



# Courses

## Autumn 2018

### March to June

Kapiti WEA Inc  
(Workers' Educational Association)

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#### **Membership**

We welcome and encourage you to become a member and to enrol in our courses. The membership fee is just \$25 a year. We are for the most part self-funded, and depend on membership fees to meet costs not recovered through the course fees.

The advantages of membership include:

- receiving newsletters (emailed) and programme brochures
- discounted course fees offsetting your membership subscription
- helping ensure that courses will be offered in future

We value our members because:

- feedback ensures our programmes are relevant and exciting
- membership shows our funders that we have community support for our activities
- members keep the governing committee in touch with the community.
- membership shows support for upholding the WEA principles of encouraging lifelong learning and strengthening communities
- course fees are structured to encourage membership and on-going participation

#### ***Enrol in more courses and save!!***

There is a discount for members enrolling in more than two of our courses each semester. Once you have enrolled for any two courses at the standard fee, any additional courses this semester are half price. Contact our office for any further explanation.

# 2018 A Programme

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## Calendar of course dates

Code	Name	Start Date	Location
1809	Egyptology – Negotiating the Cosmos: Mythology and Religion	Wed 7 March - 11 April  (6 weeks)	Kapiti Community Centre
1813	Music – Dmitri Shostakovich	Sat 10 March	Kapiti Women’s Centre
1806	Philosophy	Sat 17 March	Kapiti Community Centre
1808	History - Measuring the Earth	Sat 24 March	Kapiti Community Centre
1814	Spanish for travellers	Tues 27 March  (6 weeks)	Kapiti Community Centre
1810	Astrophysics and Cosmology	Sat 7 April	Kapiti Community Centre
1804	Russia and NZ Relations	Sat 14 April	Kapiti Community Centre
1801	Literature - Harry Potter	Sat 21 April	Kapiti Community Centre
1812	Art - Understanding Landscape Painting	Sat 5 May	Kapiti Community Centre
1805	Comparative Religions	Sat 12 May	Kapiti Community Centre
1803	King Arthur: Swords and Sorcery	Sat 26 May	Kapiti Community Centre
1811	Psychology - Active Ageing	Sat 16 June	Presbyterian Church Hall, Waikanae
1802	Literature - Jane Austen	Sat 23 June	Kapiti Community Centre
1807	History - The Falklands War	Sat 30 June	Kapiti Community Centre

# Literature

## **1801 The Magic of Harry Potter**

Tutor: Tatjana Schaefer

Session: Saturday 21 April 10 am – 3 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$40 members \$50 non-members

In the past two decades *Harry Potter* has developed into a cultural phenomenon that has attracted a devoted fan community as well as severe criticism and censorship. But are these books really any good as literature? This course will explore the *Harry Potter* series from a scholarly perspective not only as children's literature, but as world literature. Aspects of interest will include J K Rowling's use of fantasy and realism, romance, mythology, and modern technology.

The course will be delivered as a lecture with some group discussion and film clips.

Dr Tatjana Schaefer is a teaching fellow at the School of English, Film, Theatre and Media Studies at Victoria University.

## **1802 Jane Austen – the Amorous Effect of Brass**

Tutor: Dr Heidi Thomson

Session: Saturday 23 June 10 am – 3 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$40 members \$50 non-members

Course Outline: In *Letter to Lord Byron* W H Auden referred to Jane Austen: 'you could not shock her more than she shocks me because she writes about the amorous effect of 'brass''. An exploration of Jane Austen's novels probing the tensions and connections between property, propriety and love.

Please note that we will focus on the novels: you've seen the movies, now read the novels. Participants are encouraged to bring their own copies of the books, if they have them. The lecturer will be referring to the Penguin Classics Editions of the novels. Handout material will be provided.

