



## U3A Geelong Bulletin June 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

### NEW CLASSES FOR TERM 3

#### How Unique are We? Microsoft Teams - internet

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Tuesday 10.30 – 12.30

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Tuesday 1.30 – 3.30

#### Awesome Australian Innovative Farmers Microsoft Teams - internet

Environmental impacts of farming vary depending on what farmers do – the soil, water, the air, animal and soil variety, people, plants and the food itself are under threat. New models bring fresh approaches to the ways farming is undertaken.

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Thursday 10.30 – 12.30

#### Extraordinary Comedian Actors Microsoft Teams - internet

For fun. Who was Jacques Tati? Lucille Ball? Tony Hancock? Hattie Jacques? Peter Sellers? Tommy Cooper? The Goodies? In this course we remember and

learn about classic comedian actors and view films to see their unique contribution to make us laugh.

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### **Finding Your Meaning in Films #2** Microsoft Teams - internet

Are you interested and observant about what is happening in films beyond a superficial level? Good films from around the World usually have a message and may be interpreted differently. Our interpretations depend on things like past experiences and motivations. Different films to Finding your meaning in films #1.

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### **The writings of Thomas Hardy**

This course will explore the life and writings of Thomas Hardy, regarded as one of England's greatest novelists and poets. Through reading Hardy's novels and poetry and viewing films and videos of Hardy's works we will examine the influences on Hardy that made him a major (at times scandalous) commentator on social class, gender, religion, marriage and the environment.

Hardy's works are out of copyright so all his books and poetry are freely available online at no cost.

Wednesday – monthly 10.00 – 12.00

### **Economics for Everyone**

Basic economic principles are not widely understood although they are at the core of living standards, interest rates, taxation, welfare and practical politics.

We will consider the progress of economic thought from its Scottish pioneer, Adam Smith, to Chicago's Milton Friedman. Finally we will look at the successes and failures of economic policies pursued in societies applying the ideas of

capitalism, socialism, fascism and communism of both the Soviet and Chinese varieties.

Thursday 10.00 – 11.30 – to be confirmed

### **History: Great Battles**

We will examine a selection of major military engagements from ancient times to the present, with an analysis of the events leading up to the battle, the opposing sides, the weaponry and tactics employed, the outcome and its effect on history. The battles examined will include Thermopylae, those of the Punic Wars, Waterloo, Stalingrad, the western front in world war 1, Gallipoli, and those in the Zulu Wars.

Wednesday 12.30 -2.30