

THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION: MONDAY

Speaker: Noel Olive.
Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Date: 19th July

The history of the Australian Constitution, its function in Australian society and its future.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS: MONDAY

Speaker: Lindsay Denholm.
Secretary: Jayne Davis (4396 3446)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Date: 2nd August

The bases from which some of the main Antarctic explorers operated from in the Heroic Age, i.e. 1800 to the end of the First World War, are illustrated by slides, and the explorers' journeys described. These explorers are Scott, Shackleton, Amundsen, Borchgrevink and Mawson.

BLOOD, TISSUE AND ORGAN DONATION: MONDAY

Speakers: Jeanette Lacey & Katherine Wicks.
Secretary: Margaret Goode (4392 0206)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Date: 16th August

Blood donors are needed on a daily basis, only 1 in 30 Australian people donate blood in their lifetime, despite 1 in 3 needing a blood product at some stage of their life. Katherine will discuss who can donate blood, the process involved and how blood transfusions are used.

FANTASTIC FAKES: MONDAY

Speaker: Robert Chapman.
Secretary: Jayne Davis (4396 3446)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Date: 6th September

In 1993 Bob was commissioned by the Art Institute of Chicago to paint an imitation of a quite famous piece of art for their annual Christmas card. The card was sold for quite a few years and led to further commissions, including a Van Gogh. Bob now specialises in Impressionist copies but also does Japanese and Chinese images.

MOVIE APPRECIATION: MONDAY

Leader: John Richards (4388 4945)
Venue: 34 Aston Wilde Ave, Chittaway Bay
Dates: 26th July; 9th, 23rd Aug; 13th Sep.

Times: Please note, movies will only be shown in the mornings at 9.30-12noon

PLEASE BOOK AS PLACES ARE LIMITED
John has selected his usual varied group of excellent films for this term

26th July: MRS PALFREY AT THE CLAREMONT: (2005) Drama (108mins). Joan Plowright, Rupert Friend, Anna Massey, Lorcan O'Toole. An elderly widow moves into a residential hotel in London to be near her grandson, but he never comes to visit. A chance meeting with a charming young writer develops into genuine friendship and makes her the most-envied member of the gossipy 'Claremont family'.

9th August: SPLIT SECOND: (1953) Thriller (85mins). . Dick Powell, Stephen McNally, Alexis Smith, Richard Egan. A convict holds a group of people hostage in a ghost town that, unknown to all except him, is scheduled for use as a nuclear test site.

23rd August: MRS BROWN: (1997) Drama (103mins). Judi Dench, Billy Connolly, Gerald Butler. Queen Victoria, (Dench) has been in mourning for years, living in Windsor Castle, away from public life, she only comes out of her shell when her husband's trusted Highland horseman, Connolly, refuses to coddle her. Their unusual relationship is frowned upon by her staff.

13th September: THE LIST OF ADRIAN MESSENGER: (1963) Drama (98mins). George C. Scott, Dana Wynter, Herbert Marshall, Tony Curtis, Kirk Douglas, Burt Lancaster, Robert Mitchum, Frank Sinatra, John Huston. Adrian Messenger asks a friend to find eleven men, all of who are gradually being murdered as his search progresses. The friend is convinced that the murderer plans to eliminate the only heir standing in the way of his inheritance, but has no proof. Filmed mainly in Ireland.

THE READERS GROUP: MONDAY

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 26th July; 23rd Aug; 20th Sept.

A love of reading is the only criterion to join this group. All tastes catered for! Books lent and cared for. Give Dorothy a ring to find out what is currently being discussed.

NOTE: 1. Venue locations—see Page 1.
2. All Sessions run from 10.00am to 12.00 mid-day unless otherwise stated.

**SOCIAL DAY
MONDAY 30th AUGUST**

Members and their friends are welcome to come along to our social day. Admission is free for members, and \$5-00 for non-members. We usually provide some form of entertainment, and it is also a wonderful chance to get together on an informal basis for a friendly chat.

Please book with Pam McGlinn 4390 2451.
(See Page 1 for full details.)
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**PLAY READING TUESDAY**

Secretary: Dorothy Rhodes (4332 4103)  
Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
Dates: 27th July; 10th, 24th Aug; 14th Sept.

Our groups read all types of plays ranging from comedy to murder. You are welcome to sit in and see how we operate. New members are always welcome, especially men to fill our male roles.  
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RAMBLES/WALKS TUESDAY

Contacts:
Barbara Skurr 4392 4158, Eva Seale 4388 5848

These outings start and return to the same point, so are suitable for those who just wish to stroll or for those who prefer a longer more energetic walk.

Sensible shoes, sunscreen, hat and water required. Map references are from the CC Phone Directory.

20th July: **RAMBLE** Philip Pritchard Cycleway (Tuggerah Lake). Meet Chittaway Shopping Centre **Map 59 8 G** 10 am. Bring/buy morning tea, lunch.

