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Events

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

Join our special face-to-face Friday night events from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Each night is \$52 and includes refreshments.

Beat The Blues – A Night in the Mississippi Delta

PERRY CELESTINO

Blues music originated in the Mississippi Delta. Take a journey down Highway 61 to meet and hear the primary artists that developed the Blues.

Fri 3 May

The Gold of the Americas

LINDSAY NUNEZ LOPEZ

Since the conquest of the New World in 1492, the thirst for gold and other precious metals would be for centuries a major obsession of conquerors, colonists, travelers and opportunists.

Fri 17 May

Heat, History and Hummus: On the Crusader Trail in the Holy Land

MATTHEW GIBBS

Enjoy a business trip to the Holy Land that becomes a pilgrimage pursuing the crusades, where balance sheets are swapped for battlefields and lots of chickpeas eaten along the way.

Fri 31 May

An Evening with Brahms

SUSAN DEAS

The music of Brahms can be rich and romantic or exciting and vibrant. Explore the fascinating life and music of this great composer.

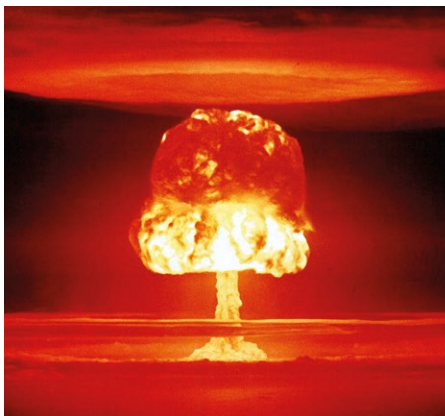
Fri 14 June

Fabulous Florentines

JUDITH KING

The creativity of the human spirit was alive and well in the 15th and 16th centuries in Florence where old practices were discarded as new horizons opened in the arts and sciences.

Fri 28 June



POLITICS AT LUNCHTIME

These stimulating face-to-face courses run from 12.15pm to 1.30pm and each session is just \$33.

Henry Kissinger – Portrait In Power

JUDITH KING

Kissinger served several American presidents. He dominated American foreign policy for over 50 years. Despite winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973 he is often referred to as a “war criminal.”

Fri 3 May

Naming and Shaming – the Politics and the Law

LANNING BENNETT

In Australia, those accused of a crime are publicly named – even when the accuser is kept confidential. Is this right? What is the history of this law? Should we change it?

Fri 7 June



Photograph: Kai Mörk

Two “Gates” – Two Case Studies in the Abuses of Power

JUDITH KING

The Watergate Hotel has lent its suffix “gate” to several political scandals since 1973-1974. The “partygate” scandal in the UK in 2020-2022 is one such scandal.

Fri 21 June

The Spies Who Stole the Secrets of Oppenheimer’s Bomb

LANNING BENNETT

Stalin’s spies delivered the secrets of the atomic bomb to the Kremlin. Who were they? How did they go unnoticed? How was Oppenheimer involved?

Fri 5 July

Give the Gift of Learning with a WEA Gift Voucher

Visit www.weasydney.com.au for more information.



Full course details

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Teach at WEA

Are you an experienced teacher with a love of teaching? Do you have a lot of knowledge to share with eager adult learners?

Consider teaching at WEA Sydney!

We welcome new tutors to our friendly teaching community where you can design your own courses, teach at a time and in a mode that suits you and share your love of topics with our many enthusiastic adult learners.

WEA is a great place to teach – we have dedicated teaching spaces, supportive staff, appreciative students and a real community spirit.

And it's easy to apply – just email us at info@weasydney.nsw.edu.au and ask for our **Teach at WEA Sydney FAQ sheet**.

Why not do it now, start your journey into a rewarding and fulfilling role as a WEA Sydney tutor.



Humanities

LITERATURE

Lunchtime Shakespeare – Serving Up One Character Each Week

CHRISTINE GIETZ

Explore a Shakespearean character each week – what makes them tick and what are their famous last words?

Mon 15 April | 12:15pm-1:15pm | **[HYB]**
8 weeks | \$158 | Conc \$142

Homer's Odyssey – An Enduring Story and a new English Translation

SUZANNE MACALISTER

We read the *Odyssey* and examine the hero's story, age-old questions about its transmission and what has made the epic an enduring classic using a newly translated English version.

Thu 2 May | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **[F2F]**
9 weeks | \$272 | Conc \$245

Dante's Inferno

VIRGINIA MCGILL

Abandon hope, all ye who enter here. The thirty-four cantos take us, with Virgil and Dante, through the nine circles of Hell until we reach Satan in the lowest.

Wed 1 May | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[F2F]**
7 weeks | \$234 | Conc \$211

This is Who We Are:

Australian Novels 1900-1939

JO HENWOOD

Explore the best known novels and authors from the early 20th century to discover what made them so popular then and whether they deserve to be read now.

Sun 21 April | 10am-1pm | **[F2F]**
OR Mon 29 April | 5:30pm-8:30pm | **[ONL]**
1 day | \$72

Australian Novels 1940-1959

JO HENWOOD

Australian fiction after the Second World War grew in depth, breadth and authenticity, providing representations of Australian life that remain recognizable.

Sat 18 May | 10am-1pm | **[F2F]**
OR Wed 22 May | 5:30pm-8:30pm | **[ONL]**
1 day | \$72

Wandering Through Oceania: Australian Travel-Adventure Authors of the 1930s

HUGH TRANTER

Examine the genre of travel-adventure writing of the 1930s and 40s, when Australian authors like Frank Clune, Ion Idriess, and photographer Frank Hurley, wrote of Australia, Papua and the Pacific Islands.

Tue 7 May | 2pm-4pm | **[ONL]**
1 day | \$43

The Longest Journey: Dostoyevsky's Crime and Punishment

RAY YOUNIS

Crime and Punishment is a compelling study of courage, freedom, consequentialism, justice, happiness and forgiveness. Examine its key ideas and its enduring relevance.

Sat 11 May | 10am-4:30pm | **[F2F]**
1 day | \$128 | Conc \$115

The Shakespeare Chronicles

ALMIS SIMANS

We embark on a wonderful journey from Stratford-upon-Avon to London to explore Shakespeare and his times.

Sat 8 June | 9:30am-12:30pm | **[F2F]**
OR Sun 9 June | 9:30am-12:30pm | **[ONL]**
1 day | \$72

Australian Children's Novels

JO HENWOOD

Children's novels are the most important because they shape our love of literature and mould our culture.

Sat 15 June | 10am-1pm | **[F2F]**
OR Mon 24 June | 5:30pm-8:30pm | **[ONL]**
1 day | \$72

Joseph Conrad – Master Mariner and Master Storyteller

IAN BURNET

Learn about Joseph Conrad's life as a Master Mariner as setting for real-life characters found in his first novels – *Almayer's Folly*, *An Outcaste of the Islands*, *Lord Jim* and *The Rescue*.

Tue 25 June | 2:30pm-4pm | **[F2F]**
1 day | \$33



WRITING

Where do you get an idea from?

GRAHAM WATSON

NEW TUTOR

Take a journey through the creative process involved in producing award-winning advertising campaigns from the viewpoint of one of the most awarded art directors in the world.

Wed 17 April | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**
1 day | \$43

The Art of Characterisation

MIA TSIKRIKAS

Discover how to create authentic, believable and relatable characters in your story writing.

Thu 18 April | 10am-2pm | **[F2F]**
1 day | \$86 | Conc \$77

A Guide To Writing Fast Fiction

MIA TSIKRIKAS

Short and to the point, fast fiction is perfect for those who enjoy writing bite-sized stories packed full of meaning.

Mon 22 April | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**
1 day | \$43

Writers Workshop – Pointers with Simone de Beauvoir

DAVID CRAWFORD

Learn, engage, and practice the tradecraft of writing from Simone de Beauvoir's oeuvre – a workshop suitable for writers of all levels.

Fri 3 May | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**
3 weeks | \$120 | Conc \$108

Becoming a Creative Writer

MIA TSIKRIKAS

Unleash your inner creative writer and discover the words for that untold story.

