

## **U3A LECTURE SERIES**

### **NEW TOPICS FOR TERM 4 2020**

13 October, Maleny and 21 October , Caloundra

Ken Mewburn and Helen Crooke – Coastal Erosion

20 October, Maleny

Karin Leivesley- The English Language and its Linguistic Cousins

27 October, Maleny :

Ian W Wilson – The 1988 Carbon Dating of the Turin Shroud – a Massive Miscarriage of Justice ?

3 November Maleny and 25 November Nambour

John Ferguson – The Nugget From Nashville 1868: Of Perseverance And A Prince

10 November Maleny

Dr Mary Garden – The Serpent Rising

18 November, Caloundra and 26 November Mudjimba :

Darrel Roche – Hannibal Against Ancient Rome 218-201 BC

### **LAST CHANCE TO HEAR**

14 October , Caloundra :

Jerry McBrien – The Fall of France

4 November, Caloundra :

Nikki Creber - All about the Parkinson's Nurse in our health district

### **CALOUNDRA LECTURES TERM 4 2020**

#### **7 October: Moira Mac – Epigenetics**

Moira Mac learned the theory behind the new science of epigenetics through a series of life experiences that spanned over two decades and led to the publication of her book SOUL WHISPERS: HEALING THE FAMILY TREE. She learned that the experiences of our ancestors are encoded in our DNA

and retained in our cellular memory. Becoming aware of this and acknowledging how it affects the choices we make in every aspect of our lives can help to set us free from the past, live in the present and offer hope for the benefit of future generations.

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#### **THE FALL OF FRANCE**

It was the 80th anniversary of these events in May and June 2020 and I think France is a country that many of the members will relate to.

It is the next great event after the "Outbreak of the European War" that I talked about this year.

While there would be some high level military descriptions involved, the fighting was brief and there is just as much politics as fighting in the story.

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### **28 October: Syd Kirkby AO, MBE, Polar Medal**

#### **Australia's Frozen Frontier**

Over-winter (16 months) surveyor with expeditions of 1956/57 and 1960/61 at a time when 85% of Antarctica, a continent almost twice the size of Australia was unexplored. Surveyor with summer expeditions in 1961/62, 1962/63 and 1964/65 during which Australia's renowned "hit and run" explorations explored all coastal regions of Australian Antarctic Territory, about one third of the compass of the globe. During these years any time I was working remote from expedition stations (most of the time) I was never at a place where any other human being had ever stood. Highlights include the first penetration of the Prince Charles Mountains, the first and only ever ground penetration of Enderby Land and about 27 coastal first landings from the beyond westernmost to beyond the easternmost limits of Australia's Antarctic Territory (about 1/3 of the continent)

Leader of the 1979/80 summer multidisciplinary regional scientific study of Kemp, Enderby, and eastern Queen Maud Lands. Station Leader at Mawson winter 1980/81.

### **4 November: Nikki Creber – All about the Parkinson's Nurse in our health district**

## **11 November: Paul Ryan – An Itinerant Forester**

The talk would look at some of my life as a forester, which not only involved a great deal of travel to different countries, but was also a journey that taught me much from a forestry as well as a social and cultural perspective. Being a forester meant getting out into the rural areas and the forests as well as interacting with local communities particularly those with a vested interest in the forests.

My experience starts in PNG, where I grew up; then includes tales from Costa Rica, where the snakes and rain made life interesting in the forest; Burma, where I worked for a year in 1977 on developing their forest management; Afghanistan, where I was faced with raising fuelwood woodlots in arid conditions; the Philippines and an introduction to social forestry; several African countries that weren't always friendly, but included Tanzania where I introduced a form of community management of forests; Bhutan where the concept of Shangrila didn't meet our expectations when it came to traveling across country; then on to India for more community forest management; Bangladesh, where they were planting mangroves to extent the country into the Bay of Bengal and help mitigate the effects of cyclone storm surges; and Nepal with their community management of forests. In the process I joined the World Bank as a Forestry Specialist, after working for it as a consultant for some years, and that in itself is an interesting experience.

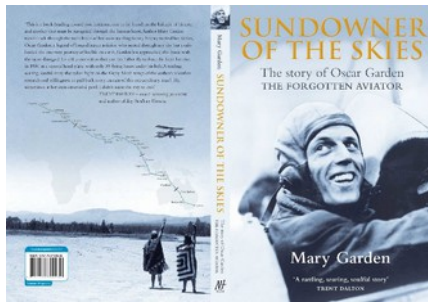
The talk is about personal and sometimes unusual experiences as well as some interesting socio/cultural and forestry topics with which I was involved.

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## 25 November: Dr Mary Garden – Sundowner of the Skies



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### MALENY LECTURES TERM 4 2020

#### 6 October: Elizabeth Clarke - Crooked Innkeepers, Bars and Brothels: travelling the road in ancient Italy

Take a journey along the roads of the Roman Empire. Using the evidence of archaeology in cities such as Pompeii, and of ancient writings, graffiti and tombstones, we shall look at speeds and methods of travel, places of rest, food and entertainment.

We are all familiar with the monuments celebrating the Roman Empire: the Colosseum, the Pantheon, dedicatory arches, temples and forums stretching across the Mediterranean world and beyond.

Yet the greatest, and longest, monument to Rome is its vast system of roads, developed as a statement of military, political and economic power, and still to be seen today. Take a journey along these roads, in part through the eyes of the 1st Century BC poet Horace, who travelled with emissaries of Emperor Augustus in the turbulent time after the death of Julius Caesar, a time of Mark Antony and Cleopatra and fast changing allegiances. Using the evidence of archaeology in cities such as Pompeii, and of ancient writings, graffiti and tombstones, we shall look at speeds of travel, methods of travel, places of rest, food and entertainment. We shall see indeed that a traveller's needs, and pleasures, have not changed.

