

**U3A
WOLLONGONG – INC**



**Term 4, 2023 Newsletter:
MONDAY 9TH OCTOBR – FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER
PATRON: LORD MAYOR COUNCILLOR GORDON BRADBERRY AM**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM

I think that this year's presentations have been excellent and well received. So our thanks go to the program co-ordinators and presenters.

My thanks also go to the marketing sub-committee for coming up with more ideas to promote our U3A.

Our membership has increased past last year's, so we are hoping that small increases in membership fees over the next few years combined with continued increasing membership will stop us having to rely on our reserves to pay the bills.

Our U3A only exists through our volunteers – Tech team, program/course leaders, executive.

David Christian

PAYMENT OF FEES BY ELECTRONIC TRANSFER

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Account Name Wollongong U3A

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 2024

Term 1: Monday 5 February – Friday 5 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 28 June

Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 20 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October – Friday 6 December

SIGN IN SHEETS FOR SMALL GROUPS

Coordinators of small groups that are held elsewhere than at the Salvation Army Centre are reminded that they need to have attendees sign an attendance sheet for insurance purposes.

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) – Portugal</p> <p>SESSION 2(A) - World Architecture</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 4, 2023

Monday – 16th October

Monday – 20th November

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>
9 Oct	9.30	Emeritus Professor Dr Stephen Hill	“Capturing Revolutions for Humanity’s Benefit”
	11 am	Dr Paul Carr	Botswana & Namibia – A Travelogue from a Geologist’s Perspective
16 Oct	9.30	Jacqui Price (Member)	The Eden Project
	11 am	Maree Amato CNC, Coordinator Illawarra Shoalhaven Chronic Pain Service	Understanding and Living with Chronic Pain
23 Oct	9.30	Kevin Warrington (Member)	Technology for Seniors, Update on Scams, Social Media and the Internet of Things
	11 am	Walter Mason, Author, Historian, Traveller	Julie Andrews
30 Oct	9.30	Lyndal Fowler, Steel City Strings	Steel City Strings
	11 am	Lyndal Fowler, Steel City Strings	Steel City Strings
6 Nov	9.30	John Watson (Member)	“Phar Lap” NZ Born – Australian Raced Thoroughbred
	11 am	Lord Mayor Councillor – WCC Gordon Bradbery AM, Patron	Wollongong City Council News Update
13 Nov	9.30	Dr Ronald Witton MA. NAATI – Certified	Indonesia and its Language
	11 am	Michelle Walsh, Partner Turner Freeman Lawyers	Medical Negligence
20 Nov	9.30	Stuart Traynor (Member)	JFK Assassination Episode 4: The Strange Case of Officer Tippett
	11 am	Megan Green, Red Cross Life Blood Wollongong	Life Blood Team
27 Nov	9.30	Stuart Traynor (Member)	JFK The Final Chapter
	11 am	Wollongong U3A Photographic Study Group	Members’ Exhibition

SESSION 2B –12 – 1PM - CURRENT AFFAIRS

Group Participation, New Members Welcome –

Leader: Dennis Vukovic

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS ON MONDAYS

1st and 3rd Mondays

Time: 9am – 12 noon

Librarian attending: Leila Moss

THURSDAY SESSION 1 – 9.30 AM-10.30 AM - AUDITORIUM

Coordinator: Kerrie Anne Christian

PORTUGAL

DATE	SPEAKER	ADDRESS TITLE
12 Oct	David Winterbottom	Portuguese Navigators & Explorers
19 Oct	Kerrie Anne Christian	Portuguese Food, Festivals, Folk, Fans & Fado Music
26 Oct	David Winterbottom	Portugal – Colonies & Decolonisation
2 Nov	David Christian	Portuguese Royal Family & Driving out the Moors
9 Nov	Greg Dombkins	Port Wine & Travelling in Portugal
16 Nov	Kerrie Anne Christian	Portugal in Transition in the 20th & 21st Centuries
23 Nov	Barbara Cattunar	Arts, Literature, Architecture & Blue & White Azulejos Tileware
30 Nov	Kerrie Anne Christian	Member Photos of Portugal

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS ON THURSDAYS

1st and 3rd Thursdays

Time: 9am to 12 noon

Librarian attending: Annette Bouwens

THURSDAY SESSION 2 – 11 AM – 12 NOON**Coordinator: Jacqui Price****WORLD ARCHITECTURE**

DATE	SPEAKER	ADDRESS TITLE
12 Oct	Aileen Harland	The Influence of Gothic Architecture on Literature
19 Oct	Annette Bouwens	Parthenon
26 Oct	Dawn Epton	Alhambra Palace
2 Nov	John Watson	Taj Mahal
9 Nov	Greg Scott	Art Nouveau
16 Nov	Colin Bateman	Sphinx & Pyramids
23 Nov	Simon Hodsden	British Castle Architecture
30 Nov	Robyn Menghi	Architecture of Theatre

