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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Use of the Active Elders Association Hall continues to be bound by the conditions imposed by SA Health's Covid-19 Safety Plan. We have adapted our normal practices to permit us to continue to operate.

It is important that you stay at home if you are feeling unwell, even if the likelihood of you having Covid-19 is low. Please consider the wellbeing of your fellow members and friends at this difficult time.

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR

Dear Members,

PRODUCTION OF THIS PROGRAMME - No 92

My thanks go to **Sheila Dickinson, Janet Newman** and **Myself** for another varied and interesting programme.



ENROLMENT FORMS

Please return your completed Enrolment Forms as soon as possible, as it helps me to compile the MC Duty Rosters – particularly for the first month of the Programme. It also means that those attending our sessions are entitled to do so as Full Financial Members, and provides the Management Committee with a reasonably accurate figure for the number of chairs to set out for each session.

WALKING GROUP

Wednesday Walks continue as before, thanks to Judy Milford and Nola Byass. See further details elsewhere in the Programme.

BOOK GROUP

Meetings are held on the third Friday of the month at 1.30 pm at Parkholme Library. See further details included elsewhere in the Programme.

WRITING GROUPS

Both Writing Groups will continue to operate under strict Covid-19 rules. Social distancing is applied, which imposes a limit on numbers attending. Members of the Writing Groups must follow the same procedures as other Groups, and indicate their intention to attend sessions by ticking the appropriate box on the Enrolment Form for return to the Office. This will ensure that those participating under the aegis of U3A Flinders are financial members, and thus covered by our Public Indemnity Insurance policy.

GUIDED VISITS TO THE STATE ART GALLERY

This group continues as before, see details elsewhere in the Programme.

Max Gordon

Programme 92

- Special Notes:**
1. All events in this programme, unless otherwise specified, will be held at:
Active Elder Association Hall, Corner of Charles & Albert Streets, Ascot Park.
 2. U3A Flinders Inc reserves the right to cancel postpone or change advertised events as necessary. Reasonable effort will be made to provide timely notification of such changes to Members who have enrolled.

General Information for Group Activities

The Wednesday Walking Group - General Notes for Walkers

Contact details: Judy Milford. 0408 842 479, Nola Byass 0411 066 014

- Walks start at 9.30 am. Please be at the departure point 5-10 mins before the starting time.
- If you have registered for a walk but are unable to attend, please notify Nola or Judy so that the group knows not to wait for you and the number for coffee can be adjusted.
- Weather conditions: If the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) forecast max. temp. for Adelaide is 32°C or over on the Tuesday evening News, the walk will be cancelled.
- Forecast rain: The walk will be held. Bring rain gear. The exception is if the (BOM) forecast includes lightning, the walk will be cancelled.
- Wear: Name badge with contact details for next of kin on reverse side (for use in case of an accident).
- Coffee will be taken at the completion of each walk, unless otherwise advised.
- When possible, walks have been graded to indicate the level of difficulty.
- **Please Note:**
 - U3A Flinders will continue to adhere to all SA Health regulations in regard to group size and maintaining social distancing. Therefore, coffee during or at the completion of the walk, will only be taken under the auspices of U3A, if COVID-19 restrictions allow.

The Art Gallery Group – Guided Art Gallery Visits

Contact details: Bev Bennet. 0417 858 246, E-mail: beverlybennet@bigpond.com

The monthly visits to the State Art Gallery on North Terrace take place on the third Wednesday of each month during term-time (from February to November). The dates are included in the Prog 92 Enrolment Form so that members can indicate their intention of attending. This is an opportunity to gain different perspectives from the knowledgeable guides who will escort the group through each 1-hour session. The group should assemble at the rear of the Art Gallery, in the foyer between the café and the bookshop, at around 1.20 pm for a 1.30 pm start. The gallery requires Bev to pay entrance fees in advance. So, providing we have 20 people attending it will be \$2 each. If there are less, we still have to cover costs so the fee will be \$3 on the day and any excess will go to U3A. We ask participants to wear their name badge with contact details for next of kin on reverse side (for use in case of an accident).

