



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE  
MARGARET RIVER INC

# Program of Courses

**Semester One: February to June 2023**



Some of the large audience eagerly awaiting a wonderful presentation, in November 2022, by Dr Mike Donaldson OAM on "*The Diversity of Styles in Aboriginal Rock Art Regions across Australia*". This event also celebrated Margaret River U3A's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with guests from Naturaliste U3A.

*U3A Margaret River Inc. is a member of the international movement founded in France in 1973 to promote and practice lifelong learning for seniors. We provide low-cost educational opportunities in a relaxed and informal environment.*

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

We are delighted to present this U3A Margaret River program of courses for semester one 2023. This has been compiled by our new program coordinator, Jeff Gresham and we are very grateful to him for putting together such an interesting and diverse line-up.

Twenty-four courses are presented. We have seven new course leaders and a total of 13 courses which have completely new content. At the same time, we are pleased to be able to offer again, activities and topics which have proved popular in the past.

Returning courses include *Boot Scooting* (thank you to Carol White who introduced this popular activity as well as Maggie and Dave Leggott who will be helping to keep it going) and Susan Mitchell's *Singalong to the Sixties*. The Singalong, which has its own following, will now run weekly and has a new venue: the Uniting Church, with its excellent grand piano. Judith Fordham will repeat her *The Real CSI*, and Carol Nash will again lead *Walking Margaret River*

Two new craft courses, *Fun with Glass* and *Introduction to Felting*, have been added to the program. Experienced forester, Ian Kealley, will explain the wonders of the *Great Western Woodlands of WA*. Ross Lonnie will present his Great Plays of the World course with six plays being considered over seven weeks.

This year we have two "theme" courses. Under the theme of *Living in Changing World*, there will be five different presenters addressing issues such as climate change, moving to electric cars and the challenges of maintaining our current standard of living and consumption of energy. *Travelling and Living in Remote Places* will include, amongst other adventures, illustrated talks about kayaking off the coast of British Columbia and exploring six of Australia's large islands. Details of these two courses and others can be found in the program contained in this brochure.

We are making one change in timing this year. We will not be opening enrolments until late January and courses will not commence, in the main, until early March, except for 3 courses that will start on the last days of February.

Also, please do not forget that during the year, in addition to the courses in this brochure, we offer special events which may be a visit to a location of interest, a talk or other activity. Non-members are welcome to these events on payment of a gold coin donation, and of course, these activities are free to our members.

At the end of the 2022 calendar year, we had 220 members, which is a pleasing total but we are always looking for newcomers. So, please encourage others to join and pass a copy of this program to anyone interested. While our organisation mainly attracts older members of the Margaret River community, we are pleased to welcome anyone who is interested in life-long learning and who would like to join.

We are seeking new volunteers. Anyone who is willing to learn how to set up audio-visual equipment and thus get free attendance at courses and people with some information technology skills will be especially welcome. Please contact Jeff Gresham on 0418 628 896.

On the health front, our courses are now open to everyone. At the time of writing, there are no COVID related restrictions, but if you are unwell, please let us know and stay away! We do have members who are immuno-compromised, and we want to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Please enjoy our courses for semester one 2023 and we hope that there is something to interest all our members.

**Jenny Bunbury**

**President**

January 2023

## U3A MARGARET RIVER MEMBERSHIP & COURSE ENROLMENT



The courses listed in this booklet are being **emailed** to U3A members on **Monday 9 January, 2023** and this brochure is also available to everyone online at <https://u3amr.org.au/courses/> To enrol in a course, you must be a financial member of U3A Margaret River. Membership subscription for the calendar year is \$40.

### You may enrol in person on

**Thursday 19 January between 10.00am and 12.00 noon**

**or Monday 23 January between 1.00pm and 3.00pm**

at the Mainbreak Room, Shire Offices, Wallcliffe Road

On these enrolment dates only, membership and course fees can be paid in cash or by cheque at the venue. We do not have credit or debit card facilities.