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There is only one way to avoid criticism: say nothing, do nothing, and be nothing”

Aristotle

BOOK CLUB TERM 4

Monday 9th October

ONCE THERE WERE WOLVES, CHARLOTTE McCONAGHY

Inti Flynn arrives in Scotland with her twin sister, Aggie, to lead a team tasked with reintroducing fourteen grey wolves into the remote Highlands. She hopes to heal not only the dying landscape, but a broken Aggie, too. Despite fierce opposition from the locals, Inti's wolves surprise everyone by thriving. But when a local farmer is found dead, Inti knows where the town will lay blame. Unable to accept her wolves could be responsible, she makes a reckless decision to protect them, testing every instinct she has. But if her wolves didn't make the kill, then who did? And what will she do when the man she's been seeing becomes the main suspect?

Monday 6 November

THE DEVIL'S BARGAIN, STELLA RIMINGTON

Harry Bristow: policeman, father, chauffeur, fraud. In 1988 Harry made one mistake: he took a bribe, letting a man he knew as Igor into Britain - and he's regretted it ever since. So when he recognises 'Igor' fifteen years later as his newly-elected MP, he knows he has to come clean. But the MP recognises him too - and Harry fears what he might do next. Peter Robinson, MP: salesman, politician, bachelor, spy. It was easy to get into Britain in 1988 as an illegal, working deep undercover, but the break-up of the Soviet Union cut Robinson off from his homeland. He's inching closer to Britain's levers of power - but now the one man who knows his secret has reappeared. With no way to contact Moscow, he must act fast to preserve his position and reap its rewards - at any cost.

Monday 27 November - THE PROMISE - DAMON GALGUT

The Promise charts the crash and burn of a white South African family, living on a farm outside Pretoria. The Swarts are gathering for Ma's funeral. The younger generation, Anton and Amor, detest everything the family stand for -- not least the failed promise to the Black woman who has worked for them her whole life. After years of service, Salome was promised her own house, her own land... yet somehow, as each decade passes, that promise remains unfulfilled.

Coordinator: Nancy Harman

PHILOSOPHY TERM 4 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. All Wollongong U3A members are welcome to attend.

In 2023 the group's focus has turned to contemporary philosophy and thinking. Contact Stuart Traynor (0482 011 102) if you would like to participate in either of the following Term 4 studies:

October: HUMANKIND

Spread over two sessions on 3 & 17 October, we'll explore what makes us human, using Rutger Bregman's 2019 book *Humankind, A Hopeful History* as the springboard for discussion. This remarkable book is a powerful declaration of faith in the innate goodness and natural decency of human beings. It challenges us to see humanity from a fresh perspective.

November: CHINESE THINKING

On 7 & 21 November we'll look at Chinese philosophy. China is the dominant power in our region and our major trading partner. So our future is closely linked to theirs. But what do we really understand of how the Chinese think?

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.

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 providing a two-course meal, which does not include drinks. There is 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

WOLLONGONG U3A PHOTOGRAPHY STUDY GROUP**– Coordinator – Jenny Webster****FRIDAY 9.30 – 11.00 AM – WOLLONGONG LIBRARY THEATRETTE****TERM 4 TIMETABLE**

Date	Show	Talk Topic
13 Oct	Light/creative light pics	Different shades of one colour
20 Oct	Diff shades of a colour pics	Music
27 Oct	Music pics	Near and far
3 Nov	Excursion – venue to be announced	Including near and far
10 Nov	Excursion pics	Power of the sea
Videos for end of year presentation to me		
17 Nov	Power of the Sea pics	Posts and Poles
24 Nov	Watch Presentation Video	
Monday 27 Nov 11 am - Our presentation at U3A		
1 Dec	Excursion – Venue to be announced	
8 Dec	Excursion pics + Posts & Poles	Empty
15 Dec	Empty pics	Multiple exposure pics

FILM SOCIETY PROGRAMME TERM 4 2023

Coordinators: Aileen Harland, Rick Thompson

THURSDAY 1pm – 3:30pm – Auditorium

Note that films marked * will be shown with subtitles

12th October **AMERICAN BEAUTY**, USA, 1999 122 mins. Directed by Sam Mendes with Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening. A sexually frustrated suburban father has a mid-life crisis after becoming infatuated with his daughter's best friend. A wickedly funny black comedy directed by newcomer Sam Mendes.

***19TH OCTOBER** **HIROSHIMA MON AMOUR**, France, 1959 90 mins. Directed by Alain Resnais. With Emmanuelle Riva, Eiji Okada, Stella Dassas. Keystone of the French New Wave: Intricate study of a French actress and a Japanese architect, providing new narrative techniques which shaped modern cinema.