The Writers' Groups

Writers' Group

Contact person (via U3A Office): Ted Flaherty

This is a long-established group of experienced writers. Members read and critique work in a mutually supportive environment. If you are interested in finding out more about how this group operates, please contact the U3A Office in the first instance and your details will be passed on to the organiser. Sessions are held at Parkholme Library, Duncan Avenue, Parkholme. If you are an existing member, please tick the appropriate box on the Enrolment Form.

Every Thursday during term time. From 9.30 am – 12.30 pm.

Wednesday Scribblers Writing Group

Contact person, (via U3A Office): Alison McDonald

For many members, joining this group was their first foray into the field of creative writing within a supportive environment. If you are interested in finding out more about how this group operates, please contact the U3A Office in the first instance and your details will be passed on to the organiser. Sessions are held at Parkholme Library, Duncan Avenue, Parkholme. If you are an existing member, please tick the appropriate box on the Enrolment Form.

Every Wednesday during term time. From 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

The Book Group – General Notes

These meetings are usually held on the third Friday of each month at 1.30 pm at Parkholme Library, Duncan Ave, Parkholme. Members take turns (if they wish to) at choosing the book of the month (fiction or non-fiction), which appears in the U3A programme. They source their own copies to read (from libraries, e-books, book shop etc) then come along to discuss the book – even if they don't like it! Interesting discussions ensue. New members always welcome, subject to social-distancing rules.

Contact Judy Milford on 0408 842 479 or e-mail milfords4@bigpond.com for further information.

Programme 92 - Sessions

- 1) **The Life & Times of Agatha Christie** by **David Kilner**
David is a crime writer and author. In this light-hearted and well-illustrated talk, David will discuss the world's favourite crime writer and her fascinating life - her upbringing, her tragic first marriage, her successful second marriage, her family, her character, her travels and a little on her books. At the end of the talk on Agatha, David will talk briefly about his own books and have some on display for purchase. Remember: "Everyone loves an Aggie - the world's most popular author!"
Tuesday May 3rd at 2.00 pm.
-) **Thursday May 5th - PLEASE NOTE - THERE IS NO U3A MEETING AT THE HALL TODAY**
The Hall is pre-booked every year at this time for a large conference.
- 2) **Miscarriages of Justice in SA** by **Dr Robert Moles**
Dr Moles is Adjunct Associate Professor at Flinders University in the College of Law. He last spoke to us in Prog 89. In this presentation, he will expand on his previous talk, taking account of ongoing research with a colleague, Bibi Sangha, in which they have exposed a series of major SA cases that may need to be overturned. Bob and Bibi have helped establish a new statutory right of appeal in South Australia, which has also been adopted in Tasmania and Victoria, and hopefully soon in Western Australia and the ACT.
Tuesday May 10th at 2.00 pm.
- 3) **Walk No 1 – Hawthorndene / Coromandel Valley** **Map ref: UBD 155 D9**
Park on Myrtle Road off Turners Avenue, Coromandel Valley.
Meet on corner of Myrtle Road and Turners Avenue.
Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.
Wednesday May 11th at 9.30 am. **Moderate**
- 4) **What are Crypto-currencies and Bitcoin?** by **Dr Karlson (Charlie) Hargroves**
Dr Hargroves is Sustainable Development Fellow at University of Adelaide. He last spoke to us in 2016.
Wikipedia describes Crypto-currencies and Bitcoin as follows:
Bitcoin is a decentralised digital currency, without a central bank or single administrator, that can be sent from user to user on the peer-to-peer bitcoin network without the need for intermediaries. Transactions are verified by network nodes through cryptography and recorded in a public distributed ledger called a blockchain. Bitcoins are created as a reward for a process known as mining. They can be exchanged for other currencies, products, and services. Research produced by the University of Cambridge estimated that in 2017, there were 2.9 to 5.8 million unique users using a cryptocurrency wallet, most of them using bitcoin.
After reading the above are you still confused? Charlie will (hopefully) unravel these mysteries.
Thursday May 12th at 2.00 pm.
- 5) **Quirky Tales of Adelaide's Past** by **Graeme Fanning** of "Down to Earth Tours"
Graeme Fanning is Adelaide born and bred. He has a strong interest in his city of birth and has qualifications in tourism, is an Accredited Tour Officer through the Tourism Industry Council of SA, and volunteers as an Ambassador at the State Library of SA, and as a House Guide at Ayers House Museum.
Graeme will introduce us to some of the city tours he leads, and will share a selection of his stories - covering history, culture, heritage and architecture, combined with tales about some of our early colonial residents and noted citizens. He will also include some snippets of Adelaide life which may not be well known.
Tuesday May 17th at 2.00 pm.
- 6) **Guided Art Gallery Visit** led by **Bev Bennet**
See details on Page 3.
Wednesday May 18th at 1.30 pm.
- 7) **National Overview of Natural and Man-made Emergencies and Disasters** by **Dr Cassandra Star**
Dr Star is an Associate Professor in Public Policy at Flinders University. She is a political scientist, who began her academic life as a natural scientist. Her research expertise is the politics of climate change and this has been the constant thread throughout her career. The climate change challenge for Defence can be understood in terms of two competing missions. The first is Defence's traditional outward-facing role as a war fighting machine. The second is a domestic or inward-facing role to protect and support Australian communities in terms of emergency response and disaster recovery. Defence expects that these priorities will increasingly compete for resources and attention. This talk will specifically explore the second mission, and the role of Defence in emergency and natural disaster situations in the Australian context.
Thursday May 19th at 2.00 pm.

