



# **Online Program Term 3, 2020**

## **14 September - 19 November**

### **1. *Android Skills***

**Graeme Ingram**

Tuesdays, 11.30am, begins 15 September, 8 weeks, max=10.

Participants will be using Zoom.

This is an eight-week Zoom course on using your Android tablets and phones. Topics include managing the settings on your devices, using popular email programs and contacts, security, and popular apps. Graeme will make contact with participants and provide individual sessions for those who need help getting started with Zoom prior to the first class.

### **2. *Astronomy & the Related Science Discoveries***

**Peter Taylor**

Monday, 10am, begins 14 September, 10 weeks, max =25.

Participants will be using Zoom.

Using Zoom we will continue with the examination of the latest news and science from space.

### **3. *Birds and Islands: a peripatetic virtual tour examining what birds are found where, and why***

**Sue Jones**

Begins 14 September, 10 weeks.

Using YouTube videos (narrated PowerPoints) and possibly Zoom conference sessions.

There is something about islands. They lure travellers across oceans, feed our imaginations, and inspire dreams of idyllic solitude. They also provide living laboratories for life scientists. Studying the fauna and flora on islands helps us understand how life evolves and how species are distributed across the world. Focusing on birdlife, this course will provide an introduction to island biogeography, a theory that explains how species are distributed across isolated natural communities. However, it is also a travelogue in disguise. We will visit (virtually) a series of islands that I have been fortunate enough to visit in person, starting with our own island of Tasmania. We will consider how the geography, geology, and human history of these selected islands have shaped the bird communities that live there. We will also see how some islands are being used for the conservation of rare species. The "lecture" material will be delivered as online modules that you can watch or download via YouTube at a time convenient to you. The modules will take the form of narrated slideshows, each 20-30 minutes long if you watch it straight through. New material will be made available weekly. I will also offer optional discussion via Zoom. Scheduling details will be sent to participants later.

#### **4. Dr Jenner's War on Smallpox**

**Michael Bennett**

Begins 19 October, 5 weeks.

This course begins with the horrors of smallpox and discusses the cowpox discovery, Edward Jenner, and the spread of vaccination around the world. Each module will be 20-30 minutes long if you watch it straight through.

#### **5. Dragons and Giants: reptiles of the Galápagos**

**Sue Jones**

Begins 14 September, 5 alternate weeks.

Using YouTube videos (narrated PowerPoints) and possibly Zoom conference sessions.

The Galápagos Islands are home to a unique suite of reptiles. Charles Darwin was greatly intrigued, particularly by the marine iguanas and giant tortoises that appeared to have different-shaped shells depending on which island they lived on. Following in Darwin's (metaphorical) footsteps, we will consider the biology of these fascinating animals, how they evolved, and how they are adapted to life on their islands. We will explore how modern scientific studies of Galápagos reptiles are providing new insights into the biology and behaviour of animals.

The course material will be delivered as online modules that you can watch or download via YouTube at a time convenient to you. The modules will take the form of narrated slideshows, each 20-30 minutes long if you watch it straight through. New material will be made available every two weeks. I will also offer optional discussion via Zoom. Scheduling details will be sent to participants later.

#### **6. Exploring the World of Art**

**Wendy Pearson**

Begins 14 September, 10 weeks.

Using YouTube videos (narrated PowerPoints).

Topics include the human body in art, portraits, animals in art, art and politics, and the lives of artists, some famous, some infamous. Each module will be 20-30 minutes.

#### **7. Six Countries down the Rhine**

**John Biggs**

Begins 14 September, 3 weeks.

Using YouTube videos (narrated PowerPoints).

We go on a journey on a very long boat that takes us down the Rhine. We start from the Netherlands, detour to Belgium, then through Germany to France to Luxembourg, back to Germany, and finish in Switzerland. There is lots of breathtaking scenery but barely enough water to keep us afloat. But we make it. The presentation is broken up into three 20-30 minute modules.

#### **8. Trades, Industry & Shipping on the Derwent**

**Rex Cox**

Begins 14 September, 6 weeks.

Using YouTube videos (narrated PowerPoints).

This course looks at the port which has played a vital role in Hobart's history from the time of first settlement and continues to do so in the 21st century. Subjects discussed and illustrated include port development, whaling, shipbuilding, fruit exports, and the role of industries such as the zinc works. At the conclusion of the course I will conduct a tour of the port.

## **9. Victoriana**

**Basil Sansom**

Begins 14 September, 10 weeks.

Using YouTube videos (narrated PowerPoints) and possibly Zoom conference sessions.

Victorian mythologies, Victorian mores, and Victorian manifestations.

## **10. Writing Workshop**

**John McRae**

Begins 14 September, 10 weeks, max=12.

Using email and attachments.

Topics are sent by email each Monday, writers are asked to produce a contribution in the following week, and it is emailed to all members of the group. We comment constructively on one another's work and learn by reading everyone's work as well as practising our own. We are an online community of writers.

Ongoing fully booked courses include *Let's Talk Books*, *Memoir Writing*, and *Drawing*.

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**Enrolments open Monday 17 August and close Monday 31 August**  
**and this term will be online only.**

**Log into UMAS (U3A Hobart Membership & Enrolment System) at <https://www.u3ahobart.org.au/members/massTemplate.php> using your membership number and password. Once you're logged in you can view the classes on offer this term and enrol.**

**Please ring Alison Waters (0418 548 352) if you need help with enrolling.**