



The Jane Austen Society of Australia ~ Brisbane

"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading."



Program of Meetings for 2018

Austen Triple Feature - Colours in Austen, Meet Fanny Burney and False Impressions - 24 February (1- 3pm)

Samantha Holcroft's talk entitled *"I dare say Mrs D. will be in Yellow"* will explore the colours of Jane Austen's real and fictional worlds. Where did the yellow for Mrs Darcy's gown come from? What about the paint for her sister's white dress and green ornaments? Why did Bingley and Wickham have blue coats? Did you know Jane Austen had green shoes? **Sue Green** will then introduce us briefly to the author Fanny Burney, a contemporary of Jane Austen. **Margaret Cleland** will give a shortened version of her recent U3A talk detailing her theory on why a lot of readers fail to appreciate what Austen's work is really about.

Northanger Abbey Study Afternoon - 12 May (1-4pm)

Our 2018 study afternoon will be a celebration of 200 years of *Northanger Abbey*. Our guest speaker will be **Chris Clark** from Newcastle University. In her presentation, *"Misunderstanding Henry"*, Chris will examine the misconceptions of Henry Tilney as a romantic hero. We will also look at Austen's Gothic influences and review some of the novels that so terrified young Catherine Morland. An open book quiz will require you to know who said what and what happened where, so dust off your copies! You will find that *Northanger Abbey* improves with every reading.

The Life, Novels and Journals of Fanny Burney, (Mme d'Arblay) - 14 July (1 - 3pm)

Karin Fernald is a professional actor who in recent years has presented solo shows on many literary figures across the UK theatre scene. Her talk will be based on her show *"The Famous Miss Burney"*. Austen was a great admirer of Fanny Burney as a novelist. It appears that Austen purloined the phrase "pride and prejudice" from the last paragraph of Burney's *Cecilia* and critics find much similarity between the plots of the two novels. Karin will also treat us to a one-woman performance on Austen's *Juvenilia* which comes highly recommended by Austen writer, Maggie Lane.

Friendship-the finest balm - 6 October (1-3pm)

Madame Anne Lefroy and Jane Austen shared a friendship that was marked by intelligence and respect and was nurtured by their mutual love of literature. We are excited to welcome special guest speaker **Judy Stove**, author of *The Missing Monument Murders*, to Brisbane to debut her world first investigations into this special relationship in Jane Austen's life. The different kinds of friendship in Jane Austen's novels will also be the subject of lively examination.

How to build a personal Jane Austen library - 17 November (1-3pm)

At this meeting, guest speaker **Emeritus Professor Chris Browne** will present *"How to build a personal Jane Austen library"*, from his perspective as a book collector. Chris is a serious collector of books, particularly 19th and 20th century English literature. Chris is a retired academic, who has collected books for more than 45 years.

Meetings commence at 1pm and include Afternoon Tea

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