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## **U3A Darebin Inc**

### **2022 Courses**

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**22ART01: Draw then Paint** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 01/02/2022 - 29/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Tue 13:30 - 15:30**

**Location: SPAN Community House 64 Clyde St. Thornbury** **Tutor: Frances Hennessy**

The 'Draw then Paint' group is for artistically minded persons with an interest in drawing and painting. The aim of the sessions is to nurture development using a wide range of drawing and water based media which will include paper, pencils and paints (water colour or acrylics). \*\*\* Currently, there is no tutor, so class members support each other.  
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**22ART02: Painting and drawing** **Type: None**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 24/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Thu 13:30 - 15:30**

**Location: SPAN Community House 64 Clyde St. Thornbury** **Tutor: Janet Marlow**

A gathering for self-motivated people who enjoy drawing or painting subjects of their own devising, using materials of their own choice (water colours, pastel, pencil, water-based inks etc; venue does not permit oil paint). No formal instruction but a sociable group who share knowledge, enthusiasm, support and positive feedback on work in progress.

**22ART03: Art Appreciation (Friday)** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 04/02/2022 - 02/12/2022** **Frequency: 1st, 3rd and 5th Week of Month, Fri 10:00 - 11:30**

**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote** **Tutor: Alison Laird**

This group meets on the 1st Friday of the month and on any 5th Friday. Visits to exhibitions in Melbourne and regional galleries will be made on the 3rd Friday of each month. Topics include a mixture of Australian and overseas artists and a variety of periods. Members are able to participate as much or as little as they wish - to lead a class discussion, contribute to the discussion or merely listen to what others have to say!

Held in meeting room at Northcote Senior Citizens' Centre, Bent Street.

**22ART04: Outdoor Sketching - 1st. TUESDAY of mont** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 01/02/2022 - 01/11/2022** **Frequency: 1st Week of each Month, Tue 10:00 - 12:00**

**Location:** **Tutor: Alison Laird**

\*\*\*\* 1ST. TUESDAY and 3RD. WEDNESDAY each month. \*\*\*\* The Outdoor Sketching Group runs twice a month from 10am until midday. For persons who have an interest in drawing or painting outdoors and wish to join a like minded group, from beginners to experienced artists. There is no formal tuition and the location will change fortnightly.

**22ART05: Outdoor Sketching - 3rd. WEDNESDAY of mo** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 16/02/2022 - 16/11/2022** **Frequency: 3rd Week of each Month, Wed 10:00 - 12:00**

**Location:** **Tutor: Alison Laird**

\*\*\* 1st. TUESDAY and 3rd. WEDNESDAY of month \*\*\* The Outdoor Sketching Group runs twice a month from 10am until midday. For persons who have an interest in drawing or painting outdoors and wish to join a like minded group, from beginners to experienced artists. There is no formal tuition and the location will change fortnightly.

**22COM01: Computer**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 01/12/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Thu 10:00 - 12:00**

**Location: SPAN Community House 64 Clyde St. Thornbury**

**Tutor: Russell Lennox**

The course is based on Windows 10 operating system and Microsoft Office applications Word, Excel, Power point and Outlook. Please note: Classes are at Span Community House 64 Clyde Street Thornbury 3071 weekly on Thursdays 10.00am at 12 noon.

**22CRA01: Needlecraft 1**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 02/02/2022 - 30/11/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Wed 12:45 - 14:45**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: Jean Garita**

Needlecraft is a weekly self-help class. We bring our own projects along - cross-stitch, knitting, crochet, and patchwork, anything you care to bring. We sometimes do a class project if the group wishes. If someone wants to do a project that they have not done before, someone with those skills will show them how. People in the group help one another and the atmosphere is very relaxed and friendly.

**22CRA02: Needlecraft 2**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 01/12/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Thu 10:30 - 12:30**

**Location: Day Respite Centre 497 Rathdowne Street CARLTON**

**Tutor: Jean Garita**

Needlecraft is a weekly self-help class. We bring our own projects along - cross-stitch, knitting, crochet, and patchwork, anything you care to bring. We sometimes do a class project if the group wishes. If someone wants to do a project that they have not done before, someone with those skills will show them how. People in the group help one another and the atmosphere is very relaxed and friendly.