- 8) Book Group: *Teacher*** by Gabbie Stroud led by **Judy Milford**
This personal story by one burnt-out ex-teacher will strike a chord with many....but how will non-teachers feel about it?
Friday May 20th at 1.30 pm at Parkholme Library, Duncan Drive, Parkholme.
- 9) Glenthorne National Park – Past and Present** by **Dr Pamela Smith**
Dr Smith last spoke to us in July 2020 about the process of creating Glenthorne National Park-(*Ityamaitpinna Yarta*). This is a brand-new National Park in Adelaide’s southern suburbs, spanning almost 1500 hectares, almost twice the size of Belair National Park. Pamela will tell us about the latest developments, including a vibrant new Nature Play Precinct which will feature many attractions for people of all ages and abilities. Also, a new state-of-the-art wildlife centre and animal hospital will be built by the RSPCA, which will be staffed 24/7 by veterinary professionals who specialise in the treatment and care of injured and ill native animals and birds.
Tuesday May 24th at 2:00 pm.
- 10) Walk No 2 – Sealcliff heading South** Map ref: **UBD 152 G9**
Meet at the Angus Neill Reserve, Esplanade, Sealcliff.
Some steps. Options available to members for a shorter ‘Easy’ walk or a longer ‘Moderate’ walk.
Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.
Wednesday May 25th at 9.30 am. **Easy or Moderate**
- 11) A Trip to Myanmar, Burma** by **Helen and Roger Bills**
Helen and Roger began travelling overseas in 1974. After living in outback South Australia, and visiting New Zealand, the U.K. and Europe several times, they began to visit countries and places considered to be off the beaten track. For example, when they last spoke to our group in October 2021, they told us about an intriguing recent trip to Taiwan. Another such destination is Myanmar. From the temple-strewn plains of Bagan to the glassy waters of Inle Lake, Myanmar is one of the most magical and undiscovered destinations in the world, a golden land of breathtaking beauty and charm that is steeped in fascinating history and traditions.
Thursday May 26th at 2.00 pm.
- 12) Fauna Rescue of South Australia Inc.** by **A Volunteer of Fauna Rescue** (yet to be notified)
Fauna Rescue of South Australia Inc. commenced operations in 1988. Initiated by a small group of 10 people, Fauna Rescue SA is a registered charity, now boasting a membership of over 400 Wildlife Volunteers.
Every year the Volunteers receive over 15,000 calls for help. Some calls require advice only, but many result in the wildlife being taken into the care of a Volunteer. In this presentation you will hear of their ongoing work. A Donation to Fauna Rescue would be appreciated and a collection will be made at the end of the session.
Tuesday May 31st at 2.00 pm.
- 13) Advice on Living Independently as we age** by **Dr Olivia Farrer**
Dr Farrer is a lecturer in Nutrition and Dietetics in the College of Nursing and Health Services at Flinders University. In this session, Olivia will focus predominantly on the topic of eating well, fuss-free cooking, and healthy ageing. She will provide strategies and resources for ways to maximise nutrition without spending hours in the kitchen, and for maintaining independence and wellbeing. This talk has been specifically designed for the needs of our membership, and should be of great interest to those who live independently.
Thursday June 2nd at 2.00 pm.
- 14) Birds in Art** by **Coralie Creevey**
Coralie is a regular contributor to U3A Flinders’ programmes, her most recent session being in September 2021 on the subject of *Self Portraits in Art*. On this occasion, she will select an interesting range of examples of the depiction of birds from around the world, and provide us with curious, noteworthy and illuminating information about the portrayal of our feathered friends.
Tuesday June 7th at 2.00 pm.
- 15) Walk No 3 – Warriparinga Wetlands** Map ref: **UBD 153 J5**
Meet in carpark at end of Warriparinga Way off Sturt Road.
Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.
Wednesday June 8th at 9.30 am. **Easy**
- 16) Corruption in Government** by **Prof Adam Graycar**
Adam is Director and Professor of Public Policy at University of Adelaide. He is author of over 250 scholarly publications and is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. He also has 22 years’ of experience as a senior government official with both South Australia and Commonwealth Governments.
The title of Adam’s talk is self-explanatory!
Thursday June 9th at 2.00 pm.