Dr Heidi Thomson is Associate Professor of English Literature at Victoria University of Wellington. Her most recent book is *Coleridge and the Romantic Newspaper: The Morning Post and the Road to Dejection* (Palgrave UK, 2016). She has edited *Maria Edgeworth* (Pickering and Chatto; Penguin Classics) and has published widely on Eighteenth-Century and Romantic Poetry.

## **1803 King Arthur: Swords and Sorcery, Truth and Legend**

Tutor: David White

Session: Saturday 26 May 10 am – 1 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$20 members \$30 non-members

We all think we know the story of King Arthur, Guinevere, and the Knights of the Round Table, but what is truth and what is legend? In this course you will trace the origins and discuss the

misconceptions of the Arthurian stories. You will also examine the enduring appeal of this 1500 year old war hero, still popular in modern day adaptations.

David White is a historian and education professional who studied History and English at the University of Kansas. He created and manages the website King Arthur: A Man for the Ages. [www.matterofbritain.com](http://www.matterofbritain.com)

## Culture

### **1804 Russia and New Zealand Relations: From Kaskawisky to Pavlova**

Tutor: Dr Olga Suvorova

Session: Saturday 14 April, 10 am – 1 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$20 members \$30 non-members

Join us for an exciting cultural and historical journey into the early and current Russia-New Zealand relations. Discover the first Russian–Māori encounters and the years when New Zealand was on guard against Russian invasion; the age of heroism of Russian ANZACs and of the stunning beauty of Russian ballerina Anna Pavlova. Learn more about the Soviet–New Zealand military, social and diplomatic links and the new Russia and New Zealand opportunities.

Olga Suvorova has a PhD in Cultural Anthropology and an MA (Hons) in Linguistics from Lomonosov Moscow State University. She is a lecturer at Victoria University of Wellington and has extensive experience working with international leaders in the private and public sectors in New Zealand and Russia. She is currently the President of the New Zealand Society of Translators and Interpreters (NZSTI), Wellington Branch.

### **1805 Religion – Comparative Religions**

Tutor: Christopher Longhurst

Session: Saturday 12 May 10 am – 4 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$40 members \$50 non-members

This short course is an introduction, in comparative context, to the world's major religions – Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism. Other less known religions will also be explored. The course asks: What major themes are shared among these religions? What major ideas are unique to each religion? How are these religions categorised? The course will require you to think about key concepts in religion, and discern the similarities and differences both within (intra) and among (inter) our world's major religions. Through this comparative approach, you will better understand how religion has shaped and been influenced by diverse world views across cultures.

#### **Intended Learning Objectives**

At the end of this course, you will:

- Demonstrate basic understanding of the world's major religions;
- Know the similarities and differences between major world religions;
- Be able to identify and categorize religions.

Dr Christopher Longhurst has held university posts in Morocco and Italy.

## History

### **1807 Falklands War – Britain’s Last Imperial Hurrah**

Tutor: Bryan Wells

Session: Saturday 30 June 1.30 pm – 4 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$20 members \$30 non-members

In April 1982, an invasion of British sovereign territory by Argentina provoked one of the most ambitious undertakings in British military history.

Britain sent a naval Task Force, and 15,000 men, to fight for a small group of islands on the edge of Antarctica. Britain was at war with Argentina, but the odds were spectacularly uneven.

It was the most improbable conflict. Over 30,000 men went to war over a barren, windswept group of islands which were home to only 2,000 British subjects.

We will look at the odds stacked against the British, fighting 8000 miles from home, whilst the Argentinians were fighting right on their doorstep. Our discussion will focus on how the British Forces overcame these odds, and the role of Special Forces in evening up these odds to enable the British to finally prevail on the battlefield.

### **1808 Measuring the Earth**

Tutor: Peter Gainsford

Session: Saturday 24 March 10 am – 3 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

Cost: \$40 members \$50 non-members

Around 250 BCE Eratosthenes calculated the circumference of the Earth. What was the impact of this famous achievement, then and now? What was the reaction of competitors and flat earthers? An introduction to these historical problems and context.