Address: 497 Rathdowne Street, Carlton 3053

**22CRA03: Needlecraft 3**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 03/11/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Thu 13:30 - 15:30**

**Location:**

**Tutor: Lena Mazza**

Where we will meet, when precisely in the afternoon, and which day of the week are decisions we'll make, collectively, in late Jan/Feb -21. What we know is, it will be at a local cafe in Northcote or Fairfield...

## All special events listed here

**22AAA08: APRIL AFTERNOON TEA**

**Type: 1 day**

**Dates: 11/04/2022 - 11/04/2022**

**Frequency: Random dates as specified, Mon 14:00 - 15:30**

**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote**

**Tutor: Peter Byrne**

Social get-together , hear an update to the constitution. Also thank to Ann Ritchie

**22EXE01: Walking Group - Brisk pace** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 18/02/2022 - 18/11/2022** **Frequency: 3rd Week of each Month, Fri 9:00 - 12:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield** **Tutor: Claire Dunlop**

This class is held once a month on the third Friday. YOU WILL REQUIRE A GOOD LEVEL OF FITNESS as the walks are at a BRISK PACE and approximately 20 kms. Join us for half and full day walks along local trails - and beyond. Some walks will include travel on public transport - including V/Line trips to regional areas.

There is a choice of gentler walks on the 1st. Thursday if you feel this is more appropriate for your requirements.

Address: 26 Railway Place, Fairfield, 3078

**22EXE02: Walking Group (Moderate pace)** **Type: None**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 03/11/2022** **Frequency: 1st Week of each Month, Thu 9:00 - 12:00**

**Location: None** **Tutor: Kevin Ritchie**

1st THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. The walks will be AT A MODERATE PACE, the distance will be between 7 and 15kms. Hopefully, We may consider including one or two longer walk days during the year, to walk in locations further away from Darebin. Walks will be cancelled if forecasted temperatures are above 30 deg. or if there is persistent rain.

All the usual precautions regarding walking will be needed: good walking shoes, appropriate clothing, fitness. Participants MUST carry name tags with emergency details. FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE FROM LEADER

Address: 26 Railway Place, Fairfield, 3078

**22EXE03: Cycling Group** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 11/02/2022 - 25/11/2022** **Frequency: 2nd and 4th weeks each month, Fri 9:00 - 12:30**

**Location:** **Tutor: Keith Burrows**

Current ability to ride a bike and previous riding experience are essential. Rides are on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm approximately. We generally meet at Fairfield Boathouse car park, Darebin Parklands car park or other locations. The rides are along bike paths and bike lanes with a few connecting roads, and a distance of between about 20 - 30 km per ride. Depending on distances, we may need to travel by train to or from Fairfield.

**22EXE04: Line Dancing (Friday)** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 04/02/2022 - 02/12/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Fri 14:00 - 15:30**

**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote** **Tutor: Loraine Hegarty**

The class is led by well-known exhibition duo Stepping Out. Loraine and David have many years' experience in teaching Ballroom, Rock and Roll and Line Dancing and you can be sure of a lot of fun as you move to the music and get fit. Please wear comfortable clothes and runners or similar well fitted shoes with rubber soles. NO NEW MEMBERS after class starts.

Address: 18A Bent Street, Northcote 3070

**22EXE05: Tai Chi (beginners)** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 31/01/2022 - 28/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Mon 15:00 - 16:00**

**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote** **Tutor: Lily Liang**

**Fee: \$40.00**

This course has a qualified tutor who can give individual attention. The class will require a minimum of 15 members PLEASE NOTE: To cover the cost of the tutor, a fee is payable. This will be determined each term, depending on number of weeks.

