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U3A Program

Term 3, 2021

Term 3, 2021:	20 September – 26 November
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Register for term 3 by Wednesday 8 September 2021

Registration and Booking forms on last pages

If you are unable to post payment, you can register/book in person on 8 September at the [Life Centre](#), 8 Mary St from 10 am - 12 noon
(when hard copies of the current program may, if necessary, also be collected).

U3A Cygnet acknowledges the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Melukerdee. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

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Please note these changes to our program since term 2 2021

- ***Garden & Gourmet*** is back!
- All our activities comply with current Covid restrictions (registering attendance, 2m² per person etc). [We monitor this closely on the government website](#) and will let you know of any changes.
- Some of the venues we use or visit have their own Covid restriction procedures – please arrive early to allow time for these.
- ***Don’t forget our Christmas party and 30th birthday celebrations on 1 December – see Events and Social on page 11.***

Classes are held at:

- [Community Health Centre, 1 Frederick Street Cygnet](#)
 - [Christian Life Centre, 8 Mary Street Cygnet](#)
 - [Oura Oura House, 19 Mary Street Cygnet](#)

(these links go to Google Maps)

Program at a Glance

A Smorgasbord of Talks	Wednesdays	10.00 – 12.00	Life Centre , weekly
Art – Continuers *	Wednesdays	2.00 – 4.00	Health Centre , room 4, weekly
Book Club *	Last Monday of the month	1.30 - 4.00	Health Centre , room 4, all year
Family History *	First Monday of the month	1.30 – 4.00	Health Centre , Room 4, Jan-Nov
Garden & Gourmet	Thursdays	10.00 – 12.00	Various locations – see page 8
Men’s Forum *	2 nd Sunday of the month except Christmas break	2.00 – 4-ish	David Fletcher’s house, Garden Island Creek
Play Reading *	Tuesdays	1.30 – 4.00	Health Centre , room 4, weekly
Writers Group A – Skills *	Tuesdays	10.00 – 12.00	Health Centre , room 4, weekly
Writers Group B – Discussion and support *	Last Friday of the month	10.00 – 12.00	Oura Oura House

*Booking essential for these groups

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1. Introduction

Welcome to our program for term 3, 2021.

Our principles

U3A Cygnet is a co-operative learning community (that's *the university*) for retired and semi-retired people (that's the *third age*), run by volunteers on a non-profit basis. We aim to encourage the pursuit of learning and the opportunity to acquire new skills and experiences in an informal and friendly atmosphere. There are no entry qualifications, assessments or awards.

Communications

This Program is the main way we tell people what's in our educational and social program for the coming months. We publish it three times a year. Download it from our [website](#), where you can also download our constitution, registration forms and other membership information. If necessary we can provide hardcopy of any of these items.

We also publish an occasional email newsletter to keep members up to date with news, items of interest, and forthcoming events, plus any last-minute changes to the Program.

New members

If you'd like to join U3A Cygnet, please fill out the registration form at the end of this Program, or if you wish to come to a few sessions as a guest while you sound us out, contact our Membership Secretary (details on page 3 of this Program, or on our [website](#)).

Questions, suggestions, comments

Whether you are a member or not, we'd love to hear from you! Feel free to use any of the contact details on page 3 of this Program, or on our [website](#).

Do I need to book my place? Course booking system - please read carefully!

- **Art, Writers' Group (both courses), Play Reading, Book Club, Family History, Men's Forum** - these courses have limited numbers.
If you wish to attend for the first time, you will need to book (see booking form at end). We will let you know if we have a place, if not we will put you on a waiting list.
If you are already attending and wish to continue, *and you have confirmed your continued place with your convenor*, you do not need to book by form. If you haven't confirmed, please fill out the form.
If you have your name down but won't be attending next term, please let us know by contacting your convenor or the membership coordinator (June, 0407 187 300).
- **For courses without limits on numbers (Smorgasbord, Garden & Gourmet):** you do not need to book - any member is welcome to attend, and you don't need to attend every session.

