

# UPPER NORTH

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** You must book to attend a course. Refer to 'Booking a Course' on page 4.

## BEROWRA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Gully Rd (Behind Berowra Oval)  
train station nearby, parking onsite  
Venue Coordinator: Anne Rayment  
annerayment@hotmail.com

### AFFAIRS OF INTEREST IN THE CURRENT WORLD

**Second and fourth Mondays of every month from  
10 Jul 10:00 to 12:00 Balcony room**

A series of talks of general interest looking at topics relevant to people living in today's world.

Leaders: Joan Scott and Jackie Wilson

**Bookings:** Joan Scott djscott@tpg.com.au (preferred)  
0405 453 396

Health

#### 1. Managing stress

**10 Jul**

How to minimise stress and improve health, performance and longevity.

Presenter: Dr Judy Ford

History Asia

#### 2. Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore

**24 Jul**

Our Indo-Pacific neighbourhood and our long history with the peoples of the Malay Peninsula and Indonesian Archipelago.

Presenter: Himanshu Jhala

Astronomy

#### 3. Southern auroras and northern lights

**14 Aug**

Causes of auroras, locations and times seen. Myths passed down through the ages.

Presenter: Vicki Moss

History Japan

#### 4. Japan – the island country

**28 Aug**

Aspects of this Asian country including demographics, language, religions, constitution and the Imperial Family.

Presenter: Ian Thompson

Architecture

#### 5. Creation of Barangaroo Reserve

**11 Sep**

A landscape architect discusses the history of this unusual site and looks at the design and construction process.

Presenter: Maria Rigoli

Wildlife

#### 6. Rhinos matter

**25 Sep**

With horns used in Asian medicine and highly priced status symbols, the rhinoceros is one of the world's most endangered animals. Anti-poaching is technology assisted.

Presenter: Rita Shaw

Environment

#### 7. Water we eat

**9 Oct**

How much water is needed to produce the food we consume? Ways to reduce our water footprint.

Presenter: Hong Yang

Future

#### 8. A history of the future

**23 Oct**

For centuries, people have made predictions about life in the future. Many were stunningly accurate, others very wide of the mark.

Presenter: Laurie Wilson

Travel

#### 9. Fifty years behind the lens

**13 Nov**

Tales from a cinematographer who has travelled to some of the most inhospitable locations on earth and has some eye-opening stories to tell.

Presenter: Ted Rayment

Music

#### 10. Far out: music in space

**27 Nov**

Space has been the inspiration, setting, and even venue for some remarkable music and music stories.

Presenter: Graham Spindler

## EASTWOOD CROQUET CLUB

Corner of West Parade & Wingate Avenue

train station nearby

Venue Coordinator: Patricia Sykes sykesp062@gmail.com

Games Croquet

### INTRODUCTION TO CROQUET

**Commencing in July**

The game of croquet is low impact, strategic, mentally stimulating and offers effective yet gentle exercise. All equipment supplied and lessons by a qualified coach. Dress code is casual with flat soled shoes or joggers. Bring water bottle, hat and sunglasses.

Leader and **Bookings:** Lorraine Ewer

secretary@eastwoodcroquetclub.org.au 0417 250 696

## EPHING LEISURE AND LEARNING CENTRE

1 Chambers Court, off Pembroke Street, beneath the Library  
wheelchair access, limited parking, train station nearby, bus stop nearby  
Venue Coordinator: Tricia Tsang  
rydenurse@yahoo.com.au 0408 288 386

### INTERESTING SPEAKERS AT EPPING (max 30)

**Alternate Wednesdays from 5 Jul 1:00 to 3:00**

Function Room

A group of speakers on a variety of subjects.

Leader and **Bookings:** Tricia Tsang

rydenurse@yahoo.com.au 0408 288 386

Education

#### 1. Crime prevention

**5 Jul**

Information session on crime prevention, safety and other policing matters in the community.

Presenter: Chantha Mau, Multicultural Community Liaison Officer, Ryde Police Area Command

History Maritime

#### 2. Navy and maritime stories

**19 Jul**

(a) The Costa Concordia sank near Italy in 2012; lives were lost and the Captain was jailed.

(b) The fight to get WW2 Ordinary Seaman, Teddy Sheean, awarded a VC.