17) The Story of a deadly parasitic worm in humans

by **A/Prof Kirstin Ross**

Kirstin is Course Coordinator in Environmental Health at Flinders University.

Strongyloidiasis is an infection caused by a parasitic worm called *Strongyloides stercoralis*, which infects the gastro-intestinal system. Worldwide, it infects an estimated 300 million people, making it more common than malaria. But so few people are aware of it that it has been described as the most neglected of all neglected diseases, and it is very common in Australian Indigenous communities. If a person becomes immunocompromised, the worm goes into a hyper-infective stage, causing horrific internal damage, followed by sepsis and – at this stage – generally death. Kirstin will give us a comprehensive overview of this appalling condition, and provide information about treatments and methods of avoiding infection.

Tuesday June 14th at 2.00 pm.

18) Guided Art Gallery Visit

led by **Bev Bennet**

See details on Page 3.

Wednesday June 15th at 1.30 pm.

19) Canadian Museums and Historic Sites

by **Mary Schumacher**

Mary visited some fascinating places during visits to Canada in 2011, 2013 and 2016, including some unique museums and historic sites, particularly in Nova Scotia, such as: the Maritime Museum and the Immigration Museum in Halifax, and some important historic sites and small museums on Cape Breton Island. This part of Canada had a colourful, eventful and, at times, conflict-ridden past. Mary learned more about the history and origins of settlement from museums in Ottawa, Calgary and Vancouver.

Thursday June 16th at 2.00 pm.

20) Book Group. *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towels

led by **Anneke Jeuken**

This is a description of the life of a Gentleman who, not for viral, but for political reasons is confined to living in the “Metropolitan Hotel” in Moscow - from 1922 to 1954. Yes, for 32 years! Anneke recommends that members should check on availability of this book well in advance.

Friday June 17th at 1.30 pm.

21) How to use the Web safely

by **Emily Johns**

Emily is a Library Lifelong Learning Coordinator for Marion Council whose task is to educate and inform community organisations and clubs about all aspects of using digital technology in the domestic situation. She last spoke to us in November 2021 on “Digital Skills for Seniors”. In this session, she will focus on how to deal with the Internet safely using our electronic devices e.g. for online shopping, using smart home technology, and data streaming services.

Tuesday June 21st at 2.00 pm.

22) Walk No 4 – South Parklands / Himeji Gardens

Map ref: UBD 4 J16

Meet on north western corner of Hutt Road and South Terrace, Adelaide

Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.

Wednesday June 22nd at 9.30 am.