Tue 28 May | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**
6 weeks | \$209 | Conc \$188

Learn the Art of Formal Debating

LANNING BENNETT

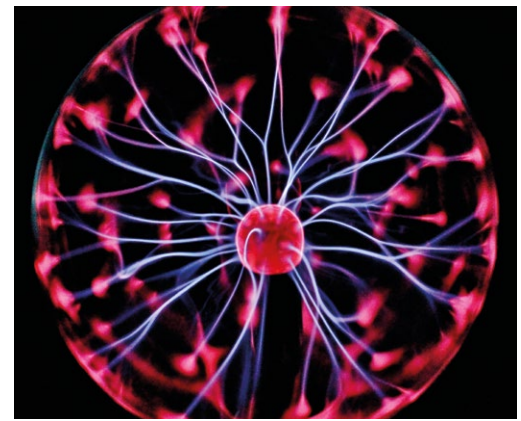
Learn the techniques of formal debate and how to apply those principles to bring value to your day-to-day life. Debate and have fun!

Thu 13 June | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[F2F]**
2 weeks | \$86 | Conc \$77

Full course details

Visit www.weasydney.com.au for detailed information.





PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

On Censorship (and Freedom)

RAY YOUNIS

Some thinkers argue that we are living in an age of unprecedented challenges to freedoms and civil liberties especially in the "digital age". Is this true? Why does it matter?

Sat 20 April | 10am-4:30pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$128 | Conc \$115

Discover Your "Self" in Italy

SAM MERABI

NEW TUTOR

Planning on visiting Italy? Want to learn more about your "self"? Plunge deep into the outer landscapes of Italy on this virtual tour and discover your inner landscapes in the process.

Mon 29 April | 6pm-7:15pm | **F2F**
OR Wed 1 May | 6pm-7:15pm | **ONL**
5 weeks | \$128 | Conc \$115

Philosophy of Religion

KERRY SANDERS

Religion is central to the personal lives of many people and is integrated into the cultural heritage of all humans. The course examines religion from many different perspectives.

Tue 30 April | 10:30am-12:30pm | **ONL**
10 weeks | \$293 | Conc \$264

Philosophy of Science

KERRY SANDERS

Uncover the principles behind the discoveries of Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, Carl Popper, and contemporary philosophers of science.

Fri 3 May | 10:30am-12:30pm | **F2F**
OR Fri 3 May | 2pm-4pm | **ONL**
10 weeks | \$293 | Conc \$264

Perception and Reality

RAY YOUNIS

What is real? What role does perception play? How do we ascertain what is real in an age of social media, misinformation, disinformation, virality, spin, hype (and hyperbole)?

Sat 4 May | 10am-4:30pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$128 | Conc \$115

The Power of Myth: Foundations

RAY YOUNIS

What is the nature of myth? How do we explain its power and enduring significance? What is the relation between myth, meaning and purpose?

Sat 1 June | 10am-4:30pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$128 | Conc \$115

POLITICS & SOCIETY

Understanding the differences between Australian and US Political Systems

CHRIS PEDERSEN

NEW TUTOR

Drill deep into the history, the mechanics and strategies of Australian and US elections allowing you to understand the motives behind what you hear in the news.

Wed 1 May | 4:30pm-5:45pm | **HYB**
6 weeks | \$147 | Conc \$132

Investments and Superannuation made Easy

CHRIS PEDERSEN

NEW TUTOR

You will learn that investing is easy to understand. It is important to know the right questions, how to monitor performance and learn the secrets to success.

Wed 1 May | 6pm-8pm | **HYB**
6 weeks | \$209 | Conc \$188

Robodebt – five years of lies, mistakes and failures

SANDY KILLICK

Robodebt was an unlawful debt-collection scheme and was a shocking attack on our democracy. Who was responsible and what has happened since the Royal Commission findings?

Thu 23 May | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**
2 weeks | \$86 | Conc \$77

Merkel's Legacy to Germany and Globally - who decides?

SANDY KILLICK

Opinions on the legacy of Merkel are diverse. Crisis manager or visionary? Explore the tales of two Merckels.

Thu 20 June | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**
2 weeks | \$86 | Conc \$77

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MATHS & SCIENCE

$E=mc^2$ – What It Means and Why It Matters

MICHAEL GAL

Learn how Einstein's theory of Special Relativity helps us understand the complexities and mysteries of space and time without using complex mathematics.

Thu 18 April | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**
3 weeks | \$120 | Conc \$108

The Atomic Nucleus – A Journey to the Heart of Matter

MICHAEL BOX

Nuclear Physics is a subject that brings shudders to many, for well understood reasons. However, the basic science concepts are not difficult to understand. Ready for a journey?

Tue 7 May | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **F2F**
3 weeks | \$120 | Conc \$108

Life After Death – What the Doctors Say

OLIVIA DE BERGERAC

Based on the work of Dr Raymond A. Moody and other well-known doctors who have researched hundreds of accounts of patients who have returned from clinical death we explore the concept of life after death.

Thu 16 May | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **HYB**
8 weeks | \$252 | Conc \$227

ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence

YVETTE DEBERGUE

Learn about ChatGPT. It can generate text and code for you, help you garden, translate languages and even help plan your next holiday!

Fri 5 July | 2pm-4pm | **HYB**
1 day | \$46

Meet our tutor...

Michael Gal is Professor Emeritus at the School of Physics of the University of NSW. He has been involved in research and teaching at UNSW for over 30 years. See $E=mc^2$ – What It Means and Why It Matters on page 5.



Languages

WHY STUDY LANGUAGES AT WEA?

NO EXAMS, NO PRESSURE, ALL ENJOYABLE!

All courses are well-paced in a friendly class atmosphere.

COURSE INFORMATION

Courses are a mix of face-to-face classes at WEA and Online via Zoom.

Visit www.weasydney.com.au/courses/languages for up-to-date details of class content, level, day, time and delivery mode.

Enrol online today!

What do our students say...

Michael: "The choice of content was outstanding, and is potentially, especially for Finnish, outstandingly difficult. The teacher brought great experience and chose remarkably well what could be done in three two-hour session to indeed develop an "understanding of the key principles". She was outstandingly good, and I admire her teaching".

See **Finnish Beginners 1** on page 6.

Donate to WEA

WEA Sydney welcomes donations. See our website for small donations or call or write to WEA for larger bequests.



BEGINNER 1 COURSES (A1)

If you have no or extremely limited knowledge. These courses cover the basics and are equivalent to Level A1 in the Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR).

All courses run for 9 weeks and cost \$321 or \$289 with concession unless otherwise stated.

Arabic Beginners 1

Textbook: Tutor supplied material

NAHLA O'WAISHA

Thu 2 May | 3pm-5pm | **[ONL]**

OR Sun 5 May | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**

Chinese Beginners 1

Textbook Learning Conversational Chinese for Beginners Book & Online Audio 2nd ed (Tuttle Publishing, 2019), ISBN: 9780804849463

YING LIU

Tue 30 April | 12.15pm - 2.15pm | **[F2F]**

Finnish Beginners 1

Textbook: Tutor supplied material.

HANNA KAVASTO

Fri 19 April | 9:45am-12 noon | **[F2F]**

8 weeks | \$321 | Conc \$289

French Beginners 1

Textbook: Cosmopolite 1 A1 Livre d'Eleve Book (Hachette: 2017), ISBN: 9782014015973

BEATRICE SIRAGUSA

Wed 1 May | 9:15am-11:15am | **[F2F]**

OR Wed 1 May | 5:15pm-7:15pm | **[ONL]**

NEW TUTOR

Italian Beginners 1

Textbook: Nuovo Espresso 1 (Alma Edizioni: 2014), ISBN: 9788861823181

BEATRICE SIRAGUSA

Mon 29 April | 9:15am-11:15am | **[F2F]**

OR Mon 29 April | 5:15pm-7:15pm | **[ONL]**

NEW TUTOR

Japanese Beginners 1

Textbook: Marugoto 1 / A1 Introduction Rikai Coursebook, (Sanshusha Publishing Co., Ltd., 2013), ISBN: 9784384057539

SHINOBU NARIMATSU

Sat 4 May | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**

OR Sun 5 May | 9.30am-11.30am | **[ONL]**

Korean Beginners 1

Textbook: Korean Made Easy for Beginners 2nd Ed. (Seung-eun Oh: 2021), ISBN: 9788927732730

SHINOBU NARIMATSU

Fri 3 May | 6:30pm-8:30pm | **[ONL]**

OR Sun 5 May | 1pm-3pm | **[F2F]**

Latin Beginners 1

Textbook: Tutor supplied material

FRANK AMATI

Fri 3 May | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **[F2F]**

Portuguese Beginners 1

Textbook: Portugues XXI Livro Do Aluno 1 (Lidel: 2018), ISBN: 9789897523809

MARIA TEIXEIRA-ALVES

Mon 29 April | 4:30pm-6:30pm | **[F2F]**

OR Mon 29 April | 7pm-9pm | **[ONL]**

Russian Beginners 1

Tutor supplied material.