### You may join and enrol on-line

using your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://u3amr.org.au/members/> or by going to our website <http://www.u3amr.org.au> and clicking on the UMAS for Members box at **any time after 10:00 am on Thursday January 19 or later.**

**If already a member, click on the LOG IN BOX and use your member no. and password**

*If you cannot remember your number, log in with your email address. Your password will normally be your surname (lower case) followed, only if your name is less than 5 characters, with spaces (to reach 5 characters). If you have forgotten your password, the system will tell you how to retrieve it.*

**If not already a member, click on the JOIN BOX and fill out the membership form online.**

Once logged in: **Click on Pay Membership if you haven't paid this year, and/or**

**Enrol in courses by clicking on the COURSES tab, selecting and adding to the cart**

**Once you have joined and/or selected courses go to the CHECKOUT tab for payment options and instructions. Please do not pay for waitlisted courses.**

**Our bank details are: BSB 086-798 A/C 140224516**

If you need assistance to renew your subscription and/or enrol in a course but are unable to attend either enrolment day:

1. Please call 0417 571 375 or 0407 775 070 and one of our coordinators will assist you. Please leave a return phone number if no one is available to take your call.
2. For course enquiries, you can also email [gresham@inet.net.au](mailto:gresham@inet.net.au) or [bunburyjenny@gmail.com](mailto:bunburyjenny@gmail.com) and include your name and membership number (if known) together with the title of the course(s) in which you wish to enrol. A reply email will be sent to you as soon as possible.
3. For membership enquiries, if you have email, please email [admin@u3amr.org.au](mailto:admin@u3amr.org.au)
4. If you do not have an email address, you can post your membership enquiry and/or enrolment request to PO Box 1059, Margaret River 6285.

**Please note:** All members of U3A Margaret River who have online access can look up their personal information, view course information, and check the courses in which they are enrolled at any time by logging in at <http://www.u3amr.org.au> and clicking on the **UMAS for Members** box as per above. Please try to use this system. The information will all be there, including the dates and times of the courses. If you would like help in accessing this system, come to the enrolment day or contact us by one of the methods indicated above.

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# Art Appreciation

## North American Art (20th-21st Centuries)

**Dates:** 04/05/2023 - 25/05/2023

**Weekly, Thu 9:30 - 11:00**

**Location:** Old Church, MR Community Centre, 33 Tunbridge Street

**Leader:** Daniela Palitos

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 10 – Max 20**



What do we actually know about North American art? And what were its major influences? To answer these and many other questions, we will delve into the world of four major American artists that will guide us through the changes in subjects and style that occurred during the postwar years and beyond. Daniela's course will take you from the European roots of North American painting to the virtual extinction of modernism. This will lead to the emergence of a new generation of abstract artists of conviction who revolutionised the course of contemporary American art.

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# Arts & Crafts

## Introduction to Feltmaking

**Dates:** 17/04/2023 - 24/04/2023

**Weekly, Mon 9:30 - 12:30**

**Location:** Wash House, MR Community Centre, 33 Tunbridge Street

**Leader:** Jillian Somerville

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 4 – Max 10**



The craft of feltmaking offers a symbolic return to our ancient sources, using only our hands and wool fleece. Wool is the only fibre endowed by nature with properties which enable it to be felted. Jillian will guide participants in how to felt using beautiful soft merino wool.

*Over 2 sessions, you will make a felt ball, a small vessel and a small flat piece. You will need to bring \$10 in cash to each session to pay Jillian for materials.*

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## Fun with Glass

**Dates:** 08/05/2023 - 18/05/2023

**Total of 4 days, Mon & Thu 9:30 - 11:30**

**Location:** Wash House, MR Community Centre, 33 Tunbridge Street

**Leader:** Dawn Klok

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 4 – Max 6**



Are you fascinated by the beauty of the stained-glass windows of the world's great churches? Or intrigued by the lead light windows and doors in some of Australia's older homes? Dawn will present a beginner's course which will enable you to make a basic design, through to completion, of a lead light piece of art. The sessions will be on Mondays and Thursdays with the last session (Thursday May 18) at Dawn's home in Kilcarnup.

