



AUBURN UNITING CHURCH
81 Oxley Road, Hawthorn

**COFFEE MORNING
PROGRAM 10:15 am
Thursday 5 Sept 2019**

Meetings are held in the Pawsey Room

“The European discovery of the Murray - Darling river system; its development and the inter-colonial struggle for the pastoral trade 1830-1880.”

Speaker: Rev Dr James Donaldson

Our entertaining and knowledgeable historian James Donaldson is back to talk to us by popular demand. From sheep shearing machinery, wool grading and life in Australia and Scotland, James has shared with us his enjoyment of past times and the interesting lives of people who made Australia their home.

This time it is the story of the European people who first interacted with the Murray–Darling river system. The Murray-Darling Basin drains around one-seventh of the Australian land mass and is now one of the most significant agricultural areas in Australia. It is the largest and most complex river system in Australia - running from Qld, through NSW and the ACT, Vic and SA, spanning 77,000 kilometres of rivers, many of which are connected.

Towns and rural communities across the Basin rely on a healthy river system—our economy, food security and wellbeing depend on it, now and into the future.



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Thursday 3 Oct 2019**

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“*The Farhud, The Anarchy*”

Speaker: Nita Jawary

Nita Jawary, born in Australia, is the daughter of Jewish immigrants from Baghdad. While her parents wanted her to grow up *Aussie*, they also imbued her with a strong sense of Judeo-Babylonian culture, a culture that had existed, largely unchanged, for over 2000 years.

This talk is about the way of life in Iraq, about the harmony between Christian, Jew and Moslem, and about *The Farhud*, “The Anarchy”, a massacre of the Jewish population that ended their way of life forever.

Nita has worked variously as a teacher, journalist, university lecturer and full-time Mum. She volunteers at Vision Australia and the National Gallery of Victoria and enjoys making art, writing stories, and watching the sweet peas grow.

Some parking is available at the end of Edlington Street

A gold coin donation is appreciated to defray expenses

You are warmly invited to stay for a light lunch

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