

PERTH MALA MATTERS : September 2020

This monthly newsletter is intended to keep you informed about MALA. Contributions by members to the newsletter are always welcome and can be sent via email to enrol.perth@mala.org.au or info@mala.org.au .

JOTTINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome back to MALA on Friday 4th September

PLEASE BE ADVISED there is NO COFFEE VAN on the first day, so please bring your own morning refreshments. Hot water is available but BYO everything else ON THAT DAY. By the time we had confirmation of our September programme our regular Coffee man had another booking. We now have him booked for the remainder of the Semester for his very fine service.

Though I've had no response from my previous appeal, I am still anticipating assistance from members to clean and return chairs back into storage after the second session at 12.45. It is possible that not everyone must rush away to commitments immediately after class. Please consider helping.

MOST CLASSES ARE FULLY BOOKED.

At this stage we have 4 vacancies only in Part A:

- Memory Imagination and Writing with Ian Reid at 10.15 am

and in Part B there remain:

- 1 place in Heritage in Action at 10.15
- 1 place in Genocide Studies at 10.15
- 1 place in Viruses in the 21st Century at 11.45.

There will be **NO BOOKINGS AT THE ENROLMENT DESK** on the first day of (PART A) or (PART B)

We are grateful to be able to greet you face to face at live lectures.

Please be mindful of the health of yourself and others.

Regards *Julie Gimbey* (Hon. Chair)

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ALL committee positions will become vacant at the AGM on Nov. 13th

Please realise that our voluntary, community-run Not-for-Profit association operates only because of the commitment of its members. MALA has always been fortunate to have volunteers who have so willingly given of their time and experience – now it's your turn to be one!

We urge you to think about becoming involved *now*, so that you can nominate prior to the AGM. Help will be provided as you begin to let you know what is expected, and we will gratefully welcome your valuable contribution to our worthwhile group. If you think you might be able to contribute to the work that is needed to keep MALA going, please speak to someone at the MALA desk.

****** One of the positions we need to fill for next year is that of **Equipment Manager**. To help the person(s) willing to take on this role, an 'apprenticeship' is being offered over semester 2. You would help Lutz set up the gear for each lecture and 'learn the ropes'. This is not a difficult task but basic familiarity with laptops is necessary.



Other lives, other times and other places! Some books you may have missed....

The Golden Age By Joan London.

Set in an actual children's Polio convalescent home in Leederville in the 1950s, this beautifully written novel introduces you to the teenage son of new Hungarian Jewish immigrants who writes poems for the little girl in the next ward.

Wanting By Richard Flanagan.

When Sir John Franklin and his wife came to Van Dieman's land in the early 19th century they adopted an Aboriginal girl, Mathinna. They arranged for her portrait to be painted, as part of a civilising experiment, and it still hangs, framed in a Tasmanian art gallery, but she wears no shoes. The Franklins eventually returned to England, leaving her behind. She now belonged to neither the Aborigines or Europeans, wanting, desiring, and lacking.

Franklin went on to explore the northwest passage of North America and vanished. His wife kept writing to the press and asked Charles Dickens to act on her behalf. Franklin was never found but some of the crew pushed remains of things from the ship across Greenland and were found frozen.

FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT

I think the real reason this generation is so angry is because their music sucks.

**Me: Please bring me a screwdriver.
Wife: Flat head, Phillips, or Vodka?**

And that was when I knew she was the one.

Both memes were published on americasbestpics.com - original source is unknown

The Washington Post's Mensa invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are some of the winners:

- **Cashtration (n.):** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
- **Intaxication :** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realise it was your money to start with.
- **Bozone (n.):** The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
- **Sarchasm :** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
- **Decafalon (n.):** The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
- **Dopeler Effect:** The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.