

U3A HAWKESBURY INC. - CLASS INFORMATION 2024

Notes: *This schedule of courses is subject to change as new courses are created and others may not proceed. All classes have minimum and maximum participant numbers. Waiting lists will be created where required.*

** = No classes in school holidays*

=Restrictions on enrolments in these classes (see enrolment forms)

21/02/2024

Class ID	Class	Description	When	Location	Leader
29-01	ALL THINGS TEXTILE	This class will inspire as we learn from each other, and share resources in anything related to textiles – from knitting to cross-stitch – you name it we do it!	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Jill Hurst
2-01	*#ART WITH DEIDRE	In this general art course participants will use oils, watercolour, pastels, charcoal, and ink. Students will need to provide their own materials which can vary depending on which mediums we choose to use. The tutor will provide advice about these.	1 st & 3 rd Monday 10-12	Richmond Art Supplies	Deidre Morrison
58-01	*#ART WITH MARCELLA	This is a general art class for students from beginners to medium levels of ability, becoming more progressive as the course progresses. We will begin with pencil drawing.	2 nd & 4 th Monday 10-12	Richmond Art Supplies	Marcella Pyke
1-01	BIRDS OF THE HAWKESBURY - CLASSROOM	The Hawkesbury area is known as a birding "hotspot" for Sydneysiders, with birds from the coastal plains and the mountains in our area. In this course you will learn to identify local birds and learn about their behaviour. Members can also enrol in the Birds of the Hawkesbury – Field Trips.	2 nd Tues 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Ken Fraser
31-01	BIRDS OF THE HAWKESBURY – FIELD TRIPS	This course involves field trips to local (and sometimes not-so-local) birding spots, looking to observe and identify birds. You are encouraged to bring binoculars to help with observations. Advice can be provided about this by the Tutor. Members can also enrol in Birds of the Hawkesbury - Classroom.	4 th Tues 10-12	Various locations TBA	Ken Fraser
33-01	BOOK DISCUSSION	In this friendly group, members get to interest each other in the books they have read.	2 nd Friday 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Wendy Dunstan
36-01	BRIDGE LESSONS	Forget what you've heard - Bridge is a fun game that is easy to learn. These classes will teach you the basics and provide opportunities to practise in a casual supportive environment. This course runs for 10 successive weeks, although there may be a couple of weeks where the class will be deferred which will extend the end date. There may be the option to continue playing with support beyond the structured lessons. Note that this course starts in March.	Weekly Wednesday 1-3	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Chris Pippen
62-01	BRIDGE PLAYING	This activity is for those who have some background playing bridge and would like to play in a social setting. Some experience is expected, and the desire to have some fun while playing. Note this course starts in March.	Weekly Wednesday 1-3	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Chris Pippen
51-01	CAMERA & POST PHOTO-TECHNIQUES	In the Camera and Post Photography Techniques class you will learn more about cameras, storage and editing photo files. Laptop/digital camera required.	1 st Friday 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Ron Milosh
54-01 & 54-02	#CARD MAKING	Come and have a great time making cards using a variety of techniques. Materials cost is approximately \$20 p.a. There are two separate classes, one on Tuesday and another class on Wednesday.	3 rd Tuesday and 3 rd Wednesday 1.30-4	Private home Windsor Downs	Suzanne Hinzmann
16-01	CIRCLE DANCING	You will be led in dances based on European folk dances. The repertoire has grown with hundreds more dances added over time.	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 2-3	North Richmond CC	Rae McCully & Marlene Durrant
65-01	CIVILISATION & EMPIRES	This course begins with the rise of agriculture as the catalyst for the rise of civilisation. We will investigate the key drivers for the rise of the many civilisations and empires over the past 6,000 years and the reason for their decline. We will discuss the impact each has had on the development of our World as it is today.	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 9.30-11.30	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Sonia Friscic