Presenter: Noel Phelan

Medical Matters

#### 3. Medicine, surgery and our body

**2 Aug**

(a) The history of medicine and surgery.

(b) Our body: what is it made of, what can go wrong and how to treat it?

Presenter: John Walsh

History Ancient

#### 4. Petra

**16 Aug**

"Rose-red city half as old as time" - with its stunning temples, rock-hewn houses and tombs and mysterious "high places" of worship, Petra has been revealed as the most remarkable city of the ancient world.

Presenter: John Tidmarsh

Genealogy

#### 5. DNA and genealogy

**30 Aug**

The use of DNA in discovering genealogy.

Presenter: Coral Shand

Famous People

#### 6. Marie Curie

**13 Sep**

From humble beginnings in Poland to Pantheon in Paris with two Nobel Prizes in science, Marie Curie's is an extraordinary journey of agony and ecstasy.

Presenter: Srinivas Karrenhalli

History Australia

#### 7. 57th Regiment of Foot in the colony of New South Wales

**27 Sep**

The story of an early colonial regiment and Garry's own soldier cousin.

Presenter: Garry Smith

Future

#### 8. Electricity supply for NSW

**11 Oct**

Renewables are destabilising the electricity grid. Our existing coal-fired power stations are ageing. Wholesale electricity prices are fluctuating widely. How do we transition to a new energy future?

Presenter: Robert Eales

History Australia

#### 9. Somerton Man

**25 Oct**

One of Australia's most profound ongoing mysteries. Has this celebrated case finally been cracked?

Presenter: Dick Whitaker

Anthropology

#### 10. Discover the Polynesian mythology and legends

**8 Nov**

What is the origin of the Polynesians? Find out their creation stories and deities. The significance of the Hula, Haka, tattoos and forgotten taboos that are still shared in the vast region of the Pacific Ocean.

Presenter: Nitza Lowenstein

Tai Chi

#### TAI CHI (max 20)

**Alternate Wednesdays from 12 Jul 1:00 to 3:00**

Function Room

Gain health benefits through its gentle exercises and relaxation, ideal for Third Agers. Tai Chi's graceful, fluid movements combine three forms of exercise: strength, stretching and breathing. Participants should provide fitness assurance.

Leader and **Bookings:** Dennis Siang Tan

dshtan@bigblue.net.au 9888 7874

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## EPHING UNITING CHURCH

Corner Chester and Oxford Sts

train station nearby, bus stop nearby

Venue Coordinators: Sandra Luntz (Book Discussion Group)

sandra.luntz@gmail.com 9874 3382

Sheena Caswell (Scottish Country Dancing)

sheena.caswell@gmail.com 0401 847 468

Dawn Nettheim (How to Read and Write Music)

dawn@bigpond.net.au 9869 0451

Dance

#### SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING (max 16)

**Every Friday from 7 Jul 10:00 to 11:30**

Large hall

A fun social activity for all ages. As soon as you hear the wonderful Scottish music you will want to dance. Moderate physical fitness is required but no previous dance experience or partner is needed. Wear soft shoes and light clothing.

Leader and **Bookings:** Sheena Caswell

sheena.caswell@gmail.com 0401 847 468

Music Appreciation

#### HOW TO READ AND WRITE MUSIC (Beginners)

**Alternate Wednesdays from 12 Jul 2:00 to 4:00**

How to understand and create those black dots. Class will write and perform their own rhythm and melody work for a variety of instruments and voice in various styles.

Leader and **Bookings:** Dawn Nettheim

dawn@bigpond.net.au 9869 0451

Book Group

### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Alternate Thursdays from 20 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

A reading and discussion group with an occasional classic text but with the emphasis on contemporary literature. First book for discussion is *People of the River* by Grace Karskens (non-fiction).

Leaders: Sandra Luntz and Barbara Boston

**Bookings:** Sandra Luntz sandra.luntz@gmail.com (preferred) 9874 3382

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## GORDON LIBRARY

799 Pacific Highway  
wheelchair access, parking nearby, train station nearby  
Venue Coordinator: Heather Lakiss  
heatherlakiss@gmail.com (preferred) 0402 080 045

Philosophy

### POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

**Alternate Mondays from 10 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Meeting Room 2

This course looks at 'The Modern Political Tradition: Hobbes to Habermas': a series of lectures from the Great Courses DVD.