*Dawn will supply some glass but there will be a cost, payable in cash to Dawn, for participants to purchase lead. Participants will also need some sketch paper and a marker pen for design and to buy glass pliers and a glass cutter, which are available from Margaret River Glass, Unit 1 Augur Way, Margaret River.*

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## Photography as an Art Form

**Dates:** 11/04/2023 - 09/05/2023

**Weekly, Tue 10:00 - 11:30**

**Location:** Main Meeting Rm, MR Community Centre, 33 Tunbridge Street

**Leader:** Bryan Timmons

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 10 – Max 25**



Bryan will present a course that captures his enthusiasm for photography as an art form. He will explore the works of photographers who pioneered the medium and of those who influenced him on his path in “drawing with light”. The course will cover some of the history of photography but will focus on how particular photographs are created and why they can be appreciated as art. Bryan will discuss the work of some of his teachers and how they have taught him many different skills and techniques as he pursues a rich and rewarding pastime.

*There will be no session on April 25<sup>th</sup>*

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## Going Potty with Bill

**Dates:** 2/03/2023-30/03/2023

**Weekly, Thu 930 - 12:30**

**Location:** Wilyabrup Dreaming, 49 Wilyabrup Rd, Wilyabrup

**Leader:** Bill Meiklejohn

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Min 2 – Max 4**



Ever wanted to try your hand at pottery? This course will introduce you to using a wheel and the basics of hand building. Make your own coffee cup and learn a bit about glazing and firing. Bill is only able to offer these five sessions for four people. Minimum participants: 2

*NB: Wilyabrup Road is a gravel road on the LEFT going north from Margaret River, after you pass Cullens and Cheeky Monkey on your right but before Graylyn winery. Drive about one kilometre down Wilyabrup Road, Bill's pottery is on your left through iron gates*

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## Wondrous Watercolours: Unit 1

**Dates:** 23/02/2023 - 16/03/2023

**Weekly, Thu 13:30 - 16:00**

**Location:** Wash House, MR Community Centre, 33 Tunbridge Street

**Leader:** Margaret Affleck

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 4 – Max 8**



This is an introduction to the techniques used in watercolour painting, through four demonstrated lessons. No previous experience is necessary. Topics may include painting simple leaves, pieces of fruit, a round object like a vase with a simple background and an easy landscape. Techniques covered include plain and graded washes, wet on dry paper, wet on wet paper, hard and soft edges and smooth and rough textures. Come and learn a new skill or refresh old ones.

*Please note: Participants will need to bring 3 warm primary watercolour paints (e.g., Red, Yellow, and Blue), 3 watercolour round brushes sizes 2 – 12 and an inexpensive 1-inch flat brush for washes, a support board (Coreflute is cheap and available at Bunnings), and a pad of 300gsm watercolour paper (cold pressed). On enrolment, you will be emailed a list of things to bring from home such as a 2B soft pencil and eraser, etc.*

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# Current Affairs & Society

## The Real CSI

Dates: 15/06/2023 - 6/07/2023

Location: Margaret River District Club

33 Tunbridge Street

Fee: \$10.00

Weekly, Thu 14:00 - 15:30

Leader: Judith Fordham

Min 10 – Max 50



Judith is offering a reprise of last semester's fascinating course for those who missed it.

1. **Truth is Stranger than Fiction.** Join author, forensic scientist and barrister Judith Fordham as you learn how police, scientists and lawyers think, and what happens when these worlds collide in criminal investigation and prosecution.

2. **Scared to Death?** When Bob hosted a loud party, he did not expect to be charged with murder. The worst crime he thought he had committed was being rude to a neighbour. But 20 minutes later the neighbour was dead. Who killed him?

3. **Happy Families or The Curious Case of the Kissing Cousins.** Everyone was happy when grandma came to visit. That is, until her granddaughter accused her grandson of a terrible crime. What really happened? The answers were in the DNA, but would anyone realise?

