

Our Next Speaker Series Talk
2.30 pm, Wednesday 22nd February, Beaumaris Centre.

Trying to Understand Myanmar Today **Stories of Inspiration – and Frustration**

Peter and Margie Card are local residents, and members of Bayside U3A. Some 17 years ago, they went to Myanmar and visited the country's central plateau. It was here that they developed a relationship with a local ex-schoolteacher who would inspire them to help change the lives of the local communities. Since then, they organised and funded building of 20 schools in small farming children, opening up the opportunity for education for the children.



Peter and Margie will tell you a fascinating and inspiring story of their many trips to Myanmar, working with the local communities to help improve their lives. They will talk about their experiences of staying in the villages, sleeping on the floor, washing in the open, eating and laughing with the locals – despite all the language difficulties.



Since the military junta seized power in Myanmar two years ago, the situation in the country became much more difficult. Peter and Margie have not been able to visit since then, but still take great interest in developments in the country. They will share their insights about the ongoing struggle between the military junta, who have militarized and exploited the whole country, and the majority of citizens, represented by a number of “mini-armies” and ethnic militias.

It promises to be a most interesting and informative afternoon.