Leader: Jock Buselli Jock.Buselli@tpg.com.au 9484 7041

**Bookings:** Stanis Osterly stanisosterly@hotmail.com

Tai Chi

### TAI CHI (max 15)

**Every Thursday from 20 Jul 10:00 to 12:30**

**(beginners 10:00 to 11:00, intermediate 11:00 to 12:30)**

Meeting Room 2

Learn the ancient art of Tai Chi and Qigong and gain health benefits through gentle strength, stretching and breathing exercises.

Leader and **Bookings:** Rose Pettett  
rose.pettett@gmail.com 0402 287 738

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## HORNSBY: CENTRAL LIBRARY

28-44 George St (entry in Hunter Lane)  
wheelchair access, parking nearby, train station nearby,  
bus stop nearby  
Venue Coordinator: Vicky Davies  
vdavies710@gmail.com (preferred) 0422 522 550

History Australia

### AUSTRALIAN HISTORY SEMINARS

**Alternate Tuesdays from 11 Jul 10:15 to 12:15**

Room 4

Topics for discussion will include: Radicals of the 60s, Henry Lawson, Medical Museums, Aboriginal People on Postcards, World Heritage Sites and Revisiting the Greek Milk Bar.

Leader and **Bookings:** Garry Smith garmal@outlook.com.au (preferred) 0418 443 147

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## HORNSBY: LEISURE AND LEARNING CENTRE

25 Edgeworth David Avenue  
wheelchair access, parking nearby, bus stop nearby  
Venue Coordinator: Heather Lakiss  
heatherlakiss@gmail.com (preferred) 0402 080 045

Art Painting

### WATERCOLOUR PAINTING (max 16)

**Alternate Thursdays from 6 Jul 9:30 to 12:00**

Discover the magic of watercolour painting in this friendly group, whatever your skill level. Different techniques will be given from beginners to more experienced levels. Everyone attending should bring their own materials.

Leader and **Bookings:** Ildy Turner ipturner@bigpond.net.au 0414 949 488

Art Painting

### PAINTING IN ACRYLICS (max 15)

**Alternate Thursdays from 13 Jul 9:30 to 12:00**

Come and join our friendly class. Basic skills lessons are given to beginners, as well as guidance and assistance provided to all, whatever your skill level.

Leader and **Bookings:** Janny Drayer  
jannydrayer@gmail.com 0432 121 999

Dance

### DANCE DYNAMICS **\*\*NEW\*\***

**Every Tuesday from 18 Jul 10:00 to 11:15**

This dance fitness class is all about having fun while moving your body to great music. A wonderful way to improve your coordination and balance as well as providing benefits for your physical, emotional and mental health.

Leader and **Bookings:** Deb Heagney  
heagney@bigpond.com 0409 448 542

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## HORNSBY: WALLAROBBA ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE

25 Edgeworth David Avenue  
wheelchair access, parking nearby, bus stop nearby  
Venue Coordinator: Heather Lakiss  
heatherlakiss@gmail.com 0402 080 045

Music Recorder

### MEDIUM TO ADVANCED RECORDER (max 10)

**Alternate Wednesdays from 19 Jul 10:00 to 12:30**

The Dining Room

The Wallarobba Players are a friendly and relaxed group whose purpose is to improve technique and enjoy making beautiful music together.

Leader and **Bookings:** David Rodely  
rodely.david@gmail.com

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## LINDFIELD GARDENS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

2 Ulmarra Place, East Lindfield  
street parking available  
Venue Coordinator: Book through the village office  
9416 8466

### VARIOUS SPEAKERS

**Fourth Thursday of Every Month from 27 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Village Centre

**Bookings:** Book through the village office 9416 8466

Underwater

### 1. Mysteries of the deep sea

27 Jul

Humans have explored the landmass of the Earth extensively, but the sea still remains a mystery to a great extent. Let us unravel some unknowns.

Presenter: Punci Dassanayake

History

### 2. The Lost Women of Rabaul

24 Aug

This historically important true story describes the fate of 19 women, mostly Australian nurses, captured in early 1942 and taken to Japan.

Presenter: Rod Miller

Disasters

### 3. A fateful feast: the final repast on HMS Titanic

28 Sep

Find out what the Titanic's passengers ate just hours before their ship met its tragic end on the evening of April 14, 1912.

