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FRIENDS OF U3A

Continuing thanks to our member "Friends" who help with background organisational tasks: **Jeanine Henderson; Bill James; David Jeffrey; Geoffrey Stivano**

Electric Cars - recharged

Wolfgang Klein's two-session presentation on electric cars **can be repeated** if there is sufficient interest. The sessions would be held on **Tuesdays at 4pm at Wolfgang's home (No.36 in Capo di Monte) on 7 May & 14 May**. Please contact Wolfgang if you are interested:
wolfgangaklein@gmail.com



SOCIAL LUNCH

We will be having our first Social Lunch of the year at **Masala Shanti on Wednesday 22 May**. See later page for details

President's Piece

I have just found out that no month begins or ends on the same day of the month as May does. Interesting trivia... Which brings me to the topic of U3A Trivia. We were grateful for John Breckon-Thomas for stepping in to run the Trivia last month but are sorry to know that it was a one-off. Rob is working towards supporting two people from participating teams who could prepare the questions and run the evening (not competing, themselves, of course). In the meantime, we are putting out a call for anyone else who might be prepared to give it a try themselves. If you were willing, you could 'give it a go' by running a trial Trivia night. We welcome suggestions. We were recently successful in receiving a small SRCC grant, which will go towards some much needed equipment and a First Aid training course for 15 people. As a non-profit organisation, we rely on grants and our membership fees and find that the financial side of organising our U3A is a real balancing act. As an example, the amount we ask you for at the start of a 6 or 8-session course meets the costs of hall hire with a small contribution towards refreshments. We would like to be able to make the charge on an 'attendance only' basis, but that does not enable us to meet the hall hire costs when the numbers of attendees are insufficient. We hope you understand why it is necessary for you to pay 'up front' even though you may be away for the odd session. As usual, non-members will be free to attend two sessions of a block course to determine whether or not they wish to continue, after which they will be expected to join U3A.

NEW

COURSES & EVENTS

OPERA

BEL CANTO & BEYOND

Julie Lake will present another season of **Bel Canto and Beyond at the Zamia Theatre**.

This year, instead of a course of six consecutive weeks, Julie will show an opera on the **third Wednesday of every month, for four months**. If the course proves popular she will consider showing a further two operas in September and October.

Dates will be **15 May**, 19 June, 17 July and 21 August, so opera lovers should put these in their diaries. Julie will send out reminders at the beginning of each month to those on her list of U3A opera enthusiasts, along with a program.

The 2019 season will feature **Verdi's La Traviata (15 May)**, Mozart's The Abduction from the Seraglio (19 June), Puccini's Tosca (17 July) and Donizetti's The Elixir of Love (21 August). Each program will feature a short talk on the opera, its composer and the particular production, followed by a video from Julie's extensive collection. The program will start at 11am and finish about 3pm with a break at an appropriate time, so do bring lunch if you wish.

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided a usual. **Julie's Contact: jrlakemedia@gmail.com**

Ground-Breaking Australian Women

Fridays in May at The Zamia

There are numerous Australian women worthy of attention, some of whom you would know and some not. From 26 April through to the end of May, Delle will present material from the time of the suffragettes and our first female politician, Edith Cowan, to trail



blazers like Edna Walling and Florence Broadhurst, little known photographer Harriet Brims and natural history painters Harriet and Helena Scott. This course will be conducted on **Fridays at the Zamia from 1pm to 3pm**. **To register interest, email Delle on delle@me.com**

One-off Talks

THE NEXT ONE IS: My Life in the Casbah - Gretel Butler
Friday, 3 May 10.30-11.30am at The Bridge Club in the Sports Ground on Long Road
If you would like to attend, contact Gretel on gretel320@hotmail.com

In the first session this year, **Up Close and Personal with Zambian Wildlife by Delle Daniels** brought attendees into close proximity with animals in their natural habitat. In some cases it was very close, as many of the photographs were taken from 'hides' which allow the animals to behave without awareness of the presence of humans, and photographers to take amazing shots without recourse to their zoom lenses.

By the time you receive this Newsletter, Felipe Gonzalez will have presented his talk and demonstration on **All About Drones**. This was an opportunity to find out about the growing use of drones and how they are changing our ability to bring the world to the general populace. If you saw Morocco from Above or Algeria from Above, you will have witnessed the result of one stimulating use of drones.

For the princely sum of \$2 you can dip into the interests and lives of others. Don't miss out on **Gretel Butler's coverage of My Life in the Casbah**, where Gretel lived for 20 years - 26 years all up in Morocco. This will be offered at the Bridge Club in Long Road in the Sports Ground on **Friday, 3 May from 10.30am to 11.30am**. You will find out what day-to-day life was like living in a Casbah, see photographs of Gretel's children who were born and raised in Morocco, much of it in the Casbah, and see a short video of a house that Gretel designed and had built in Marrakech.

CONTINUING

COURSES & EVENTS

		Call for details:	
Mondays	10am-12pm	French Language & Culture	Sue 5545 0102
	8.30-11.30am	Table Tennis	Rob 0422 368 161
	4-5.30pm	German for Tourists	Wolfgang 5545 4587
Tuesdays	10-11am	Just Dance	Gretel 5545 4249
	3.30-5pm	Japanese Language & Culture	Julie 0404 915 559
	1-2pm	Beginners Line Dancing	Joneen 0432 902 214
Weds	2-3.15pm	Line Dancing	Joneen 0432 902 214
	8am-9am	Advanced Tai Chi	Struen 0412 545 757
Thurs	1.30-3pm	Latin Basics	Wolfgang 5545 4587
	8am -9am	Tai Chi for Beginners	Struen 0412 545 757
	11am-12pm	Just Dance	Gretel 5545 4249
Fridays	10-11.30am	Speak Spanish	Toni 0490 508 449
	In Recess	Singing for Joy!	Louise 0408 159 494



Delle's Talk and Stunning Wildlife Photos



A Preview



More on Electric Cars



Electric cars are already here, with prices from \$30,000. Petrol cars have a maximum efficiency of about 22%; electric cars almost 100%. Today's reciprocating petrol engines have lots of friction. Gears are needed because the power only really starts at 2,000 rpm. Electric motors have full power from 1 rpm. Electric cars use mostly LiFePO4 (Li-ion) batteries, weighing only a quarter of that of a comparable petrol engine system. Mounted below the floor, they lower the centre of gravity and are absolutely noiseless. Drive downhill and the motor becomes a generator, so your battery is still full when you arrive at the bottom. With no exhaust there's no health risk from exhaust products.
Come and learn more from Wolfgang and discuss the topic this month.

invitation

SOCIAL LUNCH

Wednesday 22 May, at Masala Shanti, at 12 noon

Cost: \$25, payable on arrival.

Drinks, tea and coffee available for purchase. (No BYO)

Please join us for an enjoyable Social Lunch.

Doreen Wendt-Weir has agreed to bring us another entertaining talk,

this time on the Early History of the Mountain.

The Food: All curries are gluten free and will be served with all the accompaniments .

Vegetarian dishes will be included.

If you require a Gluten free alternative to the Samosas, please advise on booking.

Bookings: Numbers strictly limited to 50, so get in early!

The final day for bookings is Wednesday 15 May.

Please contact Di Wood on dianewood2@bigpond.com, or 0438 302 389 to make your reservation.

And, please, if unforeseen circumstances force you to cancel, please advise Di asap, as we are sure to have a waiting list!