4. **Guilty or Not Guilty?** Join Judith Fordham as she relives the trial of a father accused of killing his infant son. Whose side are you on? How do you feel? What happens if the forensic science is wrong? **WARNING:** this presentation is not graphic but may be emotionally confronting

*Judith Fordham is a practising barrister. There is just a very remote chance that she may be called away at short notice. If so, we will advise you accordingly.*

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## Philosophy: Sex, Politics and Religion

Dates: 22/02/2023 - 28/06/2023

Location: Anglican Church Hall,  
Station Road, Margaret River

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Fee: \$15.00

Monthly,

4<sup>th</sup> Wed 14:00 - 16:00

Leaders: Ross Goulden

Margie Moir

Min 8 – Max 12



This semester Ross and Margie will continue to lead interesting and informative discussions on current topical, and at times controversial, subjects. As before this will take the form of a freewheeling debate amongst all present. Each month we will agree on a topic or topics for the following month's discussion and members of the group will be encouraged (but not required) to do their research and come along armed with their ideas, questions, and opinions. Putting aside the adage that one doesn't discuss sex, politics, or religion in polite society, Margie and Ross are willing to discuss almost anything. Come and join us on the Fourth Wednesday of every month.

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## A Search for Truths

**Dates:** 13/03/2023 - 27/03/2023

**Location:** Margaret River District Club  
Centre, 33 Tunbridge Street

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Weekly, Mon 14:00 - 15:30**

**Leader:** Bill Bunbury

**Min 10 – Max 50**



Bill Bunbury will offer 3 sessions in which he will explore a variety of ethical, philosophical and religious perspectives, illustrated with audio excerpts. The content of these sessions is based on Bill's work with *Encounter*, *ABC Radio National's Ethics/Religion* series and *Hindsight, Australian Social History*; it will include *Reconciliation with First Nations people* and *Belief and Enquiry – Faith and Science*.

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## A Changing World: Challenges & Opportunities

**Dates:** 03/03/2023 - 31/03/2023

**Location:** Margaret River District Club  
33 Tunbridge Street

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Weekly, Fri 10:00 - 11:30**

**Leader:** Pete Lane

**Min 10 – Max 50**



Many changes are taking place around us, not only climate change. These changes will have a significant impact on our lives and a more lasting impact on our children and grandchildren. This series of presentations will inform you about some of the issues confronting us all, both now and into the future.

Session 1, **Peter Lane: Past climate changes** and what can we do about this one? As evidenced by the multitude of changes over geological time, our climate can best be described as delicate. Peter will describe how many of these changes came about and then outline the technical challenges we face in attempting to stabilise today's climate.

Session 2, **Bill Castleden: The move to electric vehicles** - pros and cons. Despite being enamoured of his 2-year-old Tesla Mark 3 and having driven it to Sydney and back, Bill Castleden recognises there are negatives when it comes to embracing an electric car. This talk will outline some of the pluses and minuses of electric car ownership.

Session 3, **David Galloway: Redeeming our Cities and Towns**. Urban development is a challenge because once things are built, they are in place for fifty years. Decisions made in their time, in good faith, can unravel, creating major long-term difficulties. David Galloway will talk about current responses to build more flexible and resilient cities and talk about practical examples on which he has worked.

Session 4, **Jamie McCall: The Descending Use of Energy and the Limits to Future Growth**. Jamie's talk will examine our growth-focused financial and political systems and the possible limits we may be reaching in our continued pursuit of infinite growth on a finite planet.

Session 5, **Greg Skyles: Computers and Technology**. From telegrams to Twitter. From faxes to emails. From calculators to computers. From going to the movies to subscribing to streaming services. We have all experienced huge changes technology in our lifetimes. Greg will walk you through many of the changes and look to what might be in store for us in the future.

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## Environment & Nature

### The Great Western Woodlands of WA

**Dates:** 17/05/2023 - 31/05/2023

**Weekly, Wed 15:00 - 16:00**

**Location:** Fair Harvest, 146 Carter's Road,  
Margaret River.

**Leader:** Ian Kealley

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 10 – Max 25**



There is a vast and exciting area of Western Australia east of the Darling Scarp. Ian Kealley OAM will introduce you to the environment, landscapes, flora and fauna, land management and land uses of the Great Western Woodlands in the WA Goldfields. Ian has 33 years of experience as a forester and as the environmental regional manager for the inland third of WA. His talks will include interesting stories such as that of the “Woodlines” which supplied timber to the gold mines. Ian will also cover conservation, ongoing use and land management of this large area, including sandalwood and diverse inland specialty timbers.