Presenter: Diana Noyce

Famous People

### 4. The life of Louis Pasteur

26 Oct

His research and legacy of the Pasteur Institute that has nurtured many brilliant scientists.

Presenter: Dr Penny Bishop

Culture Japan

### 5. Living and working in Japan as a foreigner

23 Nov

We consider Japanese customs, language, business culture, transport, etiquette, cuisine and fashion plus the correct way to bow and other quaint aspects of daily life in Japan.

Presenter: Ian Thompson

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## LINDFIELD SENIORS CENTRE

259 Pacific Highway (behind Library)  
wheelchair access, limited parking onsite, parking nearby,  
train station nearby

Venue Coordinator: Marika McLachlan

marikamclachlan@bigpond.com 0411 151 722

Book Group

### MODERN AND CLASSIC NOVELS

Alternate Thursdays from 6 Jul 10:15 to 12:15

Resource Centre

Cottage, behind library, bottom of drive

A literary discussion group studying 10-11 books each semester in a friendly and informal setting. All enthusiastic readers welcome. 6 Jul: *Emma* by Jane Austen, 20 Jul: *The Years* by Annie Ernaux.

Leader and **Bookings**: Maurice O'Donovan

odonovan.1@bigpond.com 9411 8717

Language Spanish

### PRE-ADVANCED SPANISH

Alternate Mondays from 10 Jul 2:00 to 4:00

Meeting room, main building

Students should be familiar with all tenses and have a good understanding of the subjunctive. Lessons encompass continual grammar revision, listening and conversation. We are reading a book of short stories, which brings up grammar points.

Leader and **Bookings**: Jenny Brady jennybry30@hotmail.com

Language Latin

### LATIN INTERMEDIATE

Every Wednesday from 19 Jul 1:00 to 3:00

Resource Centre

Cottage, behind library, bottom of drive

This continuing course is based on Parts 1-3 of the second edition of the *Oxford Latin Course* enhanced by passages of prose and poetry from various classical authors. Anyone with some basic knowledge of Latin is welcome to join us.

Leader and **Bookings**: Helen Ledwidge

helenledwidge685@gmail.com 9489 7161

or 0414 489 716

Language German

### GERMAN ADVANCED

Every Friday from 21 Jul 9:30 to 11:00

Meeting Room, main building

Students need to have a sound knowledge of German.

New members welcome.

Leader and **Bookings**: Marika McLachlan

marikamclachlan@bigpond.com 0411 151 722

Language German

### GERMAN INTERMEDIATE

Every Friday from 21 Jul 11:00 to 12:30

Meeting Room, main building

Text book: *em neu 2008 Deutsch als Fremdsprache -- Niveaustufe B2 Hauptkurs Kursbuch Hueber Verlag* ISBN 978-3-19-501695-7 Sechs Bausteine: Lesen, Sprechen, Horen, Schreiben, Grammatik, Wortschatz. Basic German grammar required.

Leader and **Bookings**: Marika McLachlan

marikamclachlan@bigpond.com 0411 151 722

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## MEADOWBANK PARK NETBALL COURT

Southern end of Adelaide Street

parking onsite

Venue Coordinator: Al Reeks areeks@tpg.com.au

Games Pickleball

### PICKLEBALL

Every Wednesday from 19 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

Pickleball is a fun game which mixes three sports into one – tennis, badminton and table tennis. It is played on a badminton size court. The net is lower than tennis net and the paddles are about the size of a beach bat and typically made of graphite and the ball is light plastic.

Leader and **Bookings**: Al Reeks areeks@tpg.com.au

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## PENNANT HILLS: HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE

5 Fisher Avenue

parking nearby, train station nearby

Venue Coordinator: Heather Lakiss

heatherlakiss@gmail.com 0402 080 045

Poetry

### POETRY WRITING

**Alternate Thursdays from 27 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Group Room

We are a relaxed group of poets seeking to improve our writing. Bring a draft, receive positive and constructive comments.