**22EXE06: Tai-Chi - Some Experience** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 31/01/2022 - 28/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Mon 14:00 - 15:00**

**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote** **Tutor: Lily Liang**

**Fee: \$40.00**

The class has a qualified tutor who can give individual attention. The class requires a minimum of 15 participants. P  
PLEASE NOTE: To cover the cost of the tutor, a fee is payable in full at the start of each term. You will be notified of  
the amount before term starts.

**22EXE07: Yoga 1pm.**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 10/02/2022 - 24/11/2022**

**Frequency: 2nd and 4th weeks each month, Thu 13:00 - 14:00**

**Location: St. Andrew's**

**Tutor: Barbara Fitzpatrick-Haddy**

**Fee: \$25.00**

The class caters for a range of abilities. Yoga poses strengthen the physical body while promoting balance and a  
sense of harmony. Combined with breathing techniques, they assist in developing a positive mental attitude,  
counterbalancing stress. BRING A YOGA MAT.

PLEASE NOTE: To cover the cost of the tutor, a fee is payable in full at the start of each term. You will be notified  
of the amount before term starts.

**22EXE08: Yoga 2p.m.**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 10/02/2022 - 24/11/2022**

**Frequency: 2nd and 4th weeks each month, Thu 14:00 - 15:00**

**Location: St. Andrew's**

**Tutor: Barbara Fitzpatrick-Haddy**

**Fee: \$25.00**

A weekly course. Our tutors are professionally trained and experienced in conducting forms of Yoga modified for  
older people. They are general classes catering for a range of abilities. Hatha Yoga poses positively strengthen the  
physical body promoting balance and a sense of harmony. Combined with breathing techniques, they assist in  
developing a positive mental attitude, counterbalancing stress. BRING A YOGA MAT. Address: St Andrews Church,  
85 Gillies Street Fairfield

PLEASE NOTE: To cover the cost of the tutor, a fee is payable in full at the start of each term. You will be notified  
of the amount before term starts.

**22EXE09: Accessible Yoga - On-Line**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 01/02/2022 - 24/11/2022**

**Frequency: Random dates as specified, Tue 10:00 - 11:00**

**Location: On-Line**

**Tutor: Rich Moffat**

This class has a trained Yoga tutor experienced in teaching forms of yoga modified for older people. The class  
caters for a range of abilities. Yoga poses strengthen the physical body while promoting balance and a sense of  
harmony. Combined with breathing techniques, they assist in developing a positive mental attitude,  
counterbalancing stress. Join d <<https://app.ubindi.com/Rich.Moffat>> aily self-care practice  
<<https://app.ubindi.com/Rich.Moffat>> YouTube channel  
<[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpF1T0Znav6Xm\\_d0L\\_GYlaA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpF1T0Znav6Xm_d0L_GYlaA)>

To confirm details of dates, start times etc. contact Rich at richmoffat2020@gmail.com

**22EXE10: Ballroom Dancing**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 02/02/2022 - 30/11/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Wed 14:00 - 15:00**

**Location: Fairfield Bowls Club 125 Gillies Street Fairfield**

**Tutor: Nick Healey**

Here is your chance to star at the next wedding or social event you attend, and show some of your moves. In the  
first class we will learn: \* Correct dance posture \* Six commonly used Dance holds \* Chasses, Walks, Lock Steps,  
Swivels, Waltzes \* Progressive dances \* Dancing to Music You will be dancing during the first session. The course  
will show you how to do New Vogue, Latin, Modern (Freestyle) Progressive dances, and Jive. Have excellent fun  
learning Social Ballroom Dancing from Nick.

**22EXE11: Lawn Bowls for Fun**

**Type: None**

**Dates: 02/02/2022 - 30/11/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Wed 13:15 - 15:15**

**Location: Heidelberg Bowling Club 8 Stradbroke Avenue Heidelberg**

**Tutor: Brian James**



### IN CONJUNCTION WITH U3A BANYULE ### This weekly activity is suitable for people who have not previously played bowls as well as those who would like to return to the sport. All equipment is supplied. Most of each session will be spent playing the game of lawn bowls. Instruction will be given on how to deliver a bowl, rules, tactics, p chasing a set of bowls etc. Class members will be invited to take part in some of the social and bowling activities of the club.

