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SCHEDULE OF TUESDAY LECTURES FEBRUARY TO JUNE 2024

Venue: RJM Hall, Randjes Estate
6 Randjeslaagte Road, Highlands North. 26.14S 28.09E

*Lectures are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month.
Tea and coffee are served from 9:20–9:50. The lecture starts promptly at 10:00.
The registration and attendance tables close at 9:50. Guests are most welcome.*

DATE Tuesday 13 February 2024 SPEAKER Jessica Babich

TOPIC **Rhinos saving people, people saving rhinos**

Jessica Babich has a Cum Laude degree in Anthropology and is passionate about wildlife and people. Specialising in environmental anthropology, Jessica now lives and works in the stunning UNESCO Waterberg Biosphere Region in Limpopo. It is here that the second largest remaining rhino population resides, along with a host of pristine landscapes that are home to many threatened and protected species. She is a multi-talented young woman. As a 'Red Rhino' Woman she brings her own unmistakable joie de vivre and natural beauty. She is adventurous, nature loving and an advanced diver. One of the projects Jessica works on, The Rhisotope Project, includes the groundbreaking use of nuclear technology, which will be featured in her talk. Jessica believes that by saving rhinos, people too will be saved. As an independent consultant, her vision is to work with like-minded people and projects to help combat crime and the poaching scourge in Africa.

DATE Tuesday 12 March 2024 SPEAKER Dudley Holmes

TOPIC **39 Years of Fun and Song**

Dudley is well known to many of our U3A members and, as a resident, to the residents of Randjes Estate. He is no stranger to the stage and has spent a lifetime performing in many shows and concerts. These include shows with Adam Leslie, Taubie Kushlik's Jacques Brel is Alive, Well and Living in Paris, The Merry Widow, Camelot and The Sound of Music as well as a number of concerts. In this presentation, Dudley will share his story and experiences with us. This certainly promises to be an exciting morning.

DATE Tuesday 9 April 2024 SPEAKER Garth Japhet

TOPIC **What's Your Story? How stories shape us, and our world**

Garth is a medical doctor and the founding CEO of Heartlines. In this presentation Garth will explore the unbelievable power that story has to shape us, and our world. From when we first roamed the earth to the present day, story has shaped our beliefs and behaviours and influenced world events such as the American civil war, the rise of Hitler and even how we celebrate Christmas. Our ability to tell stories is what differentiates us from other animals. It's what makes us human. Stories are used when tackling society's big issues, such as race and reconciliation, diversity and inclusion, and father absence.

Garth will examine why it is that stories have this incredible power, how stories have shaped his own life, and how he has used stories to influence the lives of others. He will discuss how we can use this tool, hiding in plain sight, to help ourselves, and those around us.

DATE Tuesday 14 May 2024 SPEAKER Alastair Meredith

TOPIC **Recent and Upcoming Highlights from the Auction World**

Alastair is Head of Strauss & Company's Johannesburg Art Department. He is a passionate auctioneer with extensive scholarly knowledge of early 20th Century South African and British paintings. A skilled communicator, Alastair has delivered numerous lectures and conducted many auctions. He has a BA in Art History and English Literature from Edinburgh and Master's and Doctoral degrees from Cambridge University. It was his PhD research into the life of Cape Town born painter Jan Juta, that brought Alastair to the attention of Strauss & Co's late Managing Director, Stephen Wetz. Alastair's scholarly knowledge, paired with his skills as a lecturer and teacher, make him brilliant at contextualising artists and their work.

DATE Tuesday 11 June 2023 SPEAKER Emma Huggett

TOPIC **Human Trafficking in South Africa**

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking is growing globally as an illicit industry – with South Africa no exception. South Africa is seen as a destination country as well as a source country. This intriguing presentation will include elements of trafficking, what trafficking includes and excludes, as well as those factors that exacerbate it. We will also touch on the funds behind this illicit industry, as it is a highly lucrative business, as well as recent moves by the financial industry to track and freeze the funds received from modern slavery and human trafficking. Our children and grandchildren could be at risk!