

# PRELIMINARY NOTICE



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A NETWORK WA PRESENTS  
WA STATE CONFERENCE

## 'Connections'



15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Venue: Esplanade Hotel, Busselton (on the beautiful Busselton foreshore)

### Programme will include

(more details overleaf):

- Top speakers with Q & A
- Opportunities for interaction and connection between U3A members/groups
  - Conference Dinner and Musical Evening
  - Post-Conference Excursion

The Esplanade has a range of onsite accommodation or alternative accommodation options can be found in the vicinity. TRANSWA and SW Coach Lines provide services in the region. Note that Travel and Accommodation subsidies are available to those who qualify.

A photograph of the Esplanade Hotel, a long, low building with a white facade and a dark roof, situated on a wooden pier extending into the ocean. The building has a sign that reads 'INTERPRETIVE CENTRE' and 'ESPLANADE HOTEL'. The sky is clear and blue, and the water is calm.

Tickets will be available through Ticketebo (date to be advised)

# NEWS FLASH!

- The Conference Ticket Price is \$65 per person
- The Programme incorporates the overall theme of “Connections” through exploring inclusiveness, cultural awareness, healthy ageing and the opportunities and challenges of technology. Top speakers include Dr Michael Hunter and Bill & Jenny Bunbury – see biographies below. Interaction and information sharing will be a key component of this Conference
- The Conference Dinner will include musical entertainment and a Post-Conference Excursion is planned for Friday afternoon (see below).
- The Esplanade Hotel is located at 30 – 38 Marine Terrace in Busselton. This will be our base for the whole conference. It is situated close to the Busselton Foreshore and iconic Busselton Jetty. Accommodation at the venue can be booked directly with the Hotel. For information about the range of room types, prices and a SPECIAL DEAL for Conference attendees. Phone 08 9572 1078.
- Other accommodation options are nearby such as the Busselton Caravan Park and Chalets for those who want to ‘linger longer’ after the Conference. There are tentative plans for a Jetty Train Ride/Underwater Observatory Visit at the end of the Conference, subject to new building works being completed in time.
- Travel and accommodation subsidies are available for those who qualify i.e. living further away than 100 kilometres.
- Updates will be provided to U3A Networks over the coming months.

## PROPOSED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

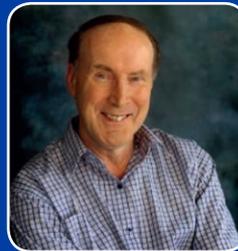


### **Dr Michael Hunter**

BPMRI, Director Busselton Health Study Centre

Dr Hunter is a Board member of the Busselton Population Medical Research Institute (BPMRI), member of the

Busselton Healthy Ageing Study (BHAS) Scientific Management Committee and Chairs the Busselton Health Study Local Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Rural Clinical School of Western Australia's Local Advisory Group in Busselton. Busselton Health Study is a long-term, on-going health cohort study of residents of the Western Australian city of Busselton. Over 20,000 Busselton residents have participated. It is internationally recognised as one of the longest-running population health research programs of its kind.



### **Bill & Jenny Bunbury**

Former ABC producer, Bill Bunbury, OAM, has won awards for his oral history radio features, and written more than a dozen books. Since leaving the ABC in 2007, he has recorded

Noongar stories for Community Arts WA and made more radio documentaries for the ABC. In 2015 Bill published a book titled *Invisible Country*, examining land management and restoration in WA. His new book, *Many Maps* to be released by UWA Publishing shortly before the U3A State Conference this year, and co-written with wife, Jenny, takes us through almost two centuries of interactions between people with very different cultures and understandings about the continent we both live in. Today, there is much that wadjelas we can learn from the original custodians of this land as Bill and Jenny will illustrate in their presentation.