

News from Central Office



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Our new office is at (Suite 2, Level 10) St Martin's Tower, 31 Market Sydney.

The building is on the corner of York and Market Streets directly across from the QVB which is a bus interchange and a hop step and jump from Town Hall Station.

Unfortunately, because we are in a different telephone exchange zone, our phone number has changed to:

9267 9056 there is however a diversion on the old number.

Other contact details remain the same:

email: mail@sydneyu3a.org

web: www.sydneyu3a.org

New mailing address is:

Sydney U3A Inc

Suite 10.02 St Martin's Tower

31 Market Street, Sydney 2000

We are currently in the process of installing connections for computers, phones etc and unpacking so we ask all members to understand and be patient during this time. Be assured that we are striving to be up and running as quickly as possible.

Also we have not had internet or phone connections for over a week so hopefully this will be up and running shortly.

COURSE BOOK

We would like to make all members aware of the effort being expended to ensure that the course book is produced in a professional manner, just as it has been in the past.

Ian Thompson, who has either co-edited or edited the course book for eight years, retired



from the role at the end of June. In addition the printer who has printed the book for well over 15 years and who had the task down pat, sold his business, also at the end of June. Regrettably he gave us very little notice of the change. In addition the new owner did not retain the staff member who actually produced our course book.

We thought at the time, we had the role covered as a member with a long career in editing, volunteered for the role of editor well prior to Ian's retirement. We organised for him to meet with Ian and to learn the process whilst the last course book was being compiled and produced.

Unfortunately, particularly for him, but also for U3A, that member plus three other volunteers, all of whom had long and varied experience with editing and/or proofreading, withdrew due to health/personal reasons.

We are however very fortunate that another member, Judithe Hall, is now taking over the editor role and we have now put together an experienced team of proofreaders to assist the regional course coordinators and to support Judithe. But, just to add a little more pressure, the printer will close down over the Christmas break for three weeks!

Accordingly we ask that all regions submit their entries in accord with the timetable issued and that extra care is taken to submit copy that is correct particularly in relation to details such as email addresses, names, dates, venues etc. remembering that Ian knew many of the venues and people involved and was able to pick up corrections.

A mega thank you to Judithe and to our new team of proofreaders. The course book is Sydney U3A's bible. Sydney U3A is extremely fortunate that we have so many talented members.

We do have future plans to put the course book on our website in a manner that will facilitate searching on-line. This together with an aim to allow on-line course bookings will be pursued during 2019.