SOFYA YUNUSOVA

Wed 1 May | 6pm-8pm | **[HYB]**

OR Sat 4 May | 10am-12noon | **[HYB]**

OR **TATIANA BONCH-OSMOLOVSKAYA**

Fri 3 May | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[F2F]**

Spanish Beginners 1

Textbook: ELE Actual A1 Libro del Alumno (SM Ediciones: 2019), ISBN: 9788413180373

MAYRA CAMACHO ARDILA

Tue 30 April | 10am-12 noon | **[ONL]**



Meet our tutor...

Mayra Camacho Ardila holds a bachelor's degree in foreign Languages

Teaching. With more than 10 years' experience in Colombia and Australia, Mayra has worked with students from a wide range of ages, levels, cultural backgrounds and learning styles. Mayra believes teaching is a great opportunity to bond with her students, by sharing cultural insights and experiences.

See Spanish Beginners 1 on page 6.



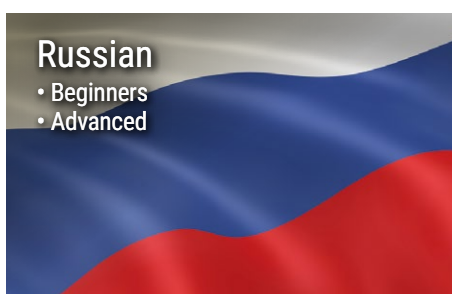
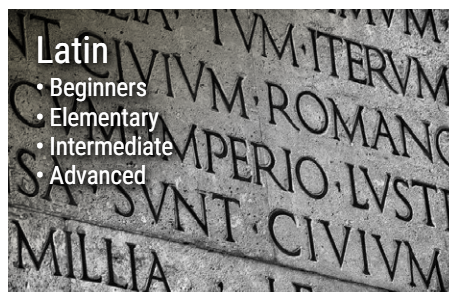
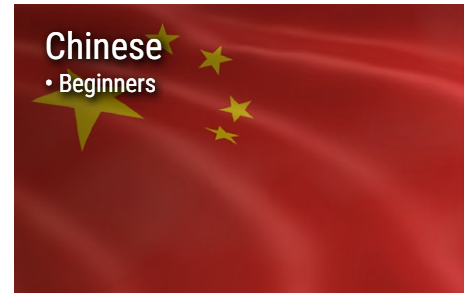
CONTINUING LANGUAGE COURSES

Thinking about doing a Continuers Language course? Are you wanting to brush up on a language learned long ago or are you thinking about travel and want to be able to engage with the culture of your destination? Or perhaps you want to stimulate your mind by immersing yourself in language and culture studies.

For people continuing from previous terms, or who've studied the language previously. Courses are a mix of face-to-face classes at WEA and Online via Zoom.

Visit www.weasydney.com.au/courses/languages for up-to-date details of class content, level, day, time and delivery mode.

All courses run for 9 weeks and cost \$321 or \$289 with concession.



Languages

SPECIAL INTEREST

We have an array of special language courses which are fun and fascinating – what will you choose?

Here's why you should learn with WEA:

- We can help you build or renew your language skills for travel and business
- We have a wide array of courses to suit your learning level
- Our courses are stimulating and enjoyable with professional and accomplished teachers
- Teachers and students are friendly and welcoming for a relaxed learning environment
- There are no assessments or exams – so no stressful benchmarks to reach
- We have very competitive prices.

So why wait? Continue on your language and cultural learning journey with WEA today.

Enrol online today!

Full course details

For detailed information visit
www.weasydney.com.au



Handy CBD location

WEA is only a short walk from Town Hall Station.

SPECIAL INTEREST COURSES

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FRENCH

French Beginners 1 Intensive

This intensive course aims to build general basic comprehension and communication skills and an introduction to cultural practices. **(A1)**

BLANDINE CROUCH

Mon 15, Tue 16, Wed 17 & Thu 18 April | 10am-2pm | **[F2F]**
4 days | \$297 | Conc \$267

SHORT COURSE

French Beginners 2 Intensive

This is a continuation from French Beginners 1 and is for any student wishing to learn the language for business, travel or everyday use with approximately 20 hours of French required.

BLANDINE CROUCH

Mon 22, Tue 23, Wed 24 & Fri 26 April | 10am-2pm | **[F2F]**
4 days | \$297 | Conc \$267

SHORT COURSE

French Advanced Intensive

An intensive French course for those who want to progress quickly and improve essential language skills. **(B2)**

CHRISTINE GRAFF

Mon 22, Tue 23, Wed 24 & Fri 26 | 1:30pm-4pm | **[F2F]**
4 days | \$213 | Conc \$192

SHORT COURSE

Short Stories in Beginners French

Develop your skills at reading in French and acquire knowledge of French culture. For students having studied at least up to Dossier 6 of Alter Ego Plus A1. **(A1)**

JUAN CARLOS BARRENO

Wed 1 May | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**

France Today

Discuss current topics in France after either watching different TV news extracts, listening to radio or reading press articles. **(B2+)**

BLANDINE MIDY BOUTRY

Wed 1 May | 9:30am-11:30am | **[ONL]**

French Conversation and Cultural News

Discuss the cultural life in France today based on news articles, video or audio documents – for those keen to know more about the French cultural scene. **(B2-C1)**

BLANDINE CROUCH

Tue 30 April | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **[F2F]**

Key French Authors

Expand your vocabulary and improve your conversation by exploring some works by key classic and contemporary French authors. **(C1)**

OLIVIA DE BERGERAC

Mon 6 May | 6pm-8pm | **[ONL]**

Practice your French Intermediate

Develop confident conversational skills to explore modern French culture and society after completion of A1-A2 levels. **(B1)**

CHRISTINE GRAFF

Tue 30 April | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[F2F]**

7 weeks | \$275 | Conc \$248

Practice your French, Culture and Society

For students who have completed all A2 levels and wish to practise their higher level of French Intermediate study. **(B1+)**

CHRISTINE GRAFF

Thu 2 May | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[F2F]**

7 weeks | \$275 | Conc \$248

Practice your French, Culture and Society

For students who have completed most B1 levels and wish to practise their higher level of French Intermediate study. **(B2)**

CHRISTINE GRAFF

Wed 1 May | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[F2F]**

7 weeks | \$275 | Conc \$248

From Paris to Corsica

Learn basic French and learn about French culture in preparation for a fabulous trip from Paris to Corsica. **(A1)**

OLIVIA DE BERGERAC

Mon 6 May | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **[HYB]**





ITALIAN

Practise your Italian Grammar

Designed for students who would like to reinforce the main points of the A1 grammar content, solve doubts and fix mistakes. **(A1)**

VALENTINA ROMEO

SHORT COURSE

Mon 15, Tue 16, Wed 17 & Thu 18 April | 10am-1pm | **F2F**
4 days | \$246 | Conc \$221

Practise your Italian Grammar

Designed for students who would like to reinforce the main points of the A2 grammar content, solve doubts and fix mistakes. **(A2)**

VALENTINA ROMEO

SHORT COURSE

Mon 15, Tue 16, Wed 17 & Thu 18 April | 2pm-5pm | **F2F**
4 days | \$246 | Conc \$221

Italian Through Art

Revise and expand Intermediate skills through basic readings on Italian art works, artists, and art movements. **(B2-C1)**

MARCO MIGOTTO

Wed 24 April | 12 noon-2:15pm | **F2F**
8 weeks | \$321 | Conc \$289

Italian Intermediate Reading

Designed for students who would like to read in Italian but don't feel ready for novels, this course uses texts suitable for their level to improve comprehension, vocabulary and speaking. **(A2-B1)**

VALENTINA ROMEO

Tue 30 April | 12 noon-2pm | **ONL**

OR Wed 1 May | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **F2F**

Italian Book Club

Explore classic and modern Italian literature to engage with authentic material to have a deeper knowledge of the Italian culture and language. **(B2-C1)**

ISABELLA CROCE

Tue 30 April | 4pm-6pm | **ONL**

Italian Gestures and Italian through Gestures

Gestures are essential elements in Italian culture and communication. Learn about common gestures and use their meaning to reinforce vocabulary and structures. **(A2-B1)**

VALENTINA ROMEO

SHORT COURSE

Fri 17 May | 9:30am-12 noon | **F2F**
2 weeks | \$128 | Conc \$115

SPANISH

Advanced Spanish Book Club

Put yourself in a young Spanish character's shoes and learn about different cultures, customs and ways of living. An easy read to work on your advanced Spanish skills! **(C1)**

SILVIA MARTINEZ JIMENO

SHORT COURSE

Sat 20 April | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**
1 day | \$46

Intermediate Spanish Book Club

Put yourself in a young Spanish character's shoes and learn about different cultures, customs and ways of living. An easy read to work on your intermediate Spanish skills! **(B1-B2)**

SILVIA MARTINEZ JIMENO

SHORT COURSE

Sat 20 April | 1pm-3pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$46

TRAVELLING TO JAPAN OR CHINA?

