

14 March – 11 April

9:00 – 10:30 am

Prof. Ian Reid

The Writing Process: From First Idea to Finished Work

This course is designed to interest those who simply enjoy reading literature as well as those who have done (or may want to do) some writing themselves. Its emphasis is on the process of composing a written piece of work, whether short or long — making a start, developing the initial ideas, revising, editing etc. It will cover a range of genres including fiction, poetry, and non-fiction (e.g. family history or memoir), illustrating the main points with examples drawn from various authors.

Ian Reid is an Adjunct Professor in Literature at UWA and an Emeritus Professor in Education at Curtin, He is the prize-winning author of 15 books fiction, poetry, and (non-fiction). His work has been translated into 5 foreign languages.

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11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Various Speakers

Shaping Your Future: Informed decision Making for Later Life

This unique 5-week course aims to demystify the often bewildering decisions and arrangements we all need to make to ensure a secure and satisfying quality of life in our senior years. Join the WA experts who turn policy into practice and, with comprehensive written resources provided, ensure your wishes and preferences are known to your family, friends, legal and medical professionals. Topics covered include:

Advance Care Planning

Sabena Lund, Community Education and Projects, Palliative Care WA

Wills and Executors' Dossiers

Rae Webb, Public Trustee, Department of Justice WA

Advance Health Directives, Powers of Attorney and Guardianship

Sarah Keenan, Senior Policy Officer, Office of the Public Advocate WA

Lifestyle choices and care options: potential pitfalls and financial consequences

Glenda Macnaghten, Senior Social Worker, Rockingham General Hospital WA

The Voluntary Assisted Dying Act and its implications for life choices

Steve Walker, Dying with Dignity WA

Don't miss this opportunity to have your say and take control of your own future.

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1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Dr Ron Chapman, PhD

Fighting for the Forests: A History of the Western Australian Forest Protest Movement.

WA's timber industry has a proud history spanning more than 180 years. **Timber built many of our regional towns**, communities, and economies. Yet, while the economic boom our forests gave to our early pioneers is undeniable, the relationship between our people and our forests has been far from harmonious. This series of lectures examines the history of forestry in WA and, in particular, the history of the Western Australian Forest Protest Movement. Beginning with early colonial attitudes towards Western Australia's forests and the impact of industrialisation, emerged a changing attitude towards the forests and their management. Over 5 weeks, Dr Ron Chapman will guide us through the progression of the dynamic relationship between industrialists, capitalists, policy makers and ordinary Western Australians in the battle of protecting and preserving the ecological diversity to these precious resources.

PART B

2 May – 30 May

9:00 – 10:30 am

Prof. Robert Mead

Forensic Identification

This lecture series will look at the term “Identification” has many connotations in forensic science. It can refer to the identification of human remains; the naming of an offender; the seeking out of the parents of a child abandoned at birth or the determination of the birth name of a stolen child who was raised in another family. We will update the Somerton Man investigation, and also see how the new approach of forensic genealogy enabled a young woman, who drowned in a pool in 1966, to be identified fifty-four years after her death. We will explore whether blood pattern analysis can identify if this was an accident or a homicide. We will explore the intertwined cases of a stolen child and an abandoned child who each grew up mistakenly believing their “parents” were their biological kin. Though forensic genealogy resolved the biological question, the sociological implications were even more complex.

Prof Bob Mead is a Forensic Toxicologist who established the forensic degrees at Murdoch University. (He is also a National Teaching Excellence Award winner.)

2 May – 30 May

11:00 -12:30am

Jan Altmann

Women of the Bible

Have you ever wondered how the Eden story might sound if told from Eve’s point of view? Why was she blamed for the whole sorry mess, and why was Adam given the right to ‘rule over’ her? From Adam onwards men assumed the right to rule and to ‘multiply’. Sons had the right to take daughters as wives. The daughters, it seems, had little say in the matter. Influential and independent women, however, can be found in The Bible. Sarah, born to a wealthy aristocratic family fled from an arranged marriage at the age of twelve to wander in the desert with Abraham. There is Jezebel, who was demonised and killed for defending her ‘pagan’ traditions. In the *New Testament* there is the mysterious Mary Magdalene, who has been falsely portrayed as a prostitute and reconstructed as a repentant ‘sinner.’

Jan Altmann Ph.D in Comparative Literature from Murdoch University. She spent many years teaching English, Literature, Art History, Art Theory, Women’s Studies and Cultural Studies. She has written many art reviews and catalogue essays and has co-authored a book on Western Australian women’s art of the colonial era. Her most recent publication is *Wisdom and Wildness, Two Creations of Eve*.

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1:30 – 3:00 pm

Laura Skates BSc., PhD

Beauty & Horror: The Wonders of Australia’s Carnivorous Plants

Carnivorous plants are a fascinating group of plants, using their specialised trapping leaves to capture, digest, and absorb nutrients from prey. Their unusual nutritional strategy has long been a source of fascination and inspiration, from Charles Darwin’s elegant glasshouse experiments to the monstrous myths of people-eating plants in popular culture. Here in Western Australia, we are lucky to be home to the world’s greatest diversity of carnivorous plants, including the sticky-leaved sundews (*Drosera*) and rainbow plants (*Byblis*), the suction-trapping bladderworts (*Utricularia*), aquatic Venus flytrap (*Aldrovanda*), and Albany pitcher plant (*Cephalotus*).

Join botanist Laura Skates to learn more about these amazing plants and hear stories from her PhD research exploring the ecology and nutrition of our native carnivorous plants!