Please return your forms by 8 September – earlier helps us!

If you are unable to post payment, you can register in person on 8 September at the [Life Centre](#), 8 Mary St from 10 am -12 noon

2. A Smorgasbord of Talks

What	A series of interesting, stimulating talks on a wide variety of topics, with plenty of opportunity to discuss and ask questions. You don't have to book, and you don't have to attend every session.
When	10.00 – 12.00 Wednesdays, weekly
Where	Life Centre , 8 Mary St, next downhill to the Porthole Cafe (carpark at rear)
Convener	Mary-Kate Pickett 0408 160 700

22 Sept	<p>A Different View of Hobart - John Short</p> <p>We will explore the history of the oldest building in Tasmania and third oldest in Australia, and the book that captures the stories behind it. The Bank Arcade is still standing in a much-developed form, but stone walls and original timbers with the owner's marks expose a rich history from 1805 onwards. Now the address is Liverpool Street but originally the building faced the Hobart Rivulet. John will provide us with a fun look at the story of the Bank Arcade building, peeling back the layers, as well his experience of writing and publishing the book.</p>
29 Sept	<p>Pre-history of Homo Sapiens in Australia - John Pollard</p> <p>About 80,000 BP (years before present) anatomically modern humans first crossed the Wallace Line (the ocean trench separating placental mammals from marsupials) and reached north Australia about 65,000 BP. From there they spread east and west around the coast to South Australia before exploring inland about 48,000 BP. Genetic and archaeological evidence shows that technology developed for hunting, gathering, and "firestick farming". Religious ritual practices, artistic expression and over 250 regional languages cemented social organisation. Trade routes were established to exchange ochre, material for tools, food, jewellery and drugs, for thousands of years.</p>
6 Oct	<p>ABC Friends – Advocating for our Public Broadcaster - Margaret Reynolds</p> <p>ABC Friends has 37 branches across all states and territories, and aims to ensure proper funding and editorial independence of government and commercial interests. Margaret Reynolds, National President of ABC Friends, will talk about the role of our public broadcaster; some of the problems facing public broadcasting, especially in the digital age; the strategies used by ABC Friends and their achievements since starting in Melbourne in 1976. There will be lots of time for discussion and questions.</p>
13 Oct	<p>Every Pot has a Story – Bronwyn Clarke</p> <p>Bronwyn Clarke is a potter living in Deep Bay. Relocating to Tasmania in 2016 has allowed Bronwyn to re-establish her career as a studio potter and arts advocate. She creates a unique range of tableware and signature pieces often created from clay sourced from her own property, as well as porcelain and other commercial clays. Bronwyn will share her love of ceramics and outline the rich technical skills she has developed over decades of study and practice. The session will explore her knowledge of materials and skills and the alchemy of glazing and firing.</p>
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20 Oct	<p>London's Parks and Gardens – Suzanne Brown</p> <p>London's parks and gardens cover some 35,000 acres, providing oases of calm for its eight million inhabitants. If you've visited, you've probably enjoyed strolling in one or more of the 3,000 green spaces in the capital. We will delve into history, architecture and of course plants while visiting a handful of wonderful places. Where would you find a world famous landmark that's in the wrong place, wasabi and guava in cultivation, Peter Pan's statue, a memorial to Ian Dury, a breeding population of hedgehogs, and the only thatched roof in London? Come along to find out ...</p>
27 Oct	<p>Libraries Tasmania: Bigger than books – Anniee Hyde and Ethan Porter</p> <p>Libraries Tasmania has been operating since 1825, and offers services around the state. Apart from books and other lending items, we provide online information, free access to internet, computers and support in their use, and a variety of programs, services and events for adults, children and young people. We will present an overview of the services on offer, as well as some hands-on activities that are both fun and informative.</p>
3 Nov	<p>The Klondike Gold Rush - Paddy Riley</p> <p>If all the gold found in the Klondike gold rush (1896 – 99) was divided equally among all who participated, the amount would fall short of the total invested in time and money to reach it. Millions were dug up in the three years, and millions lost in mere days and weeks. But the story of the Klondike is less about wealth and more about human determination, folly, outright stupidity, extraordinary endurance, greed, charity, cruelty, kindness and all those other vices and virtues that cannot be bought or sold. We will look at some of the men and women who played a part in the 'Klondike Stampede'.</p>
10 Nov	<p>The Quantum and the Universe - John Riley</p> <p>The universe is stranger than we imagine - in fact it is stranger than we can imagine. That said, there is a great deal about our world and the things in it that we can grasp without deep mathematics and ridiculous vocabulary. A grand sense of what is going on around us is humbling, exciting and very satisfying. We will review parts of some of the brilliant popularisations of cosmology and quantum theory available in the lay literature and video presentations in order to gain some insight into the wonder of it all.</p>
17 Nov	<p>Modern Day Russia – Peter Reynolds</p> <p>Russia is the largest country in the world, comprising 85 federal subjects. Distinguished historian Robert Service stated in his history of 20th century Russia that <i>it would be idle to assume that her record in astounding herself, her neighbours and the world has come to an end</i>. Peter visited the country periodically from 2006 to 2014 for work in both Moscow and other areas. His observations and experiences will form the basis of a talk that examines the modern political and economic history of Russia, and the current political paradox of the population's high levels of approval of but low levels of trust in its leader Vladimir Putin and its government.</p>
24 Nov	<p>The Music of the Spheres - Glenn Sanders</p> <p>Pythagoras said each planet played a unique musical note. Christian dogma then needed epicycles – circles on circles – to explain orbital eccentricities. Next, Kepler's science triumphed over his religious beliefs, and showed that if there was orbital sound, it had tremolo. Now we know there is vibrato, and possibly syncopation as well. We'll cover the history of ideas, astronomy, philosophy, and metaphysics. What more could you want? How about the world's first science fiction story, and witches? And what is sound anyway? Certainly there will be music!</p>