Flat soled shoes are required. City of Heidelberg Bowling Club is opposite Austin Hospital. Ample parking is available free at the Club. Address: 8 Stradbroke Avenue, Heidelberg 3084 Bowls cancelled throughout July, August and September. Restarts in Oct.

**22EXE12: Walking Football**

**Type: None**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 01/12/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Thu 10:00 - 12:00**

**Location:**

**Tutor: Peter Byrne**

Walking Football is a slower, gentler version of the world game - soccer. It is a light, social and fun way for both men and women to be active. No special football skills are required and beginners are enthusiastically encouraged. Held every Thursday morning at Mill Park stadium, The Stables, Child's Road. If this is unavailable, held at Darebin Community Sports Centre, Plenty Rd. Reservoir.

Project partners are Darebin Community Sport Stadium, who will facilitate, YMCA and Melbourne City Football Club, who designed the program. U3A Darebin and Whittlesea combine in this activity. MEMBERS WHO JOIN THE CLASS THROUGH U3A DAREBIN WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY MORE COSTS.

**22GEN01: Cinema Studies**

**Type: None**

**Dates: 16/02/2022 - 16/11/2022**

**Frequency: 3rd Week of each Month, Wed 10:00 - 13:00**

**Location:**

**Tutor: Paul Michell**

Watching films is always a journey of discovery. In U3A Cinema we watch a film then have a group discussion. Some may have seen the film, many years before. Others not at all. We all see with a differing background of life experiences. A free exchange of ideas and queries is encouraged. This probing makes a special U3A Cinema experience. Whilst a long class (3 hours) it gives all of us a common discussion point that is fresh in our minds. All class members are encouraged to present an opinion / point of view. 2022 will present a diverse range of cinematic treats from around the world. Preliminary thoughts include Hitchcock's Rear Window, the indie I Don't Feel at Home, Berkley's Gold Diggers of 1935, the German food delight Bella (Mostly) Martha. A couple of Barbara Stanwyck films Strange Love of Martha Ivers and the rarely seen The Furies are included. Rescheduled Parasite also. In December the schedule should be complete and presented on our website: [www.u3acinema.weebly.com](http://www.u3acinema.weebly.com) The website also provides class notes from past years. U3A Cinema Class runs for 3 hours at the Fairfield Station venue, starting at 9:45am

In 2020 and 2021 most of our classes were on Zoom. Looking forward to welcoming students back to Fairfield Station in 2022. U3A Cinema Class runs for 3 hours at the Fairfield Station venue, starting at 9:45am The schedule is presented on our website: [www.u3acinema.weebly.com](http://www.u3acinema.weebly.com) The website also provides class notes from past years. Class notes are provided are sent by email a week before.

**22GAM005: Scrabble** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 31/01/2022 - 28/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Mon 19:00 - 21:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield** **Tutor: Rob York**

Join the FANS (Fairfield and Northcote Scrabble)group who meet every Monday evening. Learn all the things you didn't know you knew. Exercise the brain, meet new people and have fun. This group meets throughout the year- January to December - and does not take school holiday breaks.

**22GAM01: Brain Teasers and Fun (Trivia)** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 31/01/2022 - 28/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Mon 13:15 - 14:45**

**Location: Fairfield Bowls Club 125 Gillies Street Fairfield** **Tutor: Margaret Monument**

This weekly course includes light-hearted quizzes, puzzles, general knowledge, etc. Everyone contributes and laughter is a must. Keep the grey cells working in great company.

**22GAM02: Chess** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 01/02/2022 - 29/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Tue 13:30 - 15:30**

**Location: East Preston Senior Citizens' Donald Street East Preston** **Tutor: George Eraclides**

AIM: \* To help you play chess well enough to enjoy it. \* Learn the object of the game, piece movements and captures, mobility and piece values: how to read moves, openings, middle and end games, combination and tactics. method and planning. \* Get lasting pleasure from the unending variety and beauty of Chess. For appreciation, games from chess history are replayed. BENEFITS: Delays the ageing of our brains by forcing us to use them. Play the noblest and most popular board game in the world.

