



UPPER NORTH REGION NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SEMESTER COURSE AND EVENTS BOOK

You will by now have received your second semester course book in the mail (also available to view on the website <http://sydneyu3a.org/sydney-u3a/courses/>) and eagerly scanning its pages for courses that interest you.

CHECK OUT THE BRAND NEW COURSES

Computing explained 172NB02

Where: Wahroonga: The Woniara, 9 Woniara Avenue, (walking distance from Wahroonga Station)

Do you know your broadband from your Wi-Fi? How big is a gigabyte? What is a hotspot and when should you use Bluetooth? From bits and bytes to smartphone apps, this course explains a wide range of computing topics in simple terms. This is not a workshop – no practical's, but help can be given with users' issues. Presentations will include projection of visuals (slides from iPad) and online demonstrations.

When: Each Monday from 24 July to 28 August, 2.00-4.00. (6 sessions)

Leader and bookings: Stephen Cooper, stephencooper@email.com





Bridge for beginners 172NQ01

Where: Thornleigh: Hillcrest Uniting Church, 1 Paling Street



Learn to play Social/Rubber Bridge and Duplicate/Club Bridge in a friendly social setting. Course includes notes and supervised play.

When: Alt. Tuesdays from 18 July, 10.00-12.00

Leader and bookings: James Stowe, 9484 6064

The Pacific ascendancy 172NE01

Where: Epping Leisure and Learning Centre, 1 Chambers Court, off Pembroke Street, beneath library

We examine the phenomenon of the Trans-Pacific nations and their ascendancies to the epicentre of global economic and geopolitical activity in the 21st century. The impact this will have on the Atlantic economies will also be discussed.

When: Alt. Wednesdays from 19 July, 1.00-3.00

Leader and bookings: Ian De Mellow 9487 1908, ian.mellow@bigpond.com

Italian for travellers 172NY01

Where: Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George Street (entry in Hunter Street)

Are you planning to visit Italy or have you been there and long to return? This course assumes no prior knowledge of Italian and will deal with everyday travel situations. As well as learning the basics of the language you will enjoy discussions on cultural topics to enhance your travel experience. (20 sessions).

When: Alt. Tuesdays from 18 July, 1.30-3.30

Leader and bookings: Paddy Gunning, 9456 1291, gunnosp@gmail.com





Talk about the weather 172NF01

Where: Epping Community Centre, 9 Oxford Street

We gain a basic understanding of the science of weather and how it affects us as well as other creatures and plants. We look at weather forecasting, scientific wonders and some of the dramatic weather events of the past. We also gain fascinating insights into clouds, rain, oceans and wind.

When: Alt. Wednesdays from 26 July, 10.00-12.00

Leader and bookings: David Malone, 0418 440 828, dymalone@bigpond.net.au

History of the English Language 172NI02

Where: St Ives Uniting Church, cnr. Douglas Street and Mona Vale Road

Each session comprises DVD lectures given by Professor Seth Lerer, Dean of Arts and Humanities from 2009 to 2014 at the University of California. We study the history of the early Indo-European language, then the Northern European languages that merged to become Old English, the ancestor of the language we now know. Giants such as Chaucer and Shakespeare are discussed.

When: Alt. Wednesdays from 2 August, 1.00-3.00

Leader and bookings: Barrie Heath 9489 5126, barrieh1@optusnet.com.au

Concerto insights 172N109

Where: St Ives Uniting Church, cnr. Douglas Street and Mona Vale Road

The romantic mix of a soloist and orchestra is one of the most popular formats in the concert repertoire. We will trace concerto form from its roots up to the early 20th century, in both words and music.

When: Alt Thursdays from 20 July, 10.00-12.00



Leader and enquiries: John Hughes 9449 3416. No advance bookings – register on arrival





Simply science 172NA02

Where: Berowra Community Centre, The Gully Road

A series of five talks on scientific and technical topics designed for the layman. The speakers explain the subjects in simple non-scientific terms using Power Point projections. The topics include some content very applicable to today's world.

When: Mondays, 21 Aug, 18 Sept, 16 Oct, 30 Oct and 20 Nov, 10.00-12.00

Leader: Joan Scott, bookings, Pauline Holbrook 0428 294 595,
holbrookj@bigpond.com

Time travelling into great stories from the past 172NY04

Where: Hornsby Central Library, 28-44 George Street (entry Hunter Lane)

We aim to visit a different place and time each session. Get ready for an intriguing look at Oscar Wilde; the 'Lost Queen' of George 1; the exiled Lady Luxborough; links across the Silk Road; snuff and nonsense and Charles Darwin; a Japanese tea ceremony; and more: All aboard!