3. Art - Continuers

What	This is a self-tutored group. Art can be a solitary hobby, and often frustrating. This group is an opportunity to socialize, learn and share experiences with other potential artists in an informal setting. It is not restricted to any type of art but includes painting mediums such as watercolours, acrylics and pastel. It is designed to provide a space for those who are past the beginner's stage. Covid limits places to nine members at this stage, others will have to go on a waiting list.
When	Wednesdays, weekly
Where	Community Health Centre , 1 Frederick Street, room 4 (allow time to register using the Centre's Covid restrictions procedure)
Note:	Places are limited: please book using the form at the back of this program

4. Book Club

What	Book Club has changed in character - we are now essentially a free range book club where we share and discuss books we are currently reading. From time to time we have a theme for the month and sometimes we all read the same book. Coming up in Term 3 are History, Adventure, and a Gentleman in Moscow. We also run all year so will continue to meet Dec-Feb.
When	1.30 pm on the last Monday of every month (no stopping for term breaks)
Where	Community Health Centre , 1 Frederick Street, room 4 (allow time to register using the Centre's Covid restrictions procedure)
Convener	Lyn Glover, 0477 550 171
Note:	Places are limited: please book using the form at the back of this program

5. Family History

What	A small group of genealogy tragnics meets to share experiences, discuss techniques, and generally learn from each other. This is an interest group, not a course, and is intended for more experienced genealogists, using computer technology. If you are new to the field, we can provide pointers on how best to start.
When	First Monday of each month. 1.30 - 4.00pm
Where	Community Health Centre , 1 Frederick Street, room 4 (allow time to register using the Centre's Covid restrictions procedure)
Convener	June Cunningham 0407 187 300
Note:	Places are limited: please book using the form at the back of this program

