

PERTH MALA MATTERS : October 2020

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TWO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS TO BOOK INTO YOUR DIARY NOW :

November 13th 2020 PERTH MALA Annual General Meeting / 1pm - straight after classes finish
Room 1 at the Centre / Refreshments to follow as we celebrate 40 years of enjoying MALA

November 30th 2020 MALA ASSOCIATION (All branches) Annual General Meeting
Room 2 at the Centre followed by refreshments.

Both groups are seeking nominations for the vacant positions now – please ask us about them!

JOTTINGS FROM THE CHAIR Julie Ginbey

After an extremely interesting year, Semester Two is off to a good start.

We are obliged to clean and stack chairs as in Part A, and I again thank you all for the efficient way this has been managed. So please don't stack chairs after the 11.45 session though offers of help in wiping chairs after classes would be appreciated.

All classes are booked to capacity and we continue to receive ongoing enquires about current and future courses. The demand for MALA style Life Long Adult Learning continues, and we need ensure we have the committee personnel required to manage this. No positions are lifelong roles – the Constitution ensures that does not happen, but if you are able to be involved, you may find you like it!

At this AGM, the **Executive requires a Chairman** and a **Secretary**, and the committee also need a **Newsletter Editor**, **Publicity Manager** and **Social Director** for any excursions we plan. An **Assistant Equipment Officer** would be most helpful when we set up things for the lecturers...which I am sure you appreciate when they work! General Committee members will be most welcome, and help out where they can. While most committee positions become vacant, some will offer themselves for renomination. We must have a full committee or the consequences will be inevitable.

At our Perth MALA AGM we must also elect two representatives to the MALA Association Committee to be acknowledged at the Association AGM which is to be held on November 30 at GBLC at 10.30am and which Perth is hosting. This will also be followed by light refreshments. Nomination forms for both Perth MALA and MALA Association Representatives will be on the front desk. Please consider what you can do!

Perth MALA has 11 committee meetings per year, and during the semester these follow morning classes, so just an extra hour added to your MALA Morning. All are held at the Centre.

The MALA Association Constitution requires the position of President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer to be filled, and 2 additional committee members. We ask our 3 branches to elect 2 representatives each so that executive positions are filled and we have a balanced understanding of all 3 branches. It meets just 3 times a year.

If you've loved being a part of MALA, we'd love to have you come aboard to continue to provide Life-Long Learning.

Stay safe. Help us to stay strong. Stay Connected.

PERTH MALA AGM : NOMINATIONS NEEDED

We are seeking nominations for: Chairman / Secretary / Assist. Equipment / Newsletter / Publicity / Social Excursions / and

nominations by two people to represent Perth MALA on the MALA Association Committee. This involves only three meetings a year – it is a most interesting appointment. Forms will be left on your chairs for Perth, and at the front desk for the Association.

As you gain enjoyment from a group – so you should be willing to give back. Please consider.

DON'T FORGET...

- **Notice board:** Have an occasional look at our MALA notice board. It has information on classes, room numbers / the end-of-semester luncheon and the AGM.
- **Name tags:** It is so much easier to chat with someone when you know their name. So please remember to wear yours. If you are new to MALA your name tag will be available at the front desk. If you lost yours, please ask at the desk for a replacement. Also, please remember to put the name of a contact on the back of your tag in case of an emergency.
- **Mobiles:** Please be considerate to the lecturer and your fellow participants and remember to **put yours to silent/vibrate, or better still - TURN IT OFF.**
- **Morning Tea:** There is a coffee van outside at the at the morning break between 11.15 and 11.45. Also, two hot water urns are on in room 2 for your tea/coffee etc., courtesy of Jim McKinnon, but you need to bring your own cup, tea, coffee, cocoa, sugar, milk etc.
- **Our website:** Have a look at **our new website** - <https://www.mala.org.au/> and *tell people about it*. Please tell us if you can suggest any changes or additions.
- **Our email:** you can easily get in touch with us by **our new email:** perth@mala.org.au Your comments, suggestions, contributions to the newsletter etc. are always welcome.

FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT – VERY PUNNY!

- A vulture boards an aeroplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental dental medication.
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. 'But why?', they asked, as they moved off. 'Because,' he said, 'I can't stand chess-nuts boasting in an open foyer.'
- Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (oh, man, this is so bad, it's good) a super-calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
- And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.