

HARBOURSIDE NORTH REGION

MAY - JUNE 2019

NEWSLETTER



Fairland Hall

14 Church St, Hunters Hill.

Monday 6 May 10.30 - 12.30

Parking available

Bookings: Judyharris2@bigpond.com
or 0447 194 510

NICHOLSON MUSEUM - ARCHAEOLOGY OF NEA PAPHOS

Australian archaeologists from Sydney University have been working at the World Heritage site of the ancient theatre of Nea Paphos in Cyprus with the Dept of Antiquities of Cyprus since 1995. The excavations have uncovered a theatre used for performances from 600BC. More significantly the Hellenistic and Roman infrastructure of this section of the ancient town is now being investigated. Paved and colonnaded roads and fountain houses show a city that is sophisticated and well planned out.

Dr Craig Barker

from the Nicholson Museum

will talk about the contribution that the project is making towards the study of ancient theatre as well as the ancient urbanisation in the eastern Mediterranean in the eras between Alexander the Great and Marcus Aurelius.

"The word Education comes from the Latin e-ducere meaning "to lead out." In ancient Greece, Socrates argued that education is about drawing out what was already within the student"

Change of Courses

Mosman Square Seniors Centre

Mosman Council Chambers

Military Road, Mosman.

Bookings: christine.serrano@gmail.com

Wednesday 1st May 10.00-12.00

Presenter: John Morrison

John Monash, Australia's Greatest Soldier

John Monash has been described as "the outsider who won a war". He was an unlikely allied war hero – of German ancestry, a part-time soldier, and Jewish. Yet he seems to have shown every quality required as a great modern soldier. He changed the nature of leadership, command, and battle planning. And his influence on his Nation was profound.

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 10.00-12.00

**Presenter: John Morrison**

#### **The American Civil War; the First Modern War.**

The American Civil War marked the transition from old style wars (such as in Napoleonic times) to modern, large scale, industrial, total war. Its influence was profound, yet some of the most important lessons were ignored. The presentation will look at the causes of the war, how it was fought (on both sides) and how it shaped modern America, even to this day.

#### **Change of Course**

**Lane Cove Living and Learning Centre**

**180 Longueville Road, Lane Cove.**

May 30, 1.30-3.30pm

No bookings required

Presenter: Tony McCurdy

**"The Islamic Golden Age".**

## **Mondays in Mosman**

**Mosman Art Gallery**  
Myahgah Road and Art Gallery Way  
Monday June 4 at 10.30am.

Mosman Art Gallery guide Betty Paul will present an account of her experience studying Australian Indigenous Art.

Further information - Eve Klein:  
**[cyeve@tpg.com.au](mailto:cyeve@tpg.com.au)**  
No bookings required

## **The Landings**

440 Bobbin Head Road  
North Turramurra  
Tuesday May 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.30 am

### **Two Sirs**

Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh were they were heroes or pirates.

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Tuesday June 25 10.00 -11.30.00

Roman Women and Slaves-

We will hear first hand from the writings of actual Roman authors about the lives of slaves and women in Roman times.

Presenter: Anne Richardson
No Bookings required.

Lindfield Gardens

2 Ulmarra Place, Lindfield
10.00 -12.00

Elizabeth1

A woman ahead of her time Elizabeth 1 succeeded where other women may have failed.

Presenter: Anne Richardson
Bookings: 9416 8466

ANOTHER MEMBERS' ALERT

A reminder that if you have booked for a class and are not able to attend please contact the booking officer of that course, so that those Members on the wait list will be able to attend.

AND

Remember to wear your Membership badge whilst attending a class.

AND

Please be sure that your phone has been turned off during the session.

Poets' Corner

If the mountain seems too big today
Then climb a hill instead.
If the morning brings you sadness
it's ok to stay in bed.
If the day weighs heavy
and your plans feel like a curse,
there's no shame in rearranging
Don't make yourself feel worse.
If a shower stings like needles
And a bath feels like you'll drown,
If your haven't washed your hair for days
Don't throw away your crown.
A day is not a lifetime
A rest is not defeat
Don't think of it as failure
Just a quiet, kind of retreat.
It's ok to take a moment
From an anxious, fractured mind
The world will not stop turning
While you get realigned.
The mountain will still be there
When you want to try again
You can climb it in your own time
Just love yourself til then.
Author Unknown

Your Second Semester Course Book is due to be delivered mid July, 2019.

Profile
"MALCOLM ROBERTSON"

I was born in Adelaide and spent most of my life in that City. After graduating in Law at the University of Adelaide, I commenced practice as a Solicitor. I went to the Bar in 1982 and in 1986 was appointed Queen's Counsel. In 1996 I was appointed a Judge in the District Court of South Australia. For a short time in 2009, I was appointed Acting Chief Judge.

In 2008, Kirsty, the Second Daughter of my Wife Helen and I, announced that she and her Husband and three children were moving to Sydney. Our other two daughters, Amanda and Vanessa had been living in Sydney for some time. Without a second thought Helen and I, decided to also move to Sydney. This necessitated retiring a little early from the Court, which I did in February 2010. We arrived in Sydney in the same month.

Whilst Helen and I had been coming to Sydney regularly since 2001, to visit our other two daughters and our Sydney grandchildren, I found the transition more difficult than I expected. I had planned for my Retirement in Adelaide but those plans could not be implemented in Sydney. Fortunately, after twelve months, I learnt about U3A. I embraced U3A enthusiastically, attending Lectures and Presentations in Mosman, Chatswood, Hornsby, St. Ives, Lane Cove, the Eastern Suburbs and Parramatta. I am a serial notetaker and my many completed Exercise Books are Testament to that habit.

I had been attending Lectures for about twelve months when Eve Klein, the Co - ordinator of the Mosman Art Gallery Presentations each Monday enquired whether I would be interested in making some Presentations. I agreed to do so. My first Series of Lectures were entitled " The Criminal Justice System in NSW". These Lectures renewed my love of History and I prepared an extensive

Series of Lectures entitled " The History of the Justice System in Colonial NSW " In my current Series of Lectures, I have moved away from the Justice System to concentrate purely on History. They are entitled, "The First Fleet 1787 - 1788"

One of the by - products of preparing these Lectures is they have assisted me in becoming half - decent in Computer Literacy. Each of the Series of Lectures is accompanied by a visual Keynote presentation. Prior to this I was a Computer Dinosaur.

My association with U3A has enriched my life. My attendance at Lectures has broadened my knowledge enormously, on many diverse Subjects. I have enjoyed the preparation of each of my Lecture Series and the subsequent presentation of them. I have also learnt so much along the way. During my association with U3A i have met many fine people. I am sure I speak for everyone when I state that we are all extremely fortunate to be Members of U3A.

By the way, Helen and I love Sydney. We have not looked back."

"A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special" . Nelson Mandela