Leader and **Bookings:** David Atkinson  
atkinsondn6@gmail.com 0412 643 328

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## SOUTH TURRAMURRA: ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH

Vernon St

parking onsite

Venue Coordinator: Yiu Lam Kwan

yiulam.kwan@gmail.com (preferred) 0490 045 118

Language French

### FRENCH PRE-INTERMEDIATE (max 15)

**Every Tuesday from 18 Jul 1:00 to 3:00**

Fellowship Room

not school holidays

For those who have completed at least 2 years of a preliminary French course. Develop your skills in speaking, listening to, reading and writing French in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Two text-books required.

Phone Leader for details.

Leader and **Bookings:** Shirley Beck 0447 545 070

Language French

### FRENCH - INTERMEDIATE (max 15)

**Every Thursday from 20 Jul 1:00 to 3:00**

Fellowship Room

not school holidays

For those who have completed at least 3 years of a preliminary French course. Develop your skills in speaking, listening to, reading and writing French in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Two text books required.

Phone Leader for details.

Leader and **Bookings:** Shirley Beck 0447 545 070

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## ST IVES FERNBANK RETIREMENT VILLAGE

2 Kitchener St

parking onsite, parking nearby

Venue Coordinator: Vicky Davies vdavies710@gmail.com  
(preferred) 0422 522 550

Creative Writing

### SHORT STORY WRITING

**Alternate Tuesdays from 18 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Visitor Centre Games Room (one floor down)

Join our friendly and supportive group of amateur writers who enjoy writing short stories/articles on a specific theme. We are always amazed at the variety of different interpretations. Members discuss and offer appreciation and constructive criticism. No experience? No problem.

Leader and **Bookings:** Liz Laslett lizlaslett45@gmail.com  
0410 498 621

Travel History

### EXPERIENCING MEDIEVAL EUROPE

**Alternate Wednesdays from 19 Jul 1:00 to 3:00**

Village Centre Games Room DVD Presentation

Go back to the golden ages of 12 of Europe's most beautiful medieval cities. Discover the sights, sounds and smells of teeming markets, royal feasts and rituals, military engagements, religious pageantry and the many layers of daily medieval life.

Leader and **Bookings:** Barrie Heath foxv217@gmail.com  
0450 405 526

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## ST IVES UNITING CHURCH

Cnr Douglas St And Mona Vale Rd

wheelchair access, parking onsite

Venue Coordinator: Vicky Davies vdavies710@gmail.com  
(preferred) 0422 522 550

Dance

### DANCE FOR FITNESS AND FUN, ONE

**Every Monday from 3 Jul 10:00 to 11:30**

Wesley Room

We dance to songs that we already know and love.

With music, rhythm and movement, we make new neuro pathways remembering the steps while exercising our body and mind, improving memory and cardiac fitness; and with the added bonus of friendship and laughter.

Leader and **Bookings:** Rose Pettett

rose.pettett@gmail.com 0402 287 738

Music Ukulele

### UKULELE FOR FUN

**Every Wednesday from 5 Jul 9:00 to 12:00**

Wesley Room

Looking for a new interest? Come and have a lot of fun with a friendly group. Beginners welcome and no experience necessary. We have start up ukuleles for you to try. Music is so good for the soul. Strum and sing with us just for fun.

Leader: Dennis Simmons

**Bookings:** Barrie Heath foxv217@gmail.com  
0450 405 526

Dance

### DANCE FOR FITNESS AND FUN, TWO

**Every Friday from 7 Jul 10:00 to 11:30**

Finlay Room

We dance to songs that we already know and love.

With music, rhythm and movement, we make new neuro pathways remembering the steps while exercising our body and mind, improving memory and cardiac fitness, and with the added bonus of friendship and laughter.

Leader and **Bookings:** Rose Pettett

rose.pettett@gmail.com 0402 287 738

Cinema

### THE GOLDEN AGE OF CINEMA

**Alternate Fridays from 7 Jul (plus 15 Dec) 10:00 to 12:30**

Wesley Room

Classic films from the 1920s to the 1960s will be screened.