Are you planning to travel to Japan or China? Do you want to be understood and to understand in everyday situations like finding directions, ordering food, travelling the countryside, handling money and making friends? Our short *Japanese for Travellers* and *Chinese for Travellers* courses are for you.



OTHER LANGUAGES

Japanese for Travellers

Learn and practice conversational Japanese for real-life travel situations and enjoy an insight into Japanese culture. **(A1)**

MASAFUMI NAITO

SHORT COURSE

Sat 4 & Sat 11 Apr | 12 noon-4pm | **F2F**
2 weeks | \$186 | Conc \$167

Chinese for Travellers

Learn basic structure and practical conversation, key expressions, and vocabulary of Mandarin Chinese. Learn about the culture before going to China. **(A1)**

YING LIU

SHORT COURSE

Mon 15, Tue 16, Wed 17 & Thu 18 April | 1pm-3pm | **F2F**
4 days | \$186 | Conc \$167

Latin Advanced Reading: Cicero and Vergil

Read, unpack and discuss the works of Virgil and Cicero. For students who can read original Latin at an advanced level. **(C1)**

FRANK AMATI

Tue 30 April | 12:30pm-2:30pm | **ONL**

Beginners Russian through Easy Poetry

Learn Russian through folk songs and poems. Develop pronunciation, cultural understanding and deeper comprehension of the language. Only basic knowledge is required. **(A1-A2)**

TATIANA BONCH-OSMOLOVSKAYA

Thu 2 May | 2pm-4pm | **ONL**

Practise your Portuguese Prepositions

This course provides basic knowledge and skills to enable students to use prepositions in the Portuguese language. **(A2)**

MARIA TEIXEIRA-ALVES

SHORT COURSE

Sat 4 May | 10am-2pm | **F2F**
4 weeks | \$297 | Conc \$267

Travel & Culture

Are you interested in foreign languages – why not explore foreign cultures? We have an exciting array of Travel and Culture courses, from China to Peru!



See our Travel & Culture section on page 16.

History

AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

The Battle of El Alamein

MICHAEL PYNE

El Alamein was a crucial battle in the war against the Axis forces, and also the biggest battle in which Australians were involved in WWII.

Mon 22 April | 10am-12 noon | **[HYB]**

1 day | \$43

More Disturbing Episodes in Australian History

JUDITH KING

Explore more disturbing and important episodes in Australia's colonial and contemporary history and politics. New topics – suitable for new students and those who attended Part 1.

Tue 30 April & Tue 7 May | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**

2 weeks | \$86 | Conc \$77

Australia's Wartime Prime Ministers

MICHAEL PYNE

Menzies, Curtin and Chifley were the three prime ministers who governed in the Second World's war decade of the 1940s. Evaluate their contributions and achievements.

Tue 14 May | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[HYB]**

4 weeks | \$158 | Conc \$142

'Who Travels by Train sees NSW Best' – The Role of Railways in the Progress of NSW



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Railways are often overlooked for their role in the development of NSW – they have shaped our society's economic, social, technological, industrial, and political development. Explore this story and its significance to citizens and their families.

Thu 16 May | 11am-1pm | **[ONL]**

1 day | \$39 | RAHS Members \$35

Family History – Nuts and Bolts

KERRY BARLOW

An introduction to the main primary and secondary sources of information required to build family histories. Providing opportunity for a hands-on exploration of multiple websites and teaching an organised approach to searching and recording.

Sat 15 June | 9:30am-4pm | **[F2F]**

1 day | \$140 | Conc \$126

Finding Irish Ancestors

KERRY BARLOW

An introduction to the key primary and secondary sources of records required to assist students to locate (Northern and Southern) Irish family.

Sat 29 June | 9:30am-4pm | **[F2F]**

1 day | \$140 | Conc \$126

WORLD HISTORY

Jordan from Ancient Times to the 21st Century

MICHAEL PYNE

Explore the central role of Jordan in events in the Middle East, from ancient to modern times.

Mon 29 April | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[HYB]**

4 weeks | \$158 | Conc \$142

How Writings of the Ancient World survived to the Present Day

HUGH TRANTER

Did you know that only a handful of original documents survive from ancient Rome and Greece? We examine how monks transcribed and preserved books in monasteries, until they were rediscovered during the Renaissance.

Wed 15 May | 2pm-4pm | **[ONL]**

1 day | \$43

Full course details

Visit www.weasydney.com.au for detailed information.



Join the WEA Sydney Council and receive a \$90 voucher



Students enrolled in current WEA classes can join WEA Sydney Council as Student Representatives.

Council meetings are at WEA House at 4pm on the third Friday of every month.

If you become a Student Representative and attend 3 meetings you'll receive a \$90 course enrolment voucher. Attend more meetings for more vouchers.

Pick up the **Why Not Get Involved** leaflet from WEA ground floor Enrolment or level 1 Reception.



Queen Elizabeth I – Lessons in Leadership

JUDITH KING

Alan Alexrod, a 21st C management consultant, argues strongly that current CEOs could learn a great deal about leadership and corporate strategy from the Tudor Queen, Elizabeth I.

Tue 28 May | 10am-12 noon | **[F2F]**

2 weeks | \$86 | Conc \$77

The Voyages of the Duyfken

IAN BURNET

In 1606, the Dutch vessel Duyfken commanded by Willem Jansz was the first European vessel to land on Australian shores. Learn of the voyages of the Duyfken from Holland to the East Indies and this historic landing.

Tue 28 May | 2:30pm-4pm | **[F2F]**

1 day | \$33

The Race for Everest

SONYA THOMPSON

EVEREST DAY

Celebrate Everest Day with the story of the race to complete the first ascent and a look at life in the shadow of Everest today.

Wed 29 May | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **[F2F]**

OR Wed 29 May | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[ONL]**

1 day | \$43

Key Battles of the Western World and their Impact on Western Civilisation

PETER HEADLEY

Analyse the impact of the strategic battles of the Western World on the development of warfare, new technology, society, culture and politics from 490BC up to current times.

Fri 7 June | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **[F2F]**

3 weeks | \$120 | Conc \$108

What do our students say...

Suzanne: "Kerry is a wonderful lecturer. So much information but every minute was very interesting. With Kerry's notes and wisdom, I feel confident to start delving into my Irish family history. I know her learning materials are great, as I still use the information she gave out when I attended her genealogy course. And I look forward to studying more Irish history. Really fantastic way to spend a Saturday."

See Family History–Nuts and Bolts, page10



ANCIENT HISTORY

Ancient Mesopotamia – Rise of Civilisation

PAUL HOWLES

Introduction to Mesopotamian civilisation in the 3rd and 2nd millennia BC, from the Sumerian city-states to the nascent Babylonian and Assyrian states, and touching on the preceding Neolithic Revolution.

Sat 11 May | 10am-1pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$72

Persian Fury and Greek Steel – The Persian Wars

MICHAEL PYNE

The Wars between Greece and Persia in 5th century BCE changed the course of history in both the Eastern and Western worlds and continue to impact us today.

Wed 5 June | 10am-12 noon | **HYB**

4 weeks | \$158 | Conc \$142

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The WEA is a democratic, not-for-profit organisation so our focus is on you; that's why we offer great value through memberships and special offers.

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- Entry in the members' draw for a \$250 course voucher each term
- Priority mailing of your course guide
- Quarterly newsletter with extra offers.

* Does not apply to VET courses, Discussion Group Program or courses run by external organisations.



HISTORICAL WALKS

From Fishing Nets to Olympic Rings – Olympic Park Historical Walk

JO HENWOOD

The Olympics are only the beginning here! This is a place for things people didn't want to see – industry, explosives, the infirm, a prison; as well as sporting triumphs and great estates.

