

From the Committee

The committee wish you a happy and healthy New Year.

Take advantage of all that Creswick and District U3A have to offer and keep up to date with all events on our website. If you do not have access to a computer get in touch with our class coordinator Anne or ask any of the committee.

Our year ends on 31 December and all memberships need to be renewed. As previously advised the new fee structure is \$30 for full members and \$25 for associates. There is a one-off joining fee of \$5 in each case.

Our enrolment day will be held on Thursday January 9th in the RSL Hall from 10.00am to 12.00pm



At 10.30 we will have Lisa Gervasoni as a guest speaker. Lisa will outline why it is important to register with My Aged Care even if you do not immediately need their services. It will be a good opportunity to hear about My Aged Care and what it offers.

Lisa is also an advocate for elders rights. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

You are welcome to have a cuppa after the speaker.

John will have facilities for payment by card and cash or you can pay by transfer or in person at the Bendigo Bank.

Our banking details are BSB 633-000 A/C number 137-271-003 A/C name Creswick U3A. Do not forget to put your name in the reference section so that we know who is paying.

LOCAL HISTORY



Creswick Post Office

The Post Office opened on the 1 September 1854 but retained the name 'Creswick's Creek' until around 1857.

This two storey brick building, now no longer a Post Office, was built in 1862 and extended in 1887. The post office boxes still remain in the walls.

Located on the corner of Albert and Raglan Streets, officially at 81 Albert Street.

Below is a naive painting of the Creswick Post Office painted on site, "en plein air" by Victor Litherland, part of his recording of the town.

Victor Litherland was born in Odessa in 1897 and arrived in Creswick in 1938, where he lived until his death in 1978. This painting and 65 others were bequeathed to the town by him. Part of the

Creswick Museum collection, this painting dates from 1963.

The Anglo-Saxon name *Creswick* comes from

when the family resided beside a cress or marsh.

The surname *Creswick* originally derived from the Old English words *cresse* and *wic* which means marsh.



Best free travel apps for Seniors

By Ian Fisher, 13 November 2024

No matter how you feel about the internet, there is no doubt it has made travel easier. These days, technology has smoothed out the drama of travel. You can book everything online, pay online, buy insurance online and review the reviews online and cancel almost anything with a few keystrokes.



PackPoint

Packing is one of the biggest stresses of travelling, especially when weight restrictions are an issue. Now you can subtract that stress with PackPoint. Simply enter your destination, time of year, length of travel, and any activities you have planned including sporting and social, and PackPoint will plan your packing for you.

But don't just take our word for it, PackPoint has been named on best app lists by CNN, Forbes, The Huffington Post, The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times.

WhatsApp

You've probably already got this on your phone, but if you don't it's time to install it. WhatsApp allows you to send and receive messages from all over the world for free using wifi, which can be helpful if you don't have an international data plan.

And just in case you are worried about if enough of your contacts have it to make it worthwhile, it's an extremely popular app, more than five billion people have downloaded it worldwide.

MedAdvisor

Getting older unfortunately can mean the list of pills and medications you have is long and potentially confusing. You don't want that stress on holiday. MedAdvisor is an app that manages your medications. As well as pill reminders, and medical alerts, it can manage your e-scripts and paper scripts, preorder scripts and have them delivered in Australia. And as it's an Australian app, can connect you to pharmacies if you are travelling domestically. It can also be shared, so others can keep track of your medications and visa-versa.

Bill splitting apps

Splitwise: Free, with the option to pay for premium. Free version has a limited amount of items that can be added each day, which seems to be a big issue with users.

Beem: An Australian app that allows users to pay, request, transfer and split money – plus earn rewards if you bank with a participating bank, and keep your loyalty and gift cards – all in one place.

Settle Up: Easy to use for simple splits, but you can also 'weight' splits within a group, say if someone has promised to cover 50 per cent of all expenses. Can also itemise costs. Works offline and in all currencies. Extremely popular and well-reviewed app. Free, but premium available for a cost. Premium version can be shared between a group or for a month or year, which could be ideal for group travel.

Splittr: This app has been specifically designed for travel, so it doesn't come with a lot of the bells and whistles of the above apps, but maybe that's a good thing. Works offline and can convert all currencies. You can 'weight' or split expenses. Free, but with premium options, including lifetime membership for just US\$11.

Trip planners

Once again, a lot to choose from and many have the same functions, so it may pay to try a few out on day trips or short trips to see which you are most comfortable using and what matches your expectations.

It's also a good idea to work out what you want from a trip planner such as booking functions, itinerary planners, side-trip suggestions and costs and see which one is the best fit for you.



Here are three of the most popular:

Tript: free with one year premium option for US\$48.99.

Wanderlog: free with annual subscription upgrades starting US\$39.99.

Roadtrippers: free, with upgrade options starting at US\$35.99.