52-01	CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION	What makes music popular? Could it be because it expresses the feelings and experiences of humans at a certain time in their history? Join us as we move through time listening to music and considering what it tells us about those who made it.	2 nd Tuesday 10-11.30	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Meg Shepherd
50-01 & 50-02	COMPUTERS AT WSU	This course covers a range of computing skills, taught by staff from Western Sydney University in one of their computer rooms. It covers computing skills and knowledge suitable for seniors. The course is usually run in a mid-year and end-of-year block of three classes over three weeks, with dates to be advised. Parking in the university grounds is \$7.	Dates TBA	Western Sydney University	Coordinator: Dianne Thompson
34-01	CRYPTIC CROSS-WORDS CONTINUERS	Members in the "Continuers" group have fun attempting to solve cryptic crosswords from various sources	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 9.30 – 11.30	Private home Londonderry	Marilyn Tyers
21-01	CRYPTIC CROSS-WORDS ADVANCED	Advanced thinkers enjoy being challenged by more difficult compilers of cryptic crosswords.	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 10-12	Private home Richmond	Jan Brown
42-01	EASY WALKING	Easy Walking will involve the 3 things that are important for all of us as we age: Exercise, an Active Mind and Socialising. The walks will be around Richmond and Windsor and will last for approximately 1 hour. We will start and finish at the same location. After the walk, for those interested, we will sit down for a coffee and a chat. Good walking shoes and water are essential.	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Tuesday	Various, around Richmond and Windsor	Annette Haynes
60-01	FAMILY HISTORY	Are you interested in researching your family history? We will aim to give you skills and knowledge by introducing you to topics such as the role of birth, death and marriage documents, the variety of documents you can obtain to verify and expand your family history and research in NSW, other states and overseas. We will look at resources such as Trove, National Archives, State Archives, DNA and commercial sites. We will give you ideas on how to manage your research, draw up your family tree and write your family story.	2 nd & 4 th Monday 2-4	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Laurie and Lorraine Turtle
27-01	#FRENCH BEGINNERS	This class starts from the presumption of little or no knowledge of the French language and focuses on the gradual acquisition of grammar and vocabulary. No late enrolments except with approval of the tutor.	1 st & 3 rd Friday 12.30 – 1.30	Contact the office to express your interest in this class	
28-01	#FRENCH CONTINUERS	This class will use reading materials to provide the basis for continuing study of French grammar and vocabulary.	1 st & 3 rd Friday 11 - 12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Jean Pitkin
8-01	FRENCH CONVERSATION	This class learns about French: listening to, writing and practising speaking French. Prior knowledge of French is required.	3 rd Wednesday 10.30-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Jan Brown
37-01	GARDEN RAMBLE	This activity involves visiting gardens in the Hawkesbury area. It is a fun morning for those who love gardening and sharing their plant knowledge. The activity is scheduled for the 2 nd Monday of the month, but could vary depending on the garden being visited. Group members are advised about any changes. Cost \$5 p.a.	2 nd Monday 10-12	Various locations TBA	Brenda Clays
10-01	HAWKESBURY UKULELE GROUP	In this course you will be taught how to "strum a tune" on the ukulele. Beginners welcome and encouraged. The class meets at Hawkesbury Skills Centre. On the 4 th Monday we will meet at Pugh's Lagoon for a strum-along. Students will need a music stand and a ukulele with the approximate cost of \$100.00. The tutor can provide advice on this.	1 st & 3 rd (& 4 th) Monday 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Denise Lazdans
64-01	HISTORY – JUST WHAT IS "THE HAWKESBURY"?	This new course will examine the Hawkesbury. It will look at its various historical components and examine the district and its impacts on the Booroberongal clans of the Darug tribe between 1793 and c.1823 by presentations, research and excursions to local historical sites.	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday 10-12	Windsor Library plus excursions	Jan Barkley-Jack
7-01	LACE MAKING	Different forms of lace making including tatting, crochet, bobbin lace (torchon) or knitted lace. Students may choose the skill they would like to learn or practise. Cost of materials will be from \$10.00 to \$20 depending on craft. Contact the tutor for details.	1 st & 3 rd Monday 2-4	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Liz Anderson
	LAW FOR SENIORS	It is proposed to offer this course during 2024. The course will run for 3-4 weeks and will cover retirement, superannuation, wills, Powers of Attorney, retirement units, nursing homes and death. More details will be provided when available.	TBA	TBA	TBA