Sat 13 April | 9:30am-12:30pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$79

The 1932 Rebellion That Might Have Been: A Walking Tour

JO HENWOOD

Walk the path of "Might Have Been" right in the middle of the city. 1932 was a thrilling year, when the Bridge opened – and we nearly became a fascist dictatorship.

Sun 12 May | 11am-1pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$46

The Twisted Rocks Walking Tour

JO HENWOOD

Walk the stories of crooks, victims, battlers, and opportunists, in the perfect setting for our quirky past.

Sat 1 June | 2pm-4pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$46

Take Me to the River - Windsor History Walk

DIANA LEVY

This is a train-friendly walk around Windsor and down to the river. Being there will bring alive the frontier, 1794 and beyond.

Wed 17 Apr | 10am-3:30pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$126 | Conc \$113

The Improving Macquaries: Lachlan

DIANA LEVY

Governor Lachlan Macquarie (NSW) had to turn around a colony of convicts after the Rum Rebellion.

Wed 8 May | 9am-12 noon | **F2F**

1 day | \$79

The Improving Macquaries: Elizabeth

DIANA LEVY

The focus of this walk is Elizabeth Macquarie, the good woman behind a great man. It complements the "Lachlan" walk but can be taken on its own.

Wed 22 May | 9am-12 noon | **F2F**

1 day | \$79

Victorian and Federation Sydney – Sydney CBD Walking Tour

MICHAEL HAUPTMAN

Get to know Sydney in the Victorian and Federation period, when the city we know today really took shape.

Sun 5 May | 10am-1pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$79

Art Deco and More – Sydney CBD Walking Tour

MICHAEL HAUPTMAN

Often unnoticed, Sydney boasts a wealth of beautiful Art Deco buildings preserved through all the changes of the past 70-odd years. Moderate fitness recommended.

Sun 19 May | 10am-1pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$79

Meet our tutor...

Michael Pyne has been teaching history for over 40 years, from high school to university level. He has written or co-written 13 history text books including HSC texts on the Arab/Israeli conflict and Classical Athens as well as a biography of a holocaust survivor. His areas of interest range from the Middle East conflict to Ancient Greece and Rome, Australian military and social history and Irish history. He has travelled extensively throughout the Middle East, Asia, North America and Europe.

See *The Battle of El Alamein*, *Australia's Wartime Prime Ministers* and *Jordan from Ancient Times to the 21st Century* on page 10 and *Persian Fury and Greek Steel – The Persian Wars* on page 11.



Visual Arts

ART APPRECIATION

Stories of Looted Art – Where are we Now?

ANNE HARBERS

Looted Art is about war, colonial history and legal/ethical issues of restitution. A current exhibition in Den Haag and Berlin presents new perspectives to encourage awareness.

Mon 15 April | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**

OR Tue 16 April | 6pm-8pm | **ONL**

1 day | \$43

Art and Science in Sixteenth Century Italy

DOMINIQUE MILLAR

Discover the emergence of human anatomy in the workshops of Italian Renaissance artists and how drawing and mathematics was central to the birth of modern Physics.

Fri 19 April & Fri 26 April | 10am-1pm | **F2F**

2 weeks | \$120 | Conc \$108

David Hockney – One of the Most Influential Artists of the 20th Century

GRAHAM WATSON

NEW TUTOR

Learn the diversity of Hockney's eclectic artwork from his use of centuries-old engraving to modern technology with the Apple iPad.

Tue 23 April | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**

1 day | \$43

The Rise and Fall of Modernism

MICHAEL HAUPTMAN

The "Modernist" movement united philosophers, artists and politicians who were determined to change the world. Explore the evolution of this fascinating, dramatic, idealistic and tragic movement.

Mon 29 April | 6pm-8:30pm | **HYB**

6 weeks | \$167 | Conc \$150



The Colourful Victorians – Art, Design and Jewellery

ANNE HARBERS

To many, Queen Victoria in black represents the Victorian era. But the Victorians loved colour – purples, green and yellows in art and brilliant jewellery.

Thu 9 May | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **F2F**

OR Fri 10 May | 6pm-8pm | **ONL**

1 day | \$43

M.C. Escher – Master of the Visual Illusion

ANNE HARBERS

Escher was a Dutch graphic artist who made woodcuts and mezzotints where fish became birds, water flowed up, and hands drew each other.

Fri 21 June | 6pm-8pm | **ONL**

1 day | \$43

The Art and Identity of Palestinian Clothing – From the Bronze Age Until Now

DOMINIQUE MILLAR

Explore the traditional clothing of Palestine and how the cut of its robes and the ornament of its embroidery express the entire history of a region since at least 1200 BCE.

Thu 4 July | 10am-1pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$72

PRACTICAL ART

Digital Art for Beginners with Procreate

JACQUELINE CURRY

NEW COURSE

Unleash your creativity by turning your iPad into a digital art studio. Procreate is user-friendly – all you need is your iPad with Procreate installed, Apple Pencil and you're set to go!

Sun 28 April & Sun 5 May | 9am-3:30pm | **F2F**

2 weeks | \$255 | Conc \$230

Linocut Relief Printing Without a Press for Continuers

CILLA CAMPBELL

Have fun as you continue developing your relief printmaking techniques without a press to express your inner creative visions.

Tue 30 April | 12:30pm-3:30pm | **F2F**

8 weeks | \$349 | Conc \$314



Colour and Collage Studio for Beginners

BRENDAN SMITH

Discover the highly creative realm of collage, while learning the art of visual composition. Collage has laid the groundwork for our cut and paste digital present day and remains popular as an active engagement visual medium across all age groups and cultures.

Fri 3 May | 9:30am-12:30pm | **F2F**

5 weeks | \$278 | Conc \$250

Advanced Colour and Collage: Artist's Studio

BRENDAN SMITH

Continue with the highly creative realm of collage, and the art of visual composition.

Fri 3 May | 1:30pm-4:30pm | **F2F**

5 weeks | \$278 | Conc \$250

Calligraphy for Beginners: Foundational Hand

SHARON BAKER

Learn the rich history of our Modern Alphabet with a focus on Foundational Hand and its modern applications. Gain an understanding of working with a broad edge nib while continuing to refine calligraphic technique.

Wed 15 May | 5:30pm-7:30pm | **F2F**

6 weeks | \$241 | Conc \$217

Intermediate Calligraphy: Modern Uncial Script

ELAINE WITTON

The Uncial script is not known for being versatile. We will experiment with this ancient script and its designs to produce modern versions. All you need is to have learnt one calligraphic script using broad-edged nibs.

Thu 13 June | 11am-1pm | **ONL**

4 weeks | \$182 | Conc \$164

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Composing Photographs

MICHAELA CLARKSON

Appreciate the aesthetic tools of design and then use them for greater personal expression and visual impact to improve the design of your photographs.

Thu 2 May | 6pm-8pm | **F2F**

3 weeks | \$131 | Conc \$118

Night Photography Landscapes

MICHAELA CLARKSON

The city landscape at night is alive with colour and movement. Explore the creative potential in colour, composition and camera manipulation techniques.

Thu 20 June | 6:30pm-9pm | **F2F**

3 weeks | \$162 | Conc \$146

Introducing your Digital Camera Weekend Workshop

MICHAELA CLARKSON

Learn how to use your camera more effectively than just pressing the shutter button and take control of the essential functions to effect changes in your photographs.

Sat 22 & Sat 29 June | 9:30am-4:30pm | **F2F**

2 weeks | \$269 | Conc \$242

WEA Sydney Discussion Groups



The WEA Discussion Group Program is based on the formation of small, friendly home-based groups – minimum 6 people, maximum 15 – wishing to meet regularly to discuss and learn, and enjoy the active exchange of ideas.

What courses are on offer?

Over 100 courses are available including new courses for 2024 study, from history, fine arts, religion, literature, poetry, travel and drama.

For more information, call **9264 2781** and ask for the Discussion Group Coordinator.



DRAWING & PAINTING

Pastel Painting and Drawing

FIONA O'BEIRNE

Use chalk and oil pastels as both a drawing and painting media through a series of exercises depicting a number of subjects.

Mon 29 April | 10am-12 noon | **ONL**

8 weeks | \$290 | Conc \$261

Watercolour Techniques

FIONA O'BEIRNE

Watercolours is a beautiful medium which can be executed in a variety of manners. On completion, you should be able to use watercolours in seven different ways.

