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U3A Program

Term 2, 2022

Term 2	14 June – 19 August
Term 3	19 September – 25 November

Register for term 2 by Wednesday 1 June

Registration and Booking forms on last pages

If you are unable to post payment, you can register/book in person on Wednesday 1 June at the [Enjoy.Church](#), 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 3 2021

- **Garden & Gourmet** is in recess for the winter – it will return in term 3 – but come along to our wonderful Smorgasbord sessions each Wednesday for interesting talks and music.
- All our activities comply with current Covid restrictions (1.5m distancing, 2 m² per person). [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.
- **Because of Covid, some of our smaller groups have not yet resumed full operations – please contact us for more information.**

Classes are held at:

- [Community Health Centre, 1 Frederick Street Cygnet](#)
 - [Enjoy.Church, 8 Mary Street Cygnet](#)

(these links go to Google Maps)

Program at a Glance

A Smorgasbord of Talks	Wednesdays	10.00 – 12.00	Enjoy.Church , weekly
Art – Continuers *	Wednesdays	2.00 – 4.00	Health Centre , room 4, weekly
Book Club (Themes) *	Last Monday of the month	1.30 - 4.00	Health Centre , room 4, all year
Book Club (Specific books) *	Second 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
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	Enjoy.Church , monthly

*Booking essential for these groups

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1. Introduction

Welcome to our program for term 2, 2022.

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' Groups, Play Reading, Book Clubs, Family History, Men's Forum** - these courses have limited numbers.
If you wish to attend for 2022, you will need to book (see booking form at end).
If the class is full, we will let you know and put you on a waiting list. Otherwise, assume you have been accepted.
- **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 1 June – earlier helps us!

**If you are unable to post payment, you can register in person on 1 June
at [Enjoy.Church](#), 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
When	10.00 – 12.00 Wednesdays, weekly
Where	Enjoy.Church , 8 Mary St, next to the Port Cygnet Grocer (carpark at rear)
Convener	Mary-Kate Pickett 0408 160 700

15 June	<p>What is Calculus? And why is it so important? - Jim Palfreyman</p> <p>No mathematical background required. Nearly everyone has heard of Calculus, and you might have done a bit at school - but it may be long forgotten. What actually is it? Why did it change the world? Jim will give an easy-to-understand explanation of Calculus, some examples of its use, and how you are surrounded by it, without even knowing.</p>
22 June	<p>Ancient Polynesian Oceanic Voyaging - David Fletcher</p> <p>David has had a passion and interest in Polynesian voyaging, culture, language and history since the late 1950s. With personal experience in sailing and navigation in the South Pacific in 1966 and 1967 in his 36' sailboat, David will include descriptions of vessels and methods of Polynesian navigation.</p>
29 June	<p>Aurora Australis Tasmania - Margaret Sonnemann</p> <p>What is an aurora? Will I know when I see one? Can we predict when or where to see one? These and other questions receive answers in the Aurora Australis Tasmania FaceBook group, administered by Margaret Sonnemann. With eleven years' experience and nearly 130 thousand members, the group shares information and passion for the extraordinary phenomena that is an aurora, as well as notifications of auroral activity. Beautiful images of auroras will be included.</p>
6 July	<p>State capture - Peter George</p> <p>Former international correspondent, Peter George is now president of community watchdog, Neighbours of Fish Farming, based in the Huon Valley. Tasmania has a long history of powerful industries influencing governments, particularly in hydroelectricity, forestry, and gaming. Here he explores how the salmon industry fits into a pattern of "state capture" that has afflicted Tasmania throughout its European history.</p>
13 July	<p>Travels with my Cello - Gwyn Roberts</p> <p>Hobart-born cellist and conductor Gwyn Roberts will present on his travels with his cello. A retired University of Queensland lecturer, Gwyn has performed nationally and internationally as an orchestral and chamber music cellist, and conductor of youth and professional orchestras. The talk will cover his early life in Tasmania, the move to Queensland, travels with music, and family and interests outside music. The talk will be accompanied by music examples played on cello, and by photographs taken over many years. There will be time for questions during the presentation.</p>
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20 July	<p>Should Australia become a Republic? - Wendy Le Cornu</p> <p>Wendy Le Cornu, Tasmanian Convenor for the Australian Republic Movement, will lead a discussion on the pros and cons of a republic. What model of a republic would work best in Australia? Wendy will look at models around the world and go into detail about the one currently being presented by the Australian Republic Movement called the 'Australian Choice' model. Do we need to have a Head of State? What should be their role and responsibilities? How should they be elected? Lots of questions with opportunities for discussion.</p>
27 July	<p>Propagating food businesses - Elaine Reeves</p> <p>Seedlab Tasmania, the brainchild of Dr Hazel MacTavish-West, is a program to help new businesses producing food, beverages or agri-tourism, to grow, scale up and reduce risks – to get answers to questions they did not even know to ask. It launched in January 2020, and then performed the complete covid pivot to become an online course. Elaine Reeves will tell the stories of some of the people delivering and receiving the program.</p>
3 August	<p>Circular economy in the Huon</p> <p>It is easy to become overwhelmed with a multitude of dire warnings about the future. But the circular economy can provide practical meaningful solutions to reduce the rate we are depleting the planet and the challenge of climate change. We'll touch on what is happening elsewhere in the world but mainly focus on what is achievable at a local level. Join Circular Economy Huon at this session to exchange ideas about how circular principles can be applied to us as individuals, as businesses and for governments.</p>
10 August	<p>The Wallace Line - Glenn Sanders</p> <p>In Asia there are mammals, in Australasia marsupials. Why? The line separating tigers from kangaroos is called the Wallace Line, after one of the two men who independently thought up what became known as Darwinian evolution. Wallace was poor, unknown and middle class, Darwin rich, upper class and very well connected. Did the physical Wallace Line also metaphorically separate these two remarkable scientists? Was Wallace jealous of Darwin? Did Darwin see Wallace as a threat? And why is Wikipedia's explanation of the Wallace Line at best sloppy, if not outright wrong?</p>
17 August	<p>Rome – History, Art & Architecture, People and Culture - Lyn Glover (In Memory of Julia Hammond)</p> <p>This talk will conclude Julia's series of talks on Italian cities - Venice, Florence and now Rome. Rome has been defined as the Eternal City – there is Imperial Rome, Spiritual and Religious Rome and Modern Rome. It is crowded, congested, noisy and chaotic and many visitors cannot wait to leave for another calmer destination, while the locals happily coexist with their surroundings. We will explore Rome by walking its streets – this allows us to visit churches, palazzos and museums where we can appreciate Rome's incredible history and contribution to world culture. The key to understanding Rome is to <i>pazienza</i> - relax and enjoy, don't worry if things do not go to plan, grab a glass of wine and sit at a sunny café watching the world go by . . .</p>
Note:	<p>All members! – not just Smorgasbord attendees - end of term lunch following this last talk – bring a plate.</p>

