



Mature Adults Learning Association (Inc.) - Perth

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LOCATION: Perth Campus: **George Burnett Leisure Centre**, Manning Rd (opp. Elderfield Rd)
Karawara/Bentley (between Freeway and Curtin University)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ!

ENROLMENT & PAYMENT (\$45 per course, plus a once-per-semester enrolment fee of \$10)

- **PAYMENT:** Please complete the enrolment form and mail it with Cheque/Money Order OR mail/email with evidence of Direct Credit to: ♦ Westpac Bank ♦ BSB: 036-000 ♦ Account: 98-3937
❖ If paying by Direct Credit - please use your surname OR phone number in the Reference/Payer box ❖
- **PROVIDE YOUR DETAILS:** Please include your details on the enrolment form every time you enrol:
Name | Address | Postcode | Phone Number | Email address (preferred for sending information)
- **CHOICE OF COURSES:** Please clearly indicate your first and second choice for your enrolment in each session. Some courses may fill early or be cancelled, and we may not be able to provide your first choice each time.
- **ENROL EARLY:** Get your enrolment application in early (preferably by **6th August 2021**) to avoid disappointment and allow timely processing.

*Consider yourself enrolled in your first choice unless you hear otherwise and
KEEP A RECORD of the classes you select and their START DATES AND TIMES*

- Confirmation emails will NOT be sent UNLESS you are a new member. If you are a new member, we will provide general orientation information and a map showing our location. Your name badge will also be waiting for you at the information desk in the reception area on the first day of classes.

LECTURE ROOM ALLOCATIONS: Check the notice board near the information desk on the first day of classes.

TELL SOMEONE ELSE ABOUT MALA: You are our best advertisement – please pass along the attached spare enrolment form to someone who may also enjoy MALA courses. **Everyone needs a separate Enrolment Form!** Additional forms can also be downloaded from the website: <https://www.mala.org.au>

DATES FOR SEMESTER TWO 2021

PART A	27 August to 24 September (inclusive) (5 weeks – Fridays only)
<i>BREAK</i>	<i>25 September to 14 October (no classes during this time)</i>
PART B	15 October to 12 November (inclusive) (5 weeks – Fridays only)

- **LECTURE TIMES:** Session One: 10:15am to 11:15am Session Two: 11:45am to 12:45pm
- **ADDRESS:** George Burnett Leisure Centre, Manning Road (Opp. Elderfield Road lights)
Karawara/Bentley (between Freeway and Curtin University).
- **PARKING:** is abundant and free for those travelling by car.
- **PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** is available, very regular, and stops right outside the Centre.
Phone Transperth - 13 62 13 - for update on information.
- **WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE EVERY WEEK:**
Kindly write your **Emergency Information** on the back for the paramedics should you be unable to speak.



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PERTH COURSES SCHEDULE - SEMESTER TWO 2021

PART A – 27 August to 24 September

Start 10:15am	<i>Dr Stephen Westcott</i> International Politics and Security in the Indo-Pacific	<i>Dr Natalie Warburton</i> Australia's Amazing Marsupials	<i>E/Prof Richard Read</i> Western Art and Changing World Views
Start 11:45am	<i>Prof Ian Reid</i> The Writing Process: From First Ideas to Finished Works	<i>Damian Lettoof</i> Snakes: Exploring their Natural History and Environmental Interactions	<i>Dale Neill</i> The Power of Photography

BREAK: 25 September to 14 October (no courses run during this time)

PART B – 15 October to 12 November

Start 10:15am	<i>A/Prof Tanya Dalziell</i> Australian Literatures	<i>Michelle Taylor</i> CANCELLED Navigating your Financial World in Retirement	<i>Glen Cook</i> Weather and Climate in Western Australia
Start 11:45am	<i>Prof Anne-Marie Hill</i> CANCELLED Healthy Ageing - What Is It and How Do We Do It?	<i>Prof Alexey Muraviev</i> Russia – a Mystery Power. Putin - Man of Mystery	<i>E/Prof Bob Mead</i> The DNA Detectives: Catching Cold Case Killers

We suggest you mark on this sheet the courses you enrol in as a reminder when classes start, as MALA no longer sends out Confirmations of Enrolment.

