

10th March – 7th April 2025

09.00 am – 10.30 am

John Draper

From Soil to Salad – Eco-friendly Edible Gardens

Join our workshop-style series, designed to take you from the basics to advanced gardening techniques. We'll start with building a healthy foundation by exploring soil biology, no-dig methods, and the benefits of polyculture. Learn how to grow vegetables successfully and grow more sustainably. Dive into year-round succession planting to keep your harvests consistent and discover the art of saving seeds from your favourite vegetables. Finally, we'll focus on the essential role of pollinators and beneficial insects, including how to create a pollinator-friendly garden to boost your garden's productivity.

John Draper is founder of the horticultural business, Harvest ME. He has been a passionate gardener all his life and has worked in many areas of the business including as a landscape designer for over 10 years. He is committed to promoting sustainable, organic gardening practices and helping people grow their food in a way that benefits their health and the environment.

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11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Wendy King

Legal Issues – Part 1

In this course, Wendy King and her colleagues from the Peel Community Legal Service will cover five of their most popular workshop topics, kindly adapted to the interests of and requests from members of Peel MALA. These will include Planning for your Future, Will Making, Enduring Powers of Attorney and Guardianship, issues around Coercive Control, Financial Separation Property Settlement, Age Discrimination Laws and Seniors' Rights. Cut through the legal jargon and understand, in everyday language, what these issues mean to you and your family as well as our community as a whole in the 21st century.

Peel Community Legal Services (PCLS) is an initiative of the State Government facilitated the establishment of a fully funded Community Legal Service for the Peel Region in Mandurah in July 2004. Peel Community Legal Services currently provides services which range from general legal advice, community legal education and advocacy to law reform opportunities on behalf of communities in the Peel region. Building on the work of the formerly volunteer based service, Peel Community Legal Services have established a base for their services which includes an outreach service to the broader Peel region in such areas as Pinjarra and Waroona.

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1.30 pm - 03.00 pm

Carl Altmann

Art Reflects Life – Part 1

Since ancient times, art has captured our deepest fascinations. From hunting in Palaeolithic eras to the grandeur of pharaohs and the beauty of humanity, art has explored various themes. Religion held sway for long, until the 19th century brought new perspectives with the study of light and the rise of the middle class. As the world changed with flight, so did art, evoking mixed reactions. Step into this riveting art lecture series and challenge your perception of the past. Will it transform your views? Perhaps not, but it is worth the journey.

Carl Altmann MA is a respected art historian lecturer and artist and has been involved in art education, design, visual literacy, painting, drawing and textiles for many years. He is currently a popular lecturer for the Mature Adults Learning Association and has in the past been a judge for the Black Swan Portraiture Awards Exhibition and local and regional awards exhibitions. His own artworks have been exhibited in Australia and abroad, including Ireland, England, Switzerland, USA and Hong Kong.