6. Garden & Gourmet

What	Visits, talks and workshops on gardens and food, with plenty of opportunity of look, discuss and ask. You don't have to book, and you don't have to attend every session.
When	10am to noon Thursdays, weekly.
Where	See below, and the links to Google Maps for each session.
Convener	Elaine Reeves 0427 172 179.
Note:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The more popular this program becomes, the more difficult it is to find gardens with sufficient parking space. Please share rides as much as you can. If people have different errands after a garden visit, perhaps arrange to at least meet friends at the nearest public car park and share just from there. Use your own discretion if weather is bad. On the day, we have no means of letting everyone know if an event is cancelled. In the main, we are a hardy bunch and nothing stops us. Please bring your own mug.

23 Sept	<p>Crisp garden Lucaston</p> <p>Heather Crisp's garden has been established over 25 years. She describes it as an eclectic mix of everything, including spring bulbs, natives and well-established trees, both evergreen and deciduous. Garden sculptures are scattered here and there and there is a productive netted vegie garden.</p> <p>Address: 359 Bakers Creek Road, Lucaston. This is a left turn off Lucaston Road.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Wendy Barker</p>
30 Sept	<p>Innes garden, Lymington</p> <p>Justin and Melissa Innes have just under 50 acres of cleared bush, house, garden and pasture. With help from their three sons, they have transformed the property. They have sheep, beehives, a vegetable garden, orchard and an ornamental garden, including a new terraced succulent garden. A feature is the new meat-processing shed.</p> <p>Address: 598 Lymington Road, Lymington.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>
7 Oct	<p>Driessen garden, Grove</p> <p>Jack and Lynette Driessen moved to this property and an almost blank canvas garden seven years ago. Jack soon found the fuchsias and roses he had loved at Castle Forbes Bay did not survive the frosts in Grove. Sandy soil was another challenge. Jack turned to natives. He says it is a different garden altogether in spring and autumn.</p> <p>Let Elaine know if you would like to come to lunch at Willie Smith's after this visit.</p> <p>Address: 25 Crabtree Road, Grove. At the Grove store turn left into Mountain River Rd, then left into Crabtree Road.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Elaine Reeves</p>
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14 Oct	<p>Anti-Poverty Week, Cradoc</p> <p>This is our term get-together and a fundraiser, just ahead of national Anti-Poverty Week. We will have a silent auction of items relating to gardens and food, and a Hard-up Quiz. Please bring food for everyone to share and any plants, books, preserves, eggs, baked goods – anything that might raise money for the Cygnet Hub to give to those in need to spend at Cygnet shops.</p> <p>Everyone is welcome, even if you don't usually attend Garden & Gourmet. Even if you don't come along, you might like to donate some items for the auction. Please give them to Elaine Reeves at Smorgasbord or contact her for other arrangements.</p> <p>Address: Cradoc Community Venue, 8243 Channel Hwy, Cradoc.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Suzanne Brown</p>
21 Oct	<p>Show Day - no garden visit</p>
28 Oct	<p>Miellerie, Kettering</p> <p>It is seven years since we visited Yves Ginat's Miellerie, or house of honey. Yves first took an interest in bees at age eleven in his native France. A third of his hives go to the East Coast, a third around Lake Pedder and a third are kept near home base ready to be taken wherever the flowers are happening. Yves says he likes botany and food, and honey is the connection between the two. This is a shopping opportunity.</p> <p>Address: 59 Cripps Road Woodbridge, in the old packing shed.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Elaine Reeves</p>
4 Nov	<p>Beaupre Farm, Lymington</p> <p>Chris Bishop and Colin Skidmore bought these thirty acres with lovely sea views in 2017. The property has heaps of history. Their main focus is comparing and contrasting different farming approaches and introducing regenerative farming and compost making, including brewing compost tea. They also breed goats for the export market. The vineyard is producing small amounts of wine and there is cider from the orchard. There is an established ornamental garden and many walking tracks.</p> <p>Address: 34 Gourlays Road, Lymington. Veer right at end of the road (not the Coast House).</p> <p>U3A facilitator Jan Marciano</p>
11 Nov	<p>Windrush, Eggs and Bacon Bay</p> <p>Sue Woodward and her late husband started their incredible garden more than fifteen years ago. Sue's garden has an amazing outlook over the water and has evolved into a creative, colourful and peaceful place. Natives and mixed plantings, fernery, froggy ponds and so many paths leading to nooks and crannies invite the visitor to enjoy a magical and rewarding experience. There will be opportunity to buy plants.</p> <p>Address: 8 Craypoint Parade, Eggs and Bacon Bay. Take Randalls Bay Rd off the highway, then left into Flakemore Rd which turns left, and then left again to become Craypoint Pde.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Frances Barrett</p>
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18 Nov	<p>The Peony Farm, Lucaston</p> <p>Nick and Linda Griggs have been growing peonies for about eight years, and now have around 7,000 plants. Nick advises that the plants will not be in full bloom on our visit but there should still be plenty of flowers and buds coming on.</p> <p>Address: 38 Bells Road, Lucaston. Take Lucaston Rd off the highway, and Bells Rd is a right turn before Bakers Creek Rd.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Wendy Barker</p>
25 Nov	<p>Van Riddle garden, Franklin</p> <p>Deb and Martin have lived in this old farmhouse for twenty years. They pulled out an orchard to create a rambling garden of hedged rooms on a slope. More recently Deb and a neighbour created the Franklin Fruit Loop, a fenced off public walkway through two private properties (a partnership with neighbours Shane and Jane). It runs between Old Rd and New Rd. Already you can enjoy the view and eventually walkers will be able to help themselves to fruits, nuts and herbs planted along the walk, which runs parallel with a wildlife corridor.</p> <p>Address: 48 Old Road, Franklin. Drive past the house and letterbox. If you would like to also walk the Fruit Loop you could park at Shane and Jane's place at 43 New Road, walk uphill along the Fruit Loop and return that way after the garden visit.</p> <p>U3A facilitator Elaine Reeves</p>

