

Mind Ventures

Programs in 2007

You can enrol now in any of four traditional 'people and place' MindVentures programs scheduled for the first half of 2007. Details of one-day programs – which will again be on a variety of subjects and held mainly in Brisbane – will be sent early next year.

Each of the 'people and place' programs provides the opportunity to be part of a small group of retired or semi-retired people who enjoy visiting and exploring a location – whether it's one that's new to you or the scene of a previous visit or stay – and exploring not only the physical and built environment but also learning more about it. Couples, singles and travelling companions are all welcome.

You'll be brought into contact with a range of experts and members of the local communities who enjoy imparting their knowledge to those who are interested.

Some of the programs have been publicised previously. If you have already enrolled, we'll be keeping you fully informed of details and

look forward to your company. But there are still places in all of them, so if you haven't already put your name down now is the chance.

In fact in the case of the program on Heron Island in February you'll need to act fairly promptly.

In the majority of cases it is usually possible – subject to a place being available – to accept enrolments at quite short notice. But in the case of the program to be held on Heron Island we need to ask you to decide by early December – only a couple of weeks hence. There are further details about enrolment arrangements over the page.

Details of all of the programs – including one in Charters Towers being offered for the first time – are summarised over the page.

Further details are contained in Information Sheets which are available via the web page (go to www.mindventures.com.au/WhatsOnOffer?) or in printed form by telephoning us on 07 3878 4077.

In all cases the programs offer the opportunity for you to go somewhere that's not too far from home but still put yourself into a different environment; and enjoy some mental stimulation in comfortable and secure surroundings. We hope you can join us.

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SUMMARY

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E-Mail Addresses

We send out occasional short e-mails to those of you for whom we have e-mail addresses. These serve either as reminders or to give you advance notice of new programs.

If you haven't given us your e-mail address – or you haven't been hearing from us – we're always pleased to receive short e-mails from you to confirm your current address. At the same time you might like to send any comments, queries or suggestions that you may have about MindVentures.

We send e-mails as 'blind' e-mails (that is with other recipients' names suppressed) and do so necessarily as a bulk e-mail. Sometimes these get set aside along with 'scam' bulk e-mails – so if you see anything with 'mindventures' in it we hope you'll open it nevertheless!

PROGRAMS COMING UP...

HE491 – HERON ISLAND: A BREAK ON THE REEF

11-15 February 2007

\$1245 per person

A unique opportunity to visit an idyllic Great Barrier Reef island, obtain discounted accommodation in the luxurious island resort and spend your time taking part in a relaxed but stimulating program of presentations and activities coordinated by the University of Queensland Heron Island Research Station.

Cost includes: *return travel on the ferry from Gladstone to the island (approx. two-hour trip); *three nights twin share accommodation in the resort; *all meals and refreshments; *sunset drinks every evening; *a program of presentations and interpretive walks based on the island's land, beach and reef environment; *guided viewing of turtle nesting and hatching; *two boat trips; *star watching one evening; *experienced MindVentures hosts.

Single occupancy of a resort room is possible (additional cost). Participants staying in Gladstone the evening before the program starts will be invited to pre-dinner drinks as guests of your MindVentures hosts.

ST492 – STANTHORPE: EXPLORING THE GRANITE BELT

28 March – 1 April 2007

\$755 per person

Three days-four nights in Stanthorpe, centre of Queensland's Granite Belt, staying at *The Vines* motel – superior accommodation and an ideal base for a short break and a comprehensive but relaxed program of presentations, meetings and field trips.

Cost includes: *four nights twin share accommodation; *an exclusively arranged MindVentures program that includes visits to Girraween National Park and other places of interest in the town and region; *all meals and refreshments; *pre-dinner drinks every evening; *experienced MindVentures hosts.

Single occupancy of motel room available (additional cost)

LH493 – LENNOX HEAD: COAST AND HINTERLAND

2-6 May 2007

\$775 per person

Spend four nights in the luxury of the *Headland Beach Resort* at Lennox Head on the northern New South Wales coast and fill your days taking part in a MindVentures program of lectures, meetings and field trips based on the region and its people and activities.

Cost includes: *four nights accommodation; *a stimulating and enjoyable program of activities that will allow you to be a 'deliberate visitor' to this diverse and delightful part of the world; *all meals and refreshments; *pre-dinner drinks each evening; *experienced MindVentures hosts.

Alternative accommodation arrangements (including single occupancy of resort unit) available

CT494 – CHARTERS TOWERS: ONCE 'THE WORLD'

(from \$695)

30 June – 3 July 2007

Charters Towers is about 135km south-west of Townsville in north Queensland. In the late nineteenth century it was the second largest town in Queensland – the thriving centre of gold mining activity which boasted its own stock exchange. The town provided such diverse facilities that it was dubbed 'The World'. The heritage remains fascinatingly preserved. Here is the opportunity to spend four nights in the comfort of The Park Motel, only a short walk from the town centre and opposite Lissner Park, and fill your days taking part in a program of lectures, meetings and field trips based on the region and its people and activities. It's designed to let you fully appreciate this unique part of Queensland history and culture.

Cost includes: *four nights accommodation; *a stimulating and enjoyable program of activities and field trips to let you make the most of your visit; *all meals and refreshments; *pre-dinner drinks each evening; *experienced MindVentures hosts.

Single accommodation available (additional cost)

More Information about the Heron Island program

Accommodation and meals associated with this program will be provided at the resort on the island, and the cost of the program also includes water transport to and from the island to Gladstone. The resort – as well as being quite expensive – has very strict requirements for group bookings in regard to payment and cancellation. Therefore MindVentures will be required to fully commit financially in advance. We also need to ensure that we finish with an exact total number of participants on account of the size of the University boat.

Participants will therefore be asked to make full payment for the program to MindVentures no later than 8 December 2006.

In this circumstance those enrolled may wish to take out travel insurance that will cover themselves against cancellation (as well as other associated costs that may be incurred due to their participation in the program).

The decision whether to do so or not is of course ultimately up to the individual. But travel insurance can be relatively cheap and simple (particularly where travel only within Australia is involved). There are many providers, and participants may have a preferred insurer or wish to shop around. However, if you are interested MindVentures can – without seeking to make any recommendations – provide you with some further information if you would care to contact us.

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If you wish to discontinue your association with MindVentures and not receive information about programs in the future please let us know and we'll take you off the mailing list.