**22GAM03: Canasta** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 19/04/2022 - 26/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Tue 13:30 - 16:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield** **Tutor: Maria Ferrai**

**22GAM04: Mah Jong (Saturday)** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 05/02/2022 - 03/12/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Sat 13:30 - 16:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield** **Tutor: Sue Giffney**

This class meets on Saturdays, when a relaxed group of card players gather at Fairfield Station to play this popular game, with partners when the numbers are even, otherwise singly.

Address: 26 Railway Place, Fairfield, 3078

**22AAA002: Membership Only (No Courses)**

**Type: None**

**Dates: 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022**

**Frequency: Random dates as specified, Sat 0:00 - 0:00**

**Location: None**

**Tutor: None**

This is for members who do not want to enrol in a course but would like to pay their membership, This will generate an invoice for the member. Follow the prompts

**22GEN02: Current Affairs**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 01/12/2022**

**Frequency: 1st, 3rd and 5th Week of Month, Thu 10:30 - 12:30**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: Keith Burrows**

This lively group meets fortnightly on the First, Third and Fifth weeks of each month . Discussion is informal and wide-ranging, examining issues in the news, both local and international.

**22GEN03: Introduction to Western Philosophy**

**Type: Long Course**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 01/12/2022**

**Frequency: First and third weeks, Thu 13:00 - 14:30**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: George Eraclides**

This course introduces you to the history of Western Philosophy, from the time of its origins in ancient Greece to the modern era, by exploring perennial themes concerned with the nature of reality and knowledge, the existence of God, human identity and what it is to live a good life. Is there a meaning or purpose to our existence? The exploration is done through a number of units comprising a series of readings with questions and tasks to stimulate your thinking. We will come together as a group every two weeks to discuss what we have explored and deal with any questions raised by what we have read. This course is an intellectual and emotional adventure and may be extended into 2022 if participants may like to explore particular philosophical topics.

You will need access to the internet and Adobe Acrobat or similar software in order to read the material. You can read the content online or download the course notes as a pdf file to read on your computer or tablet or print out. Expect to spend about 4 hours a week on reading material and tasks. Previous experience in philosophy is not necessary. All you need is an inquiring mind and the willingness to engage with others to explore some of humanities greatest questions.

**22GEN04: Western Philosophy - some experience**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 17/11/2022**

**Frequency: First and third weeks, Thu 14:30 - 16:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: George Eraclides**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED GEORGE'S PREVIOUS CLASS This course introduces you to the history of Western Philosophy, from the time of its origins in ancient Greece to the modern era, by exploring perennial themes concerned with the nature of reality and knowledge, the existence of God, human identity and what it is to live a good life. Is there a meaning or purpose to our existence? The exploration is done through a number of units comprising a series of readings with questions and tasks to stimulate your thinking. We will come together as a group every two weeks to discuss what we have explored and deal with any questions raised by what we have read. This course is an intellectual and emotional adventure and may be extended into 2022 if participants may like to explore particular philosophical topics.

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# History

## **22HIS01: Ancient Egyptian History**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 07/02/2022 - 28/11/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Mon 14:00 - 15:30**

**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote**

**Tutor: Margaret Hanrahan**

The tutor is a former history teacher. Her input includes interesting written and oral materials, colourful slides and short, informative videos, and finishes with lively class discussion around the ideas and materials. Where possible it will even be hands on! Topics to be covered include: prehistory; pharaohs; afterlife beliefs, including pyramids and tombs; wars and international diplomacy; agriculture and trade; science, medicine and innovation; writing; daily life for all classes; religion and temples; women and marriage; and literature and art. We will roughly follow a chronological order, from Early Dynastic period, through Old and Middle Kingdoms and end with the New Kingdom, but some topics are not time based.