***26TH OCTOBER** **SMILES OF A SUMMER NIGHT**, Sweden, 1955 108 mins. Directed by Ingmar Bergman, with Harriet Andersson and Ulla Jacobsson. In turn-of-the-century Sweden, four men and four women attempt to navigate the laws of attraction. Bergman brilliantly captures the tangled problems, jealousies and dissatisfactions that characterize marriage, in this clever film about the war between the sexes and the quest for love. Rated Best Comedy at the Cannes Film Festival.

2nd November **TWO HANDS**, Australia, 1999 93 mins. Directed by Grigor Jordan, with Heath Ledger and Bryan Brown. Jimmy, a small-time wannabe criminal, loses \$10,000 on Bondi Beach. The money belongs to Pando, the toughest criminal in Kings Cross, who sends his killer deputy, Acko to find him. It's a clever mix of genre elements, heavily influenced by US and British comic crime films of the 1990s, but with a strongly Australian vernacular tone.

***9TH NOVEMBER** **LEVIATHAN**, Russia, 2015 124 mins. Directed by Andrey Zvyagintsev. With Aleksei Serebryakov and Elena Lyadoiva. A Russian fisherman fights back when a corrupt mayor tries to seize possession of his ancestral home. In the style of a tundra western, the film investigates the various betrayals – personal and political – that poison life in a frozen village.

16th November **FLESH AND THE DEVIL**, USA, 1926 112 mins. Directed by Clarence Brown, with Greta Garbo and John Gilbert. Garbo is an irresistible seducer who comes between two lifelong friends, leading to a dramatic finale where choices have to be made.

***23rd November** **SILENCE**, Japan, 1971 123 mins. Directed by Masahiro Shinoda, with David Lampson and Don Kenny. In the 17th century, two Portuguese Jesuit priests arrive in Japan at a time when Catholicism is banned. The basis for this film is a best selling novel written by a Japanese Catholic writer in the 1960's.

30th November **THE THIRD MAN**, Britain, 1949 104 mins. With Joseph Cotton and Orson Welles. Pulp novelist Holly Martins travels to shadowy, post war Vienna, only to find himself investigating the mysterious death of an old friend, Harry Lime. The Third Man is considered one of the greatest films of all time, celebrated for its acting, musical score and atmospheric cinematography. In 1999, the British Film Institute voted The Third Man the greatest British film of all time.

U3A ADVENTURES

By the time this Term 4 Newsletter comes out, U3A members will have

1. Visited the Wollongong Art Gallery
2. Travelled to the MUSEUM OF SYDNEY to view the Exhibition, THE PEOPLE'S HOUSE: SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE AT 50
3. Gone by train to the BLACK DIAMOND MUSEUM at Bulli.

Bookings for these tours filled up very quickly. It would seem that members are looking for places to explore, not only In Wollongong, but further afield. At this stage, tours have been limited to 1Day Excursions. However, if interest continues to grow, there will be the opportunity to expand possibilities and look to offer 2 day / 1 night outings.

TERM 4:

A private tour will be on offer in Term 4. Titled A WORKING PORT TOUR, this will be a 2 ½ hour tour that looks to showcase what is now a busy international port.

The tour begins at the Inside Industry Visitor Centre where you will meet your guide and watch a short video about the port itself. The first stop is Greenhouse Park which lies above the port and gives an excellent overview. After this you will enter the Inner Harbour and see all the key infrastructure points such as the grain and coal terminals, car import hub and the cruise ship berth. Progressing to the Outer Harbour, you get to see spectacular views of the Inner Harbour berths and tugboats.

The tour will finish with the awesome views from Hill 60, where you can see everything you've just visited from on high and witness the beautiful coastline of Wollongong.

Cost is \$30 PP, which includes a private guide and coach.

A DATE WILL BE FINALISED WHEN SUFFICIENT INTEREST HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED - a minimum of 15 members is required.

***Aileen Harland – Coordinator
Phone: 0401 160 123***

WALKING GROUP

A walking group commenced in Term 3, led by Dennis Vukovic. We meet at the statue of the surfer located between the kiosk and the bathing pavilion on the Blue Mile. We had six walkers on our first walk and started with a short walk to Levendi where we had coffee before returning. The second week some of us walked to the old lighthouse and we hope to gradually extend the distance if possible. However you can stop and rest at any time and walk at your own pace. New members are welcome.

We walk Wednesdays and Fridays

Time: 9am

Dennis Vukovic – coordinator - Phone: 0428 723 885



A welcome coffee at the end of our walk



The Statue: our meeting place



Dennis Vukovic

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