

HARBOURSIDE NORTH REGION

MARCH-APRIL 2019

NEWSLETTER

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 and Sydney
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Bookings Essential

Marje Ashworth marjeash@tpg.com.au

Mosman Square Seniors Centre

Presentations for March-April

"One Foot in Front of the Other:

Walking the Camino"

Rosemarie Einstein and Jane Barnes

Wednesday March 6th 10.00-12.00

"Encounters with History Through Famous Paintings"

Terry Farrell

Each Wednesday for 3 sessions from March 13th
10.00 – 12.00

"The Scientists who Shaped our Future"

Galileo – Isaac Newton – Albert Einstein –

Charles Darwin"

Srinivas Karksri

Each Wednesday for 4 sessions from April 3rd
10.00-12.00



Mosman Square Seniors Centre

Change of Presentation

Wednesday June 19th 10.00-12.00

NOW

"Men, Machines and Medicines in WW2"

by Punchi Dassanayake

Change of Presentation

Wednesdays 1st and 8th May 10.00-12.00

NOW

"John Monash Australia's Greatest Soldier"

May 1st

"The American Civil War: The First Modern War"

May 8th

By

John Morrison

NOTE

Correct email address for Christine Serrano

Venue Co-ordinator

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"Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't". Pete Seeger.

Mosman Art Gallery - Melody Room

Change of Presentation

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, and morality. He wrote ‘Pygmalion’ which led to ‘My Fair Lady’

Mosman Art Gallery – Melody Room

Cancelled Presentation

Thursday March 7th

“Inside Pine Gap”

READERS FESTIVAL 2019

Report from Anne Richardson

Max and I had such a wonderful and stimulating time at the U3A Readers’ Festival in Katoomba on Feb 13, 14 and 15 and here are my thoughts, both as a guest and a presenter.

It was our first time as U3A HSN members to both attend and make a presentation at the Readers' Festival at Katoomba. The view from our balcony at the Carrington Hotel was wonderful. Almost reminiscent of the film we watched - 'A room with a view'.

My own presentation on Angelica Garnett- the last of the Bloomsburys- was but a drop in the ocean of an amazing array of speakers, wonderful lunches, morning and afternoon teas and dinners- a feast both for the brain and the soul. Congratulations to all concerned. We cannot wait to share this experience again in 2020. U3A HSN is such a fabulous community!

“Wisdom doesn’t necessarily come with age; Sometimes age just shows up all by itself”
Tom Wilson.

PROFILE

Lesley Duffill

I started my professional life studying the effects of radiation on the chromosomes of flies, followed by mice and then rats.

After my 2 children were born, I progressed as a Principal of a senior girls school In Oxford, to the challenge of teenage girls!

At that time I was told that Lord Bullock an eminent Professor and authority on the history of the world wars was presenting a series to an organisation I had never heard of The University of the Third Age.

I called the organiser asking if 3 of my students who were studying that period could attend. Rather surprised, she agreed although she did say the age range was different! When I informed the students their dismay was apparent, they said just one word “the wrinkles?” but they went.

On the second occasion they tore into my office with big smiles and a huge fruit cake, they said the University of the Third Age is wonderful.

One member had said that she remembered the awful food she had at boarding school and had given them a cake.

Colin and I came to Australia in 2002.

We were welcomed immediately by Maureen and John Webb and within months, I was presenting talks, and Colin was on the committee. We made friends, who have stimulated and supported us for all these years . Without this ‘family’ our lives would not have been so rich. We attended courses which introduced us to new topics and led to many interesting lunch time discussions We took bookings, gave talks which I hope interested other members, and we volunteered wherever we could. Join us and make more friends ‘

As President I visited all the regions and realised how diverse our membership is, and how this very special organisation works with hundreds of volunteers working with love and loyalty to keep us sailing through, while no one is being paid,

At that time while in the office, a volunteer told me that she was looking at attendance

sheets, and 2 people were obviously very unhappy with U3A, because they went everywhere for talks but only attended once and never went back.

Should she look at the names? (because only numbers are recorded) I said "Yes, OK, we may find something they really interested in". A while later with great laughter, they came in and said "you are the culprit" We had gone around the regions, visiting venues, enjoying speakers, not to inspect, but to really appreciate what Sydney U3A has to offer. Our assessment, U3A is a great organisation which offers something for everyone and I hope it will last in its unique form for many years to come .

POETS' CORNER

Sunset at Uluru Sue Delaney

Passengers shrugged into warmer jackets
scuffed through red sand, cameras at hand
chattering, chattering, always chattering.
'Wine and cheese, second table to the left'.

The rock glowed red-gold in the setting sun
slowly transforming to purple then deepening
blue as the tidal shadows of sunset ascended.
A porcelain moon cast thin light on its flanks.

That was it.

It was cold once the sun had gone.
The tourists returned to their buses
and soon were gone back to resorts,
'Sunset at Uluru' crossed off their lists.

The rock stood alone
solid...silent...eternal
as indifferent to the chatter of tourists
as they had been to its silence.

Another Poem from the Corner

When night breaks and allows
dawn to show its face,
a golden light seeps through the cracks
and it all begins again, sunlight at its best.
Birds fidget in overhanging trees
until clouds capture the sun and a
menacing sky appears to the southwest.
This new Day, is now not
so promising at all...and the hope
that came with the early morn
turns to a stubborn doubt.

Margaret Grace

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