Session 1: An introduction to the unique environment, landscapes, flora and fauna of the Great Western Woodlands in the WA Goldfields.

Session 2: Historical land use in the Great Western Woodlands. The “woodlines” (1900-1964), timber harvesting, the remarkable recovery of the woodlands, and the unique specialty timbers.

Session 3: Historical and contemporary land use in the Great Western Woodlands (including the 178 year long, WA sandalwood industry, 1845-2023), the processes that threaten the Woodlands and how they are managed for conservation.

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## Exercise

### Introduction to Boot Scooting

**Dates:** 28/04/2023 - 16/06/2023

**Weekly, Fri 10:00 - 11:00**

**Location:** Margaret River Karate Club, 89  
Wallcliffe Rd, Margaret River

**Leaders:** Carol White and  
Maggie Leggott

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Min 10 – Max 25**



Boot scooting, also known as line dancing, is a dance in which individuals form a line and follow a choreographed pattern of steps to country music. Movement like this is beneficial because it

- is good for breathing.
- gets the heart rate up.
- helps balance.
- makes our brains work hard trying to remember the routines.
- is social and fun (especially when we get our toes in a tangle).
- doesn't require a partner to enjoy it.

Carol and Maggie will reprise this very popular course open to both new comers and repeat offenders!

*To protect the floor at the Karate Club, participants must wear white soled shoes.*

*Please note participants will be required to sign a declaration of fitness and a liability indemnity waiver. And don't forget to bring a water bottle.*

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## Walking Margaret River

**Dates:** 17/04/2023 - 22/05/2023

**Location:** Meeting places to be advised

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Weekly, Mon 9:15 - 10:45**

**Leader:** Carol Nash

**Min 10 – Max 30**



We live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world, so why not come and join fellow U3A members in exploring six different tracks around our town? Walks will take approximately one hour – around 3 or 4 km in length. At the end of the walk, you can also enjoy a cup of coffee in company.

*Please note that wearing clothing and footwear suitable for bushwalking is important for your safety. Also, participants will be asked to sign a declaration of fitness and a liability indemnity waiver.*

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## Stretch and Relax

**Dates:** 16/05/2023 - 13/06/2023

**Location:** Club Room, Lifestyle Village,  
Bussell Highway, Margaret River

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Weekly, Tue 8:30 - 9:30**

**Leader:** Michelle Burman

**Min 6 - Max 10**



Would you like a great start to the day? Michelle will take you through a series of stretches (floor exercises) that will be beneficial to your health and well-being. At the end of each session there will be a period of relaxation.

*Participants will need to bring a yoga mat, an exercise brick and a blanket.*

*It is suggested that you do not eat anything before the session*

*Please note that participants will be asked to sign a declaration of fitness and a liability indemnity waiver*

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## Cooking, Shopping or Choosing Food

### Go Austrian and Italian

**Dates:** 08/03/2023 - 15/03/2023

**Location:** Jill's place, 129 Harrison Road,  
Forest Grove

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Weekly, Wed 9:30 - 13:00**

**Leader:** Jill James

**Min 6 - Max 9**



In session one Jill will share a strudel recipe given to her sixty years ago by an Austrian woman. This is an authentic, traditional recipe that can be used for both savoury and sweet strudels. Then the following week Jill will share her recipes for risotto and gnocchi as well as for bread-and-butter pudding using Italian Panettone fruit bread. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch and eat the delicious food that Jill will cook for you

*Please note there will be an additional charge of \$10 payable in cash directly to Jill for ingredients. Also, please advise the program coordinator if you would like to enrol but need someone to provide transport OR if you are able to provide transport for other participants. Directions to 129 Harrison Road will be provided after enrolment.*