Wed 1 May | 10am-12 noon | **ONL**

8 weeks | \$290 | Conc \$261

Intermediate Drawing

FIONA O'BEIRNE

Develop and expand on your skills in a variety of techniques and media such as pastel, charcoal and ink. Explore skills such as texture, tone and composition.

Fri 3 May | 10am-12 noon | **ONL**

8 weeks | \$290 | Conc \$261

An Introduction to Acrylics

FIONA O'BEIRNE

An ideal medium for those wishing to explore traditional painting or more modern mixed-media techniques: covering still life, landscape and the human figure.

Fri 3 May | 12:30pm-2:30pm | **ONL**

8 weeks | \$290 | Conc \$261

An Introduction to Drawing for Beginners

DOMINIQUE MILLAR

From elementary forms and basic geometric shapes, this course gradually introduces more complex structure within the process of learning to draw.

Mon 15 & Tue 16 April | 10am-4pm | **F2F**

2 days | \$241 | Conc \$217

Drawing the Animal Kingdom

DOMINIQUE MILLAR

Since humans began to draw, animals have played a pivotal role in creative expression. Learn how to draw animals at rest or in motion.

Mon 29 April | 10am-1pm | **F2F**

8 weeks | \$349 | Conc \$314



Drawing for Beginners

DOMINIQUE MILLAR

This course will guide you through the fundamental principles that lead to a comprehensive proficiency in drawing.

Tue 30 April | 5:30pm-8:30pm | **F2F**

OR Wed 1 May | 10am-1pm | **F2F**

8 weeks | \$349 | Conc \$314

Life Drawing Lessons from the Masters

DOMINIQUE MILLAR

This course seeks to comprehensively address the principles that lead to a proficiency in figure drawing. Inclusive of this will be an analysis of the drawings of the Old Masters.

Sat 4 May | 1pm-4pm | **F2F**

8 weeks | \$349 | Conc \$314

Learn to Pastel

CILLA CAMPBELL

Chalk pastels are both a drawing and painterly medium with a broad range of applications. Learn tips, techniques as well as what not to do in this stimulating course for beginners and those with some knowledge.

Thu 2 May | 10am-12:30pm | **F2F**

8 weeks | \$338 | Conc \$304

Learn to Draw a Portrait

CILLA CAMPBELL

Study the techniques of famous portrait artists, both contemporary and in history. Learn the principals for how to draw the skull (bone structure) and then the human face.

Thu 2 May | 12:30pm-3pm | **F2F**

8 weeks | \$338 | Conc \$304

Chrysanthemum Painting for Beginners

FRANZ CHEUNG

Chrysanthemum carries a special symbolic metaphor in Chinese traditional painting. Learn this fascinating and beautiful painting using genuine Chinese materials.

Wed 1 May | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **F2F**

8 weeks | \$290 | Conc \$261

Join our
Team of Tutors

For more information
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Music

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Chinese Music Appreciation

YING LIU

Explore the history and haunting beauty of Chinese music across the ages. Includes the teacher's use of the evocative erhu instrument.

Mon 29 April | 12.15pm-2.15pm | **F2F**
8 weeks | \$252 | Conc \$227

Unlucky in Love – Eight Great Operas

VIRGINIA MCGILL

Eight operas from eight different composers, Italian, French, German, Russian and English. Be transported in time, over centuries and places, from medieval Cornwall to Rome's Castel Sant'Angelo.

Wed 1 May | 11am-1pm | **F2F**
8 weeks | \$252 | Conc \$227

Music and its Cultural Environment: the Renaissance, Baroque and Modern Eras

ROBERT FORGACS

Explore the fruitful relationship between an outstanding selection of works and their original and subsequent environments.

Fri 3 May | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**
8 weeks | \$252 | Conc \$227

A Brief History of Opera

SUSAN DEAS

Get more out of opera! Explore its development through history, from Monteverdi in the late Renaissance through to Puccini and beyond.

Sat 11 May | 9am-4pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$136 | Conc \$122

PRACTICAL MUSIC

Jump on the Ukulele Band Wagon

ANDREW BANKS

Be the Big Kahuna at your next beach party with your newly acquired ukulele skills. It's fun and it's easy.

Thu 2 May | 12:30pm-2pm | **F2F**
6 weeks | \$188 | Conc \$169



Score Interpretation for Choristers

REBECCA SCOTT

Singing in a choir can be sometimes be overwhelming if you aren't familiar with how to interpret a score of music. Look no further, this course is for you!

Thu 2 May | 3pm-4pm | **ONL**
4 weeks | \$97 | Conc \$87

Music Theory for P Platers: Intermediate Level

REBECCA SCOTT

Expand and consolidate your knowledge of scales and key signatures. Rhythmic passages and time signatures are included.

Fri 3 May | 10am-11:30am | **ONL**
8 weeks | \$235 | Conc \$212

It's All About Rhythm!

REBECCA SCOTT

Music time signatures can be pretty daunting at times. Find out how to decipher them with confidence and ease!

Thu 30 May | 3pm-4pm | **ONL**
4 weeks | \$97 | Conc \$87

Strike a Chord 1: Piano Playing for the Absolute Beginner

REBECCA SCOTT

A perfect course for the absolute beginner who has always been curious about what playing the piano entails.

Thu 2 May | 10am-11am | **ONL**
8 weeks | \$177 | Conc \$159

Strike a Chord 2: Piano Playing for the Confident Beginner

REBECCA SCOTT

This course is the natural step-up from being an absolute beginner introducing bass and treble clef music for left and right hands.

Thu 2 May | 11:30am-12:30pm | **ONL**
8 weeks | \$177 | Conc \$159

Strike a Chord 3: Piano Playing for the Advanced Beginner

REBECCA SCOTT

This course is for students who can navigate their way around a piano keyboard with confidence. Short piano pieces combining treble and bass clefs in different keys, chords and rhythm will be explored.

Thu 2 May | 1pm-2pm | **ONL**
8 weeks | \$177 | Conc \$159



SINGING

Discover Your Voice: Beginners Level Singing

REBECCA SCOTT

Where do you start? Learn how to find your voice and sing in tune with vocal warm ups, breathing techniques and application to song.

Wed 1 May | 1:30pm-3:30pm | **F2F**
8 weeks | \$284 | Conc \$256

Enhance Your Voice: Intermediate Level Singing

REBECCA SCOTT

Enhance and enrich your voice with technical exercises applied to repertoire. Basic music theory will also be applied.

Tue 30 April | 12:30pm-2pm | **F2F**
8 weeks | \$235 | Conc \$212

Polish Your Voice: Advanced Level Singing

REBECCA SCOTT

Polish your established singing skills with vocal gymnastics, songs in close harmony, rhythm precision and the integration of theory.

Tue 30 April | 2:30pm-4pm | **F2F**
8 weeks | \$235 | Conc \$212

The Empowered Voice – Singing for the Non-Singer

VICKI DWYER

For those who have been discouraged from singing make a fresh start to discover your voice, no matter what your age in a supportive environment.

Thu 2 May | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**
8 weeks | \$284 | Conc \$256

All in a Chord! An a Cappella Ensemble Singing Workshop

REBECCA SCOTT

VICKI DWYER

Come join us in a dynamic day of a cappella singing with two voice specialists. Learn about your voice type, keeping in rhythm and harmony with accuracy and precision.

Sat 1 & Sat 15 June | 10am-4pm | **F2F**
2 weeks | \$230 | Conc \$207

Full course details

Visit www.weasydney.com.au for detailed information.



Leisure, Culture & Wellness

HOBBIES & LEISURE

Backyard Beekeeping

JUDITH SLEIJPEN

Would you like to harvest your own honey? Learn everything you need to know about bees, the equipment needed and how much honey you can expect.

Sun 21 April | 9:30am-4pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$140 | Conc \$126

Cooperative Board Games for Mind Exercise and Pleasure

TATIANA BONCH-OSMOLOVSKAYA

Learn to play board games that demand logical thinking, problem-solving and co-operation!

Sun 21 April | 10:30am-1:30pm | **F2F**

OR Sat 15 Jun | 12:30pm-3:30pm | **F2F**

3 weeks | \$167 | Conc \$150

Being Crafty with Paper Craft

VIVIAN TSE

Crafting with paper is all about creating artistic objects out of paper and transforming ordinary sheets of paper into 2D and 3D artworks.

Sat 11 & Sat 18 May | 10am-2pm | **F2F**

2 weeks | \$158 | Conc \$142

The Wonderful World of Wine: Kings of Clare Valley

RAY YOUNIS

Join us to taste and discuss some of the great wines of the beautiful Clare Valley, including riesling, assyrtiko, shiraz, cabernets, malbec, merlot and tempranillo.

