

**U3A
WOLLONGONG – INC**



**Term 3, 2023 Newsletter:
MONDAY 17 JULY – FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
PATRON: LORD MAYOR GORDON BRADBURY AM**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

It looks like Covid-19 is finally behind us and we are having a lot of new members join along with others who skipped the Covid years. Our membership has already exceeded last year, so we are on the way back.

The programs and presentations this year have been informative and entertaining and very well received. My thanks to the program coordinators and presenters.

We are going to have the AGM on 31st July and will be doing it a little differently. This year there will be a 30 min presentation on the Monday at 9:30am, then at 10:00am we will hold the AGM with Alan Collis running it as I will be in Europe. There will be a vote at the AGM to increase annual fees to \$65 so increasing membership fees and reducing the amount we are consuming from our reserves. After morning tea there will be another presentation as per usual.

David Christian

PAYMENT OF FEES BY ELECTRONIC TRANSFER

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For identification purposes, please ensure you supply initials and surname only with your online payment.

Enrolment Forms: Members paying by EFT will need to fill in an enrolment form, available with newsletter or pick up from Treasurer.

Receipts Receipts for EFT payments will not be issued.

Name Tags Available from Treasurer on Mondays and Thursdays after payment has been verified.

Please look at the membership page of the Wollongong U3A web site for advice on how to pay

Anne Mobbs, Treasurer

TERM DATES 2023

TERM 3: Monday 17 July – Friday 15 September (9 weeks)

TERM 4: Monday 9th October to Friday 1st December (8 weeks)

PROGRAM TIMETABLE

<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p>Salvation Army Centre Burelli Street 9.30am – 4.00pm</p>	<p>SESSION 1 – General Interest Talks</p> <p>SESSION 2 – General Interest Talks</p> <p>SESSION 3 – 1pm - Film Society</p> <p>SESSION 3 – Current Affairs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Monthly Book Club (1st Monday)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Management Committee (3rd Monday)</p>	<p>Auditorium</p> <p>Auditorium</p> <p>Auditorium</p> <p>Auditorium</p> <p>Auditorium</p> <p>Auditorium</p>
<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p>1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10 am – 12 noon Wollongong Library</p>	<p>Philosophy</p>	<p>Wilga Room 1st Floor</p>
<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p>Salvation Army Centre Burelli Street 9.30am – 4pm</p>	<p>SESSION 1(A) – South America and Latin America</p> <p>SESSION 2(A) – Quiet Achievers of the Illawarra</p> <p>SESSION 3 (1pm) – Film Society</p>	<p>Auditorium</p> <p>Auditorium</p> <p>Auditorium</p>
<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Wollongong Library 9.30 – 11am</p>	<p>Wollongong U3A Photography Study Group</p>	<p>Wollongong Library Theatrette</p>

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

TERM 2, 2023

Monday – 17th July

Monday – 21st August

Meetings are held at 12noon, in the Morning Tea area – members welcome

MONDAY. 9.30 AM – 12 noon – Coordinator: Jennifer Mattock

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>ADDRESS TITLE</u>
17th July	9.30	Dr Philip Laird, Member	Australian Railways – The Past and the Next 25 Years
	11 am	Keith Allen, Member	Three People you Will Not Know About
24th July	9.30	Don Driscoll	Breaker Morant
	11 am	Kevin Warrington	Understanding Technology for Seniors
31 st July	9.30 – 10am	Mike Traynor, Member	1 st July in the Great Circle of Life
	10 am	AGM	
	11am	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer E Philps, BSC (Hons)DipEd, Community Relations Manager Children’s Medical Research Institute Dr Scott Cohen 	<p>“Jeans for Genes Day”</p> <p>“Cancer and Ageing</p>
7 th Aug	9.30	Dr Bob Wheway	Illawarra Cricket Hall of Fame`
	11 am	Gordon Mar	“China is Now the Bully Not Britain”
14 th Aug	9.30	Greg Scott	TBA
	11 am	Mike Traynor	The First Fleet
21 st Aug	9.30	Tricia Kulik	The Glory and the Demise of Julia Gillard
	11 am	Wolfgang Kulik	A Sailor’s Misadventures
28 th Aug	9.30	Tania Aleckson, Hearing Australia	Hearing
	11 am	Mike Traynor	Songs in Sea Major – Songs of the Sea
4 th Sept	9.30	Louie Kelbert, Apiarist	Bee Keeping
	11 am	Alan Collis, Member	Book-Stage to Film – Musical Event
11 th Sept	9.30	John Watson, Member	9/11
	11 am	Illawarra U3A Choir, Jean Horgan Choir Director, Jean Burn Accompaniment	U3A Choir Event