3. Art – Continuers

What	<p>This is a self-tutored group.</p> <p>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.</p>
When	Wednesdays, weekly, 2.00 – 4.00pm
Where	<p>Normally at the Community Health Centre, 1 Frederick Street, room 4.</p> <p>During Covid this may be varied by agreement with participants.</p>
Note:	Places are limited: please book using the form at the back of this program

4. Book Club(s)

What	<p>There are some big changes in Book Club this term: we have divided into two book groups due to the growth in numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U3A Book Club (themes) discusses books related to a theme, which could be fiction, non-fiction or free range. Our term two topics choices are: A Mystery, History Modern or Ancient, Autobiography Memoirs or Diaries. Vacancies for 2 new members (max 8). • U3A Reading Group (specific books) runs along more traditional book club lines, so we all read the same book each month. However, the chosen books come from the Tasmania Library Book Groups. Our members select books from a huge range of titles, then each month the Library sends us a new book. No need to worry about getting books in time or having to buy books. In May we are discussing <i>The Lost Man</i> by Jane Harper. Vacancies for 2 new members (max 6).
When	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Club (themes): 1.30 – 4.00pm on the last Monday of every month (no stopping for term breaks) • Reading Group (specific books): 1.30 – 4.00pm on the second last Monday of each 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 meet 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	Normally at the Community Health Centre , 1 Frederick Street, room 4. During Covid this may be varied by agreement with participants.
Convener	June Cunningham 0407 187 300
Note:	Places are limited: please book using the form at the back of this program

6. Men's Forum

What	The Men's forum meets to socialize and discuss topics of interest, relevance or concern.
When	2.00 – 4.00pm, 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

7. 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 - 4.00pm, 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
Note:	Places are limited: please book using the form at the back of this program

8. Writers' Groups

What	<p>There are two writers' groups (A and B in each section below)</p> <p>Group A - Skills: Weekly on Tuesdays: Have you always dreamed of writing the perfect short story? Would you like to write memoirs to add to your family tree for your descendants to read? Do you believe there's a best-selling novel in you just waiting to emerge? Or do you just want to write to kick start your creative processes? If you can identify with any or all, or you'd just like to have a go, in a friendly, supportive and informative session, join this weekly session for two hours to share writing techniques and tips; you may even overcome writer's block! Everyone is a beginner so don't hold back.</p> <p>Group B - Discussion and support: Held on the last Friday of each month, this session is open to all members so that aspirant writers can exchange written work and receive constructive, encouraging critiques from fellow members.</p>
When	<p>Group A: 10.00 -12.00 on Tuesdays</p> <p>Group B: 10.00 -12.30 on the last Friday of each month</p>
Where	<p>Group A: Community Health Centre, 1 Frederick Street, room 4 (allow time to register using the Centre's Covid restrictions procedure.)</p> <p>Group B: Enjoy.Church, 8 Mary St, next to the Port Cygnet Grocer (carpark at rear)</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

9. Any Ideas?

Now you've browsed through our program, have you thought idly of the possibility of some other small group activity which we could offer? Something you are interested in? Or something you know someone else is interested in? Maybe something musical, or artistic, a topic for discussion, planning for something, or even mainly social?

The Cygnet Community Health Centre has rooms available to us for groups up to ten people or so, and we have there a laptop, projector and screen, and a sound system, all of which we can show you how to use if that would be useful. We already offer two Book Clubs, Family History, a Writers group, and Play Reading, and we try not to duplicate things already available elsewhere in our wonderfully creative Cygnet community. But there is always room for more.

Any ideas? Just email secretary@u3acygnet.org.au, or contact any committee member (see page 3).