Sat 27 April | 10am-4:30pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$155 | Conc \$140

Wines of McLaren Vale

RAY YOUNIS

Taste and discuss some great, distinctive wines of the McLaren Vale, including viognier, old vine grenache and shiraz, cabernets, sangiovese, mourvedre and muscat.

Sat 18 May | 10am-4:30pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$155 | Conc \$140

Great Wines of the Yarra Valley

RAY YOUNIS

Taste and discuss the distinctive cool climate wines of the Yarra Valley, including pinot grigio, marsanne, syrah, cabernets and world-class award winning chardonnay and pinot noir.

Sat 8 June | 10am-4:30pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$155 | Conc \$140

Introduction to Tunisian Crochet

PAYAL BHARGAVA

Tunisian crochet is often referred to as a marriage of knitting and crochet but the fabric created and the stitches used are unique and fascinating.

Fri 3 May | 12:15pm-2:45pm | **F2F**

4 weeks | \$180 | Conc \$162

Learn to Crochet

PAYAL BHARGAVA

If you've ever wanted to learn to crochet here is your chance - learn the fundamentals of starting a Crochet chain, the various stitches used, how to hold your hook and yarn correctly, and how to finish your work.

Sat 8 June | 1:30pm-4pm | **F2F**

4 weeks | \$180 | Conc \$162

An Introduction to Crocheting Toys

MIA TSIRIKAS

Discover the basics of using crochet to make your very own plush toys.

Wed 19 June | 10am-12 noon | **F2F**

3 weeks | \$120 | Conc \$108

WELLNESS

An Introduction to Tai Chi

JOHN WALSH

Tai Chi is a blend of exercise and meditation. Coordinating slow rhythmic movements with relaxed deep breathing leads to a calmness that has many health benefits both physical and psychological.

Thu 18 April | 10am-11:30am | **F2F**

1 day | \$33

Beginners Tai Chi

JOHN WALSH

Tai Chi is a blend of rhythmic movements and deep-breathing which leads to a calmness that has many health benefits both physical and psychological.

Thu 2 May | 10am-11:30am | **F2F**

7 weeks | \$215 | Conc \$194

Continuing Tai Chi

JOHN WALSH

This course continues where the Beginners Tai Chi course finished and is suitable for those who have completed that course or a similar course elsewhere.

Thu 2 May | 11:45am-1:15pm | **F2F**

7 weeks | \$215 | Conc \$194



Morning Yoga

MALABI BANERJI

Experience an in-depth introduction to yoga incorporating postures, breathing techniques, meditation and deep relaxation.

Mon 29 April | 10am-11:30am | **F2F**

10 weeks | \$265 | Conc \$238

Mindfulness, Meditation and Deep Relaxation

MALABI BANERJI

Mindful, meditation and deep relaxation sessions to help us learn inner calm, clarity and peace underneath our busy minds and outlooks.

Mon 29 April | 12:30pm-1:30pm | **F2F**

10 weeks | \$199 | Conc \$179

Neurosciences and Longevity

OLIVIA DE BERGERAC

Learn how to live longer and stay physically and mentally young by discovering the latest research in neurosciences and the art of looking after your brain.

Wed 1 May | 12:15pm-2:15pm | **F2F**

9 weeks | \$272 | Conc \$245

How to Have Great Arguments that Build rather than Damage Our Relationships

LANNING BENNETT

Arguments can do us a lot of damage, but many suggest that they are good for us. So, how do we have arguments that are healthy and constructive and build rather than damage relationships?

Tue 18 June | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$43

Preparing for Retirement – It Might Be Harder Than You Think

LANNING BENNETT

Explore the strategies to prepare for retirement – both what to do and what to avoid doing. We will discuss some of the major problems and how to find the joys.

Tue 25 June | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$43

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JUDITH SLEIJPEN

Learn how to grow your own herbs, vegetables and fruit trees. Find out about different methods of recycling, including composting and worm farms, and how to get rid of pests, diseases and weeds, without using any chemicals.

Sat 27 April | 9:30am-4pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$140 | Conc \$126

Indoor Plants for Healthy Living

JUDITH SLEIJPEN

Discover how to choose, grow and maintain the most suitable indoor plants for your location, to add appeal to the environment, reduce stress and increase your sense of well-being.

Sat 11 May | 9:30am-4pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$140 | Conc \$126

Bonsai Bonanza

JUDITH SLEIJPEN

Discover the history of bonsai and find out which plants are most suitable and how to maintain them.

Sat 25 May | 9:30am-4pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$140 | Conc \$126

COURSE DELIVERY

FACE-TO-FACE courses at WEA are identified by the symbol: **F2F**

ZOOM courses are held online and identified by the symbol: **ONL**

Combined (hybrid) face-to-face and online Zoom courses identified by the symbol: **HYB**

Meet our tutor...

Almis Simans is an avid traveller who has walked many of the traditional European trails. He has published ten books about travel, history and folklore. His courses are interactive and designed to give participants the practical information, inspiration and motivation to begin their own personal journeys.

See **Almis's** courses on pages 16 and 17.



TRAVEL & CULTURE

Mysterious China – Water, Wood and Fire

ALMIS SIMANS

We embark upon two journeys, Yangtze River and The Great Wall, which will give a feel for what it is like to travel in China where the "far shores of Cathay" have fascinated the West for centuries.

Sun 14 April | 9:30am-12:30pm | **ONL**
OR Sat 20 April | 9:30am-12:30pm | **F2F**
1 day | \$72

Gibb River Road to Kununurra

ALMIS SIMANS

This is one of Australia's classic journeys, taking us along the Gibb River Road and the Mitchell Plateau to Kununurra. Visit some iconic and fabulous Aussie locations.

Mon 15 April | 6pm-8pm | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

Santiago de Compostela

ALMIS SIMANS

Explore Santiago de Compostela through the eyes of pilgrims to discover the medieval traditions of pilgrimage and why we still find them meaningful today.

Wed 17 April | 6pm-8pm | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

Russian Culture through Cinema

SOFYA YUNUSOVA

For those who have an interest in Soviet and Russian cinema and cultures – an introduction to Russian culture through film from the 1950s. The course is held in English.

Mon 29 April | 6pm-8pm | **F2F**
6 weeks | \$209 | Conc \$188



Travel and Coffee – Jerusalem's Origins

ALMIS SIMANS

Jerusalem – the most contested city on earth is also one of the most fascinating. This is the heart of the Holy Land. We explore Jerusalem's origins up until the Roman occupation.

Sun 19 May | 9:30am-11:30am | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

The Tasman Sea

HUGH TRANTER

Explore the Tasman Sea – the geography of the sea and the coasts that adjoin it, together with stories of the people who live near it.

Tue 21 May | 2pm-4pm | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

Travel and Coffee – Venice: The Most Serene Republic

ALMIS SIMANS

Venice will always have charm, with its undeniably romantic setting, classic architecture and wonderful water views – one of the most beautiful places in Italy.

Sun 2 June | 9:30am-11:30am | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

World Heritage Sites of Queensland

GRAEME APLIN

Explore the four fascinating World Heritage sites in Queensland along with the Gondwana Rainforests of Queensland.

Thu 20 & Thu 27 June | 2:30pm-4:30pm | **F2F**
2 weeks | \$86 | Conc \$77

What do our students say...

Carol: "Judith has an amazing amount of knowledge of the subject and an ease and generosity of spirit in imparting it. The slides she provided to illustrate her teaching points were excellent and it was helpful to see the plants she brought in to the class. Definitely a bright spot in my week and I am looking forward to completing more courses with her. Highly recommended."

See **Judith Sleijpen's** courses on page 16.



TRAVEL TUESDAYS

Transformational Travel

SAM MERABI

NEW TUTOR

Planning on travelling this year? Instead of being a tourist skimming the surface of places, become a traveller and learn the art of meaningful and transformational travel.

Tue 30 April | 6pm-8pm | **F2F**

OR Wed 17 April | 6pm-8pm | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

Peru at a Glance

LINDSAY NUNEZ LOPEZ

Ancient ruins, impressive archaeological sites, folk culture deeply tinged with ancestral inheritance, hospitality, and a variety of landscapes define the Andean South American country of Peru.