SESSION 2B –12 – 1PM - CURRENT AFFAIRS

Group Participation, New Members Welcome –

Leader: Dennis Vukovic

THURSDAY**Coordinator: Kerrie Anne Christian****SOUTH AMERICA AND LATIN AMERICA**

THURSDAY SESSION 2 – 11 AM – 12 NOON

Coordinator: Jacqui Price

QUIET ACHIEVERS OF THE ILLAWARRA

DATE	SPEAKER	ADDRESS TITLE
20 th July	Josh Hammann	Lighthouse Centre
27 th July	Mark Sewell	Aged Care Overview
3 rd Aug	Lilly Hutchinson	Flagstaff Group
10 th Aug	Greg Costello and Neil Cairns	Wollongong Conservatorium of Music
17 th Aug	Ty Christopher	UOW Energy Futures Network
24 th Aug	Nav Mittal	Indian Australian Cultural Association
31 Aug	Professor Sharon Robinson	Dean of 'RAID'
7 th Sept	Jacqui Price	"My Father Grew Up in India"
14 th Sept	TBA	TBA

BOOK CLUB TERM 3**Monday 7th August – This is the Night They Come for You, Robert Goddard**

On a stifling afternoon at Police HQ in Algiers, Superintendent Taleb, coasting towards retirement, with not even an air-conditioned office to show for his long years of service, is handed a ticking time bomb of a case which will take him deep into Algeria's troubled past and its fraught relationship with France. To his dismay, he is assigned to work with Agent Hidouchi. They are instructed to pursue a former agent, now on the run after twenty years in prison for his part in a high-level corruption scandal. But their search will lead them inexorably towards a greater mystery, surrounding a murder that took place in Paris more than fifty years ago.

I like to choose books that are set in foreign places as it gives an insight into that country's culture and history. I did not know much about Algiers and its relationship with France and this book prompted me to investigate further.

Monday 4th September – The Mother, Jane Caro

Recently widowed, Miriam Duffy is a respectable North Shore real estate agent and devoted mother and grandmother. She was thrilled when her younger daughter Ally married her true love, but as time goes by Miriam wonders whether all is well with Ally, as she moves to the country and gradually withdraws, finding excuses every time Miriam offers to visit. Miriam watches in disbelief as Ally and her children find themselves increasingly vulnerable and cut off from the world. As the situation escalates and the law proves incapable of protecting them, Miriam is faced with an unthinkable decision.

This book is quite topical as it deals with domestic abuse; in this case coercive control which has only lately been recognised as a form of domestic abuse.

Coordinator: Nancy Harman

PHILOSOPHY TERM 3 2023

The Philosophy Study Group meets in the Wilga Room, 1st floor Wollongong City Library, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, from 10 am until 12 noon.

August: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Shereen Verdon will lead this study, spread over two sessions, on 1st & 15th August. Her contact number is 0423 634 368 for more information.

September: ETHICS

On 5th & 19th September we will look at the three traditional approaches to this branch of philosophy: *virtue ethics*, *deontology* and *consequentialism*, along with the question, *What constitutes a good life?*

Contact Stuart Traynor (0482 011 102) for general enquiries about Wollongong U3A's Philosophy study group which has been running since 2015. New members are welcome.