Peter Gainsford is the author of *Early Greek Hexameter Poetry* (Cambridge, 2015) and has written articles on many aspects of ancient Greek language, literature and myth. He has taught classical studies and languages at Victoria University since 2003.

### **1809 Ancient Egypt – Negotiating the Cosmos: Mythology and Religion**

Tutor: Sarah Vidler

Session: Wednesdays (6 sessions) 7 March -11 April 10 am - noon

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$ 90 for 6 sessions or \$20 each session (members);

\$110 and \$30 respectively for non-members

The gods and goddesses of ancient Egypt are amongst the most evocative images of an ancient culture that is complex and sometimes contradictory.

Some names are familiar: Osiris, Anubis and Isis. But how were these gods and goddesses understood and comprehended by the Egyptians themselves?

These seminars unravel the mysteries of ancient Egyptian mythology and its deities by taking a close look at six of the major gods and goddesses, and examining the mythology and beliefs associated with them. You will gain an understanding of how religion functioned on a broad scale within ancient Egyptian society, both elite and commonplace.

Sessions cover:

- Re, the Sun god and god of Creation (7 March)
- Osiris, King of the Afterlife and the Underworld (14 March)
- Isis, the Divine Mother and goddess of magic (4 April)
- Horus, the falcon god and god of divine kingship (11 April)
- Hathor, the golden goddess and god of benevolent/destructive power (2 May)
- Anubis, the canine god and god of the dead (9 May)

Sarah Vidler studied Archaeology & Egyptology at Liverpool and UCL, has undertaken multiple study tours of Egypt, as well as working on excavations in Europe and Israel, and has been teaching Egyptology at Victoria University Continuing Education since 2008.

## Science

### **1810 "Astrophysics and Cosmology": Where To From Here?**

Tutor: Frank Andrews

Session: Saturday 7 April 10 am – 4 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$40 members \$50 non-members

Over the last three hundred and fifty years our understanding of the nature of the universe has grown from 'mythology' and 'legend' to the current, rapidly advancing frontier of understanding today. A number of inventions and discoveries have provided the important stepping stones that have allowed our understanding to progress. For example; the accurate measurement of time, the invention of the telescope, Newton's theory of gravity and an understanding of the nature of light, Kepler's laws of planetary motion and Einstein's Theory of Gravity (General Relativity) represent just some of the vital advances which have been, and are, increasing our understanding the universe.

We will look at how these historical advances have made the foundation on which the growth of our future understanding of the universe and reality is, and will be built. These advances are taking place at an ever increasing rate. Perhaps we can speculate on what the, as yet unknown, stepping stones of future understanding could be and where they might lead us in our search for knowledge of reality and the true nature of the universe.

## **1811 Psychology – Active Ageing and Wellbeing**

Tutor: Helen Gaeta

Session: Saturday 16 June 10 am – 3 pm

Venue: Presbyterian Church Hall, Ngaio Road, Waikanae

Cost: \$ 40 members \$50 non-members

Following Helen's "Mind and Brain" course in 2017, this course will discuss the latest developments in keeping our brain functioning optimally as we age, including nutrition, mindfulness, and tai-chi for breathing and balance.

Helen Gaeta is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Health and Environment, Auckland University of Technology. She graduated Ph.D. from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Auckland. She spent seven years in the U.S.A. researching the ageing brain, after which she returned to New Zealand and took up her current position in 2006.

## **Special Interest**

### **1806 Philosophy**

Tutor: Jay Shaw

Session: Saturday 17 March 10 am – 3 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$ 40 members \$50 non-members

Jay Shaw returns to speak on issues in contemporary Eastern Philosophy, and his reflections on attending the "Mind, Knowledge and Reality" conference hosted by the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture in India in January 2018.

Dr Shaw has a Ph.D. from Rice University, and has taught philosophy for 51 years: including 42 years at Victoria University, 3 years at the University of Hawaii, 1 year at Alabama University, and 5 years at Jadavpur University, Calcutta.