Leader and **Bookings:** Gary Tyrrell talk2garyt@gmail.com  
0432 696 163

Exercise

## GENTLE EXERCISE SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE

**\*\*NEW\*\***

**Every Monday from 17 Jul 1:30 to 2:30 (6 sessions)**

Wesley Room

Do not let arthritis, aches and pains stop you from exercising. You have the choice to remain seated or standing for the one hour duration. Easy aerobics, strength training with flexibility. Leader and **Bookings:** Sunny Ko sunnycko@hotmail.com

Games

## MAH-JONG FOR BEGINNERS

**Every Tuesday from 18 Jul 1:30 to 3:30**

Finlay Room

Come and learn the ancient tile-based game of Mah-jong. We will be teaching the Western Game. It's great exercise for your brain and lots of fun at the same time. Limited places available.

Leader: Marilyn Pryor

**Bookings:** Deb Heagney heagney@bigpond.com  
0409 448 542

Discussion Group Current Affairs

## CURRENT AFFAIRS (max 18)

**Alternate Thursdays from 20 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Calvin Room

We discuss and actively debate current news topics from local, national and international news sources. Debate can be lively and respectful of all opinions. Topics are sent in advance.

Leader and **Bookings:** Michael Branagan 0417 452 100

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# TURRAMURRA NORTH: THE LANDINGS

440 Bobbin Head Rd parking onsite

Venue Coordinator: Wendy Bull

thelandingsvilla@gmail.com 9488 5268

## TOPICS OF INTEREST

**Second and fourth Mondays from 10 Jul 2:00 to 3:30**

Clubhouse not public holidays

A variety of speakers lecture on their favourite subjects

Leader: Wendy Bull thelandingsvilla@gmail.com 9488 5268

**Bookings:** no bookings required

History

### 1. A history of the tobacco industry

**10 Jul**

The discovery of tobacco by Columbus in the New World, in the American colonies and the arrival of tobacco smoking in England and the continent. Health concerns, denial and eventual acceptance of medical and scientific evidence.

Presenter: Don Wines

Nutrition

### 2. All about herbs and spices

**24 Jul**

"Herbie" is one of Australia's foremost culinary specialists. He has a passion for herbs and spices and is author of the *The Spice and Herb Bible*.

Presenter: Ian (Herbie) Hemphill

Famous People

### 3. Samuel Pepys (Poet) and his women

**14 Aug**

In his famous diaries (1660-1669) Samuel Pepys recorded the daily details of his rags to riches life – a rather complicated man interested in everything and had an active and somewhat sordid marital sexual life.

Presenter: Roger Humphreys

History

### 4. The Paston Letters and life in 15th century England

**28 Aug**

The Paston Letters are a unique collection of family correspondence from the early 1400s to around 1520, covering the everyday lives of minor aristocracy during a time of great change, of instability and civil war.

Presenter: Peter Headley

History

### 5. Radicals: remembering the sixties

**11 Sep**

The sixties were changing years where many experienced the cultural scene, music, art and theatre – especially political events.

Presenter: Hon. Dr Meredith Bergmann AM

Medical Matters

### 6. Putting alternative medicine to the test

**25 Sep**

How and why modern science-based medicines are used in clinical trials to determine whether medical therapies actually work and exploring how several examples of alternative medicine fare when subjected to rigorous testing.

Presenter: Kevin Murray

Maritime

### 7. The Ken Warby story

**9 Oct**

In 1978, Ken Warby in "The Spirit of Australia" drove his speed boat to 511.11 kmh (317.68 mph) and set a world water speed record – his boat made from plywood in his backyard powered by a surplus jet engine he bought for \$65 from the RAAF.

Presenter: Noel Phelan

History

### 8. The early discovery of North America

**23 Oct**

St. Brendan's voyage to North America (530AD) and the Viking exploration and settlement in Newfoundland (1000AD) were hundreds of years earlier than Columbus' discovery of the New World.

Presenter: Peter Headley

History Australia

### 9. The fatal fire at the Adams Hotel

**13 Nov**

In 1922 fire broke out at the Adams Hotel, near the famous Gowings building, and 3 firemen were catapulted to the ground. We explore the fire, the subsequent inquest and immense public reaction to the tragedy.

Presenter: Graham Sims

Wildlife

### 10. Elephants and me: a love affair

**27 Nov**

Elephants embody the comradeship, peacefulness, societal love and support which we humans talk about but all too rarely put into practice – a beautiful story.