WOLLONGONG U3A PHOTOGRAPHY STUDY GROUP

– Coordinator – Jenny Webster

FRIDAY 9.30 – 11.00 AM – WOLLONGONG LIBRARY THEATRETTE

TERM 3 TIMETABLE

Date	Show	Talk Topic
21 July	Board game pics	Looking through holes
28 Jul	Looking through holes pics	Signs on trucks and vans etc
4 Aug	Signs on vehicles pics	Textures
11 Aug	Texture pics	Old barns and sheds
18 Aug	Excursion (TBA)	Including old barns and sheds
25 Aug	Old barns pics	3 of a kind
1 Sept	3 of a kind pics	Both front and back
8 Sept	Front & back pics	The place where I feel good
15 Sept	Place where I feel good	Oops – broken/imperfect things
22 Sept	Oops pics	Experiment with light/creative light

FILM SOCIETY PROGRAMME TERM 3 2023

Coordinators: Aileen Harland, Rick Thompson

THURSDAY 1pm – 3:30pm – Auditorium

Note that films marked * will be shown with subtitles

20th July **IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT**, USA, 1934 105 mins. Directed by Frank Capra. With Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert. Runaway heiress Colbert and reporter Gable fall in love on a bus trip — and then more and more things happen, as they do in Capra Depression films.

27th July **THE ARTIST**, France 2011 100 mins. Directed by Michel Hazanavicius, with Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo and James Cromwell. The story takes place in Hollywood, between 1927 and 1932, and focuses on the relationship between a rising young actress and an older silent film star, as silent cinema falls out of fashion and is replaced by the "talkies". Winner of 5 Academy Awards.

3RD AUGUST **BLADE RUNNER**, (DIRECTOR'S CUT) USA 1991 111 minutes, Directed by Ridley Scott, with Harrison Ford, Rutger Hauer and Sean Young. The ultimate dystopian movie which all since have copied - particularly the art direction. A glimpse into a not too happy future - with climate change a large factor. There is currently a lot of interest in artificial intelligence, a theme which is at the heart of BLADE RUNNER.

***10th August** **THE RETURN**, Russia 2003 105 mins. Directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev, with Vladimir Garin, Ivan Dobronravov and Konstantin Lavronenko. Two brothers, Ivan and Andrei, live with their mother and grandmother in a small coastal village in Russia. One day, totally unexpectedly, the boys' father returns after a twelve-year absence. A feature film debut for director Andrei Zvyagintsev.

17th August **THE FAR COUNTRY**, USA 1954 97mins. Directed by Anthony Mann, with James Stewart and Ruth Roman. Shot on location in the unforgiving wilderness of Northwest Canada. The sixth collaboration between James Stewart and Western auteur Anthony Mann stars Stewart as a cattle driver and obsessive loner with vengeance in his heart and murder in his past.

FILM SOCIETY PROGRAM (CONT)

***24TH AUGUST SHOOT THE PIANO PLAYER**, France 1960 81 mins. Directed by Francois Truffaut, with Charles Aznavour, Marie Dubois and Nicole Berger. The film stars the iconic French cabaret singer Charles Aznavour as Charlie Kohler, a seemingly nondescript pianist who pounds the keyboard with fatalistic indifference in a run-down bar in the slums of Paris. The narrative, while serving as a framework for the film, often drifts to the side as Truffaut indulges in sequences that do nothing to advance the plot, but rather reflect the chaotic and ever-changing tapestry of daily existence, often pushed to humorous extremes.

31ST August REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE, USA, 1955, 111 mins. Directed by Nicholas Ray, with James Dean, Natalie Wood, Sal Mineo, Dennis Hopper. A deep, nuanced study of a young man beset by loneliness, anger, frustration — and the world at large. It offered both social commentary and an alternative to previous films depicting delinquents in urban slum environments. It was filmed in the ultra-wide screen format of CinemaScope to exploit cinema's unique advantages over television.