### **1812 Art – Understanding Landscape Painting**

Tutor: Pamela Gerrish-Nunn

Session: Saturday 5 May 10 am – 4 pm

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$ 40 members \$50 non-members

What makes an effective landscape painting? What is landscape painting for? These and other questions illuminating the history and development of this staple in the western tradition are examined in this course. Classic landscapists from Turner to Cézanne will be considered alongside the Pre-Raphaelites, the Impressionists and favourite New Zealand examples.



## 1813 Music

Tutor: Dilys Jones

Session: Saturday March 10 am - noon

Venue: Kapiti Women's Centre

Cost: \$10 members \$20 non-members

Dmitri Shostakovich survived the Stalin purges of the 1930's and WWII, and was inspired to write wonderful music in his ballets, film scores and for strings. We will listen to a selection of his lighter and uplifting work.

Dilys Jones is a retired history teacher with a great love of music.

## 1814 Spanish for Travellers

Tutor: Ester Garcia

Session: 6 Tuesdays 7 – 9 pm 27 March – 1 May

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre

Cost: \$90 members \$110 non-members

A course on verbal and written Spanish, intended for travellers and those keen to learn a new language. No previous knowledge is necessary, however a willingness to learn and participate is.

## 1815 Pick'n Mix

Each month the group travels around the Wellington area by public transport using the Gold Card to discover places and items of interest. Highlights of 2017 were the Malaghan Institute, the Kilbirnie Mosque, National Library's Ephemera Exhibition and the Fragifert Victorian Perfumery. Plans for 2018 include a tour of the historic Parliamentary Library, Days Bay and Matiu/Somes Island by ferry, galleries and special exhibitions.

Contact the WEA office or [kapitiwea@gmail.com](mailto:kapitiwea@gmail.com) if you'd like to be added to the notification list (free to members).

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## About Kapiti Coast WEA Inc - The WEA (Workers Educational Association) was set

up in 1915 and is the longest-serving provider of adult education in New Zealand. Kapiti Coast WEA (established in 1977) is a registered charity and a member of the Federation of WEAs in Aotearoa New Zealand. We are an elected committee of volunteers. Our aim is to provide community-based, stimulating and varied educational activities that develop knowledge, skills, creativity, understanding and enjoyment of life. We offer courses in relaxed environments, using the best tutors available. We believe in life-long learning through courses, field trips, workshops and lectures for those who would like access to adult education but are not formally enrolled in a tertiary programme.

We gratefully acknowledge support from these community organizations:

Financial contributors: **Philipp Family Foundation**  
**Federation of WEAs.**

Promotion of courses: **NZ Post**      **Beach FM**      **Coast Access Radio**  
**Kapiti Community Centre**      **VUW Continuing Education**

# Enrolment Form

- *Enrolment for courses is essential. Please contact our office if there are any special circumstances affecting your enrolment*
- *Your enrolment will be confirmed, and you will be contacted if the class does not proceed. Refunds are made if classes do not proceed, or if notification is given of inability to attend the course one week before it is scheduled to start.*
- *Classes will be cancelled one week from the scheduled start if there are insufficient numbers to meet all costs.*

**Please fill in details and return form to our office, or email your enrolment details to [kapitiwea@gmail.com](mailto:kapitiwea@gmail.com)**

Name: Member Y / N

Address: Membership No.

If renewing, I would like: a new card / a renewal sticker for my current card. (Delete one)  
(All members will be sent a new card unless you request a sticker)

Phone: (day / evening) Mobile:

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Course code	Title	\$ Fee	office use
	(see our fee discount offer on page 1)		
	2018 annual membership	\$25	
	Donation (tax rebate applicable)		
	Total	\$	

I am paying by (please circle): cheque / cash / internet banking

Please make cheques payable to: Kapiti Coast WEA.

**Our NEW bank account: ASB 12-3157-0138300-00 (new account number)**

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