

# U3A HAWTHORN SUMMER SCHOOL

## JANUARY 2022

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- The U3A Hawthorn Summer School 2022 runs over 15 days from Monday 3 to Friday 21 January in the Hall at Sinclair Avenue.
- In addition to the program in the Newsletter and on the U3A Hawthorn website, paper copies of the Summer School program are available for collection at Reception (for members who have had full vaccination and can show a vaccination certificate.)
- The Summer School is free, but is available only to members of U3A Hawthorn who have paid their 2022 membership fee. (Please refer to COVID safety policy as below.)
- Enrol for the sessions of your choice on the U3A Hawthorn website [u3ahawthorn.org.au/members](https://u3ahawthorn.org.au/members) The sessions are listed under the code SUM (Summer School). It also enables us to contact you if a session has to be cancelled due to an unforeseen event, such as illness of the speaker.
- Reception staff are available to assist enrolment from Monday 29 November to Friday 3 December, 10am to 4pm.
- We encourage people to enrol and pay membership subscriptions online where possible. No phone or email bookings will be accepted.
- COVID-19 safety rules:
  - attend face to face class only if fully vaccinated against COVID19.
  - observe all public health orders, including QR code check in, carrying proof of full vaccination such as a digital certificate or printed copy.
  - wear mask, it should be well fitted to cover your nose and face.
- Please arrive 20 minutes before session starts, for QR code and vaccination certificate check. Late-comers will not be admitted more than 5 minutes after the start of the session.

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**Dr Gary Presland**

[Indigenous History of Boroondara](#)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 10.30am**

22SUM001

At the time of European settlement, the area of Camberwell was within the estate of an Aboriginal clan called *Wurundjeri willam*. To understand how Aboriginal society worked, especially at a local level, we need to consider what was happening across a wide area. The *Wurundjeri* were part of the Kulin nation, whose territory covered all of central Victoria. This session will detail who these people were, the ways in which they lived, and their relationships to other clans.

**Dang Ho**

[Fragrance of Vietnam](#)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1.30pm**

22SUM002

This presentation seeks to provide insights into Vietnamese history and culture. Vietnam has 4,000 years of civilisation which has provided a great richness in its culture. Dang will present a timeline of historical periods and will look at languages, arts, cuisine, costumes, festivals, beliefs and religions.

**Dr Graham Pratt**

[Alvin Toffler's Future Shock --Revisited 50 years on](#)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

22SUM003

In 1970 the American writer Alvin Toffler published his book about major changes in our society. His narrative outlined changes on many levels – economic, technological, social and political. He argued that too much rapid change could become overwhelming. He made several predictions about the future. In this session we will review Toffler's work in the light of the past 50 years. In particular he will look at the Australia of 1970 compared with our world of today.

**David Bruce**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**

[Qualifications and Fake Degrees](#)

22SUM004

What do you know about qualifications? Did you know you can buy a degree? Can you use it? What are the possible consequences if people do? It's a bigger issue than you think. In this presentation David Bruce will draw on his doctoral research and his experience as a careers adviser to enlighten you about some major problems and make some suggestions as to what you can do.

**Saul Bastomsky**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[Unlosable Elections: How the Roman Republic Operated](#)

22SUM005

The Roman Republic lasted from 509 BCE until its replacement by Imperial rule in 27 BCE. The Republic was ostensibly a democracy (except for slaves and women) run by magistrates whom the people elected. But things were so arranged that only certain candidates were successful. We shall look at how this was done in a sophisticated system that Putin, Lukashenko, Trump and maybe even Australian politicians might love to have operating in their countries.

**Bob Stewart**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**

[What does it mean to be an Australian?](#)

22SUM006

Writers, journalists, academics, and politicians have, for more than 120 years, tried to pin down Australia's national identity, and agree on what makes Australians uniquely different from other nationalities. Historians have been especially interested in the idea of a 'national character', with Russell Ward, in *The Australian Legend* [1958] describing the archetypal 'Aussie' as a fiercely independent, egalitarian 'bush' person where loyalty to their 'mates' rated highly. However, Ward's exposition has been rendered obsolete by the massive changes that took place in Australian society since the 1940s. The rise of multiculturalism was particularly transformative. So, what we appear to have today is a disparate array of clashing myths and stories that have few unifying themes. This begs two questions: Is there anything left to unite Australians, and how might Australia look in 2025?

**Chris White**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[Healthcare and its Financing](#)

22SUM007

Ethical tensions in Australian society are reflected in our healthcare structure, particularly in the balance between its individual and communal elements of financing. We look at how our system compares internationally, and at some of the ethical challenges ahead, particularly as the population ages and as it responds to unforeseen events.

**Sam Alfreds**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**

[Chopin delights](#)

22SUM008

Sam's contribution to the 2022 Summer School is his playing of the entire repertoire of Chopin's waltzes. So, for an afternoon of sheer enjoyment, you are invited to come and hear a wonderful pianist perform some of the loveliest waltzes ever written.

