

Mind Ventures

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What's on Offer?

... Australian Culture; Economics; Spain; Rome; and Music... Maryborough; Cooktown; the South Burnett; Port Arthur; and the Great Ocean Road

The next *Mind Ventures* coming up are a one-day program on **Australia in the 1950s** on Saturday 19 April and a 'short break' based in **Maryborough** over Tuesday to Saturday 6-10 May.

One of the guest presenters at the April program will be Hugh Lunn, no doubt well known to many for his writing about aspects of Australian and Queensland life, including his recent book *Lost for Words* about language in the post-war decades.

Other presenters in this program will include Dr Toni Johnson-Woods who teaches in the University of Queensland's Bachelor of Contemporary Studies course and has some incisive and entertaining things to say about the Carter Brown novels and the Larry Kent radio serials which mirrored so much of the life and language of the era.

Our stay in Maryborough will repeat a very enjoyable *Mind Ventures* program held there a couple of years ago. It will again be hosted by members of the local history and family history society and utilise the Heritage Centre, one of the fine examples of colonial architecture in the city.

The program is designed – as are all the 'short breaks' – for the 'deliberate visitor' who wants to come away with an appreciation of the town and region's history and current concerns. It will include a walking tour of the city and wharf precinct, visits to a number of places of interest around the town, and a cruise on the Mary River.

Subsequent one-day programs (listed over the page) will be on subjects as diverse as **Economics** (is it really a 'dismal science?'); the history and culture of **Spain** (a 'MindTravel' program); daily life in **ancient Rome** (another 'Dorothy and Bob show' – their words, not mine – presented by Professor Bob Milns and Associate Professor Dorothy Watts); and **music** (this time incorporating a concert given in St John's Cathedral).

Other 'short breaks' will be held in **Cooktown** in July (though, sorry, that's now booked out); in **Kingaroy** in late August (here's a chance to explore the South Burnett, a very under-rated part of Queensland); and – publicised here for the first time – in **Port Arthur**, Tasmania in late November (for more details again see over and the more detailed Information Sheets which you can obtain if you'd like to know more).

And finally – mark the date now if you're interested – a program is scheduled for 23-27 February 2009 to be based in **Lorne** on Victoria's Great Ocean Road.

If you like to explore ideas and places and do so in the company of a small group of like-minded people – whether close to home or further afield – there's something here to cater for a wide range of interests and preferences.

If you have already enrolled for one or more of these programs, we look forward to seeing you. If you haven't we hope there's something here of interest and look forward to your company in the coming months.

Best wishes
Bill Richmond

SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS COMING UP

Short Breaks with a Difference	
MAY	MB508 – HERITAGE MARYBOROUGH
JUL	CK509 – TRAVELLING NORTH: COOKTOWN
AUG	SB514 – THE SOUTH BURNETT: MORE THAN JUST PEANUTS
NOV	PT516 – PORT ARTHUR (TASMANIA): HISTORY AND SCENERY
FEB09	LN517 – VICTORIA'S GREAT OCEAN ROAD: LORNE
One-day Courses	
APR	AU510 – AUSTRALIA IN THE 1950s
MAY	EC511 – ECONOMICS: IS IT REALLY A DISMAL SCIENCE?
JUN	SP512 – HISTORY AND CULTURE OF SPAIN
JUL	RO513 – DAILY LIFE IN ANCIENT ROME
AUG	MU515 – MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL

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Save Money by Subscribing to One-Day Programs...

A Subscription of \$267 allows you to enrol in any three programs over a two-year period (plus deduct \$30 from the cost of any one of the short breaks). For details see the Enrolment Form or enquire.

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Short Breaks with a Difference...

Longer programs, generally of three days/four nights, providing an insight into the environment and the people of the region in which they are based. The cost of each program includes a stimulating program of presentations and field visits, all meals, and the support throughout of a MindVentures host, in addition to high quality accommodation (twin share, with single accommodation if desired generally available at an additional cost). And yes, (as always) we'll celebrate each day's activities with a get-together and a few drinks before dinner each night.

MB508 – HERITAGE MARYBOROUGH (\$765)	6-10 MAY
CK509 – TRAVELLING NORTH: COOKTOWN (from \$985)	8-12 JULY
SB514 – THE SOUTH BURNETT: MORE THAN JUST PEANUTS (\$780)	28 AUG-1 SEPT
PT516 – PORT ARTHUR (TASMANIA): HISTORY AND SCENERY (\$885)	27 NOV-1 DEC
LN517 – VICTORIA'S GREAT OCEAN ROAD: LORNE (from \$895)	23-27 FEB 2009

One-day Courses

One-day programs, generally held in the congenial surroundings of the University of Queensland's Women's College and led by expert presenters, which allow you to explore a wide range of subjects in the company of a small group of people who enjoy learning and discussion.

These programs are on the third Saturday of each month (unless otherwise indicated). The cost for each is \$99, which includes a substantial buffet lunch and refreshments. A saving on this price can be made by subscribing.

AU510 – AUSTRALIA IN THE 1950s **19 APRIL**

Do you remember the Carter Brown novels and the Larry Kent radio serials? Analyse these and other icons of Australian life and popular culture in the 1950s. Program coordinated by Dr Toni Johnson-Woods who teaches in the University of Queensland's Bachelor of Contemporary Studies. Special guest presenter: Hugh Lunn

EC511 – ECONOMICS: IS IT REALLY A DISMAL SCIENCE? **17 MAY**

Or really an optimistic science? Hear from Professor John Quiggin and other economists about how economics plays such an important part in our daily lives – and why there's no such thing as a 'non-economics question'.

SP512 – THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF SPAIN **21 JUNE**

Another MindTravel program that will give you a fuller appreciation of Spain and things Hispanic. Presenters include Professor Alfredo Martinez from the University of Queensland's School of Languages and Contemporary Cultural Studies.

RO513 – DAILY LIFE IN ANCIENT ROME **19 JULY**

Presentations and discussions led by Professor Bob Milns and Associate Professor Dorothy Watts of aspects of daily life in Ancient Rome, including social status and class structure, religion (including early Christianity); entertainment and social life; and law and order.

MU515 – MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL **SUNDAY 24 AUGUST**

Afternoon concert in St John's Cathedral given by the Brisbane Philharmonic Orchestra, including music by Haydn and Pergolesi, preceded by meetings at the University of Queensland with performers and presentations on the music.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If any of the above programs is of interest there are details in an Information Sheet on each.

You can obtain this by returning the Enquiry Form that is enclosed/attached, contacting us by phone or email, or if you have access to the internet, visiting the website (go to 'What's on Offer' then click on the program title).

The 'What's on Offer' page also contains details of some previous MindVentures programs so you can see the typical content and format.