

## First contact stories from the desert

Anthropologist Jan Turner will present a fresh perspective on the period of first contact between Indigenous people in the Gibson Desert and foreigners.

She will be the speaker at the August 21 meeting of the Royal WA Historical Society.

This contact dates from the 1960s through to 1987 and was associated with the arrival of strangers descending in helicopters, satellites and vapour trails appearing in the sky, and the lights and sounds of aeroplanes.

The stories of first contact have been told, often in fragmented form, around camp-fires and more recently have been recorded on film.

Jan Turner began working with desert people of Central Australia in 1987 when she was employed as an anthropologist with the Pitjantjatjara Council based in Alice Springs.

She made lasting friendships while working on a diverse range of projects, including mineral exploration, women's health and native title.

One of those friends was Daisy Tjuparntari Ward, who became a friend, sister and colleague.

Together they have developed cross-cultural methodologies for research using oral histories, Indigenous art forms and films to represent orally-transmitted desert cultures.

Between 2009 and 2014 Jan and Daisy worked with film makers on the Indigenous Community Stories project, and these stories now have the potential to become accessible to a wider audience.

Jan's talk, Cross cultural histories – a desert perspective, will be at 6pm at Stirling House on the corner of Broadway and Clark Street, Nedlands.

Refreshments will be available from 5.30pm and the bookshop will be open. For more information, call

9386 3841.

## Learn to manage your knees

A six-week program run by health professionals in Shenton Park will educate individuals about osteoarthritis of the knee.

Each session lasts 2½ hours and is conducted in a friendly and supportive group atmosphere.

Learn to manage your condition better at the sessions from 1 to 3.30pm on Tuesdays from August 20 to September 24.

The cost is \$35 per person or \$40 with a partner or support person.

To register, call 9388 2199 or go online at arthritiswa.org. au/events.

Registrations close on August 13.



Jack Flanagan as the vegie mobster in The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui.

## Hitler, the cauliflower racketeer

Adolf Hitler is recast as a small-time Chicago gangster who is taking over the city's greengrocery trade in Bertholt Brecht's play The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui.

Young actors from Midnite Youth Theatre Company will present the savage satire at the Subiaco Arts Centre from August 22 to 24.

Using a wide range of parody,

from Al Capone to Shakespeare's Richard III, Brecht's compelling parable has relevance wherever there is totalitarianism.

This version directed by Gregory Jones will feature Greg Boeddinghaus, Samuel Claxton, Josh Coales, Liam Colligan, Elizabeth Craig, Jack Day, Jack Flanagan, Isaac Hamilton, Justin Hancock, Victoire Hemedi, Alex Macgregor, Varad Mukhedkar, Josh O'Brien, Michael Paulik, Ashlyn Pearson, Angus Price, James Sarre, Charlotte Shaw, Lucien Sproat, Harry Stevenson, Rohan Waring and Max Zempilas

It is on at 7.30 from August 22 to 24, with a matinee at 2pm on Saturday, August 24.

Tickets are \$35, \$25 concession, and can be booked via the Perth Theatre Trust website.









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