

HARBOURSIDE NORTH REGION JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the New Year and the wonderful range of Courses and Speakers whose presentations are, as always, interesting and educational.

MORNING TEA AND CAKES

Monday 4th February 2019 at 10.00am

An introductory morning to Sydney U3A for members and friends, new members and potential members.

Learn what the new courses for 2019 have to offer.

At

Art Gallery Mosman

Cnr Myahgah Rd and Art Gallery Way

Contacts: Eve Klein: cyeve@tpg.com.au or
Lesley Duffill: duffill@bigpond.com

WHIST DRIVES

Wednesdays 16th and 23rd January

Come and join us, meet new and old friends whilst playing this fun card game – no experience required.

Coffee and cakes at 10.00am, start playing at 10.30am no charge.

At

Mosman Square Seniors Centre

Next to Mosman Council Chambers,
Spit Junction.

Contact: Lesley Duffill 9969 9546 or
leslie.duffill@bigpond.com.au

“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest”. Benjamin Franklin



AGM

&

Election of Office Bearers

Followed by

Annual Celebration Lunch

Friday 8th March, 2019 at 12 noon.

Guest Speaker, Graham Sim –
‘Meetings Bloody Meetings’
\$35.00

Lane Cove Country Club

River Road, Lane Cove

Further details on AGM Flyer.

Bookings Essential

Hunters Hill C A Fairland Hall

14 Church Street, Hunters Hill

Monday 21st January 10.30 – 12.30

‘Sunflowers’ by Janet Merkur

The story of her mother, Sgt Regina Morgenstern who worked for the RAF (Enigma) and her wartime service as a signals operator in the secret world of codes and ciphers scheme based at Bletchley Park in the United Kingdom.

Enquiries; Judy Harris 0447 194 501

Change in Programme

Mosman Art Gallery - Melody Room

April 4th 2019 1.30-3.30pm

“George Bernard Shaw, the Critic”

Paul Barclay will talk about Shaw’s career as a dramatist, novelist and journalist winning the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1925.

He was a critic of society, politics, religion, morality. He wrote ‘Pygmalion’ which led to ‘My Fair Lady’

Cancellation

Dougherty Centre, Chatswood

“The World of Mask”

Friday 5th April, 2019

Due to illness this presentation has sadly been cancelled.

Change of Course Phone Contact

Manors of Mosman

Topical Issues Discussion Group

Margaret Kropman

99539968 or 0434 839 172

Poets' Corner

Budding Lovers

Draped limbs of the jacarandas, frail blossoms, reach across the avenue. Days of fragile mauve; branched touching, brushing hands, the intimate caress of budding lovers. Exploratory romance.

A sally of flowers bears down beneath despondent sky, invades the shade, light close-woven. Droplets of crystal as fine as mist. Listless flurry squalls, petals blitzed, decimated.

The naivety of sunshine disintegrates, glow slinks, shrinks from the street, fades to a silhouette, aftermath of memories. Wilted leaves and crushed blooms. A dalliance, a fantasy, now turned to slush.

David Atkinson

Profile

Robert Lynn

I had never heard of U3A until my wife came home one day from a volunteering stint with the local council and said –“you know, many of the more intelligent retirees are members of this thing called U3A”. Since we fancied ourselves to be in that elite group and my career with one of the big accounting firms was coming to an end, we decided to make enquiries.

That was about 20 years ago. We joined up and attended various events that caught our interest.

However, we soon became regular attenders at Frank Wilson’s history group at Lane Cove. Frank is still leading this group – we are growing old together!

Unfortunately, after a life that seemed to be charmed with just about everything going well, our share of misfortune came along with my wife’s serious illness. I became a full time carer for three years or so during which time U3A had to take a back seat, along with most other things.

After my wife passed away, which was about six years ago, I again started to attend U3A and was looking around for things to do so as to rebuild a life. It just happened that Harbourside North Committee was looking for a Treasurer at the time and I seemed to be an obvious choice. After a working life of Accounting I was rather keen to put that kind of activity behind me and do different things, but I was persuaded that this was a way I could help U3A.

More recently, I have assumed liaison role responsibility for the Lane Cove venue in Longueville Road. I have also, from time to time been a course leader, using my collection of old letters to show how communications developed through the postal system over the last 400 years. So you see U3A can provide a captive audience prepared to indulge one’s passion for a hobby!

Life has become rather fuller over recent years as six grandsons have come along – for whom I am the only grandparent – and they all live nearby! It’s a good job U3A is less active during school holidays!

All said, involvement with U3A has proved to be an excellent way to meet new people and remain intellectually active. It has certainly been a good move for me.

“The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live”. Mortimer J. Adler