7th September WE OF THE NEVER NEVER, Australia 1982 121 mins. Directed by Igor Auzins, and starring Angela Punch McGregor, Arthur Dignan and John Jarratt. The film focuses on the life of Jeannie, an educated woman from the upper-middle class of society, and her story of adapting to life in the outback of Australia. The film was made in 1981, before the Mabo decision changed the debate around land rights, but the question of ownership is already central to the film's mindset.

***14th September BELLE DE JOUR**, France, 1967, 102 mins. Directed by Luis Bunuel, with Genevieve Page, Pierre Clementi, Francisco Rabal. Unbeknownst to her husband (Pierre Clementi), housewife Severine (Page) leads a daily life as an expensive prostitute. But things go awry when one of her customers goes public, leaving Pierre with complex problems to solve.

U3A ADVENTURES

A group of U3A members recently visited the Wollongong Art Gallery. This was the first of many varied “adventures” to be offered to all members, starting with venues in Wollongong itself, then venturing further afield to excursions in and around Sydney.

The Art Gallery offered a smorgasbord of treasures for us to contemplate. We were taken around the current exhibition, {ARE YOU THERE?}; through the room dedicated to aboriginal art works {THE ART OF PLACE}; and- a real treat- we were shown the storage room, where paintings were held in selected temperatures to avoid mould starting and spreading. The two expert guides added to our enjoyment and appreciation by allowing us personal insight into the many various works on show.

Our next “adventure” will be to the Bulli Black Diamond Heritage Museum. This will take place in Term 3, on Tuesday, 12th September, starting at 11:30am. A sheet will now be set out on the signing in table, where you can book a place. Numbers are limited – it is advised to book as soon as you can.

To whet your appetite, further excursions will include:

- PORT KEMBLA WORKING PORT TOURS – coach included
- AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM – Sydney
- HERITAGE VESSEL TRIP - historical spots in Sydney Harbour {can be added to the MARITIME MUSEUM visit}

Come along and meet up with other members – and a coffee is always guaranteed after the event to chat over what has been seen and enjoyed.

Aileen Harland – coordinator

WOLLONGONG ART GALLERY VISIT



THE COMBINED ILLAWARRA U3A CHOIR

The Combined Illawarra U3A Choir is now in its 11th year since inception with a few of the original members still attending. The choir started initially as a singing group but has now evolved to become a choir singing unison songs, two and three-part harmonies.

The objective behind forming the group is for members to enjoy singing as a group, be challenged by learning new songs and to sing in parts. We perform a few times a year for other U3A groups, nursing homes and retirement villages.

Current requirements to attend choir are that you must have had 2 Covid vaccinations (minimum) and never attend choir practice if unwell.

Enquiries can be made from Jean Horgan:

jlhorgan85@gmail.com

Or people can visit our Tuesday program on the website:



Christmas Luncheon:

4 December 2023 at the Fraternity Bowling Club, in the Renaissance Room, to commence at 12 noon.

Price \$55 per person.

The club is kindly providing a two-course meal, which does not include drinks. There is a bar service in the room.

Members are encouraged to bring a friend, to introduce hopefully new members to U3A. The Room caters comfortably for 120 persons.

R.S.V.P is required by 04 November 2023

Future U3A Group Interests:

For those members who do not join in our lectures on Mondays and Thursdays, a sheet has been provided to tick future group interests that Wollongong U3A can consider. The interests include:

Walking, Family History, Tai Chi, Concerts, Opera and Ballet,
 Writing (fiction and non-fiction), Small extended Travel,
 Painting, Music history and appreciation,
 European Medieval History, Physics, time and now, Art and their Artists,
 Australian Colonial Studies, Languages, Craft, Computer/Phone studies,
 Dancing (Ballroom?), contemporary history, Mah-jong, Trivia,
 Mindfulness, Architecture, Monthly cafe crawl,
 Indigenous Studies or Climate change

Since this list was compiled, it was also suggested to include a wine appreciation group.

Please email the secretary if you are interested in being advised of the confirmation of these groups.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The first half of life is devoted to forming a healthy ego,
 the second half is going inward and letting go of it.

Carl Jung

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