Materials will be provided. No previous historical knowledge is needed. Students can join/leave at the beginning of each term. Term I Early Dynastic period & Old Kingdom (3500 – 2181 BCE) Term II Middle Kingdom (2055 - 1650 BCE) Term III-IV New Kingdom (1550 - 1070 BCE)

## **22HIS02: History of the World in 50 Places**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 14/02/2022 - 21/11/2022**

**Frequency: 2nd and 4th weeks each month, Mon 10:30 - 12:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: Ann Ritchie**

Sessions will be organised in chronological order and will outline the impacts, legacies and roles of Fifty (or so) places that helped determine our history. Beginning with the emergence of early humans in Africa, and the Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, continues through the ancient world, medieval times, the early modern age and revolutions, including a visit to the industrial revolution and finally to the modern age of the Cold War and other things. At the end of each session there will be some suggested readings and research for participants to complete before the next session. Places visited will include:- Timbuktu, Uzbekistan, the Aztec Empire, Portugal, Ghana, Hollywood and Korea. History of the World

# Language

**22LAN01: Arabic** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 31/01/2022 - 28/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Mon 10:30 - 12:00**

**Location: East Preston Senior Citizens' Donald Street East Preston** **Tutor: Nada Samani**

Nada is a graduate of the Beirut Arab University in Lebanon, and has experience in teaching the Arabic language to both school and university students. She can also explain and illustrate the many and varied cultures of the Middle East. Recent research shows that learning another language as an adult helps keeps your mind active, so why not join Nada to learn more about this fascinating part of the world and acquire new language skills?

East Preston Senior Citizens' Centre - Donald St.

**22LAN02: Fun with English** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 23/02/2022 - 30/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Wed 13:30 - 15:00**

**Location: PRACE Sturdee St. Reservoir** **Tutor: Mink Schapper**

This Weekly class is for people for whom English is not their first language and who want to improve their speaking, reading and writing skills in a friendly and relaxed environment. The course is designed for beginner, post-beginner or intermediate levels of English although an understanding of very simple spoken English is a pre-requisite.

Classes offer speaking, listening, reading and writing exercises according to students' needs and there is plenty of general conversation, laughter and friendship.

**22LAN03: French Language and Culture** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 10/02/2022 - 24/11/2022** **Frequency: 2nd and 4th weeks each month, Thu 10:00 - 11:30**

**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote** **Tutor: Michelle Manly**

The focus of this class is modern French language: grammar, conversation and pronunciation. We also discuss aspects of contemporary French culture. Classes are held fortnightly. The class has been running for some years and builds progressively on language skills. **\*\* NOT SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS \*\*** New students will need to have studied some French (about two to three years of lessons). Prospective students are asked to complete an aptitude test before enrolling.

**22LAN04: French Conversation** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 10/02/2022 - 24/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Thu 13:00 - 15:00**

**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote** **Tutor: Mink Schapper**

This class is for people who wish to use and improve on their knowledge of French language and culture, give their brains a good workout, and have fun in the process! Activities are developed according to the interests and capacity of the class. The classes include guided French conversation (as well as the occasional poem or song); students are encouraged to take notes so that the oral practice is strengthened by solid understanding; grammatical features are explained and practised, in context.

Mink Schapper is an experienced and passionate teacher of French and Linguistics and loves working in the U3A environment. For 2022 this class is running weekly with alternate classes on Zoom (weeks 1, 3, 5) and face-to-face (weeks 2, 4). To begin the year, however, all classes are by Zoom, until we all feel comfortable about face to face, and we don't need to wear masks inside (difficult to learn language with a mask on).

**22LAN05: French - Some Experience** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 11/02/2022 - 25/11/2022** **Frequency: 2nd and 4th weeks each month, Fri 12:30 - 14:00**

**Location: Reservoir Library Meeting Room 23 Edwards Street Reservoir** **Tutor: Nicole Maya**

This class meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month. The class is for people who have some knowledge of French. Topics covered include greetings, introducing yourself, numbers and talking about family, travel and shopping. There will be fun activities, giving members lots of practice to gain confidence in language skills.