Easy

23) In the News

led by **John Bartlett**

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Thursday June 23rd at 2.00 pm.

24) A discussion about submarines

by **Mick Allinson**

Mick is a retired Royal Navy submariner who has provided us with several fascinating expositions on a naval theme - including one memorable presentation when he showed us how to escape from a disabled or damaged RN nuclear sub. The UK has operated a fleet of nuclear ballistic and attack submarines for many years, and it seems that the Australian Government is now intent on joining the nuclear propulsion “club”. Mick will give us some background information, and lead us carefully through a minefield of information and misinformation.

Tuesday June 28th at 2.00 pm.

25) The (Anti) Social Network

by **Prof Emma Thomas**

Emma is a Professor at the College of Education, Psychology and Social Sciences at Flinders University.

Online technologies are exposing and magnifying critical aspects of social behaviour. In the past year, people have interacted more and with greater intensity online, prompting questions about many psychological aspects of human engagement. The behaviours of people engaging in revolutions and political violence, or

misinformation and rumour (fake news) are being expressed and exposed on an immense scale never before witnessed, thanks to social media. Emma's research aims to quantify and investigate this vast global social experiment, to find out what motivates people to join extremist groups or donate to disaster relief, for example.

Thursday June 30th at 2.00 pm.

26) Modern Beekeeping

by **Dr Peter Devitt**

For 35 years Peter was a highly regarded surgeon and he last spoke to U3A Flinders in October last year on the topic of advances in surgery. However, in his retirement, he is enjoying the hobby of beekeeping. Beekeeping is becoming increasingly popular and this brings its own challenges. Peter will discuss some of these dynamics - both good and bad.

Tuesday July 5th at 2.00 pm.

27) Walk No 5 - Historic Glenelg

Map ref: UBD 140 D4

Meet at the Glenelg Town Hall, Moseley Square.
Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.

Wednesday July 6th at 9.30 am. **Easy**

28) The Global Centre for Modern Aging

Speaker to be advised

With the world's population rapidly ageing, there is growing recognition of the strong economic and social need to empower older people to age well, and to enable every person to continue actively contributing to many and varied realms. At the core of what GCMA does is a recognition that ageing is filled with opportunity. Located at the Tonsley Campus, the Centre provides research and insights, advisory and living-lab services to support businesses and organisations to develop better products, services and solutions to meet the needs of the growing and changing older community.

Thursday July 7th at 2.00 pm.

29) A History of the Healthy Home

by **Dr Julie Collins**

Julie is a Research Fellow and Curator at the Architecture Museum, UniSA Creative, at the University of South Australia. The domestic sanitation movement of the nineteenth century focussed much of its attention on houses, with scientific and hygienic living to be found on the agenda of both doctors and architects. Exhibitions, model houses, books, and pamphlets were used to communicate public health messages on sanitation, dust, air quality, and healthy bodies and minds. Architecturally these health concerns were addressed through various built forms including the design of plumbing, hygienic surfaces, ventilation, open-air living, and the layout of rooms. Julie's presentation will examine the health-related rationales behind home design during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, exploring the architecture and functioning of these so-called healthy houses.

Tuesday July 12th at 2.00 pm.

30) Burial Practices in the Ancient World

by **Mary Schumacher**

During Mary's overseas travels she visited many fascinating ancient burial sites. This is not a comprehensive collection, but it does include some lesser-known and intriguing sites. She will show and discuss methods of caring for the dead, including use of grave goods in these places. We will travel to Egypt to see the most famous, namely the Pyramids and the Valley of the Kings. Turkey has a rich variety of burial customs including tumulus burials, use of a sarcophagus and of above-ground burial houses. In Jordan, Spain, Italy, South Korea and Peru, she saw additional surprising examples, plus a couple more in Malaysia and Vanuatu. And, interestingly, there are some links between customs in places far apart geographically.

Thursday July 14th at 2.00 pm.

31) Book Group: *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates

led by **Janet Newman**

The Water Dancer is a blend of historical fiction and magical realism. Set in the southern states of the USA, it is the story of Hiram whose mother is a slave and his father a white tobacco plantation owner.

