

## WINTER SCHOOL UPDATE -- 17 June 2018

### Important Announcement

**The Keynote Address** is timed to start at **1.30pm sharp** and any unclaimed seats will be re-allocated at this time if members are not present to get their tickets. If anyone is running late we suggest you call Yvonne McGann on 0438 090 540 and she will reserve a seat for you. As there are so many people on the waiting list we deemed this only fair to our members so please do ensure that you are on time. **Ticket sales will open at 12.45pm and doors to the auditorium will open at 1pm.**

### Program News

The response to our Winter School program has been absolutely amazing with many sessions being booked out in the first few days and we have been doing our utmost to arrange second sessions in the more popular talks.

In our June E-News we publicised Dr Caitlin Curtis doing a session on Genetic Testing and DNA Ownership. However, she just been chosen as one of the five most influential Australian scientists by the ABC and now will be in Sydney during our Winter School which is bad luck for us but great news for her. She has promised to do a session at another time so all is not lost.

### General Waiting Lists

Most of the sessions now have waiting lists, which are assigned in order of date and time received. There are often cancellations in the week leading up to Winter School so if you are on a waiting list and are prepared to wait until just before a session starts you may be able to get a seat. **Spare places will be allocated at the designated start time so once again, we urge members to be on time for their booked sessions or you will be in danger of losing them.**

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### **NEW - Fashion Workshop for Travellers - Marilyn Little**

#### **Image Consultant and Senior Stylist for Liz Davenport at Creative Couture - Tuesday 1pm**

This workshop covers everything you need to know about how to travel like a pro. Let Marilyn show you how to travel for a month using one small bag that will take you from sightseeing to a formal ball. It includes wardrobe planning, packing, colour palettes, body shape, how to accessorise and lots of tips for savvy travellers. Learn how to achieve maximum benefit from minimum garments, make travelling light a pleasure and take the worry out of planning. Liz Davenport's smart travel wardrobe is designed for all sizes and all ages.

### **REPEAT SESSION - Between Linen Sheets - The Very, Secret Sex Lives of Medieval Women**

#### **Rosalie Gilbert -- Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology, 11am Thursday**



Unlike today, a woman's status in society wasn't gauged by her age or profession, but by her sexual status. She was a virgin, a wife or a widow. Her rights and obligations were dependant on these. Holy women, who may have at one time been wives or widows and may no longer have been actual virgins, were considered virgin brides of Christ and usually fell into the same category as unmarried, and therefore chaste, women. An unmarried woman who was not a virgin, either because she was a mistress

or prostitute, found herself on tenuous ground both legally and in society. On the subject of sex, the church had much to say. Not only did it have different opinions on the goodness of women in general, it also recognised the need for men to marry and produce heirs. Eleventh century cardinal Peter Damien wrote that: *Woman is Satan's bait; poison for men's souls*. This is an interesting romp through the lives of these women and full of little-known facts. ***It is however quite explicit so we suggest that people with delicate sensibilities do not attend.***

***There are a few spots still available in:***

### **Dad and Dave - A Recreation of their Radio Show - Dad Buys a Car**

#### **Penny Everingham and Penny Murphy with U3A Drama Class - 9am Monday**



Our Drama Class is going to have a bit of fun with the old radio show I'm sure you all remember - the much loved Dad and Dave. With an all-female cast and sound effects they will recreate one of their shows from the dim, dark distant past, just as it was done then - in front of a live audience. Dad and Dave was the first truly all-Australian radio show - designed by Australians for Australians and there wasn't a British accent to be heard. There will be a brief talk on Grace Gibson Radio who kindly waived their copyright for this production as well as an explanation of the work carried out by a Foley, a job taken on by our own David Gemmell. It's an entertaining start to our Winter School.

