

PERTH MALA MATTERS : August 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

Realising that we live in a dynamic world, that adjustment of one sort or another is part of life's experience, I sincerely hope that you are all doing as well as can be expected, and are still enjoying this wonderful world. Recognising that adapting to enforced changes makes any adjustment less easy, we at MALA are never-the-less delighted to be able to resume live classes.

PART A is a choice from **4 lecture series** over the four Fridays of **September 4 to 25**. and has been put together by Fiona Birt, our Course Convener.

PART B, the more usual **5 weeks** duration, with a choice from **6 lecture series**, with new lecturers and topics from **October 16 to November 13**.

To enable this, some of the lectures are similar to those either partially delivered in, or planned for Semester One. Please note, however, that this requires a totally **new Enrolment** regardless of any previous indications of choice. We are extremely grateful for Fiona's efforts to achieve this outcome due to the timing of the request based on the lifting of COVID19 restrictions. I urge members to enrol as soon as you can after receiving the information, especially for the September program, because of the shorter than usual 6 weeks lead-up.

To abide by social distancing and sanitizing, now the new normal, we have to move chairs into and out of rooms ourselves. Therefore, the committee will be grateful to any member able to assist in this regards. Please contact me on 0498 560 026.

An essential part of the MALA experience is the social cohesion, and I look forward to seeing you again involved in a Lifelong Love of Learning. Regards – Julie Ginbey

PLEASE NOTE: **All committee positions will be vacant at the AGM on Nov. 13th**, and we encourage you to think about becoming involved now, so you can nominate then. Help will be provided to let you know what is expected and we will welcome your valuable contribution to our worthwhile group. MALA has always been fortunate to have volunteers who have so willingly given of their time and experience – now its your turn to be one! If you are wondering, ask Sue on 9444 4902 or Julie on 0498 560 026

One of the positions we need to fill for next year is that of **equipment officer**. 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.

If you are able to take on this committee role, please **phone Lutz on 0437 141 299**



BOOK BROWSING

BY CELIA COLE

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

'Just Mercy – a Story of Justice and Redemption' by Bryan Stevenson

I remember when Bryan Stevenson, a young black lawyer from Alabama, came to talk to us at UWA, about case histories from the huge number of black people incarcerated in America. The whole audience was in tears and I have never forgotten him. The book was published in 2015 and recently a film was made which I went to see, and I cried again.

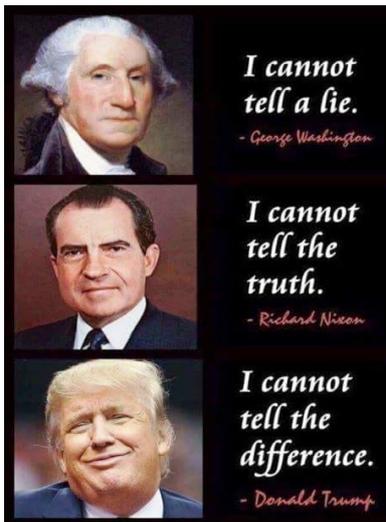
- **'The Miniaturist'** by *Jessie Burton*

A young girl comes from the countryside in 1686 to Amsterdam to her new husband's house. He gives her a wedding present of a beautifully carved wooden cabinet – a model of their house. Beautifully written, it has wealth, privilege, prejudices and intolerance, and an absolutely heart-stopping moment when she witnesses her husband's execution.

- **'The Life of an Unknown Man'** by *Andrei Makine*

A Russian writer Shutov has lived in exile in Paris for 20 years, with his girlfriend Lea. When their relationship breaks up, he decides to return to Russia and St. Petersburg, and finds everything changed. An old man Volsky lies forgotten in a room of a hotel which is being pulled down. Shutov gradually listens to Vosky's life story and his survival in the siege of Leningrad, and then Stalin's purges. So many people were eventually released from Gulags and still live in poverty.

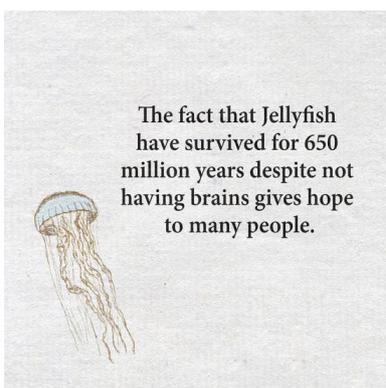
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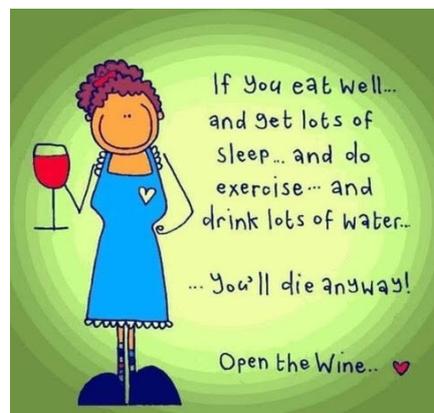
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And from various contributors...

- Me and the wife went late night shopping the other night, and we were just about to go up these escalators when she saw this sign which said " dogs must be carried on escalators " then she said "where the hell are going to find a dog this time of night....."
- I used to give in to peer pressure until all my friends told me not to
- I had a happy childhood, my Dad would put me inside a tyre and roll me down a hill, they were Goodyears.
- A man walks in to a bar. He didn't duck.
- I'm in the final stages of rehab for my compulsion to steal calendars. Just taking one day at a time now
- A carpenter working, accidentally slices his ear off. His mate returns with the ear and asks "is this your ear?" "No", said the carpenter, "my one had a pencil behind it".