Word up

A translation or dictionary will also be useful if you are travelling to countries and you don't speak the language:

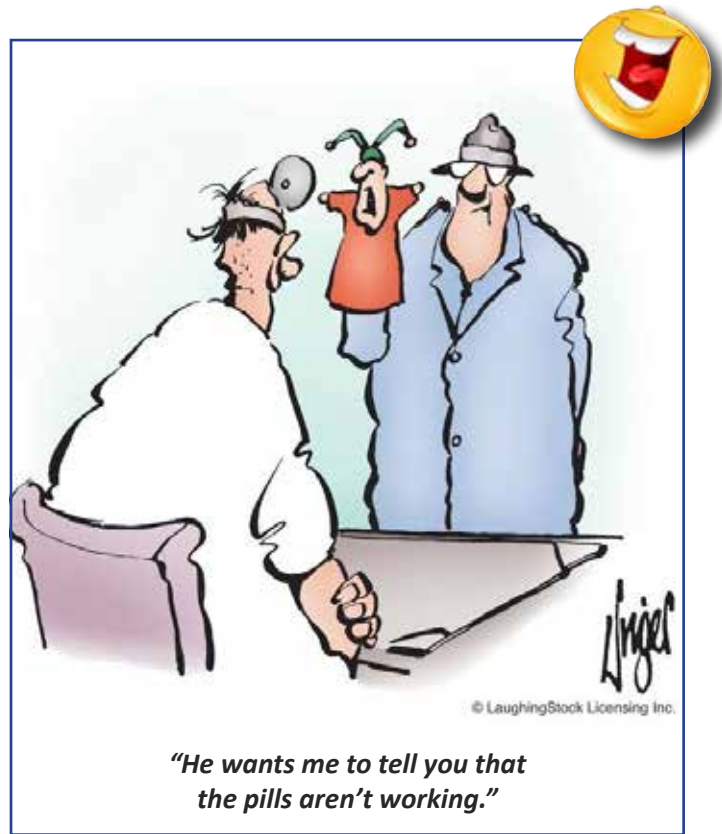
[Duolingo](#): Brush up on a language or learn some handy phrases before you go.

[Speak & Translate](#): Translates spoken language / audio.

[Scan & Translate](#): For signs and maps.

[Google Translate](#): For typing in words to translate.

Source: *Your Life Choices*.



Film Class 2025

Jaffas & Matinees Film Program

February to June 2025

Date	Film	Run-time (h.m)	Interval
7 Feb	Burn After Reading (2008)	1.36	
14 Feb	Gosford Park (2001)	2.17	Yes
7 Mar	The Butterfly Effect (2004)	1.53	Yes
14 Mar	Cloud Atlas (2012)	2.52	Yes
4 April	All Quiet on the Western Front (1930)	2.32	Yes
11 April	Housewife, 49 (2006)	1.33	
2 May	D.O.A. (1949)	1.23	
9 May	Coma (2019)	1.51	Yes
6 June	Duel (1971)	1.30	
13 June	Arrival (2016)	1.56	Yes

These films have been chosen for:

- Notable Directors
- Creepy, spooky or spine-tingling action
- Conflict; rebels, patriots and pawns

- Imaginary universes, alternate realities
- Films that made cinematic history
- Techniques and filmcraft
- Making us laugh.

The films to be shown can be found on IMDb, one of the best online resources for information about the writers, directors, actors and crew, plotlines, and viewer reviews. Each film in the timetable above has a clickable link to its entry on IMDb and the original trailers.

The selections tend to be films that don't follow a formula, that turn in unexpected directions or plot twists, challenge reality, ask interesting questions, raise moral dilemmas, solve unusual problems, are witty and amusing, use cinematic techniques in new or interesting ways, or toy with our expectations and emotions.

Classes are held in the Wartangu Room at the Creswick Neighbourhood Centre on the first and second Fridays of every month except January. We aim to start at 1:00pm with the film and finish with discussion and commentary. Film running times are listed in the timetable. For longer films there will be a scheduled intermission.

Numbers are limited to 15 due to the size of the room.

Sign up enrolments will be available soon. We look forward to seeing you.



LOCAL HISTORY



John Curtin

John Joseph Curtin was born in Creswick, Victoria, on 8 January 1885. His parents were John Curtin and Kate Bourke (pictured). His father, an immigrant from County Cork, Ireland, worked as a prison warden, a police constable and a hotel manager. John and Kate were married in mid 1883 and began their married life in a rented weatherboard cottage in Creswick where John was a foot constable.

John Joseph Curtin was the oldest of four children – his younger brother George was born in 1887, followed by his younger sisters Molly and Hannah in 1889 and 1891.



Curtin spent his childhood in Creswick, Melbourne and Macedon, Victoria. He attended public and Catholic parish primary schools, and was a studious boy who continued to educate himself through wide reading after leaving school to join the workforce. He went on to become the 14th Prime Minister of Australia.



U3A Membership Policy

When a member pays the required membership subscriptions they become a member of Creswick & District U3A and must follow the Terms and Conditions of membership.

Listed below are some of these conditions. The complete list of Conditions and Policies is available on the [website](#).

1. Always act in the best interests of the U3A and never do anything to bring the U3A into disrepute.
2. Abide by the terms and conditions of the constitution.
3. Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
4. Comply with and support the decisions of the elected Committee.