Tue 7 May | 6pm-8pm | **F2F**

OR Sat 25 May | 10am-12 noon | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

Exploring Southern Iceland

ALMIS SIMANS

Iceland is famous for its rugged landscapes, scenery and Viking history. We visit "The Land of Fire and Ice" to see the Viking legacy and the exhilarating landscape.

Tue 14 May | 6pm-8pm | **F2F**

OR Wed 15 May | 6pm-8pm | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

Japan – Kochi and Ehime Discovery

JOHN MCBRIDE

Take a journey of discovery through the elegant and tranquil regions of Kochi and Ehime, two of Japan's most beautiful but least visited prefectures.

Tue 21 May | 6pm-8pm | **F2F**

OR Wed 22 May | 10am-12 noon | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

Medieval Brittany

YVETTE DEBERGUE

The medieval Duchy of Brittany was both Celtic and French. With castles, monasteries and abbeys everywhere and well known medieval fairs, Brittany is a must-do for any trip to France.

Tue 4 June | 6pm-8pm | **F2F**

1 day | \$43

The Old Egyptian Museum

ALMIS SIMANS

The Egyptian Museum is the largest museum in Africa. Among its masterpieces are Pharaoh Tutankhamun's treasures. We walk through the old galleries to gain a better understanding of Ancient Egypt.

Tue 11 June | 6pm-8pm | **F2F**

OR Wed 12 June | 6pm-8pm | **ONL**
1 day | \$43

Melbourne's Magnificent Architecture

MICHAEL HAUPTMAN

Melbourne in the 1880s was the wonder of the age: "Marvelous Melbourne" – The 1880 international exhibition was the highpoint. Melbourne had another notable burst in 1934 with the Centennial of Melbourne exhibition. Examines Melbourne through both eras.

Tue 25 June | 6pm-8pm | **HYB**

1 day | \$43

What do our students say...

Sandra: "Thanks John for another extremely interesting lecture & detailed handout, this time giving us an insight into the unique & unusual history of Christianity in Japan. Thanks as well to WEA for hosting this – we are extremely lucky to be able to enjoy John's lectures"
See Japan – Kochi and Ehime Discovery on page 17.

Have a Great Idea for a New Course?

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PLANNING TO TRAVEL?

Learn a **LANGUAGE** before you go.

Do you want to be understood and to understand in everyday situations like finding directions, ordering food, travelling the countryside, handling money and making friends?

See our Languages section on pages 6-9 for more details.



Join the WEA Sydney Council and receive a \$90 voucher



Students enrolled in current WEA classes can join WEA Sydney Council as Student Representatives. Council meetings are at WEA House at 4pm on the third Friday of every month. If you become a Student Representative and attend 3 meetings you'll receive a \$90 course enrolment voucher. Attend more meetings for more vouchers. Pick up the **Why Not Get Involved** leaflet from WEA ground floor Enrolment or level 1 Reception.

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Tech Savvy Seniors

The **Tech Savvy Seniors** program (held in partnership with the NSW Government and Telstra) delivers government-funded digital literacy training to seniors so they can develop the skills and confidence to access information and services online, or connect with family and friends. Our workshops will assist you with using your smartphone, tablet or iPad to safely use the internet, do your shopping or banking online, use video-calling, explore social media and more.

All courses are \$10 for 1 face-to-face session at WEA House.

Introduction to Smart Phones (iPhone & Android)

Learn how to turn your phone on and off, make a call, add a contact, take a photo and be introduced to apps.

Mon 29 April | 9:30am-12:00 noon

OR Mon 3 June | 9:30am-12 noon

OR Thu 27 June | 9:30am-12 noon

Introduction to Email: Part 1

Learn the basic steps you need to help keep in touch with your family and friends using email: how to set up an email account, send an email, and read and reply to emails that have been sent to you.

Thu 23 May | 1pm-3:30pm

Introduction to Email: Part 2

Expand your knowledge and learn some of the tricks and traps of using email including setting up your address book, groups and group emails, and using CC and BCCs.

Thu 6 June | 9:30am-12 noon

Introduction to Email: Part 3

Learn how to use attachments (which let you add a file, photo or video to an email), organise your emails into folders and avoiding junk email (known as spam).

Sat 22 June | 9:30am-12 noon

Introduction to the Internet: Part 1

Learn about the internet: how to get online and how to surf the web. At the end, you'll be able to sign up for an internet service and access and search the internet on your tablet or smartphone.

Thu 23 May | 9:30am-12 noon

Introduction to the Internet: Part 2

Learn how to scroll and navigate, download, use tabs and favourites, enlarge a web page, go exploring and stay safe online.

Thu 6 June | 1pm-3:30pm

Introduction to the Internet: Part 3

Learn how to download and install iTunes, choose and download media, listen to your music, podcasts, and more.

Sat 22 June | 1pm-3:30pm

Introduction to the iPad

Learn the ease of touch screen technology so you can keep in contact, have fun, entertain your family and friends, learn, search and create!

Thu 2 May | 9:30am-12 noon

OR Sat 11 May | 9:30am-12 noon

Introduction to Android Tablets

Be introduced to touchscreens and gestures, how to launch and install apps, surfing the web, taking photos and adding calendar events.

Mon 29 April | 1pm-3:30pm

OR Thu 27 June | 1pm-3:30pm

Introduction to Video Calling

You will be introduced to two widely used video calling apps: Zoom and Skype so that you can learn how to see and talk to other people online.

Sat 11 May | 1pm-3:30pm

OR Sat 25 May | 9:30am-12 noon

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WEA Student Information

Introduction to Online Shopping & Banking: Part 1

Learn how to search for goods and services, find online stores, and tips for buying and paying for things online.

Sat 25 May | 1pm-3:30pm

Introduction to Online Shopping & Banking: Part 2

Learn how to pay bills online, either through a biller's site or net banking; understand the benefits of online banking and shopping; buy and sell items on eBay; and take precautions to stay safe online.

Sat 15 June | 1pm-3:30pm

Introduction to Social Media: Part 1

Learn about Facebook, X, YouTube and Flickr. By the end, you'll have a good understanding of what social media is, which services you can use and when.

Thu 2 May | 1pm-3:30pm

OR Mon 3 June | 1pm-3:30pm

Introduction to Social Media: Part 2

Learn how to set up profiles in Facebook, Google and X and the issues of protecting your privacy while using these services.

Sat 15 June | 9:30am-12 noon

Full course details

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Visit our website for more information:

www.weasydney.com.au/about

Conditions of Enrolment

By enrolling in a course, you acknowledge that you have accessed and read WEA Sydney's Conditions of Enrolment (available on our website) and understand the requirements of enrolling in the course. Enrol early to be sure of a place. No special closing date for enrolments unless stated. Anyone 18 years and over may enrol. No qualifications or special knowledge is required unless specified. There are no exams. Details of our reimbursement policy can be found on our website: www.weasydney.com.au/policies

Services for Special Needs

- Lift for mobility-disadvantaged students at front entrance
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- Carpark spot on basement level 1. Entry via Bathurst Street. Call WEA Reception to arrange entry.
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- For wheelchair availability, please contact WEA Reception.
- Hearing loop in selected classrooms.

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Term Dates 2024

	START	FINISH
AUTUMN: Term 2	Mon 15 Apr	Fri 5 Jul
WINTER: Term 3	Mon 8 Jul	Fri 27 Sep
SPRING: Term 4	Mon 30 Sep	Fri 20 Dec

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To view the WEA Sydney Code of Practice and the WEA Student Handbook, visit our website: www.weasydney.com.au/handbook

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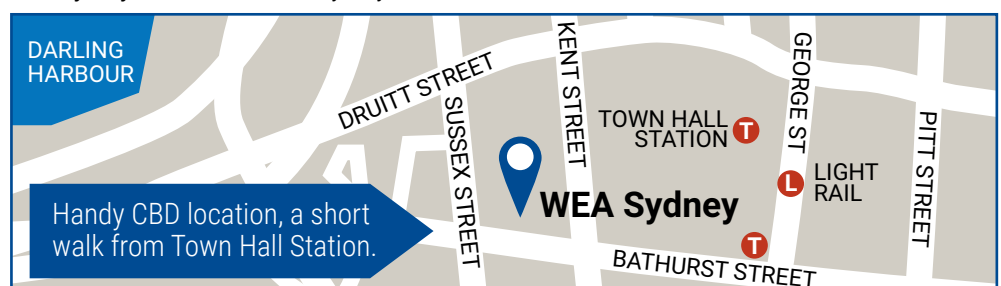
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