When: Alt. Tuesdays from 18 July, 10.30-12.30

Leader and bookings: Heather Bentley, 0408 158 858,
heatherbentley.joy@gmail.com





UPPER NORTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

This photograph was taken on a sunny 30th May at Hornsby Mall when Upper North committee members held an information stand at the Volunteers' Expo. The stand attracted many people who were eager to learn more about U3A.



Pictured above : Upper North Region's President Grahame Marr and Statistician Barbara Sabel
at the stand





LECTURES IN JULY AND AUGUST



The Landings: Turramurra North

440 Bobbin Head Road,
North Turramurra

Topics of Interest

Tuesday 11 July, 10.00-12.00.

The great game between Britain and Czarist Russia (Part 2),

Peter Headley

Tuesday 25 July, 10.00-12.00.

Finding HMAS Sydney,

Noel Phelan



Tuesday 8 August, 10.00-12.00.

Mapping an empire,

Tony McCurdy

Tuesday 22 August, 10.00-12.00.

Bea Miles and Arthur Stace,

Graham Sims



No bookings required. Convenor:

Wendy Bull, 9488 5268,

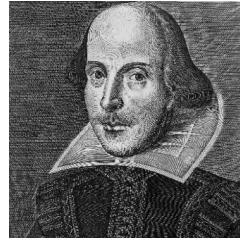
thelandingsvilla@gmail.com

Lindfield Gardens

2 Ulmarra Place, Lindfield

A series of interesting talks

Thursday 27 July, 10.00-12.00.



.Living with Shakespeare,

Heather Bentley

Thursday 24 August, 10.00-12.00.

Easter Island – Its true past,

Phil Pryor

Book through the office, 9416 8466

Rohini Village: Turramurra

51-53 Rohini Avenue, Turramurra

Speakers' program

Wednesday 12 July, 10.30-12.00.

Local issues, Ku-ring-gai,

Alistair Henskens

Wednesday 9 August, 10.30-12.00.

Listening to prisoners,

Fergus Hynes

Bookings:

Patricia Johnson, 0416 013 413

WAR ON WASTE

U3A Upper North's contribution to the war on waste is a request that members bring their own cups for morning tea to save on the use of paper cups.





St Ives Uniting Church

Corner Douglas Street and Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Science and Technology

Wednesday 19 July, 10.00-12.00.

Lecture TBA,
John Roberts

Wednesday 2 August, 10.00-12.00.

Introduction to the history of forensic science,
Ian Thompson

Wednesday 16 August, 10.00-12.00.

Discussion

Wednesday 30 August 10.00-12.00.

Poisonous stings,
Ian Thompson and Das Dassanayake

Bookings:
Doug Milne 0435 869 199
milnedk@live.com.au

Lourdes Retirement Village:

Killara:
95 Stanhope Road, Killara

Historical and other interesting topics

Thursday, 6 July, 10.00-12.00.

Roses from the heart,
Rosemary McCulloch

Thursday 3 August, 10.00-12.00

More antics at the airport help desk,
Cheryl Cartwright

Bookings not required.

Berowra: Community Centre

The Gully Road

Affairs of interest

Monday 31 July, 10.00-12.00.

Invention of the printing press,
Leader and bookings, Anne Lycett,
j_alycett@optusnet.com.au

Monday, 21 August, 10.00-12.00

Simply Science

Leader: Joan Scott,
djscott@tpg.com.au.

Bookings:

Pauline Holbrook, 0428294595,
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PLEASE NOTE:

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR
PAULINE HOLBROOK
HAS RECENTLY MOVED.

UNTIL SHE SORTS OUT HER
LANDLINE PHONE, PLEASE CALL
HER MOBILE, **0428294595**

CORRECTIONS TO THE COURSE BOOK

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172NH02: Indonesian Beginners

The finishing time is 12.30pm

172NT02: Truth in History

Additional Booking.

marilynpryor7@gmail.com

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172NH03: Indonesian Beyond Beginners

This course will **NOT** be held this semester





Vale Mike Goodwin



It is with deep regret that we report the recent sudden death of Mike Goodwin. He had a great love of history and was a favourite lecturer at U3A for the Greater Western region, establishing a wonderful rapport with his classes. He joined the organisation in late 2006. He began presenting courses in February 2007 and in 2009 he commenced an 'Australian History' group in Blacktown. In the years that followed he held several offices in U3A and took on the role of Vice-President Public Relations, a position he held until 2016.

(A longer version of this obituary can be found in the June issue of the Greater Western newsletter.)

Note from the Editor, Upper North: I was particularly sad to hear of Mike's death. I knew him not only through U3A but as a fellow member of the Plantagenet Society. Mike was of great assistance to me when I first took over my role as PR officer for Upper North. I found him to be an enthusiastic teacher and mentor. He will be sorely missed.

Newsletter Link:

Members are welcome to view other U3A region's newsletters at this link:

<http://sydneyu3a.org/sydney-u3a/regions/>

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