Weekly

Frequency: , Wed 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Convenor: Barb Maher

Mah-jong is a popular Chinese game played with sets of tiles. It is a game of skill, strategy, and calculation, which also involves a degree of chance. While you will find that it takes many games to become an expert, learning to play is not too difficult.

213TRP02: Trivial Pursuit

Dates: 03/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Location:

Type: Fortnightly

Frequency: , Wed 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Convenor: Mary O'Donoghue

This trivia quiz is played solo rather than in teams. The quiz master, who can change weekly, asks a series of questions which may be on history, geography, sports, science and popular culture – or whatever interesting but unimportant facts they have unearthed. There is a degree of competitiveness, but the emphasis is very much on fun rather than correct answers.

217JGX01: Jigsaw Exchange

Dates: 01/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Type: None

Frequency: , Mon 9:30am - 4:00pm

Convenor: None

Do you enjoy the challenge of jigsaws but not the expense of buying them? A collection of jigsaws is available for members to use, from small to large, simple to complex. The 'Jigsaw Exchange' is an opportunity to bring a jigsaw and swap it for another one free of charge. Take and please replace on an honour system. Donations of jigsaws without exchange are also appreciated.

Languages

212FRE03: Conversational French

Type: Weekly

Dates: 02/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Tue 3:30pm - 5:00pm

Location: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria 120 Nelson Place Williamstown **Convenor: Carol Neumann**

If you are looking to retain and expand your French language skills this activity can assist you. The group meets every week to think, talk and converse in French, led by a native speaker and a (more than competent) Australian born French speaker.

Level of spoken language to fit with group

212LIN06: Introduction to Linguistics Term 2

Type: Fortnightly

Dates: 11/05/2021 - 22/06/2021

Frequency: , Tue 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Location:

Convenor: Annette Signorini

Building on Term 1, we will continue to engage with social views and values associated with language use by analysing and discussing both spoken and written texts. It is not essential to have participated in Term 1.

214ITL04: Italian

Type: Weekly

Dates: 04/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Thu 9:30am - 12:00noon

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Ralph Humphries

Boun giorno students! Come va? Italian is a beautiful language to learn. The class is made up of students with a variety of experience and skill. There is a wide range of material presented from basic grammar to the comprehension of authentic language. At 90 minutes a week progress is not rapid and requires some home study. New members are welcome but it is advisable to "test the water" before committing oneself. Experience in learning a second language is helpful. The last hour of the session is focussed on conversational practice often around a given or agreed theme.

Level of spoken language to fit with group

Writing

211WRI04: Generative Writing

Type: Weekly

Dates: 01/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Mon 10:00am - 11:30am

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Clara Brack

This is a fun writing class, consisting of a series of 7 minute writing exercises based on a poem or an extract from a novel or a photograph. It is based on workshops. Each session would have a theme arising from the needs and interests of the group and what comes up in each session. The writing workshops will be of interest to those who are already involved in a writing project and are interested in some extra stimulation, those who want to connect to others in a writing session but have no intention of continuing the writing, or those who may wish to write and don't know where to start. No writing experience is necessary.

212WRI01: Explore Writing

Type: Fortnightly

Dates: 02/02/2021 - 07/12/2021

Frequency: , Tue 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Annette Signorini

The Tuesday creative writing group will meet twice a month. Members will complete creative assignments at home, which can be fiction, non-fiction, or poetry, and submit them for mutual supportive critique from classmates during the session, as well as some spontaneous writing exercises in class. There will also be a focus on analysing works from a variety of writers.

215CWR02: Creative Writing

Type: Weekly

Dates: 05/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Frequency: , Fri 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Convenor: Helene Richards

The classes mainly focus on work-shopping: members read out a current item of work or a piece developed from optional 'homework' topics and are given friendly feedback. If there is time after these readings a short writing exercise is set and then each person reads out his or her completed piece to the group. There is no restriction on the type of writing (fiction non-fiction short stories novels poetry) or on genre (crime memoir science fiction romance etc.).

Digital and Other

213DIG04: Help with Digital Connectivity

Dates: 03/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Location:

Ruth is assisting members, convenors and would be convenors to connect with members of their activities via Zoom. One - on one help and guidance provided by Ruth.

Type: Weekly

Frequency: , Wed 10:00am - 11:00am

Convenor: Ruth Patching

217DIG04: Help with Digital Connectedness

Dates: 01/02/2021 - 17/12/2021

Location: The Cottage 83 Bayview Street Williamstown

Help with Digital Connectedness is one-on-one session, day and time 10.00 am or by negotiation. Suited to beginners. More experienced learners with specific difficulties are also welcome. One - on one help and guidance provided by Sue in the Cottage/on line or in your home.

Type: Weekly

Frequency: , Mon 10:00am - 11:00am

Convenor: Sue Sturup
