

Lives Well Lived

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Course Introduction

This course will consider the accomplishments of people who are among my environmental heroes, but who are not generally well known despite the significance of their place in environmental history. During the first three weeks of the course, I will introduce you to two nature writers and a conservationist who changed the way we understand and appreciate wild animals. In weeks four and five, you will meet two women who campaigned against environmental pollution, one on the international stage and one in the neighbourhood where she lived with her husband and young son. Weeks six and seven will focus on the work of urban planners who were early advocates of greening cities. The final week of the course will feature a woman writer and journalist whose essays and books helped to educate Australians about the natural wonders of their own land prior to WWII.

The course presentations will use DVDs, where available, and illustrated talks by the Tutor to highlight the accomplishments of these environmental heroes. Additional material will be provided online as Course Notes. This additional material will include biographies, lists of publications, videos and copies of some of the essays and books mentioned during the course.