Friday July 15th at 1.30 pm.

32) Afghan Cameleers and Aboriginal/First Nations People

by **Pamela Rajkowski OAM**

Pamela last spoke to U3A Flinders in April 2018 when she gave us a very enjoyable talk about the Afghan Cameleers and their contribution to the opening up of the Outback. Having broadened her research, her talk today will consider the relationships between the Cameleers and Aboriginal/First Nations peoples of Australia. Pamela's research is founded on a range of historical archives and enriched by conversations with national and international academics, researchers, museums, ambassadors, and Afghan descendants across Australia.

Tuesday July 19th at 2.00 pm.

33) Walk No 6 – Glen Osmond Creek

Map ref: UBD 131 B9

Meet at Scammell Reserve in Fisher Street (just east of Fullarton Road), Myrtle Bank.
Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.

Wednesday July 20th at 9.30 am. **Easy**

- 34) Guided Art Gallery Visit** led by **Bev Bennet**
See details on Page 3.
Wednesday July 20th at 1.30 pm.
- 35) Nutritional Requirements and Ageing** by **Tracey Yeend**
Tracey Yeend is an RN/RM, Natural Medicine Practitioner with other qualifications in Pharmacology and Teaching. She has 35 years of experience in many facets of health and during this time has presented numerous professional seminars to her peers and the public and hundreds of health segments on local radio (5AA). This presentation will aim to clarify our changing nutritional requirements as we age, to stay fit and healthy. We will discuss how lifestyle, stress, medications, health conditions, restricted diets and self-prescribing of supplements can affect our nutritional status and manifests itself in symptoms and illness.
Thursday July 21st at 2.00 pm.
- 36) The Latest on Waste Management** by **Allison Byrne**
The management of waste seems to be an ever-evolving challenge for modern consumers. Alisson is Waste Education Officer with the City of Marion and her talk will explain to us what happens to rubbish and recycling collected from the kerb. She will also provide an overview of what items can go in each bin and give us some practical tips for recycling tricky items.
Tuesday July 26th at 2.00 pm.
- 37) Estate Planning with a Difference** by **Fiona Shilton**
Nobody wants to be remembered for the mess they left behind! Once you're gone there's no coming back to make amends, fix things or make your wishes clearer. There's only one chance to get it right and yet a huge number of Australians die every year leaving their estate in a shambles for their loved ones to sort out. Fiona is a lawyer specialising in estate planning and coaching. Her talk will illustrate her particular approach to estate planning, providing a methodology that aims to instil confidence and courage.
Thursday July 28th at 2.00 pm.
- 38) Andalucia and more** by **Helen Brooks**
Helen has delivered many travel-related talks to us, and is renowned for her research and attention to detail. This presentation is mostly about the southern region of Spain i.e. Granada, Cordoba, Seville, Ronda and Malaga. However, Helen will also briefly tell us about her visits to Madrid, Barcelona, Toledo, Segovia and the Basque country.
Tuesday August 2nd at 2.00 pm.
- 39) Walk No 7 – Wittunga Botanic Garden** Map ref: **UBD 154 L5**
Meet in the Wittunga carpark, entry off Shepherds Hill Road.
Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.
Wednesday August 3rd at 9.30 am. **Easy**
- 40) The Farina Project - Restoring a Ghost Town** by **Steve Harding**
The small community of Farina, located 650 km north of Adelaide, was founded in the 1870's as a railhead for the towns that were expected to blossom as centres of wheat growing beyond the Goyder Line. At its height in the 1890's the population totalled 600. The dream slowly faded, and the last residents left in the 1980's. In 2008, the Farina Restoration Group was created, and has gone from strength to strength. Steve will explain how this small miracle has happened in the outback.
Thursday August 4th at 2.00 pm.
- 41) The story of Truganini** by **John Bartlett**
Truganini has gone down in history as the last full blooded Tasmanian aborigine. John is passionate about Tasmania, its history and geography where he lived in his youth, and this presentation gives the story of the sad but interesting life and times of Truganini and the other aborigines of Tasmania.
Tuesday August 9th at 2.00 pm.
- 42) The Silk Road - Shanghai to Tashkent** by **Roland Earl**
On 5th September 2012 Margaret and Roland commenced a small group tour (6 persons) in Xi An, following the ancient 'Silk Road' through the west of China, using a combination of vehicles, passing through Kirghistan to Uzbekistan. Prior to the tour they spent a few days in Hangzhou and Shanghai. After 10 years, it is worth reflecting on how much has changed and what has remained the same. Western China, now very much in the media, was at this time relatively calm but it was possible to sense that change was coming. En-route the group visited some of the fabled places on the silk road, skirting the western deserts of China and Xinjiang. Uzbekistan did not disappoint with its rich history and fascinating sites. The tour concluded in Tashkent on 27 Sept, returning via Malaysian Borneo.
Thursday August 11th at 2.00 pm.

