



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: www.mala.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 ONE 2023

PART A	3 March to 31 March (inclusive) (5 weeks – Fridays only)
<i>BREAK</i>	<i>1 April to 4 May (no classes during this time)</i>
PART B	5 May to 2 June (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 ONE 2023

PART A – 3 March to 31 March

Start 10:15am	<i>Daniel Midgley</i> Language, Society, and Thought	<i>Dr Ben 'Tim' Rich & Leena Adel</i> A very brief history of the Modern Middle East	
Start 11:45am	<i>Carl Altman</i> Major Art Prizes in Australia	<i>Alan Needham</i> The Origin of Life	<i>Anthony Alborn</i> How Perth & Surrounds Developed as a Colony from 1829-1910

BREAK: 1 April to 4 May (no courses run during this time)

PART B – 5 May to 2 June

Start 10:15am	<i>Hans Hug</i> Classical Music Appreciation and the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra	<i>Chris Ferreira & Associates</i> The Forever Project: For the Future	<i>Anthony Alborn</i> How Regional WA developed from 1829- 1910
Start 11:45am	<i>Stacey Price</i> Common legal issues encountered by older people in Western Australia	<i>Frank Dymond</i> “What did we do before we had ...?” – a scientist’s review of inventions.	

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: 3 March to 31 March (5-week courses)

LANGUAGE, SOCIETY, AND THOUGHT

***With Daniel Midgley** Daniel Midgley is a linguist, and host of the *Because Language* podcast. He is the presenter of the *Speakeasy* on ABC Radio Perth 720, and the *Polish a Word* segment on ABC Radio Adelaide.

What's the hidden purpose of saying LIKE? What's behind the mysterious Voynich manuscript, and why does no one know what it says? And what happens when we turn the air conditioning "down"?

Linguist Daniel Midgley returns to MALA Perth to unearth the facts about language in our world today. He's bringing a set of fun yet challenging presentations that will help you think about language like a linguist.

3 March to 31 March: 10:15am to 11:15am \$45

A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST

***With Dr Ben 'Tim' Rich & Leena Adel** (Dr Tim Rich is a senior lecturer in International Relations and History at Curtin University. His research has focused on various aspects of Saudi domestic and foreign policy. Ben has worked on a range of topics relating to political violence and extremism, including the impact of foreign fighters, the intersection between religious fundamentalism and authoritarian governance, and understanding the role of ontological insecurity in fomenting politically extreme views around issues such as gender, race, and public health. Leena Adel is a PhD researcher at Curtin University. She has obtained her LLM in International Law and has a BA in Cultural Studies, Political Science and International Relations. Leena has taught and lectured in international relations and history units at Curtin university. Her current research explores intersectional approaches to understanding women's political participation during regime transitions - particularly within the MENA region.)

This course will provide a brief overview of the history of the modern Middle East, focusing on particular political periods and their lasting legacies in the region. The course will begin by introducing students to the Ottoman empire, with its origins in Anatolia and the manner in which it established many of the political structures we see in the region today. After this, students will explore the impact of European colonialism during the 19th and 20th centuries. The course will then discuss the Cold War and decolonization, as Arab, Jewish and Persian nation states threw off the yolk of external subjugation and began to pursue their own indigenous destinies. Subsequently, the topic of the Arab Spring will be explored, with a particular focus on the question of democracy in a region historically defined by authoritarianism and autocracy. The course will then conclude with a reflection on the possible future of the region as it faces growing uncertainty from a changing global economy, climate change, and great power disengagement.

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MAJOR ART PRIZES IN AUSTRALIA

***With Carl Altmann** (Carl Altmann has been a lecturer of Art History for several decades and still enjoys teaching people about art. He is also a practicing artist and art judge.)

There are several major Art Awards in Australia including the Archibald, the Wynne & Suliman Prize and the Blake. Each prize has its own criteria and usually is open to anyone living in Australia. Each year there are many comments made about the winners and not all of them are complementary. Many people agree with the Packers' Prize but sadly the winner of this prize never wins the major prize. Art is meant to make you think and the winning works for our major prizes certainly do that, even to the point you think the artwork is undeserving of the \$100,000 prize money. Western Australia has its own major prizes for Art, and these were established in very recent years. This course should keep you entertained, puzzled and often amused.

3 March to 31 March: 11:45am to 12:45pm \$45

THE ORIGIN OF LIFE

***With Dr Alan Needham** (*Dr Alan Needham is a zoologist and former senior lecturer at Edith Cowan University.*)

It is thought that life arose on Earth about 3,800 million years ago, when conditions were very different from those today. Although life may have arisen more than once, it is likely that all present living things share a single ancestral line, so we will explore current hypotheses on the formation of the first self-replicating cells – our earliest ancestors. This study of life and its requirements will lead us to speculate on the prospects of finding life elsewhere in the solar system and beyond.

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HOW PERTH & SURROUNDS DEVELOPED AS A COLONY FROM 1829-1910

***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.*)

Discover the rich history of Swan River Colony as it developed from the 1840's onwards, come and learn some of the fascinating stories plucked from the pages of history that you will love. This series continues on from last year's introduction and covers the ongoing development of Perth, Guildford & Fremantle. We look at the leading characters of the day, famous events and buildings associated with this era. Stories and photos are presented to reflect this very important part of the colony's earliest history and show us what life was like then for new settlers. A lot of early Perth history is not known, and this course hopes to address this shortfall. There is always a story worth telling.

