

News from Central Office



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Central Office Christmas closing December 15th to January 2nd

FROM VP EDUCATION

You should receive your course book around January 15, 2018. A copy will also be posted on our website around that time.

In addition to the "old favourites" there are new courses across all regions plus some really great events and a diverse and interesting range of speakers. Definitely something for everyone.

WHEN BOOKING COURSES WE ASK ALL MEMBERS TO PLEASE REMEMBER THE PROTOCOL.

Booking secretaries and leaders are all **VOLUNTEERS**

To book a course, unless specified in the course book, email or phone the contact provided.

If you don't hear back, follow up – email or phone again.

Never "turn up" without a booking unless specified in the course book.

Provide your membership number and contact details when booking.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

If you have booked a place in a course and cannot attend advise the booking secretary/leader of your non-attendance. Often there are wait lists and, if you notify, your place will be given to another member.

Venue Co-ordinators and Regional Course Co-ordinators do not take course bookings unless specified in the course book.

Our great organisations exists because of its impressive group of volunteers – the regional course and venue coordinators, committee members, leaders, admin and other volunteers - who donate time, effort and energy to ensure Sydney U3A continues to uphold the U3A ethos. A mega "thank you" for your contribution.

Dianne Ekert

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As 2017 draws to a close I look back on my first nine months as President with amazement that the time has flown by so quickly. U3A is such a great movement and the opportunities it offers everyone to expand their horizons is enormous. As always an organisation run completely by volunteers has its ups and downs.

Unfortunately a huge down this year has been caused by problems with the MyU3A membership system. We completed our first year using this system in September and we are still experiencing problems. The major problem seems to be with renewal notifications and overdue notices which are automatically sent out by email. The numbers of members not receiving these notifications is larger than acceptable. We are seeking to address the problem with the IT team and hoping that in future all renewal notifications will be received. I feel that this problem has largely contributed to our reduced membership. I ask all members to please check their Renewal date on their membership card and ring the office if they have not received a notification for renewal.

Over the last few weeks I have attended events in 4 regions, Upper North AGM, Northern Beaches Leaders Lunch, Greater Western AGM and Harbourside North AGM. Each region does things in their own way and all were very enjoyable. It was really good to meet with members and touch base with old friends. One way to make and keep friends in our organisation is to become involved in region committees and so contribute to the ongoing health of our organisation. I have found my time in U3A most rewarding and stimulating.

It was with great regret that the Management Committee accepted the resignation of Vice-president Public Relations (VP PR) Sally Davis and Eastern Region President Caro Phillips from the committee. Both Sally and Caro have given outstanding service to Sydney U3A and are greatly missed. We are seeking a person to take on the role of VP PR at the March meeting. If you are interested and would like further details please email me at nboston@bigpond.net.au

I take this opportunity to send you all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. May you all continue in good health and happiness during the coming year.

Barbara Boston

What are the best things in later life?

City of Sydney Council in partnership with Sydney U3A and The Junction Neighborhood Centre will be hosting an exhibition for Seniors Festival 2018 to celebrate the best things about later life.

The theme for NSW Seniors Festival 2018 is Let's Do More Together!

Be part of a great project that aims to raise the positive aspects of being older and celebrates the best things about later life. We have many, many U3A members who have the most interesting stories to tell.

You are invited to tell us what you think (or will be) the best things about living life in your 60s and over. Selected entries will be showcased during the 2018 festival (5 to 15 April). Entries will close on Friday 16 February 2018.

All you need to do is to write in not more than 150 words, send a photograph or a short video of what you think the best things in life are for people over 60

Selected entries will be on show on Thursday 12 April for Seniors Festival 2018.

How to send your ideas

Words or photos online at :

cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/seniors-festival-2018

Video by email to :

seniorsfestival@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.

Submission will to be featured in an exhibition, book, online presentation or promotion for Seniors Festival 2018 and to be you will be contacted by The City of Sydney staff to receive an invitation to Seniors Festival 2018 event.

City of Sydney Council is the major partner in this project. Therefore do not contact Sydney U3A. If you required more information contact, Bishop Laryea on 02 8374 6310 or email seniorsfestival@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY

NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

SENIORS FESTIVAL



The best things in later life

What do you think is the best part about later life?

Tell us in **150 words**, a **photograph** or a **short video** what you think the best things in life are for people over 60.

Entries are open to anyone of any age.

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U3A NETWORK NEWS:

The U3A Network has a resource library which can be used by all member U3A's.
<http://nsw.u3anet.org.au>

Barbara Boston and Beverley Peken will now be responsible for U3A Nepean-Blue Mountains, U3A Hawkesbury, U3A McCarthur and U3A Liverpool as well as Sydney.