- 43) AUKUS** by **Dr Michael Sullivan**
Recently, Australia, Britain and the United States announced a security pact to strengthen military capabilities in the Pacific, the name of the group (AUKUS) being an amalgamation of the three member countries' names. The agreement allows them to share advanced defence technologies and will equip Australian forces with the know-how to operate and potentially build nuclear-powered submarines. Why has there been such a ruckus over a routine trilateral defence agreement? Michael will illuminate us on the background, and explain why some of our neighbours, including China, have some misgivings.
Tuesday August 16th at 2.00 pm.
- 44) Walk No 8 - North Adelaide - 'On the Hill' Historic** Map ref: **UBD 1 M6**
Meet in Wellington Square, on the Wellington Hotel northern corner.
Parking generally available in Wellington Square.
Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.
Wednesday August 17th at 9.30 am. **Easy**
- 45) Guided Art Gallery Visit** led by **Bev Bennet**
See details on Page 3.
Wednesday August 17th at 1.30 pm.
- 46) The Great Air Race of 1919** by **Lainie Anderson**
Lainie is a well known journalist and author who lives in Adelaide.
In 1919, the Commonwealth Government of Australia offered a prize of £A10,000 for the first flight by Australian Nationals in a British aircraft from Great Britain to Australia, under specific rules set by the Royal Aero Club. Of the six entries that set off from England, the winners were pilot Ross Smith, his brother Keith as co-pilot, and mechanics James Bennett and Wally Shiers, in a modified WW1 bomber. Lainie will tell us about this amazing story of courage, resilience and determination.
Thursday August 18th at 2.00 pm.
- 47) Book Group. *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*** by Muriel Barbery led by **Margaret Milford**
This is a moving, funny, triumphant novel that examines the lives of the inconspicuous among us.
Friday August 19th at 1.30 pm.
- 48) Developments in Robotics and Submersible Drones** by **Prof Karl Sammut**
Prof Sammut is Director of the Centre for Maritime Engineering, Control and Imaging at Flinders University. His speciality is research into the development of autonomous marine vehicles – both surface and underwater. Many tasks and missions in the marine environment are tedious, dangerous, and hazardous for human beings. The obvious answer is to develop unmanned, autonomous vehicles to undertake these difficult and dangerous tasks, and which can be deployed in numerous situations e.g. defence, coastal surveys, rescue and police operations, and dealing with hazardous materials. In this talk, Karl will tell us about the research he and his colleagues are undertaking into these fascinating leading-edge developments.
Tuesday August 23rd at 2.00 pm.
- 49) In the News** led by **John Bartlett**
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Thursday August 25th at 2.00 pm.
- 50) Trace your Ancestors** by **Sue Lear**
The SA Genealogy & Heraldry Society is the leading resource for South Australian family history information. Sue will explain how to begin your investigations and how to continue the research using the society's extensive means of finding information. She will also include details of their extensive e-library in Unley, and various on-line data-bases.
Tuesday August 30th at 2.00 pm.
- 51) Walk No 9 – Hallett Cove Coastal Walkway** Map ref: **UBD 163 Q16**
Meet at the Boatshed Café, Heron Way, Hallett Cove.
Walk includes some steps.
Please also refer to General Notes for Walkers on Page 3.
Wednesday August 31st at 9.30 am. **Moderate**