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Just as humans are linked through family connections, so are languages. The English language has evolved from the Indo-European Language Family and it has many linguistic cousins. These include the Germanic group of languages, as well as French, Latin and Greek, among others. Our current language usage is derived from its past. Where will it head from here?

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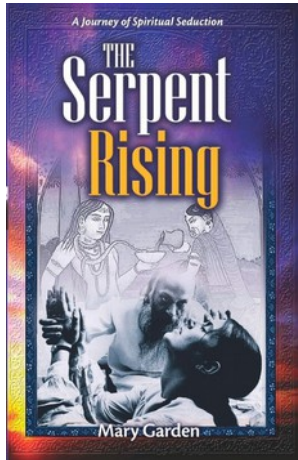
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## **10 November: Dr Mary Garden – The Serpent Rising**



In 1973, Mary Garden abandoned a promising academic career to spend seven years in India at the feet of such gurus as Rajneesh, Sathya Sai Baba and an enigmatic yogi in the Himalayan jungle — Swami Balyogi Premvarni. *The Serpent Rising* is her own story of the heaven and hell she experienced as she fell under the spell of self-appointed ‘god-men’

## **17 November: 9.30am Meghan–Halverson - Koalas in trouble**

KAI concentrates its activities on retaining remaining bush land habitat, rehabilitating secondary habitat to improve its carrying capacity and replanting cleared areas with koala food trees and other native trees, shrubs and grasses. KAI is committed to supporting its koala orphan carers by facilitating the creation of koala food tree plantations and subsidising costs related to raising koala joeys.

## **10.30 am – John Northey – Office of Fair Trading**

Senior Delivery Officer for the Office of Fair Trading.

We actively work towards creating a fairer and safer Queensland. We undertake and coordinate statewide compliance and enforcement activities to promote a competitive, fair and informed marketplace. We increase business and consumer confidence by protecting consumers and businesses against unethical behaviour

## **24 November: Peter Benkendorff - Cement Production**

I have had an intention of writing a book about the history of cement production Australia. I have given some presentation on this including to an Australian Mining History Association conference. I have quite a few photos and illustrations. I recall giving presentations to U3A on ancient construction material but can not remember if I gave one on modern materials.

## MUDJIMBA INFORMATION TERM 4 2020

### 8 October: Lidia Kardos – A Boy from Zara – The Rebuilding of Croatia



How can a devoted mother be asked to use a loaded gun on her two beautiful daughters before turning it on herself? Desperate times call for desperate measures. How an 8-year-old boy without formal education becomes a champion negotiator in a society battered by almost ceaseless warfare for a millennium or more.

### 15 October: Alex Crandon- Sex: What you were probably never told



This talk will give an insight into how Medical specialists think about the topic of sex and you'll probably far different from what you expect. When I did this talk at Medical School there were always more attendees in the lecture theatre than there were students in the year.

**22 October: Gwyn Jarrott – KAZAKHSTAN – On the Silk Roads we found gold(and bronze)**

**29 October: Gwyn Jarrott – MONGOLIA – In search of eagles and dragons**

Gwyn is a Director of an investment and property securities Company in SEQ. His interest in Asian business & education stems from his time with Lend Lease Corporation where he developed property and finance skills when the Company had commenced its international expansion program. He has held Board, CEO & Chair positions with Lend Lease companies & branches in Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia. More recently, he has participated in State & Local Government Trade Missions to China. Gwyn has been a Director of Singapore Business Council of Australia, Director, Sunshine Coast Business Council & Member of the Sunshine Coast Mayoral Taskforce developing the Asian RED Strategy.

In April 2017, my partner & I were in Central Asia for 6-7 weeks, spending 3 weeks in Iran & then travelled via Silk Roads through 'The Stans' to Urumqi, western China

**5 November: Lee Myers – Albert Namatjira**

Albert Namatjira, was a pioneer of contemporary Indigenous Australian art, he was the most famous Indigenous Australian of his generation

**12 November: Michele Lipner - Aid Workers Experiences and Oz harvest**

Since commencing operations in August 2014, Oz Harvest has rescued and redistributed the equivalent of 900,000 meals! At the same time, they have expanded their operations significantly – providing quality surplus food to over 40 charities, community organisations, churches, youth programs and schools from Gympie all the way down the Coast into Caloundra and the Hinterland.

**19 November: Ted Webber - Isambard Kingdom Brunel**

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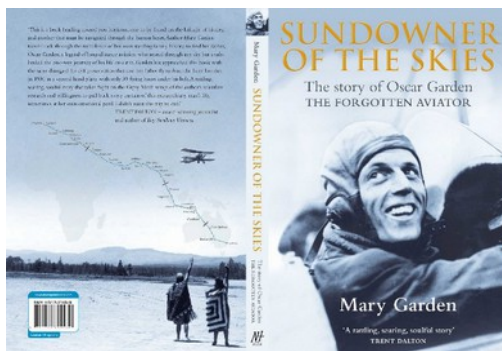
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NEW CAPTAIN JILL DENOVAN

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Ken has worked for many years as a private contractor to the Department of Defence in support of the Australian Over-The-Horizon radar system as well continuing with private research. He has been able to continue working and publishing in retirement because he can write his own unique computer software and has continuing access to ionospheric data.

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Tom is a Fellow of the Chartered Society of Designers (UK), a Member of the Design Institute of Australia and an inductee in the Australian Designers Hall of Fame (2008). He has completed his PhD thesis and is a guest lecturer at the University of the Sunshine Coast

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