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# Gardening

## Bonsai for All

**Dates:** 01/03/2023 - 22/03/2023

**Weekly, Wed 11:00 - 12:30**

**Location:** Druids Hall, 10418 Bussell Highway, Witchcliffe

**Leader:** Jon Payne

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 4 – Max 8**



Small garden and not much room? Want to try bonsai for the first time? Or want to improve your knowledge and skills? In session 1, Jon will explain the basics behind this ancient Japanese practice and the rules for root and tip pruning. In session 2, Jon will demonstrate the importance of drainage and care for bonsai trees. He will have available some potted plants for purchase as well as all the other materials you will need to maintain an attractive bonsai tree. In sessions 3 & 4, Jon will go into more detail about making a bonsai garden and caring for different bonsai trees. *Please bring \$25 in cash to purchase and take home your own potted bonsai plant together with the materials required for maintenance of a healthy plant.*

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## How to Create an English-style Garden

**Dates:** 08/03/2023 - 08/03/2023

**Half Day Course,  
Wed 10:00 - 12:00**

**Location:** Peter Madeley's Garden,  
5 Molloy Street, Augusta

**Leader:** Peter Madeley

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 6 - Max 20**



Spend two hours in Peter's lovely garden in Augusta. He has used re-claimed material to create attractive features and limits to his garden. He has concentrated on using English (non-native) plants some of which he has propagated himself. The session should be informative and generate ideas for course participants.

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# Health & Wellbeing

## Discussing Death and Dying Matters

**Dates:** 14/03/2023 - 04/04/2023

**Weekly, Tue 10:00 - 11:30**

**Location:** Anglican Church Hall, 11 Station Road, Margaret River

**Leader:** Paul Barlow

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 6 – Max 10**



Discussing death and dying is something that many people shy away from. A good way to learn about death is to talk about it. You will be given the opportunity to discuss different topics around death in a supportive environment.

Session 1 Communication: how to talk about death and dying.

Session 2: Stories about the spiritual aspects of death and dying.

Session 3: How you want your end of life to be, what your choices are and how to plan for it.

Session 4: Options you have from time of death to burial.

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# Foreign Languages

## French for Beginners

**Dates:** 09/03/2023 - 13/04/2023

**Location:** Main Meeting Rm, MR Community Centre, 33 Tunbridge St

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Weekly, Thu 13:00 - 15:30**

**Leader:** Julie Dignon

**Min 6 - Max 12**



Ever wanted to learn another language? Now's your chance. An introduction to the French language through an interactive approach which encourages speaking and conversation. You will learn basic greetings and introductions and to answer questions about yourself and your interests. We will also look at the French culture, and some basic holiday vocabulary. We hope to complete the course with a visit to a French Patisserie!! Julie has over 20 years' experience in teaching French to younger students and sees this course as part of her learning journey as well!!

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# Literature & Drama

## Great Plays of the World

**Dates:** 18/05/2023 - 29/06/2023

**Location:** Ross Lonnie's place, 42 Blain Road, Rosa Brook

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Weekly, Thu 11:00 - 12:30**

**Leader:** Ross Lonnie

**Min 6 - Max 8**



Ross Lonnie is a well-known local playwright who has had seven plays published and fourteen productions performed in Perth, Sydney and Hobart. Three of his plays were performed in Margaret River, and two of these were première performances. Ross is presenting a second seven-week program for U3A where some of the best plays from around the world will be studied, with the idea of trying to understand what makes a great play! One that stands above all the rest!

The plays selected will be from USA, Russia, England, Ireland and Australia and will be identified well before the semester commences. Participants are expected to read each play beforehand, or watch it on video, or online. Ross will provide a work sheet prior to each session, setting out the talking points and issues for consideration. The discussion is generally conducted on a "round the table basis" on each issue in an informal manner.

Six plays will be considered over six weeks. The seventh, final, session takes place over lunch when all six plays are put in the pot and a decision is made as to which one is the best. There is no time limit on this meeting; so, come prepared to stay for a while!

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# Music

## Classical Music Appreciation

**Dates:** 17/04/2023 - 8/05/2023

**Weekly, Mon 14:00 - 15:30**

**Location:** Margaret River District Club  
Tunbridge Street

**Leader:** Ross Goulden

**Fee:** \$10.00

**Min 8 - Max 25**



The course will cover four music periods - Baroque (Bach); Classical (Mozart); Romantic (Beethoven); Modern (Stravinsky) - with each session covering one period. Each period will primarily feature the listed composer, with likely other examples mentioned. Concertos will be the chief focus.

