



E Newsletter

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There is now only 1 week and 4 days left for you to make the most of Term 2 and to look forward to the break for those who tutor students. Term 2 finishes on Friday June 22nd and Term 3 commences Monday 9th July. During the break the very popular **mid winter school** will be held from Monday 2nd July to Friday 6th July.

Mid winter School: David Truman is giving his time once again to compiling an interesting and challenging programme for this week and is still getting the final speakers lined up. The following is a short list to pique your interest.

The Economic Impact of a Rapidly Ageing Population: [Everal Compton](#)

The Joys of Gemology/The big 5 Gems: [Bob Sneyd, Director Gem and Jewellery Institute](#)

The Digital Revolution: [Colin Kennard](#)

The Arab Spring: What next?: [Dr James O'Neill](#)

The Etruscans: [Nour Davis](#)

GM Foods: What's in it for the Consumer: [Claus Jehne](#)

U3A on line—The virtual World: [Dr Ric Swindell](#)

India as an emerging Giant: [Professor Sarva Daman Singh](#)

Becoming Vegan: [Helen Carberry](#)

George Orwell— his life and works: [Margaret Powell](#)

The Holy Grail—Where is it now?: [Drina Oldroyd](#)

The Dead Sea scrolls and their discovery: [Coral Johnson](#)

Putting a price on carbon— [Rod Glass](#)

The best opera singers of the twentieth century: [Jim Neil](#)

The History of the 7th century: [Patrick Johnson](#)

Margaret Olley—Great Australian artist: [Rosemarie Schucraft](#)

Coal Seam Gas—opportunity or threat: [Paul Balfe](#)

Coal Seam Gas: Searching for public, environmental and sustainability policy perspectives:
[Peter Waterman](#)

An overview of the world's current economic situation: [Ray Bricknell](#)

Exploring Islamic stereotypes: [Chris Newman & Peter King](#)

Understanding Alzheimer's disease: history, current challenges and future perspectives:
[Dr Dusan Matusica](#)

Dr Matusica from the Brain Institute gave a similar talk at the 2011 mid winter school and the Social Committee arranged a bus trip to the Brain Institute earlier this year and met Dusan. He, along with all the other speakers, will be delivering one off , different talks to those we experience during term time. They are all worth attending so start booking when you get your programme.



Ray Bricknell's class at 2011 school



Dusan Matusica's class at 2011 class at 2011

Volunteers needed: Kay Andersen is seeking a District Convenor for the City District (not 97 Creek St) classes. The job involves contacting those who tutor at the City Library, State Library, Catholic Centre etc. each term before Class Schedule/ Newsletter deadline to ensure their entries to be printed in both the web page and the class schedule are correct. **Please contact Kay on 3848 4428 as soon as possible.**

New Web site coming soon: Greg Taylor and David Gemmell wish to advise that U3A is in the late stages of a major upgrade of our website to make it more interactive and useful to members. A working email address is essential for members for members to take advantage of this development. However a significant number of our email newsletters result in “ return to sender, address unknown.” Very Elvis and as distressing as he found it. **Do let us know asap if you change your email address or know of anyone else who has done so.**

Social Activities: The Christmas party has been booked at the Hilton this year as Chifley at Lennons has been sold and is not taking bookings. This year we will be having a smorgasbord which will be a welcome change for those who don't care for the two mains and 2 deserts. The cost will be \$ 45.00 and there will be round tables of 10 so start arranging your tables. The Hilton is accessible from both the Mall and Elizabeth St and is very accessible to public transport. It is at the Edward St end of the Mall. Term 3 activities will consist of a trip to Pomona which was washed out in Term one. Most people have left their money in from the original booking. This will be followed by a cruise to the mouth of the river and will include morning tea and lunch. When the sun comes out for these trips they should be fun. Enjoy your break, and book for the mid winter school promptly. There are great stories to be told there.

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