



Mature Adults Learning Association (Inc.) - Perth

Note: Proof of vaccination /masks / social distancing may be required at time of attendance

POST: 46 WARATAH AVENUE, DALKEITH, WA 6009 (for return of enrolment forms)

WEBSITE: <https://www.mala.org.au> ENROLMENTS: enrol.perth@mala.org.au

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 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 information. Everyone needs a separate Enrolment Form!

Additional forms can also be downloaded from the website: <https://www.mala.org.au>

DATES FOR SEMESTER TWO 2022

PART A	5 August to 2 September (inclusive) (5 weeks – Fridays only)
<i>BREAK</i>	<i>3 September to 13 October (no classes during this time)</i>
PART B	14 October to 11 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 2022

Note: Individual opinions expressed by lecturers may not be the views of M.A.L.A. (Inc)

PART A – 5 August to 2 September

Start 10:15am	<i>Dr Marie Ferland</i> Unravelling the geological secrets of WA's national parks	<i>Robin Stevens & Dr John Stanton</i> Introduction to Aboriginal cultural heritage	<i>Dr Ben 'Tim' Rich</i> Violent extremism in 2022
Start 11:45am	<i>Parisa Abbasian</i> Iran: before and after Islam	<i>Dr Luke Whiley & Dr Nicola Gray</i> Systems medicine in health and disease	<i>Anthony Alborn</i> European settlement of WA – Part 1

BREAK: 3 September to 13 October (no courses run during this time)

PART B – 14 October to 11 November

Start 10:15am	<i>Prof. Steven Tingay</i> The big questions and the telescopes needed to answer them in modern astronomy	<i>Dr Nigel Radford</i> The role of metals in human evolution - Out of the fiery furnace CANCELLED	<i>Prof. Dennis Haskell</i> Literature and the inexpressible
Start 11:45am	<i>Prof. John Melville-Jones</i> Ancient history & coinage	<i>Dr Rochelle Steven</i> Birds of Australia and the world	<i>Anthony Alborn</i> European settlement of WA – Part 2

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.

Information about COVID requirements will be provided as issued by the Government, and we are required to comply

PART B: 14 October to 11 November (5-week courses)

THE BIG QUESTIONS & THE TELESCOPES NEEDED TO ANSWER THEM IN MODERN ASTRONOMY

***With Prof. Steven Tingay** (Steven is an astrophysicist and John Curtin Distinguished Professor at Curtin University and was the driving force behind the development of the Murchison Widefield Array that was the precursor to the SKA (Square Kilometre Array). Steven's passion for astronomy was kindled back in childhood. Two years ago, he returned from an 18-month secondment as Director of the Institute of Radio Astronomy in Bologna, Italy.)

Week 1: Our place in the Universe. Origins of the Universe, tracing how we got from the Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago to stars, planets, and life today.

Week 2: The tools of modern astronomy. The telescopes that operate across the electromagnetic spectrum, from earth and in space, that are used to explore the Universe.

Week 3: An evening under the stars with telescopes, looking at some of the wonders of the night sky up close.

Week 4: The big questions in astrophysics. What are the fundamental theories of physics that we are hoping to refine or revolutionise? Why is this important?

Week 5: Astronomy and astrophysics in Western Australia. What is going on in WA? In particular, the Square Kilometre Array that has been built in WA: what is it and why will it be one of the most powerful facilities for astrophysics ever conceived?

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

THE ROLE OF METALS IN HUMAN EVOLUTION - OUT OF THE FIERY FURNACE

***With Dr Nigel Radford** (Nigel worked all his life as a professional mineral explorer and retains a keen interest in many aspects of geology. He studied at the University of Leeds then at the University of Leicester in UK. Nigel is highly regarded internationally by both exploration and research scientist colleagues and is regarded as a visionary geologist by his peers. In 2008 Dr. Radford was the recipient of the Butt-Smith Medal for outstanding contribution for linking geolith science to exploration in Australia and his role in advancing the application of regolith science, developing new geochemical approaches to exploration, being regarded as being truly ground-breaking.)

Approximately one third of all energy created and used by human beings has gone into smelting and fashioning metallic objects. What have we got for that investment? How did the use of metals evolve, and why? We will look at the advance from Stone Age to Bronze Age, to Iron Age, and into the modern age of light metals.