PART A: 27 August to 24 September (5-week courses)

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND SECURITY IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

***With Dr Stephen Westcott** (*Stephen Westcott is an early career academic from Murdoch University whose research focuses on China and South Asia.*)

This course will provide students/participants with a firm grasp on recent political developments and key geopolitical security issues in the Indo-Pacific region, within which Australia resides. Specifically, this course will be broken up into five topics:

Lecture 1: 'The Confluence of the Two Seas' (introduces the basic definitions, context, and key actors)

Lecture 2: 'The Thucydides Trap?' (great power rivalries in the Indo-Pacific and the likelihood for conflict)

Lecture 3: 'Little Rocket Man' (the impact of nuclear weapons in the Indo-Pacific)

Lecture 4: 'Lines in the Sea' (prominent interstate border disputes within the Indo-Pacific)

Lecture 5: 'The Human Factor' (human rights/security and other unconventional issues affecting the Indo-Pacific)

27 August to 24 September: 10:15am to 11:15am \$45

AUSTRALIA'S AMAZING MARSUPIALS

***With Dr Natalie Warburton** (*Dr Warburton is a zoologist, comparative anatomist, and palaeontologist with a passion for sharing her love of zoology with diverse audiences.*)

From kangaroos and koalas to the tiniest pygmy possums, marsupials are the quintessential Australian animals. They have an amazing array of body forms and adaptations that enable them to survive in our extreme conditions. Contemporary threatening processes, including habitat change or loss, changes in fire regime and introduced predators, have led to 'modern' relicts; many of which exist in very small, disjointed remnants of their former geographical range. Nowhere is this more evident than in Western Australia. This short course will provide insights into the diverse marsupial fauna of Australia, past and present, and aspects of their biology that will excite and boggle the mind.

27 August to 24 September: 10:15am to 11:15am \$45

WESTERN ART AND CHANGING WORLD VIEWS

***With E/Prof Richard Read** (*Prof Read is an Honorary Senior Research Fellow in the history of art, UWA.*)

'Mankind has always been constructing world views, beginning with early creation myths that attempt to explain the whole of his "world," and going on to more modern philosophical speculation and scientific theories' (David Bohm). Visual art is peculiarly adept at creating novel and arresting ways of compressing religious, political and technological dimensions of knowledge and experience into intelligible forms that help societies adjust to changing circumstances. Over five lectures art historical analysis is used to show how Western representations of the universe are successively transformed into each other in great works of Classical, Byzantine, Medieval, Renaissance, Mannerist and Baroque art.

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THE WRITING PROCESS: FROM FIRST IDEAS TO FINISHED WORKS

***With Prof Ian Reid** (*Ian is the author of many books, including fiction, poetry and literary criticism. He is an Adjunct Professor in English & Literature at UWA.*)

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 whole 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.

27 August to 24 September: 11:45am to 12:45pm \$45

SNAKES: EXPLORING THEIR NATURAL HISTORY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INTERACTIONS

**With Damian Lettoof (Damian is a wildlife ecologist completing his PhD (Curtin) on the impacts of urbanisation on Western tiger snakes around Perth.)*

This lecture series will explore the ecology and evolution of snakes, as well as global human-snake conflicts. Week one will introduce snake biology, evolution and ecosystem functions. The following three weeks will focus on case studies grouped into: invasive snakes, human-snake conflict, and snake evolution on islands. The final lecture will be focusing on my research exploring the impacts of urbanisation on tiger snakes, and their use as an indicator of wetland health.

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THE POWER OF PHOTOGRAPHY

**With Dale Neill, Des Lewis and Jo Coveney (Dale is a Master Photographer (Australian Institute of Professional Photography) as well as a retired lecturer in photography at TAFE and UWA Extension.)*

From the Greek origins of 'Writing with Light' to George Eastman's Box Brownie camera and to Smartphones, this series of workshops will spill light on complexities and tap into the power of photography.

Week 1: *Writing with Light* – In the footsteps of George Eastman – Dale Neill

Week 2: *Is your Smartphone smarter than you?* – 3 skills on your smartphone – Des Lewis

Week 3: *Preserving History* – copying and restoring valuable old photographs – Dale Neill

Week 4: *'You shouldn't put that on Facebook'* – + and - of social media – Jo Coveney

Week 5: *Power of the Photograph* – Images that changed lives – Dale Neill

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PART B: 15 October to 12 November (5-week courses)

AUSTRALIAN LITERATURES

**With A/Prof Tanya Dalziell (Tanya Dalziell is the Chair of English and Literary Studies at the University of Western Australia.)*

This course on Australian literatures looks forward to engaging with people who enjoy books and who would like to know more about how and why literary texts have been valued in Australia and continue to be valued in different ways. It will give some consideration to the histories of Australian literature, particularly how narrative has been integral to both nation-building and the postcolonial questioning of that process. It will cover a range of genres including fiction and poetry, and will acknowledge the rich and diverse themes and forms that constitute Australian literature. Special attention is to be trained on contemporary writing and the important contributions of indigenous and non-indigenous women authors to the Australian literary field.