Presenter: Graham Sims

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# TURRAMURRA UNITING CHURCH

Turrumurra Avenue wheelchair access, parking onsite, train station nearby, bus stop nearby

Venue Coordinator: Vicky Davies

vdavies710@gmail.com 0422 522 550 (preferred)

Language German

### PRE-INTERMEDIATE GERMAN

**Every Monday from 17 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Garden room

not school holidays, not after 4 Sep until 30 Oct

Participants will develop their German vocabulary and grammar skills through course work, listening and speaking activities. The course assumes some prior study of, or familiarity with, the German language.

Leader and **Bookings:** Michael Hummel

michael.hummel48@gmail.com 0404 478 814

Games

### FUN PROBLEM SOLVING TO KEEP OUR MINDS ACTIVE

**Alternate Tuesdays from 18 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Garden Room

Let's challenge our brains and keep mentally agile by learning how to solve geometric puzzles such as tangrams and pentominos, space problems, number puzzles, word and logic problems.

You will need pencils, paper, scissors and eraser.

Leader and **Bookings:** Sandra Sadler

spsadler@dodo.com.au 9484 5513

History

### HISTORY – FACTS AND FUN

**Alternate Thursdays from 20 Jul 9:30 to 11:30**

Garden Room

We cover many countries and timelines in history and include some interesting and amusing diversions.

Questions and discussions always welcome.

Leader: Phil Pryor

**Bookings:** Margaret Marshall shalldo15@gmail.com

0418 253 949

Current Affairs

### CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

**Alternate Tuesdays from 25 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Garden Room

We discuss current affairs and associated ideas based on media reports in an informal and objective manner.

Subjects for discussion by a leader who is rostered on a voluntary basis in each session.

New members welcome.

Leader and **Bookings:** Jan Martin 9456 7774

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## WAHROONGA: THE WONIORA

9 Woniora Avenue

wheelchair access

Venue Coordinator: Dorothee Schifter

dorothee.schifter@bigpond.com 9487 2578

Language German

### GERMAN INTERMEDIATE (max 12)

**Every Monday from 3 Jul 10:15 to 12:15**

This course assumes that students have studied German in the past and want to brush up on their speaking, reading skills and basic grammar. The emphasis is on oral German and some necessary grammar.

Leader and **Bookings:** Dorothee Schifter

dorothee.schifter@bigpond.com 0400 164 817

(leave text message) 9487 2578

## OUTDOORS

Outdoors Walking

### OUT THERE

**Third Wednesday of every month from Jul 19**

Join us for a variety of walks; bush, urban and coastal.

Register your interest to receive information on the walks.

Booked participants will receive full details early each month. Public transport options wherever feasible.

Leader and **Bookings:** Heather Lakiss

heatherlakiss@gmail.com 0402 080 045

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## PRIVATE HOMES

Venue Coordinator: Heather Lakiss

heatherlakiss@gmail.com 0402 080 045

Book Group

### LITERARY MASTERPIECES (St Ives) (max 8)

**First Friday of every month from 7 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

Welcome to a small group of lovers of reading and learning.

Explore the best literature has to offer, with authors

including Nobel Prize winners and texts from a variety of countries and cultures. Book 1: Yasunari Kawabata – *Snow*

Country; Book 2: Abdulrazak Gurnah – *Paradise*.

Leader and **Bookings:** Kaye Horley rkhorney@gmail.com

0412 750 487

Philosophy

### PHILOSOPHY (Pymble)

**Alternate Tuesdays from 11 Jul 10:30 to 12:30**

train station nearby, bus stop nearby, parking nearby

We discuss philosophical issues, especially those which are valid today. Members of the group choose topics. There

are no formal lectures, but lots of discussion.

Leader and **Bookings:** Margot Taverne

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Creative Writing

### A WAY WITH WORDS (Pymble)

**Alternate Thursdays from 13 Jul 10:00 to 12:00**

train station nearby, bus stop nearby, parking nearby

Join our writing group in a motivating and supporting

environment. Knowledgeable feedback is given to help you develop your writing skills.

Leader: Margaret Thomason 9488 8960

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Poetry

### WITH RHYME AND REASON (Eastwood) (max 10)

**Alternate Thursdays from 20 Jul 10:30 to 12:30**

We are a relaxed and convivial group who love to discuss

poetry. Although our focus is 20th century English language poets, we also look at poems in translation and poets from

other eras. Material is distributed before each meeting.

Leader and **Bookings:** Ron Wilkins

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