

EASTERN

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: You do not need to book for any courses at COA Centre Woollahra.

COA CENTRE WOOLLAHRA

25 Rowe St
wheelchair access, train station nearby, bus stop nearby

FRIDAYS AT COA CENTRE WOOLLAHRA

Every Friday from 26 July 10:30 to 12:00

A variety of presentations of general interest looking at topics relevant to us in today's world.

NO BOOKINGS are required.

History

1. India today

26 Jul

Since its independence India has overcome challenges including a hostile West to become a thriving modern nation which now faces new challenges.

Presenter: Himanshu Jhala

Science

2. Colour in art and science

2 Aug

What is colour? How have we analysed it in science and art? How is colour created in nature and our attempts to imitate it.

Presenter: Adj Prof Laurie Wilson

History

3. First contact with Europeans

9 Aug

The impact on Indigenous society of first contact with Europeans.

Presenter: Gavin Crawford

History

4. The Sydney Opera House

16 Aug

The history of the Sydney Opera House

Presenter: Nitza Rubinstein

Science

5. Darwin, the Ugly Brother, the Short-faced Tumbler, and the Crinoline

23 Aug

Race, gender and sexuality in the Making of Sexual Selection.

Presenter: Eveleen Richards Hon Prof History
University of Sydney

Philosophy

6. To Be or Not to Be a Stoic?

30 Aug

Why are we witnessing an upsurge in the popularity of Stoicism with the general public today? Is it possible to apply Stoic ideas to our everyday lives?

Presenter: Janet Keller

Society

7. The Refugee Council of Australia

6 Sep

What the Refugee Council of Australia does.

Presenter: Dr Shaneen Whyte Senior Policy Officer

History

8. The Forsaken

13 Sep

In the Great Depression thousands of unemployed American workers went to make a new start in the workers' paradise of the USSR.

Presenter: Colin Smith

Literature

9. A story of Australia and its Literature

20 Sep

Looking at Australia, its history and its people as portrayed through our literature.

Presenter: Gale Witcombe

Religion

10. The Will to Believe-Anything

27 Sep

Dr Rachael Kohn will talk about her book The Will to Believe-Anything which draws on Dr Kohn's corpus of writing and several of her books.

Presenter: Dr Rachael Kohn

4 Oct - NO U3A TALK – JEWISH HOLIDAY COA CLOSED

Language

11. World of Words

11 Oct

The English language-history, usage, pronunciation, etymology - an opportunity to share our prejudices, preferences, antipathies.

Presenter: Nora Hinchin and John Flint

Music

12. Bach across the centuries

18 Oct

Bach spent his whole life in Northern Germany employed by the church or small noble courts but his powerful legacy reaches into the present century.

Presenter: Nora Hinchin and John Flint

25 Oct - NO U3A TALK - JEWISH HOLIDAY COA CLOSED

Travel

13. A trip to Antarctica

1 Nov

Barb Wright recounts her trip to Antarctica in 2023.

Presenter: Barb Wright

Art

14. Current exhibitions at the Art Gallery of NSW

8 Nov

Current exhibitions at the Art Gallery of NSW.

Presenter: Ann Sutherland

History

15. Reckoning

15 Nov

David Hill will talk about his book Reckoning about the forgotten children and their quest for justice.

Presenter: David Hill

Politics

16. Henry Kissinger

22 Nov

Henry Kissinger was a controversial and major historical figure and knowing why he is viewed as divisive is interesting in itself.

Presenter: Dr Harry Melkonian

Science and Technology

17. Glass

29 Nov

What is your favourite glass object? We use this marvelous material everyday, from windows to drinking glasses and many other applications. Glass has a long history of being used in beautiful objects, scientific instruments and some devices that I hope will surprise you.

Presenter: Debbie Rudder

Architecture

18. Serving the cycle of life - Red Vienna architecture

6 Dec

We re-visit Vienna of 1920s-1930s – that brief, turbulent period in the history of the Austrian capital.

Presenter: Larisa Sarkadi

Event

19. End of year lunch

6 Dec from 12:00

BONDI JUNCTION: MILL HOTEL

59B Oxford St

Book Group

EASTERN CRIME READERS GROUP

Third Tuesday every month from 16 Jul 10:15 to 12:15

The group selects titles for the Semester.

Bookings and Leader: Sandy See

sandra.l.see@gmail.com 0412 044 811

BONDI JUNCTION: WAVERLY LIBRARY

32-48 Denison St

Level 1 Study Room 4

Book Group

WAVERLEY BOOK GROUP

First Thursday every month from 4 Jul 2:00 to 4:00

Everyone suggests a book they have read or recommended. New members welcome.

Bookings: Jennifer Woodroffe

jenniferwoodroffe@hotmail.com(preferred)

0418 40 4881

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40-42 Arden St

On street parking, buses nearby

Discussion Group Movies

FILM DISCUSSION GROUP (max 20)

Alternate Tuesdays from 9 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

Share your opinion on acting, characters, plots, cinematography.

Leader and **Bookings:** Graham Blazey

gblazey@optusnet.com.au 9365 1961 and

Gail Filetti rgfil@bigpond.com 9349 5591

Discussion Group

CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSION GROUP

Alternate Tuesdays from 16 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

Join us for occasional debate and social interaction if you are interested in the world around you.

Leader Gwen Zeller gszeller@gmail.com 0404 781 162

Bookings: Marise Segelov marisesegelov@gmail.com

9363 4023 or 0410 514 866

PADDINGTON: EJ WARD CENTRE

189 Underwood St (cnr George St) bus stop nearby

Language French

FRENCH CONVERSATION (Advanced) (max 20)

Every Thursday from 4 Jul 10:30 to 12:00

French language level: it is conversation, not a lesson.

To get the most out of this group, you need to be able to speak some French intelligibly and understand others who speak French more fluently.

Leader: Michelle Scheibmair 0414 978 917

Bookings: Paula Mackintosh pmackint1@yahoo.com

0425 074 488

PRIVATE HOMES

Book Group

ROSE BAY BOOK GROUP

First Wednesday every month from 3 Jul 2:00 to 4:00

Everyone gets to choose a book to discuss. We take turns to meet at each other's homes. New members welcome.

Leader and **Bookings:** Judy New 0414 686 844 or

9371 7250

Book Group

NORTH BONDI BOOK GROUP (max 10)

Third Wednesday every month from 17 Jul 2:00 to 4:00

People come with suggestions of authors to read and discuss. Conversation pivots around what people have read of the author. At other times we pick a genre to read and discuss; thrillers, biography, history, science fiction. New members are very welcome.

Leader and **Bookings:** Liza Cohn liza.cohn@yahoo.com

9389 1336

Music Appreciation

DISCOVERING FINE MUSIC (Randwick)

Every second Monday from 22 Jul 2:00 to 4:00

We listen to compositions from the great masters, focusing on their lesser known works, as well as composers who are often overlooked today. We also include Australian composers and performers. Group participation warmly welcomed as are new members.

Leader and **Bookings:** Julie Reid julievreid@gmail.com

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