**Shane Carmody**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[Great works of Astronomy in the State Library of Victoria](#)

22SUM009

The State Library of Victoria holds a remarkable collection of rare books and first editions that trace the history of Astronomy. In this lecture, Shane Carmody will trace the story of these books: how they added to human understanding, and the often-bizarre tales of how they came to be in Melbourne. At a time when travel is nearly impossible, it is good to reflect on how astronomy helped map the globe, enabling exploration, exploitation and the creation of our modern and very connected world.

**Michael Madden**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**

[Tracing the Victoria Cross](#)

22SUM010

Researching the book, *The Victoria Cross - Australia Remembers*, saw Michael Madden travel the world. He was invited to Windsor Castle to hold the prototype Victoria Cross and became the first Australian to hold the metal all VCs are made from. Michael will reveal stories of Australia's 100 VC recipients.

**Irving Miller**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[Done the Crime, Done the Time... What's Next?](#)

22SUM011

This presentation will examine the issues that arise when a prisoner comes to the end of their sentence. Will they automatically be released from gaol? If not, why not? Does a "Life Sentence" mean what it says? What is meant by the "Head Sentence" and the "Non-Parole Period"? How, and when, does a prisoner "get parole", and who does not. Who constitutes the Victorian Adult Parole Board and how do they decide whether to release a prisoner at the end of their sentence? The "Post Sentence Authority": what is it, what does it do and why does it exist? Are some prisoners just too dangerous to be released? If so, what is their future?

**Prof Laurance Splitter**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[A Philosophical Perspective of Contemporary Issues](#)

22SUM012

The goal of this one-off session – which may lead to a longer course – is to examine some of the contemporary issues of our times, from a philosophical perspective. I will begin by clarifying just what I mean by "philosophical perspective", then move to look at such issues as "Our moral responsibilities to others, far and near"; "Our obligations to the well-being of future generations"; "The moral status of nationalism and patriotism"; "What is a democracy and should we strive to attain/maintain one?"; "Do human beings have a unique status in the world?" Even though our time will be limited, the aim is to generate the kind of discussion that can be termed "dialogue", rather than just present a lecture or skate on the surface of issues. Participants will be encouraged to express their own views, and while there may be disagreements, everyone will be treated respectfully.

**Elida Brereton**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**

[Travel: Antarctica experience](#)

22SUM013

Coldly received in Antarctica, warmly received in South Georgia, locked out of South America! Visit South Georgia on the way back to Uruguay before spending nine days in Patagonia, in Chile and Argentina. When she sailed into Montevideo in mid-March there was not a germ or virus among the group. But Uruguay and then Argentina closed their borders to the group as they arrived in Uruguay, locking up their ship for two days until they were allowed to sail away. Elida spent nine days in the South Atlantic Ocean, sailing eventually to Brazil in order to land and to fly home. Her illustrated talk will feature the unique features of Antarctica and South Georgia, the heroism of Sir Ernest Shackleton, and the smuggling into and out of Rio of 96 Australians.

**Lambis Englezos**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[War Graves of Fromelles](#)

22SUM014

Lambis will discuss his experience in Fromelles. In 2008, Lambis and his team were finally vindicated when the largest non-genocide mass burial in Western Europe since WW1 was confirmed - right where the team of "amateurs" had said it would be. In 2010 Lambis again visited Fromelles to attend the opening of the new Pheasant Wood Cemetery and the burial service of the final soldier of the 250 soldiers recovered from the mass grave. He was specifically named and thanked by the Governor General, Quentin Bryce, in her speech at the Opening. He is proud to be part of the long journey to see dignity and honor brought to the diggers who disappeared on one horrible night in July 1916, a night now described as the worst in Australia's history.

**Dr Margaret O'Connor**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[Assistance in dying](#)

22HUM015

Victorian legislation for assistance in dying has been in place for two years. This session will outline characteristics of the legislation, including requirements for assessing the procedure, and will provide commentary on implementation of the Act over the last two years.

**Jenny Lu and Hamish Gould- musical recital****Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30 pm**[An Afternoon of English Composers](#)

22SUM016

Hamish Gould (Countertenor), Jenny Lu (Piano). Spend an afternoon listening to works by Edward Elgar, Benjamin Britten, Frank Bridge & Ralph Vaughan Williams.

**Andrew Weatherhead****Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**[How grief works](#)

22SUM017

Have you ever had the grief of losing someone who was important to you? It can be devastating, it can affect every aspect of your life. This session looks at a modern understanding of grief and how it works differently in different people.

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**Gina Lawrie****Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**[Australia background to climate change.](#)

22SUM018

This presentation will look at climate in Australia, its features, variability, trends and reference to climate change. Gina will cover areas such as the governing features of Australia's climate, drivers of climate variability and long-term climate trends in Australia.

**Shimona Rose****Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**[Return of the Rose \(recorded\)](#)

22SUM019

Shimona Rose has performed for us on numerous occasions when her studies allowed. She is a gifted young performer and her performance is a special recording of her favourite items compiled for us. Join us in listening to the voice of one of Australia's opera talents.

**John Pesutto and Bronwyn Pike – panel discussion****Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**[The Great Debate: a discussion of current affairs](#)

22SUM020

Two of Melbourne's well-known political figures join us today in a panel discussion on a range of topical issues. Our own Ian McKenzie will act as moderator as John Pesutto and Bronwyn Pike give their views on matters facing all Victorians. Audience participation and questions will be encouraged as our guests debate current areas of interest.