Tutor will confirm if you are able to join class

**22LAN07: Chinese for beginners** **Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 02/02/2022 - 30/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Wed 15:00 - 16:30**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: Wenping Zhang**

If you have been interested in learning Mandarin Chinese, but have no idea how to begin, this is for you. Chinese is a fascinating language that can seem impossibly difficult to learn at first. Tackle the spoken language first. This course is aims to teach basic Chinese for everyday use.

**LAN06: Spanish**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 04/02/2022 - 02/12/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Fri 13:30 - 15:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: Rosa Tosone**

Rosa is a native Spanish speaker. She will teach basic Spanish for basic understanding and communication when travelling.

## Literature

**22LIT01: Armchair Theatre** **Type: None**  
**Dates: 02/02/2022 - 30/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Wed 13:15 - 14:45**  
**Location: Alphington Community Center 2 Kelvin Grove Alphington** **Tutor: Ann Sartori**  
**Fee: \$50.00**

Would you enjoy bringing a play to life? Getting inside an interesting character? Discovering vocal talents you didn't know you possessed? Join an enthusiastic group and discover your acting skills in this class held weekly on Wednesdays.

Address: Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington 3078 Note: There is a charge of \$50 per year to cover the cost of renting the plays.

**22LIT02: Book Discussion Group 1** **Type: Ongoing**  
**Dates: 02/02/2022 - 02/11/2022** **Frequency: 1st Week of each Month, Wed 10:30 - 12:00**  
**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield** **Tutor: Peter Byrne**

This book group meets on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss books chosen by members of the group. A wide range of topics is covered, including fiction and non-fiction works, and we have many lively and animated discussions. Each member is encouraged to lead and facilitate a session. Normally, we meet at Fairfield Station and do not take school holidays. Currently being held on ZOOM

**22LIT03: Book Discussion Group 2** **Type: Ongoing**  
**Dates: 09/02/2022 - 09/11/2022** **Frequency: 2nd Week of each Month, Wed 10:30 - 12:00**  
**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield** **Tutor: Peter Byrne**

Do you enjoy reading a good book and then wish you could discuss it with someone? Come along and join like-minded people. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

**22LIT04: Poetry through the Ages (Tuesday)** **Type: Ongoing**  
**Dates: 01/02/2022 - 29/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Tue 10:30 - 12:00**  
**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield** **Tutor: Noel Butterfield**

Noel, an experienced English teacher, invites you to join this weekly class. Let's immerse ourselves in the passion that is poetry. The emphasis will be on appreciation and enjoyment. I have been captivated by poetry for thirty years so I feel qualified to introduce you to the very best. I will take you through some ballads, odes, sonnets, etc., purely for your enjoyment. We also look at various techniques that make poems 'work' and come alive. Class members are encouraged to create their own poems, using some of the techniques studied.

Temporary relocation to St. Andrew's Church, Gillies St. Fairfield, behind Station St. shops. Enter from Duncan ST, small street alongside of church.

**22LIT05: Exploring Shakespeare (Friday)** **Type: Ongoing**  
**Dates: 11/02/2022 - 30/12/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Fri 15:00 - 16:30**  
**Location: Bent St. N 18A Bent Street Northcote** **Tutor: Robert Cole**

Enjoy life! Read Shakespeare! Compare Orson Welles and Al Pacino playing Shylock! Compare Shakespeare with his contemporaries! Members of this weekly class spend a term (or two) reading a Shakespeare play aloud, talking it over, discussing key speeches and difficult language, and re-reading. When we're familiar with a play we watch parts of several productions on DVD and discuss the direction of key scenes. Finally, we choose a production and watch the play as a whole. Shakespeare is "always modern, always us" (Marjorie Garber)

In 2021 class members stayed with the class through the Zoom months, with the Friday session offering something to look forward to during lockdown - but we will all be delighted to get together again face to face. Tutors: Robert Cole, Kate Patrick, Mark Wilson

**22REA01: Let's Read Aloud** **Type: Ongoing**  
**Dates: 25/03/2022 - 25/11/2022** **Frequency: Weekly Course, Fri 14:00 - 15:30**