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

LITERATURE AND THE INEXPRESSIBLE

***With Emeritus Professor Dennis Haskell** (Dennis Haskell is the author of nine collections of poetry, the most recent being 'And Yet...' (WA Poets Publishing, 2020), and 14 volumes of literary scholarship and criticism. He is the recipient of the WA Premier's Prize for Poetry, the A. A. Phillips Prize for a distinguished contribution to Australian literature, and of an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from The University of Western Australia. He has won local and national teaching awards and is a Member of the Order of Australia for "services to literature, particularly poetry, to education and to intercultural understanding". His website is www.dennishaskell.com.au)

While we all use language every day most of that language simply enables us to manage the necessities of daily life, but language is also the principal way we express ideas. Even in a secular and materialistic age almost everyone has some sense of deeper, intangible meanings that ordinary language doesn't reach. St John's gospel starts by saying that "In the Beginning was the Word", pointing to a mysterious dimension of language. It is literature that uses language in the most nuanced, sensitive and sometimes mysterious way, but this tends to make its expression inherently complex. In these five weeks we will discuss five major writings that attempt to convey spiritual and philosophical meanings that are almost inexpressible. Apart from an appreciation of the works themselves (listed next page), this discussion will provide a deeper understanding of the possibilities of the English language.

Works examined will include: William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*; Romantic poets: Samuel Taylor Coleridge and John Keats (a selection of poems); Emily Dickinson, *Selected Poems* or *Collected Poems*; Henry James, *The Turn of the Screw*; Kenneth Slessor, *One Hundred Poems* or *Collected Poems*.

Literature being what it is, the course will involve discussion as much as lecture.

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

ANCIENT HISTORY & COINAGE

****With Prof. John Melville-Jones*** (*Prof Melville-Jones is a classicist who has taught Latin and Ancient Greek at UWA and written books on ancient numismatics and Byzantine history. In 2021 he became a Member of the Order of Australia because of his work in these areas.*)

The ancient Greeks, Romans (the Byzantines, as modern writers refer to them, still considered themselves Romans) have left us a rich heritage of literature, architecture and artifacts, and we know an enormous amount about them. John will introduce us to this amazing, complex and often violent world! He will tell us tales of ancient Pompeii, the art and architecture of Roman Britain, Greek and Roman coinage, the siege and fall of Constantinople, and – “The deplorable life and disgusting death of Andronicus I Comnenus, Emperor of the Romans”.

14 October to 11 November: 11:45am to 12:45pm \$45

BIRDS OF AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD

****With Dr Rochelle Steven*** (*Rochelle Steven is a lecturer at Murdoch University and teaches units covering topics related to sustainability, environmental management and nature-based tourism. Rochelle is also volunteer Convenor for BirdLife Australia’s Western Australia branch.*)

Australia has a special and unique assemblage of birds that occur in every habitat across the continent. The diversity of Australia’s avifauna reflects the multitude of habitats they occupy, and the birds are perfectly adapted for those habitats. Rochelle will present an introductory course that will cover a diverse range of topics related to birds in Australia and other parts of the world. Each week’s lecture will have a specific theme with notes made available as a PDF prior to the lecture and there will be time for discussion. Topics covered will include: introduction to bird biology and Australian bird families; bird ecology and changing environments; bird conservation practice and management; birdwatching, bird travel and citizen science.

14 October to 11 November: 11:45am to 12:45pm \$45

EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT OF WA – PART 2

****With Anthony Alborn*** (*Anthony Alborn is an experienced presenter who previously ran his own advertising and publishing business in Melbourne and was the state sales trainer in WA & Victoria for worldwide publisher Crowell Collier McMillan. He has worked with leading regional newspapers in NSW, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania. He also worked extensively with the 23 country newspapers in The West Australian newspaper group, from Broome to Albany.*)

The second series of lectures covers the development of Perth: becoming the state’s capital and the stories around the people and buildings who populated this remote city in earlier times. As Perth city grew, how was the law dealt out and how did banking develop for traders and residents? Who were the civic leaders who people looked up to? We’ll review stories such as how Perth Town Hall came about, who was the first Governor to live in the new Government House, and why was The Cloisters so special?

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