**Sue Mullett****Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**[History of the Shrine: A living Memorial](#)

22SUM021

Built as the first national war memorial, the Shrine of Remembrance honours those who served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice—never to return from the First World War. The Shrine's enduring purpose has evolved as we commemorate more than a century of service in war, peacekeeping and peacemaking. Join Shrine Volunteer Sue Mullett to hear about the design and development of Melbourne's most iconic landmark and discover how this memorial continues to serve the Victorian community today.

**Lynsey Poore****Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**[Famous gardens of UK and Europe](#)

22SUM022

The Oxford Botanic gardens are the oldest in Britain and one of the oldest scientific gardens in the world. Founded in 1621 as a physic garden for medicinal plants. The Gardens are divided into two main sections, the Walled Garden which houses the scientific and heritage collections while the Lower Garden has ornamental and thematic collections.

In contrast the Jardin Botanica-Historica La Concepcion in Malaga, Spain is rated as one of the best Botanic Gardens in Europe. It is an English landscape garden with over 150 years of history. One of the few gardens with subtropical plants that exist in Europe and has more than 50,000 plants.

**Prof Tim Reeves**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**

[Feeding the World without wrecking the Planet](#)

22SUM023

Food and nutritional security is, I believe, humankind's greatest challenge over the coming decades as we seek to feed the world and not wreck the planet. Our global population is still growing at around 160 people/minute and all need to have sufficient nutritious food to live productive and satisfying lives. But this extra food will have to be produced from less farming land, with less water, less energy-rich inputs and reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and all of these under the 'multiplier effects' of climate change. The COVID-19 pandemic has only served to exacerbate these challenges through major disruptions to our agri-food systems. This presentation will address these challenges and describe options for more resilient, more productive and more restorative and regenerative agri-food systems.

**Ian Lowe**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[The Doomsday Clock](#)

22SUM024

The Doomsday Clock featured on the cover of the first edition in 1947 of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, to draw attention to the threat posed by nuclear weapons. The clock was moved closer and closer to midnight during the Cold War. The easing of tensions after the collapse of the Soviet Union saw it moved back, but the further spread of nuclear weapons and the failure to address climate change has seen the Bulletin move the clock to 100 seconds before midnight. I will discuss the history of the doomsday clock and explain why the Bulletin sees nuclear weapons and climate change as existential threats to civilisation.

**Dr Brett Carter**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1.30pm**

[Clearing Space](#)

22SUM025

Space Weather and sustainability in Earth orbit: Vulnerabilities in space-based technologies and applications. Modern society heavily relies on space-based data and services for many applications; including Defence, environment monitoring, weather forecasting, construction, mining and even agriculture. Decreased cost has led to increased participation in space activities, which has also led to a recent marked increase in the number of satellites and space debris in Earth orbit. In this presentation, we will discuss the impacts of severe space weather events (e.g., solar storms) on these technologies and the important issue of sustainability in Earth orbit.

**Dr Chris Gribbin**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 10.30am**

[Competition in Ancient Greece: Politics, Religion, Sport and Theatre](#)

22SUM026

Competition was a fundamental part of ancient Greek society. While the struggle for political power was always the big game, the Greeks also channelled the competitive spirit into other domains which benefited society, like religion, sport and theatre. This was particularly important in democratic Athens, where individuals were carefully prevented from gaining too much political power. This talk will explore the role of competition in ancient Greece and the way that it evolved over time, drawing on textual evidence and ancient objects which beautifully illustrate ancient life.

**Sausage sizzle and Jazz band**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 12.30pm**

[Avalon Jazz band](#)

22SUM027

It is essential that you enrol for this session in the usual way for catering purposes.

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## SUMMER GAMES PROGRAM

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These sessions will be held in Rooms 1/2. Please enrol for each session you plan to attend.

### Summer Bridge with Claus Gyrn

Duplicate bridge for experienced players only. You must come with a partner.

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>22SUM028</b>
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>22SUM029</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>22SUM030</b>

### Summer Chess with Claus Gyrn

Must have some experience. Please bring your own chess set.

<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2pm – 4pm</b>	<b>22SUM031</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2pm – 4pm</b>	<b>22SUM032</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2pm – 4pm</b>	<b>22SUM033</b>

### Summer Cryptic Crosswords with Peter Gillett

We will outline the interesting history behind modern cryptic crosswords, as well as tackling a variety of puzzles in groups, or individually. Beginners are most welcome and can enjoy coaching assistance.

<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30 – 11.30</b>	<b>22SUM034</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30 – 11.30</b>	<b>22SUM035</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30 – 11.30</b>	<b>22SUM036</b>

### Summer Mah-jong with Janina Noga

Summer mah-jong is for experienced players of Western or Eastern mah-jong. Eastern mah-jong players will need to organise a group of 3 or 4 to play together.

<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am – 12noon</b>	<b>22SUM037</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am – 12noon</b>	<b>22SUM038</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 10am – 12noon</b>	<b>22SUM039</b>