15 October to 12 November: 10:15am to 11:15am \$45

NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCIAL WORLD IN RETIREMENT (CANCELLED)

**With Michelle Taylor (Michelle has been a financial planner for over 20 years.)*

Retiring in today's world is such an individual journey. The days of reaching the magic age of 65 and hanging up that working uniform seems to be a thing of the past. So what should you think about in your retirement financial world?

In this course we will look at the different areas that make up your financial world; not just the money stuff, but also the areas that sit around it, such as working in retirement, estate planning, Centrelink, leaving a legacy.

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WEATHER AND CLIMATE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**With Glenn Cook (Glenn is a recently retired Meteorologist and Climatologist who spent almost 30 years observing, forecasting, and communicating the weather and climate of Western Australia.)*

- Weather observations: why do we do them? People have been making and recording observations of the weather in WA for almost 200 years, but what sort of observations have been made, what has changed in those 200 years, and ultimately what is the point?
- Weather patterns in Western Australia. WA is a large State and as a result is impacted by many different weather patterns. This presentation describes the main drivers that influence our weather and climate and highlights their impacts.
- How is it possible to forecast the weather? Science based weather forecasting commenced over 100 years ago but our understanding of weather has changed dramatically since then. This presentation describes the changes to weather forecasting techniques over the years and focusses on how weather forecasts are currently prepared.
- The Climate of Western Australia. This presentation summarises the climate of WA and highlights the trends that have been observed.
- Climate change and its future impact on Australia. The climate we experience is changing, as are the oceans and atmosphere. We will consider where we are heading and what can we expect to see over the next 100 years.

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HEALTHY AGEING - WHAT IS IT AND HOW DO WE DO IT? (CANCELLED)

**With Prof Anne-Marie Hill (Professor Hill is a physiotherapist who focuses on healthy ageing research.)*

Healthy ageing is a subject much researched yet surprisingly many myths about ageing persist. Interestingly one's own personal view of ageing also impacts on whether you will be ageing healthily! All aspects of health - including physical, mental and social aspects- can contribute to enjoying a healthy older age. This course will discuss the latest evidence about healthy ageing and will provide practical suggestions and discussion about how to engage in positive approaches to ageing.

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RUSSIA - A MYSTERY POWER. PUTIN - MAN OF MYSTERY

**With A/Prof Alexey Muraviev (Assoc Prof Alexey D Muraviev is the founder of International Relations, Security and Strategic Studies at Curtin University. He is a multi-award winning academic, and Australia's leading expert on Russia.)*

Despite over a 1,000-year-old history, Russia to date remains a mystery to many, from ordinary citizens to decision makers. So does its current President, Vladimir Putin.

This lecture series will attempt to unpack some of the trends which shaped up the Russian empire, the Soviet Union, and now Putin's Russia. The second part of the series will look at Putin himself, the longest serving elected head of state in modern times, who could remain in the top job for another 15 years. Learn more about the man and his ideology, and why he matters.

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THE DNA DETECTIVES: CATCHING COLD CASE KILLERS

**With Dr Bob Mead (Dr Mead is a forensic toxicologist who initiated the forensic biology and toxicology degree at Murdoch University.)*

This five-lecture course will lead you down the remarkable path of the evolving role of DNA analysis in identifying the perpetrators of serious crime. After exploring the first homicide case ever to be solved by the early technique of DNA fingerprinting, we will progress to the development of DNA STR profiling and to the latest technologies, genetic phenotyping and genetic genealogy. Each technique will be clearly explained and illustrated with a range of fascinating cold cases, most of which were solved only within the past 12 months. We will explore the building of family trees to identify relatives of the offender and how that approach is used to reveal the name of the perpetrator. We will uncover miscarriages of justice along the way, and in one local case reach an unexpected and shocking conclusion! For those who have attended my previous MALA courses, the cases presented in this series will be different, but some of the techniques will be familiar to you.

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