7. Men's Forum

What	The Men's forum meets to socialize and discuss topics of interest, relevance or concern.
When	2.00 – 4.00, second Sunday of each month except during the Christmas break
Where	David Fletcher's house, Garden Island Creek
Convener	David Fletcher, 6297 8240
Note:	Places are limited: please book using the form at the back of this program

8. Play Reading

What	Drama, Comedy, Mystery, Crime – we do it all! Come to the U3A Cygnet Play Reading group and spend a couple of hours experiencing the joys and sorrows of other lives, lived in other places and at other times. You don't have to have great acting skills – just be able to read, enjoy being entertained and love laughing. Beginners welcome.
When	Tuesdays, 1.30 pm-4.00 pm, weekly
Where	Community Health Centre , 1 Frederick Street, room 4 (allow time to register using the Centre's Covid restrictions procedure)
Convener	Catriona Fletcher 6297 8240, or Judi Timm 6297 8239
Note:	Places are limited: please book using the form at the back of this program

9. Writers' Group

What	<p>There are two writers' groups (A and B in each section below)</p> <p>Group A - Skills: Weekly on Tuesdays: do you want to tell a story? Fiction, non-fiction, life stories, travel, historical, journal, cooking – whatever it is, join in with like-minded people and develop writing skills at the same time. Everyone is a beginner so don't hold back.</p> <p>Group B - Discussion and support: Last Friday of the Month: this session is open to all members, not just Tuesdays' participants, so that aspirant writers can exchange written work and receive constructive, encouraging critiques from fellow members.</p>
When	<p>A: 10.00 -12.00 on Tuesdays</p> <p>B: 10.00 -12.30 on the last Friday of each month</p>
Where	<p>A: Community Health Centre, 1 Frederick Street, room 4 (allow time to register using the Centre's Covid restrictions procedure).</p> <p>B: Oura Oura House (SETAC), 19 Mary Street Cygnet</p>
Conveners	David Sands (0408 640 363), assisted by Paddy Riley
Note:	Places are limited in both groups: please book using the form at the back of this program