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PART B: 5 May to 2 June (5-week courses)

CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION AND THE FREMANTLE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

***With Hans Hug** (Hans was born in Lucerne, Switzerland. At the age of 6 he started having cello lessons. After graduating from high school, he studied at the music conservatory. Hans also studied languages and became a language teacher, after meeting his Australian wife. He was still performing in a chamber orchestra conducted by Howard Griffiths at this time. Hans and his wife moved to WA in 1988, where he worked as an English teacher. Performing in several chamber groups, Hans started the Fremantle Chamber Orchestra in 2005. He currently runs and plays in the FCO and also in a piano trio.)

This is a course for people who are new to “classical music” and also lovers of the overall genre. With the help of many listening samples, this course will give an overview and appreciation of classical music.

- 1: What is classical music? What are the genres? What is a symphony, concerto, opera, musical, chamber music?
- 2: What are the main periods? (e.g. Medieval, Baroque, Classic, Romantic, Impressionist, 20th Century, Modern)
3. Features and composers of Baroque, Classic and early Romantic periods
4. Features and composers of the late Romantic, Impressionist, 20th Century, Modern periods
5. Fremantle Chamber Orchestra

Questions are welcome any time.

5 May to 2 June: 10:15am to 11:15am \$45

THE FOREVER PROJECT: FOR THE FUTURE

***With Dr Chris Ferreira & associates** (Chris is an Adjunct Lecturer at Murdoch University, as well as the founder and Director of The Forever Project. He has been a leading, high-profile exponent of sustainable land management in WA for over 25 years.

Chris and his team specializes in innovative education programs that inspire and empower people from all walks of life to lead more fulfilling and sustainable lives, with expertise in sustainable landscaping, urban forestry, landcare, sustainable small farm management, water, nutrient and energy efficient building, revegetation and sustainable urban design.)

The five lectures The Forever Project team will be presenting will be focused on sustainability, regeneration and resilience. The series will focus on topics like bees in your backyard, the Hamilton Hill eco-apartments, improving your backyard productivity, inspired infill and how to build a nourishing and resilient future for WA.

There will be a talk on bees, presented by Dwayne Duncan (an accredited beekeeper) on how to have healthy bees living and working in your garden, including best location in your garden, what bees like to feed on, environmental considerations (both in Australia and worldwide), techniques for managing bees, regulations both State and Local Government and much more.

Matt Wallwork will present on the recently developed Hamilton Hill eco-apartments, discussing his sustainable building processes.

Dominic will examine the importance of backyard productivity and what the individual can do in their garden.

Emma Grant will look at the importance of sustainable “infill” projects.

Chris Ferreira will complete the series with a lecture about navigating our way through climate change, social malaise and pandemics with a stronger connection to self and nature.

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HOW REGIONAL WA DEVELOPED FROM 1829-1910

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These five presentations cover the important locations of Albany, Kalgoorlie and the NW. Albany was the first place settled in WA in 1826, but why was it chosen? Albany was also the major port for WA up until the early 1900's. In the late 1890's it took on a new significance as gold prospectors arrived from the eastern states seeking their fortune in the Goldfields. We'll look at Kalgoorlie and the story of how it developed and brought wealth to the new colony. Learn the stories of hardship and privation that the miners faced, but how towns still sprung up “in an

instant". We'll move from Perth to New Norcia, Geraldton & Broome and explore the tales of early settlement with some amazing stories. A rare glimpse into our major rural beginnings.

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WHATEVER DID WE DO BEFORE WE HAD ...?

***With Frank Dymond** Frank was Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Science Education and taught physics at Edith Cowan University until he retired. He then took up the position of Manager of the CSIRO Science Education Centre (CSIROSEC) from which, after seven years, he enjoyed a second retirement. He now relaxes by turning wood!

This course looks back at the inventions and technological developments that eventually gave us zips and Velcro, fluorescent tubes and LEDs, wristwatches and atomic clocks, pencils, Birus and Skype, as well as many problems.

We will follow the journey of these developments as well as the people who were associated with them. Did Mr Singer invent the first sewing machine? Was Edison the first inventor of the incandescent globe and who invented the paper clip? And what has a clock got to do with stopping a ship from disaster?

We will also take a peek at inventions that came and went and some that should never have come plus a few that should go away.

Please note that, even though content is updated, it is essentially a repeat of a course presented for MALA in 2013.

5 May to 2 June: 11:45am to 12:45pm \$45

COMMON LEGAL ISSUES ENCOUNTERED BY OLDER PEOPLE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

***With Stacey Price** (Stacey Price is a legal practitioner currently working as a Community Legal Education Solicitor at Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre.)

Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre assists older persons with legal and non-legal issues under our Older People's Rights Service. Did you know that it is estimated that between 2-14% of older people in WA have experienced or are experiencing "elder abuse"? With Western Australia's aging population, it's now more important than ever to equip older people with the knowledge and skills to identify legal issues and respond accordingly. This course will focus on enduring powers of attorney and guardianship, family agreements, undue influence, elder abuse, ending co-ownerships, scams, and grandparent rights in the Family Court WA.

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