

Perth MALA NEWS

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MATURE ADULTS LEARNING ASSOCIATION INC

Perth Branch PO Box 1749, West Perth, 6872

New website : <https://www.mala.org.au/>

New email : perth@mala.org.au



Semester 1 - Part A

Chairperson's Message:



Welcome back to all who will join us for "Twenty-Twenty" and a wonderful program for Semester One. Unfortunately, we did have to cancel two of the courses but almost all who selected those two have taken up their second choice leaving us with healthy numbers in each class.

It's been several years since I was on the MALA Committee and it has been rewarding to see the changes that have taken place in my absence. I was particularly pleased to hear of the offer from The Recreational Centre for a storage space for our equipment, which makes the life of our Equipment Officer so much easier. We also appear to be in a much more secure financial position than we were those few years ago, a situation that allowed Lutz, our Equipment Officer to purchase new Data Projectors and sound equipment. Not so welcome were the changes demanded by our government for all

voluntary organisations to adopt and register a uniform constitution, a task that demanded many hours from our voluntary committee members.

One outcome from the change to our constitution is that you will notice we now have MALA as an overarching organisation that has three branches, Perth, Rockingham and Peel. Of course the three have existed for some time but we are now Perth Branch of MALA Inc. Hence, correspondence from me is as Perth MALA Chairperson.

It is worth remembering that apart from our Course Convenor, Fiona Birt, (who has once again provided you with a great choice of topics), all the work that makes MALA happen is done by a small group of volunteers dedicated to ensuring it all works and everyone reaps the benefits of the program offered.

One such volunteer is John Bunday, who for many years has been our webmaster ensuring that we could communicate electronically to all Branch members of MALA. The recent collapse of our website created a huge problem for John so we are extremely grateful to our new member, David Thorne, for stepping up to help establish our new website [mala.org.au](https://www.mala.org.au).

I would be remiss in not thanking Sue Higgs for all the help she has provided and especially for the guidance she has given to this P-plate Chairperson. The generosity of spirit I have experienced since taking on the role reminds me of a line from a favourite story`:

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

A.A. Milne

Frank Dymond - Chairperson

Upcoming social event:

End-of-Semester - Luncheon : first notice

FRIDAY 5th June 2020, 11:30 for 12:00

Duxton Hotel

1 St George's Terrace, Perth

We will welcome your company ~ come and join us there!

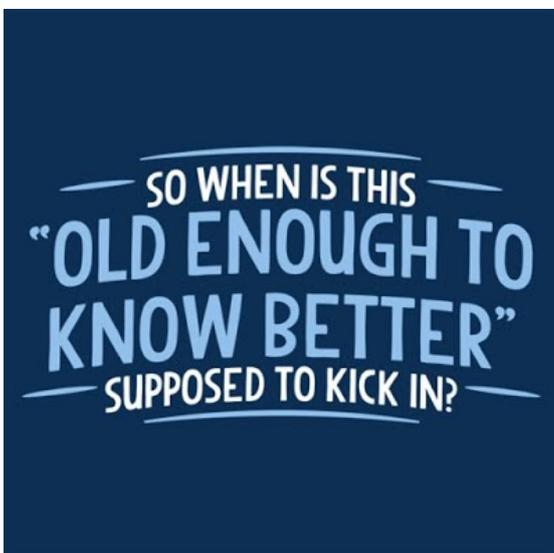
Please view our notice board for more details and book with Gena Count at the desk.

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.

And for your amusement:

Ponder these ones for a minute



- Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?