**Location: Bendigo Bank Community Space 101 Queen's Pde Clifton Hill**

**Tutor: Ann Ritchie**

Once upon a time reading aloud was something common to many people. Classic literature has many mentions of people reading aloud; to children, to each other on cold evenings, to invalids, to elderly relations and of course much reading aloud of the Bible on the sabbath. This class will attempt to revive this tradition. It will begin with reading aloud selected parts, or all, of Homers "Iliad" (all translations welcome) and find its way from there. There will be time for chat and cake(perhaps) at each session. Any standard of reading aloud welcome and Members can be as involved as they choose, but will be expected to read aloud for at least a few minutes at each session. Class limit: 10 When: Weekly every Friday from 2.00pm to 3.30pm starting March 25th (No classes in school holidays!) Where: Bendigo Bank Community Space 101 - 103 Queen's Parade, Clifton Hill

**22MUS01: Singing for Pleasure (Friday)**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 04/02/2022 - 02/12/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Fri 13:00 - 15:00**

**Location: SPAN Community House 64 Clyde St. Thornbury**

**Tutor: Campbell Pearson**

The U3A Singing for Pleasure group runs every week and is intended to be a safe place where we all feel welcome. We sing mostly popular songs and learn to sing some harmonies. We occasionally sing at U3A functions, community events and visits to nursing homes. To comply with COVID rules, members must wear masks and be 1.5 metres apart.

Address: 64 Clyde Street, Thornbury 3073

**22MUS02: Ukulele**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 04/02/2022 - 02/12/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Fri 12:00 - 12:45**

**Location: SPAN Community House 64 Clyde St. Thornbury**

**Tutor: Campbell Pearson**

The Ukulele is a cheap instrument to buy and a fun and easy instrument to play. The course is for beginners who can play a little but want to learn more.

**22MUS03: Recorder**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 03/02/2022 - 01/12/2022**

**Frequency: Weekly Course, Thu 13:00 - 14:30**

**Location: Private Residence of Tutor various**

**Tutor: Robert Bender**

Descant recorder course focusing on Irish and Scottish folk music. Starting at beginner level and progressing to simple Irish and Scottish tunes as people master enough notes Expanding to songs that require a large range of notes gradually. If there are enough people who already have some experience with recorder, launching straight into the Irish and Scottish music.

Contact Annette, U3A Darebin if you enrol in this for details regarding the location of classes. 9460 3441

## Volunteering

### **22AA0001: VOLUNTEER Committee**

**Type: Ongoing**

**Dates: 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022**

**Frequency: None, Sat 0:00 - 0:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: Peter Byrne**

If you are interested in keeping U3a Darebin running and being involved in the organising and administration of this great organisation. This could be the job for you. The Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of every Month at 9.30am at the Fairfield Station. Anyone is welcome to attend a Committee Meeting before fully committing to become a member.

### **22AAA04: VOLUNTEER - OFFICE**

**Type: None**

**Dates: 01/01/2022 - 30/12/2022**

**Frequency: None, Sat 0:00 - 0:00**

**Location: U3A Darebin Office and Meeting Railway Place Fairfield**

**Tutor: None**

Volunteer Office – This will involve being in the office during office hours. Mon, Wed, and Fri from 10.15 until 12.00 noon. Sometimes this is a very quiet time and it is best if you have a book or something to do to entertain yourself. Sometimes it is very busy with phone calls and enquiries. It is however a VITAL part of U3A Darebin and your help will be greatly appreciated. If you can commit to a regular time slot once or twice a month this is the job for you. Interest in using the UMAS data base would be useful but it is certainly not a prerequisite.

### **22AAA05: VOLUNTEER OCCASIONAL**

**Type: None**

**Dates: 01/01/2022 - 30/12/2022**

**Frequency: None, Sat 0:00 - 0:00**

**Location:**

**Tutor: Peter Byrne**

Volunteer Occasional- From time to time we need people to help with putting up posters, delivering newsletters, writing for the newsletter and assisting with enrolments. People who can assist with setting up projectors and PowerPoint displays will be greatly welcome. If you have limited time and would like to help the this is the role for you.

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