

HARBOURSIDE NORTH

REGION

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2018

Annual General Meeting and Election of Office Bearers and Annual Celebration Lunch

Lane Cove Country Club
River Road, Lane Cove

Friday 7 December, 2018 at 12.00

Dougherty Community Centre

7 Victor Street, Chatswood
Crime, Punishment and Civil Disputes in
Colonial NSW

The justice system of Sydney Town from 1800,
including convict punishment and the 1800
Rum Rebellion.

Four sessions – from Monday 8th October.

Speaker: Malcolm Robertson.

Bookings: joymartin@optusnet.com.au
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Christmas Music for Everyone

Graham Ball presenting Christmas music
Let's celebrate the Christmas spirit with
Graham Ball's music to enjoy and sing along
with some Christmas Fare
Let's have some fun with the Christmas spirit.

Monday 3rd December 10.30-12.30
C A Fairland Hall Hunters Hill



Thank You Celebration Lunch

To show our appreciation of the contribution
and success of the

Region's U3A program this year, a
Thank You Celebration Lunch
for Presenters and other Volunteers
was held at the Lane Cove Country Club
on Friday 14 September 2018.

Harvey Broadbent emceed the event,
introducing Kerrie McKenzie who gave an
'Acknowledgement of Country' ... and a brief
talk on Aboriginal History.

President Judy Harris welcomed guests and
later acknowledged Kathy Verne-Barnett for
her many years as
Course Co-ordinator.

Graham Ball took the guests on a trip down
memory lane by playing music from the 60's
and 70's. From soul by Arethra Franklin to the
now famous 'Rock Around the Clock' by Bill
Haley, 'Love me Tender' by Elvis Presley,
Johnny O'Keefe, finishing with The Village
People singing 'YMCA'.



Kerrie McKenzie and Judy Harris



Kathy Vern-Barnett

For 2019 ---

Morning Tea and Cakes

Mosman Art Gallery

Monday 4th February 2019 at 10.00am

For Members, new Members,
potential Members

To share ideas, suggestions and experiences of
U3A

Further information:

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Note from Management

Please ensure that your correct email address is
on file.

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It is important that you wear your Membership  
badge at all U3A meetings.

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Renewal date of your Membership is calculated
12 months from the
date of your joining.

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Friends or family or Members of overseas U3A  
are welcome to join the sessions as guests - for  
2 sessions.

**POET'S CORNER**

**Delight**

Outside the window  
reaches an arch  
of tethered, eager  
vine.

Some winter roses pose  
they've stepped out  
from encasements of green  
brandishing tangerine  
vivid in their costumes.

M R Drew July, 2018

**Two** By John Weerden

If you think nothing's new  
If you think you've seen it all  
let me introduce you to someone who is two  
and not very tall.

If you think you've got troubles  
and everything is blue,  
then come and blow some bubbles  
with someone who is two.

If you're just sitting knitting  
with nothing better to do  
perhaps you'd like babysitting  
someone who is two.

If you're not feeling happy  
and your world has turned to poo  
then come and change a nappy  
of someone who is two.

If you're feeling kind of sickly  
and you've got the flu  
then stay away from bubby  
cause she is only two!



**Artists at Work**  
**'Drawing for Beginners'**  
**C A Fairland Hall Hunters Hill**

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## PROFILE

### JOHN FLINT AND NORA HINCHEN AND U3A

If we had been told twelve years ago that we would become regular presenters at U3A on a wide range of topics, we would not have believed it. We blame Andrew and Kate Caro, stalwarts of U3A for many years.

We met them on a WEA tour of Mudgee and its wineries, and Andrew invited us to a three-day literary festival in the Blue Mountains that he was organizing for U3A Harbourside North. The theme was Jane Austen. John and I became U3A members, went along and enjoyed it very much. The festival became an annual event, and is now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year. Andrew and Kate were at the helm for most of those years.

That festival on Jane Austen got us started. Shortly afterwards, John began giving talks on Venice, a subject on which he admits he can talk under water, and when Andrew was planning a festival on Shakespeare, we were both dragooned into participating.

Initially I was not at all confident I could do this, but I had just spent the previous three years translating a book about Cleopatra from Italian to English, so I convinced myself that I could probably talk about two of the Roman plays of Shakespeare – *Julius Caesar* and *Antony and Cleopatra*. John and I taught ourselves to do accompanying PowerPoint presentations with pictures, film clips and sound, and these accompany all our talks.

Now we give talks on literature, films, language, music and opera, subjects relating to Italy and Venice, and anything else that takes our fancy. We give presentations at quite a number of different sites, and we always go as a team – if John is speaking, I man the computer, and vice versa. Our U3A commitments have taken on a life of their own, as we spend a lot of time researching our subjects and putting together our talks, which we find very absorbing and satisfying. One thing we haven't learned is to say "no", and we are booked up to give 21 sessions in the first half of 2019.

Last August, quite unexpectedly, John suffered a stroke, and spent a number of weeks in

hospital and rehabilitation. U3A played a big part in his recovery. He asked me to take his laptop to him, as we were committed to give some sessions towards the end of the year, and he hadn't finished preparing his contributions at the time he had the stroke. While still incapacitated, he struggled to focus his brain on compiling his texts, to get his tongue around words, and to increase the flexibility of his fingers to use his computer. I was so proud of my dear husband, because it is very easy to give up under such circumstances.

Many people ask us if we were academics in a previous life, but we weren't. We were both library managers – John started the Chatswood Library and worked there for many years. I was at Stanton Library for 21 years, before moving to be in charge of the Sydney City Library. Tomorrow, 24 September, our 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, we are flying to Venice to spend five weeks there – but it won't be all beer and skittles, or should I say pasta and prosecco. We will be doing some research for U3A talks, which we have undertaken to do at the end of this year and next year. It will be a lot of fun.

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### **As from 22/09/2018 Sydney U3A Inc**

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The HN Committee wishes all a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable holiday period - til we meet again next year for more interesting talks.

**The next Harbourside North Newsletter will be for February-March 2019**

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"Minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open". James Dewar

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