3rd August: **RAMBLE/WALK**
Along Woy Woy Waterfront.
Train from Wyong 9:27 am. Arr. Woy Woy 9:51.
Return train from Woy Woy 12:27 pm or 1:27 pm.
Bring/buy morning tea and lunch.

17th August: **RAMBLE** Lake Trail Magenta
Meet Sensory Garden Map 61 7 E 10 am.
Bring/buy morning tea and lunch.

7th September: **WALK** Lisgar Gardens Hornsby.
Train from Wyong 9:27 am arr Hornsby 10:28.
Walk 1km to gardens.
Take morning tea and lunch.
Return 1:52 train from Hornsby.

21st September: **RAMBLE** Red Gum Forest
Meet Sensory Gardens **Map 61 7 E** 10 am.
Bring/buy morning tea and lunch.
*Why is a red gum not a gum?
How many wildflowers can you find?*

MUSIC APPRECIATION WEDNESDAY

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
Venue: The Berkeley Centre
Dates: 28th Jul; 15th,25th Aug; 8th,22nd Sept
Time: 10.15 am—12.15 pm.

We continue with the fascinating series of programs of composers and their backgrounds, narrated by Simon Callow; as well as featuring some of the music of these composers. On the last day of term members are asked to bring along their favourite pieces to share with the class.
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**CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY**

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)  
Venue; St. Davids Church Hall, Toukley  
Dates: 21st Jul; 4th, 18th Aug; 1st, 15th Sept

This group is producing some excellent work as we have heard at recent social days. If you are an aspiring writer, come along and join this lively class. New members are always made welcome.  
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CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS WEDNESDAY

Leader: Betty Siegman (4332 0870)
Venue: diggers @ the entrance
Dates: 21st Jul; 4th,18th Aug; 1st,15th Sept

A workout for the brain that is fun at the same time. New members are made welcome, and before long are learning to tackle this challenging and interesting type of crossword. Every help given, don't be afraid to try.
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**FRENCH CONVERSATION AT HOME: THURSDAY**

Leader: Henriette Vanechop (4396.7847)  
Venue: 74 Evans Road, Canton Beach  
Dates: 22nd Jul; 5th,12th, 19th Aug;  
2nd, 9th, 16th Sept  
Time: 1.30pm –3.30pm

**Please note: These classes will not be held on the last Thursday in each month.**

This course embraces both grammar and conversation and is designed for those with a basic knowledge of French, say from school days. The auxiliary international language, Esperanto, is also available.  
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A couple of French phrases translated:

*Coup de grace A lawnmower
Pas de tout Father of twins*
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**NSW MARINE RESCUE****FRIDAY**

Speaker: Denis O'Mara and Dave Smith  
 Secretary: Margaret Goode (4392 0206)  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Date: 30th Jul

The volunteer based Marine Rescue NSW (est. Jan. 2010) plays a vital role in the safety of life at sea. Of all the maritime rescues tasked through the NSW Police each year, some 68% are performed by volunteers, who attend approximately 2500 rescues each year. The presentation begins with a short DVD giving the history of the organisation. Any questions which arise from the DVD will then be addressed by Denis and Dave.

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THE HANOVERIANS:**FRIDAY**

Speaker: Winsome Smith
 Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance
 Date: 6th, 20th Aug

Winsome Smith continues her interesting talks on the Hanoverians and life in England from the reign of George III. These talks have been extremely popular and well attended.

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**PAUL OF TARSUS:****FRIDAY**

Speaker: Bede Heather  
 Secretary: Gloria Watson (4332 7077)  
 Venue: diggers @ the entrance  
 Date: 3rd, 17th Sep.

Paul is important as one of the most influential Christians of early times. Bede gives an historical study of his origin, experience, story and writings. His letters are the oldest extant Christian writings, probably the only ones to have survived from before the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD. Bede spent his working life as a priest in the Catholic Church and has been retired on the Central Coast since 1997.

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DISCUSSION GROUP:**FRIDAY**

Leader: Marie Cioccarelli (4332 9676)
 Venue: diggers@ the entrance
 Dates: 23 Jul; 13th, 27th Aug; 10th, 24th Sep.

Come along and join with Marie in discussing current affairs and many other interesting subjects. Your suggestions are always welcome as you join in with this very friendly and verbally active group.

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**SINGING FOR FUN:****FRIDAY**

Leader: Margaret Goode (4392 0206)  
 Venue: LJ Uniting Church (opp diggers)  
 Dates: 23 Jul; 13th, 27th Aug; 10th, 24th Sep.

This is a very friendly, informal group, with lots of fun to be had. Words are supplied, and we sing all the old favourites. Newcomers are always welcome.

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MAH JONG:**FRIDAY**

Secretary: Pam McGlinn (4390 2451)
 Venue: diggers@ the entrance
 Dates: Every Friday (23rd Jul-24th Sep)
 Time: 1.30pm-3.30pm

Mah Jong is a game that originated in China, and involves skill, strategy and calculation. Come and try your luck at this fascinating game.

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A happy group of U3A Ramblers pictured recently at Crackneck Lookout



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