

News from Central Office



March 2019

Website: www.sydneyu3a.org.au

Our 31st Annual General Meeting was held on March 20 at the Sydney Mechanic's School of Arts. Thank you to all who attended.

The following appointments were confirmed:

- President - Barbara Boston
- Vice President Education - Dianne Ekert
- Secretary - Paula Poon
- Administration Manager - Lynda Cronshaw

Five members were awarded **Honorary Life Membership** receiving their badges from Barbara Boston.

Stanley Yan nominated by Greater Western Region
Kathrine Vern Barnett nominated by Harbourside North.

Ian Thompson nominated by Northern Beaches
Ebba Van der Helder nominated by Upper North
Beverley Peken nominated by Board of Management
The contribution made by all these members was truly impressive.



CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS



Linley Bartlett, Bruce Clark, Mary Malone, Kate McCosker, Dorothy Dalyell, Chris Ross, Christine Shea, Annika Tults, Judy Matthew, Val Hazlewood, Jan Whitten, Wynsome Clarke, Audrey Tonkin, Mairi Greeve were awarded certificates in recognition of 10 years or more voluntary service to central office. These members have given freely and over a long period their dedication and their time.

Rose Webb, Commissioner for Fair Trading NSW gave an enlightening and interesting talk on the activities of the NSW Office of Fair Trading.

Rose, who has been Commissioner for Fair Trading since 2017, has a wealth of Australian and international experience in the regulatory space, including a three-year appointment as Senior Executive Director and then Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong's Competition Commission from 2014 to 2017.

Rose is also the daughter of John and Maureen Webb, prominent honorary life members of Sydney U3A.



Barbara Boston thanked Jenny Hawkins, who is retiring as secretary and Marilyn Noonan, who is retiring as treasurer, for their dedicated contribution over the last three years. Both were exceptional in their roles.

Seniors' Stories Volume 5

**Are you passionate about expressing creativity in writing?
Would you like to share your story?**

The Seniors' Stories Volume 5 writing competition is now open and the theme is *'Love Your Life'*.

The 100 best entries will be published and the authors will receive an invitation to the book launch at the NSW State Parliament.

Submissions open on 1 March and close on 22 May 2019, and all NSW Seniors Card members are encouraged to enter.

There will be six short story writing workshops held in:

19 March Dubbo
20 March Tamworth
12 April Shoalhaven/Nowra
16 April Wagga Wagga
29 April Gosford
3 May Sydney

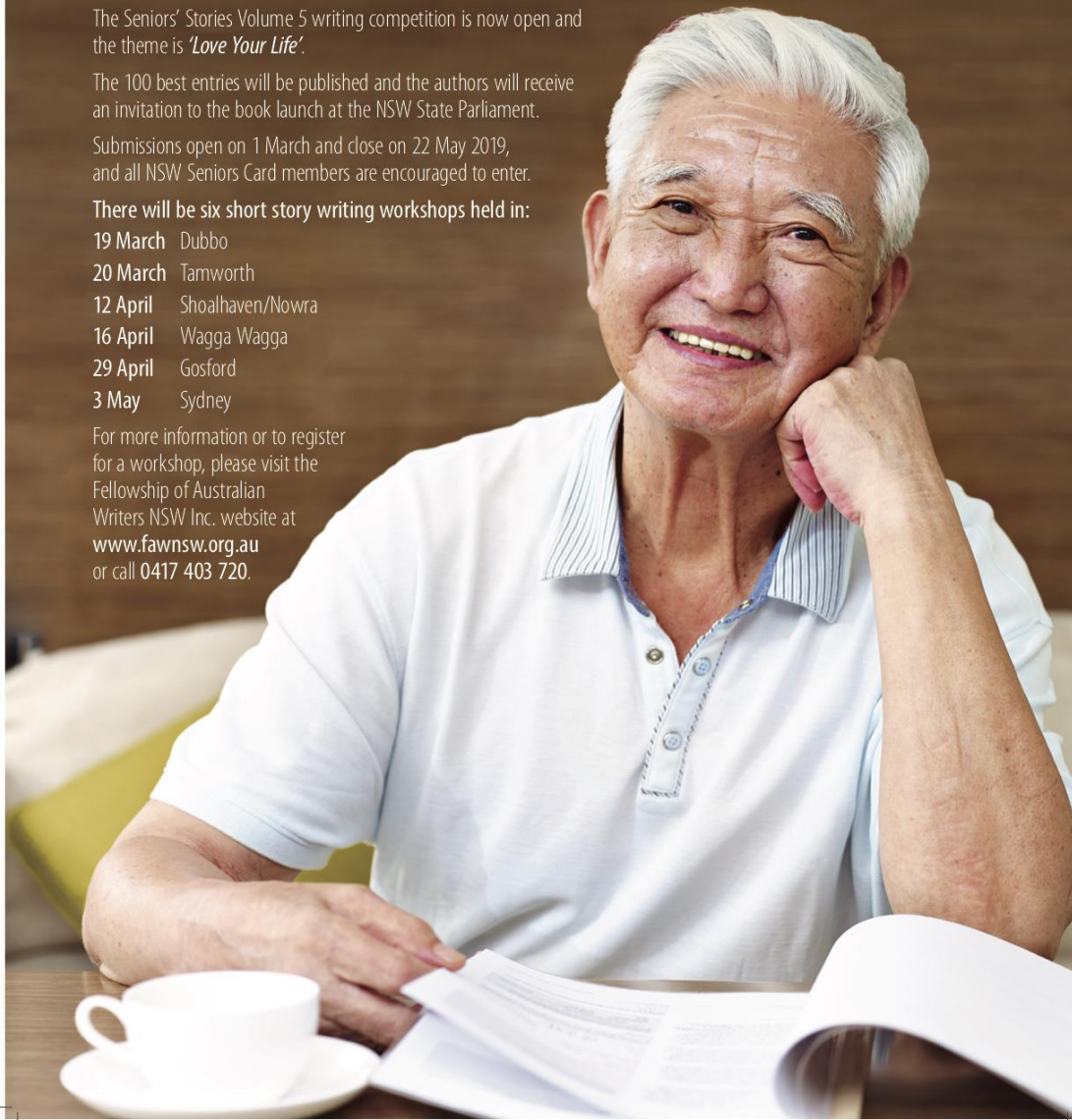
For more information or to register for a workshop, please visit the Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW Inc. website at www.fawns.org.au or call 0417 403 720.



Because the NSW Government Seniors Card recognise the depth and breath

of Sydney U3A members' life experiences, and because they understand that some of the life journeys of our older population are fascinating, they have asked us to let our members know that Seniors' Stories Volume 5 is now open should any member be interested in entering.

The NSW Seniors card is a good friend to Sydney U3A – They include a "write up" of U3A, with links directly to our course book and website in their newsletter to seniors cardholders. This is ongoing and gives us free advertising to potentially thousands of seniors.



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THIS IS NOT A SYDNEY U3A run activity so please do not contact Sydney U3A for information. For more information or to register for a workshop, please visit the Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW Inc. website at www.fawns.org.au or call 0417 403 720.

PHONE SYSTEM : As the old telephone system at central office collapsed, a new system has been installed. The voicemail message has been set for 20 seconds before it kicks in.

**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL SYDNEY U3A MEMBERS FROM
BARBARA, DIANNE, PAULA AND LYNDA**