Ross will provide information on each period and on the composers. Some appropriate music will be selected, listened to, and watched on YouTube. Feedback from participants and discussion will be encouraged.

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## Singalong to the Sixties Plus

**Dates:** 13/06/2023 - 04/07/2023

**Weekly, Tue 13:00 - 14:30**

**Location:** Uniting Church, 60 Tingle Avenue,  
Margaret River

**Leader:** Sue Mitchell

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Min 10 - Max 25**



These singalong sessions are for people who like to sing but are not wanting to join a choir. "If only the best singing bird in the bush was singing, things would be very quiet" So join us for some fun and wellness as we share the challenges and remember some beautiful songs.

We provide word sheets to popular songs, some old, some newer, and this semester we will meet weekly for five weeks at the Uniting Church where we will be accompanied by their lovely Grand Piano.

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## Singing Accompanied with Ukulele

**Dates:** 28/02/2023 - 23/05/2023

**Weekly, Tue 14:00 - 16:00**

**Location:** Barbara Webster's place, 7  
Cabernet Place, Margaret River

**Leader:** Barbara Webster

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Min 4 - Max 6**



The object of Barbara's course is to sing and accompany yourself on the ukulele. She will teach participants basic ukulele chords so that they can sing-a-long as they play. Playing the ukulele helps with identifying and singing harmonies. It is a lot of fun and not at all difficult. At the end of the course participants will be equipped to play and sing-a-long with any ukulele group.

There are currently two ukulele groups in Margaret River that would welcome new members. This course will not run during school holidays, 11 & 18 April, or on Anzac Day, April 25. However, those enrolling are also asked to commit to attending the course for the whole 10 weeks, except for unavoidable absences.

*Participants will need to purchase or have access to a ukulele.*

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# Travel & Geography

## Travelling and Living in Remote Places

**Dates:** 24/05/2023 - 21/06/2023

**Weekly, Wed 10:30 - 12:00**

**Location:** Margaret River District Club  
Community Centre, 33 Tunbridge Street

**Leader:** Jeff Gresham

**Fee:** \$15.00

**Min 10 - Max 50**



Join us as 5 different presenters tell you of their adventures and experiences both here in Australia and in remote parts of other countries.

Session 1, **Heather Locke: Girt by Sea - Six Islands.** When travelling to “remote” areas of Australia we think of the interior, but what about the islands off our coast? Heather invites you travel by ferry, boat and plane and see who else lives ‘girt by sea’.

Session 2, **Barbara Maidment: Uganda - The Pearl of the Nile.** Uganda is a landlocked country in equatorial Africa, which has two major claims to fame. One, it is the birthplace of the mighty Nile River, and two, in the Reuenzori Mountains it holds one of the last strongholds of the mountain gorilla. We'll take a look at everyday life, the economy, and the politics...join us!

Session 3, **Linda and Richard McKellar: Kayaking in the Haida Gwaii.** Linda and Richard McKellar will recount an 8-day kayaking - camping trip in the southern section of the Queen Charlotte Islands, or Haida Gwaii, that lie about 100 km off the coast of North America. Their trip led to 'Ninstints', an abandoned Haida village, now a Haida heritage site.

Session 4, **Terry Hoynes: Berber Carpets of the Atlas Mountains of Morocco.** The village of Amassine lies between the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara, 2000 metres above sea level. Here resides the project Ait Khozema named after the local Berber tribe. It started off as a scientific experiment to investigate what makes even old Berber carpets so long-lasting and shiny. The project began to use the old techniques of 200 years ago – without chemicals. One outstanding outcome has been the profound, positive result that the project has had on the health and wellbeing of the semi nomadic families living in the village, especially the women.

Session 5, **Jeff and Elizabeth Gresham: The North Drakensberg Traverse and Bushman Rock Art.** In 2016, Jeff and Elizabeth completed the North Traverse trek in the beautiful Drakensberg Mountains in Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa and visited a number of San (Bushman) rock art sites in this area. This profusely illustrated talk will take you along the crest of the dramatic Drakensberg Range and to some of the most beautiful rock art sites in the world.



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