10. Events and Social

What	<p>Christmas Party and 30th Anniversary Lunch</p> <p>Join us for lunch to celebrate end of the year. Last year was so successful and joyful that we are doing it again. Even the rain showers could not dampen the fun we had.</p> <p>We will also be celebrating Cygnet U3A's 30th anniversary, a major milestone, so there may be some stories of years gone by, and of course there will be cake!</p>
When	Wednesday 1 December, noon to 3pm
Where	Cradoc Community Venue , 8243 Channel Hwy, Cradoc.
Convener	Judi Timm 6297 8239
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places are limited: please book and pay before 24 November using the form at the back of this program. • Cost is only \$15 per person (U3A are subsidising this event) – book now! • Please bring a dish to share. We will provide roast chicken, ham and condiments, tea, coffee, and soft drinks (and some champers to toast the 30th celebration). • Covid rules apply, please bring your own plates, silverware and drinkware. • Closer to the event, we will be in touch as to what to bring so we are not too inundated with sweets! • We would appreciate helpers to set up and take down. Please contact Judi if you can help. It was so easy last year with so many helpers and the place really looked great.
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What	<p>Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre (MDC)</p> <p>The MDC helps Tasmanian students discover and learn about our marine environment. It has fully equipped teaching areas, an aquarium room, marine pond and touch tanks, displays of marine life, human impacts and fishing technology, and a research vessel. We'll start with a short presentation on human Impact on our oceans, and then get the full hands-on experience using their touch tank. Our visit will last around 1½ hours or as long as you like until the centre closes at 4.30pm.</p> <p>Entry is free, although there is a donation box by the door. For those who can, we suggest \$10.00 to help them improve the displays and purchase new teaching resources. An optional lunch is booked for 12.00 noon at the nearby Woodbridge Emporium (pay your own on the day for this).</p> <p>We need to know if you want to come to the MDC or to lunch as well – see below.</p>
When	Monday 11 October at 2.30pm (Optional lunch at 12.00)
Where	Marine Discovery Centre - 3509 Channel Highway, Woodbridge Woodbridge Emporium, 3446 Channel Hwy, Woodbridge (optional lunch)
Convener	Suzanne Brown 0421 931 902, helped by Judi Timm 6297 8239
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For lunch, some roadside parking is available in Jetty Road opposite the Emporium. The Marine Discovery Centre (MDC) is a few minutes' walk further down Jetty Road. But please note, it is not possible to drive to MDC this way. • To drive to the MDC, entry into Jetty Road is further north up Channel Hwy, just on the Kettering side of Peppermint Bay restaurant. • Parking is limited at both sites, please car share if possible. • Please book for lunch and MDC, or just the MDC, by completing the booking form on the following pages. • If you have any questions please call either Suzanne Brown (0421 931 902) or Judi Timm (6297 8239)

What	<p>Anti-Poverty Week, Cradoc</p> <p>This is our Garden & Gourmet term get-together and a fundraiser, just ahead of national Anti-Poverty Week. We will have a silent auction of items relating to gardens and food, and a Hard-up Quiz. Please bring food for everyone to share and any plants, books, preserves, eggs, baked goods – anything that might raise money for the Cygnet Hub to give to those in need to spend at Cygnet shops.</p>
When	14 October
Where	Cradoc Community Venue , 8243 Channel Hwy, Cradoc.
Convener	Suzanne Brown
Notes:	Everyone is welcome, even if you don't usually attend Garden & Gourmet. Even if you don't come along, you might like to donate some items for the auction. Please give them to Elaine Reeves at Smorgasbord or contact her for other arrangements.

Please complete the enrolment, booking and payment forms (as appropriate) on the following pages.