43-01	LAWN BOWLS	This is a morning of social bowling. Equipment and basic instruction is provided, and no prior experience is necessary. Participants need to wear flat soled shoes or go barefoot. The cost is \$3 per session which covers green fees and morning tea.	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 9.15-11.30	Windsor Bowling Club	Ian Biddle
63-01	LIVES OF WOMEN REFLECTED IN THE ARTS	A discussion based course reflecting on the representations of women in the arts over time. The art forms will include books, movies, poetry, music and visual arts. Participants will be encouraged to share their views and experiences. There may be some set reading required which may involve purchase of books if library copies are unavailable. This course will commence in March 2024.	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 1-3	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Chris Phippen
11-01	LOOKING AT LITERATURE	This group reads and discusses classic and prize winning literature including novels, poetry, plays, children's books, etc.	4 th Monday 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Jan Brown
5-01	MAH JONG	This group provides a friendly atmosphere in which to enjoy this ancient Chinese game. Beginners are welcome.	1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Thursday 1-4	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Pam Peters
3-01	MODEL MAKING FOR MEN	This activity is a men's group where the participants make model boats, planes, trains and automobiles or just come and shoot the breeze. No experience necessary.	2 nd & 4 th Saturday 1-4	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Peter McHugh
44-01	MODERN DAY TECHNOLOGY	In this course you will learn about the use of new technology in everyday life, including mobile phones, tablets and technology in the home.	Thursday Weekly 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Ray Hart
38-01	MOVIE-GOERS	This activity is for people who enjoy socialising and seeing a variety of different movies. Each person will purchase their own ticket. Afterwards, for those interested, we will adjourn to a local coffee shop for some "in-depth" discussion about the movie.	2 nd & 4 th Friday 10-12.30 approx	Richmond Regent Theatre	Annette Haynes
32-01	MUSIC REVOLUTION OF THE 60S	This course covers the terrific music and interesting and sometimes dramatic events of the 1960s. We will start with the music from the end of the 50s and then follow through to the 60s. This was a significant time for those of us who were there. We will reminisce with video clips and discussions about the musical, cultural and social events of the time with a bit of singing and live music along the way..	2 nd and 4 th Mondays 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Ken Fraser
41-01	OLD TIME DANCING	Old Time, Ballroom and New Vogue Sequence Dancing. No experience necessary. Good exercise, fun and friendship. Class members are required to pay \$5 per month towards the cost of the venue. The first class is on the 16 th February.	1 st & 3 rd Thursday 9.45-11.45	Richmond School of Arts	Pam Lawson
13-01	PATCHWORK	In this class you will learn the techniques of patchworking by hand, use of colour, new tools; work together on community quilts; pick up tips. Cost: \$1 per class.	2 nd & 4 th Friday 10-12	Windsor CWA	Stephy Beseau
22-01	PHOTOGRAPHY FOR ALL – BEGINNERS AND CONTINUERS	Participants will have the opportunity to share their photographic experiences and results, as well as learning some basics. Time will be allocated for more advanced learning as well, which beginners may wish to opt out of.	2 nd Thursday 12.30 – 3	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Linda Ferguson
23-01	PHOTOGRAPHY OUTINGS	Outings specifically organised to places of interest for participants to practise their skills in photography. There may be a cost for personal travel and entry fees.	3 rd Thursday TBA	Various locations TBA	Linda Ferguson
6-01	SAMBA (CARDS)	This is an interesting card game similar to Canasta to stimulate your brain. New members are welcome and you can always be taught to play. Canasta and other card games may also be played.	1 st & 3 rd Monday 1-3.30	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Pam Peters
26-01	SCRABBLE	Would you like to test your brain and have fun doing it? Scrabble could be just the thing for you. Join our class and lose yourself in words and strategies - two hours will never pass so quickly. We welcome everyone even if you haven't played before - expert tuition available!	1 st and 3 rd Tuesday 11.30-1.30	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Jean Pitkin
25-01	SOCIAL ART AND CRAFT	This is a non-teaching class that offers a casual friendly environment in which to finish art and craft projects. Bring along your work – all mediums welcome from adult colouring through to pastels, cards and oils. Note: Tea, coffee and chatting will also be available.	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 1.30-3.30	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Jeni Chalmers

14-01	#TABLE TENNIS TUESDAY	This activity is a great outlet for fun and exercise. Come along and participate with a very happy group. Please note that members can only enrol in either Tuesday or Friday not both.	Tuesday Weekly 1.30-3.30	Richmond Club	Allan King
39-01	#TABLE TENNIS FRIDAY	Two hours of Table Tennis fun every Friday, Please note that members can only enrol in either Table Tennis Friday OR Table Tennis Tuesday not both.	Friday Weekly 2-4	Richmond Club	Liz Anderson & Penny Fraser
15-01	*TAI CHI	In this group you have the opportunity to de-stress and work on harmonising the mind, body and soul in a relaxed atmosphere. Some knowledge of the 6 levels of Tai Chi preferred	Thursday Weekly 3.30-4.30	North Richmond CC	Margarete Formanek
18-01	TAI CHI SHIBASHI	This class involves gentle Tai Chi exercises to relax the mind and body in the perfect setting of Pugh's Lagoon, Richmond.	Weekly Monday 9.30-10.15	Pugh's Lagoon	Jeanette Hatch
35-01	TRAVELLER'S TALES	Group members enjoy armchair travel across the world, with a range of well-travelled presenters showing photos and telling tales.	4 th Tuesday 2-3.30	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Wendy Dunstan
59	TRIVIA QUIZ	A fun quiz over wide-ranging topics and some interesting discussions about the answers.	4 th Wednesday 1030-4	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Janine Dray Mangal Prabhu
4-01	WALKING FOR PLEASURE	This class involves social wandering about in bush settings, Sydney Harbour foreshore or historical parts of Sydney taking time to observe flowers, birds and beautiful scenery. Enjoy a cuppa, cake and good company. A general level of fitness is required but walks will be tailored to the ability of the group. Class times may be extended due to travel to and from chosen locations.	1 st & 3 rd Friday Time TBA	Various locations TBA	Alan Conradi
24-01	WATERCOLOUR ART	Beginners to advanced are welcome. Discover the delights of watercolour at any level. Julia's methods will have you painting attractive pictures very quickly. If you might be interested come to the first lesson before enrolling. Begin with minimum requirements to save costs.	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 1.30-3.30	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Julia Thorp
57-01	WRITE YOUR LIFE STORY	An enjoyable class, which forms the basis of social history, for members who want to write their life story.	2 nd & 4 th Thursday 10-12	Hawkesbury Skills Centre	Chris Ryan