### **From Birds and Bees to Flying Machines**

#### **Professor Mandyam V. Srinivasan - Queensland Brain Institute - 9am Monday**



Flying insects and birds are remarkably adept at seeing and perceiving the world and navigating effectively in it. This presentation will describe our recent progress in understanding how honeybees and birds (Budgerigars) use their vision to guide and control several aspects of their flight such as regulating flight speed, negotiating narrow passages, selecting routes, and avoiding mid-air collisions, using computational principles that are often elegant and unprecedented. It will conclude with an update of our advances in the design and testing of biologically inspired vision systems for the guidance of autonomous aerial vehicles with applications in the areas of surveillance, security and planetary exploration.

### **Numbers - Their Minders and Keepers: Good, Bad, Mad and sometimes Sad**

#### **Peter Galbraith – 9am Tuesday**

Common numbers pervade our everyday existence, assure our security, and impact even on the paper we write on. Some have created watersheds in history and led to dark and nefarious acts. This presentation will sample anecdotes from their invention, evolution, and application and of the people associated with them. **Bring a simple calculator, paper, ruler, pen and pencil.**

### **History of the Northern Territory - Part II**

#### **Gregory Cope - National Archives - 9am Wednesday**



Last year Greg gave us a particularly interesting session on the history of the Northern Territory and we learned lots of things we didn't know. We heard about the four failed attempts at British settlement; that people living in the Northern Territory were the only people to lose their right to vote; that Darwin has been almost destroyed four times in its history. The subject is so vast and Greg's

research so detailed it was not possible to cover it all in one session so this is a continuation of last year's talk. He will briefly recap the early history and then go on to more recent events. Greg is a regular presenter at Winter School and his talks are always very well researched and very popular.

### **Bush Poetry**

#### **Anita Reed, John Best and Ron Liekefett - 11am Thursday**



Bush poetry is embedded deeply in the Australia psyche - it makes us laugh, it makes us cry and, most importantly, it entertains us. Join Anita and John and Ron for an hour of light entertainment which will start with a brief definition of what bush poetry is, followed by a discussion on the relevance of bush poetry today. Finally they will recite some of their own traditional poems, a mixture of humorous and serious as well as original poems by other poets. The three bush poets presenting poems today all started with bush poetry in their retirement, both writing and performing. They are long term members of the North Pine Bush Poets and have won various awards in competitions. This will be an interesting and fun-filled session where you can sit back and give your brain a welcome rest from some of our more cerebral sessions.

### **Extreme Environments: Gravity and Black Holes**

#### **Dr Janie Hoormann UQ - 9am Friday**

Black holes, which can form when massive stars die, provide the strangest gravitational fields that we know of. During this session Janie will discuss how black holes are formed, how they were discovered, and how astronomers observe them. She will also talk about how gravity behaves in these extreme environments and why you don't want to get too close to a black hole. There is so much happening out in space at the moment, with new and exciting discoveries being made all the time - Janie will give us a peek into some of these marvels, so book early for this one



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### **History and Film: The War Film**

#### **Gordon Kidd MA - Retired Lecturer in History UQ - 1pm Friday**

A chronological history of the war film, particularly in the English-speaking cinema - the productions of Hollywood and the British studios. Australia's small output of war films will also be touched on. The main themes will concentrate on WW1 and WW2 and some reference will be made to the Vietnam War and more recent films revisiting WW2. A particular theme will address films of an anti-war character, such as *All quiet on the Western Front* and *Paths of Glory*. Excerpts of these and others such as *Casablanca* and *Breaker Morant* will be shown on video. The war film will be discussed in the context of the production of films as examples of the film genre, which is a convenient way for filmmakers to target their output to a particular market. By varying the standard formula many of these films have achieved a high quality and offer insights into the human condition under extreme stress.

### **WINTER SCHOOL BOOKINGS**

Book via the U3A Brisbane website, or use this direct link:

[Winter School Bookings](#)

You may also book via the office during weekdays, but sessions are filling fast and we advise that you book online as soon as possible. U3A Office (Mon-Fri):

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