



JUNE 2019
NEWS FROM CENTRAL OFFICE

**EXCITING DEVELOPMENT
PILOT PROJECT
ONLINE BOOKINGS**

Some members asked and we listened! Those members want to be able to book courses online just like members in many other U3As across Australia. We agree with them. We need to move forward so that we don't lose a whole new demographic of members. **An online pilot project is happening!** Thanks to all those who are participating in the project. It's truly exciting.

Members are encouraged to book online for a number of courses as part of our pilot project using **Myu3a** through our website www.sydneyu3a.org for Semester 2 – June to December 2019. **You will be asked to provide your membership number and password for identification when booking.**

The booking system will not be difficult to use. Detailed guidelines for members will be published on our website before going "live" around June 15. **Note, however, that only a small number of courses can, at this stage, be booked online. These are:**

Events tour of St Mary's Cathedral – two tour dates – page 6 of Semester 2 Course Book due June 15, 2019

Endeavour Region – Three courses: Cryptic Crosswords and Brain Games at **Cronulla** - pages 25 and 26 and Discussion Group at **South Hurstville** – page 28 of the Semester 2 Course Book due June 15, 2019

Harbourside North Region - Castle Cove Retirement Village – pages 34 and 35

Members can still book courses in the pilot in the conventional manner, but we ask that you "give it a go and book online if possible"

All other course bookings must be as stated in the course advertisement in the course book.

OUR COLOUR BAND VALUES

KINGFISHER BLUE = SHARING - We share our knowledge

GREEN = GROWING – Together we grow our minds

YELLOW = SOCIALISING – We interact and connect with others

RED = PASSION – Our passion is for education

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SEMESTER 2 2019 COURSE BOOK



Semester 2 Course Book will arrive in mailboxes around June 15. There has been a little confusion in that some members didn't quite understand the question as to whether they wanted to continue to receive a hard copy of the book. We definitely know those members who prefer an electronic version rather than a hard copy and will be sending them their electronic copies. No problem there. However, until the situation is clarified and to avoid any disappointment and disruption, we will be sending a hard copy to all members who have not indicated that they want an electronic copy.

So that we can ensure that we get it right for Semester 1 2020 course book, we ask all members to visit their membership screen and answer the question as to the format they wish to receive their course book in, or if in fact, they wish to receive one at all. This question does not relate to one book for one (the current) semester, but to ongoing course books. Members may change their choice at any time.

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A special thank you to Judithe Hall retiring editor who once again took on the difficult job of compiling the course book. Marlene Kleemeyer incoming editor assisted Judithe. These two ladies have done a magnificent job and have given many many hours of their time.

We cannot forget the role of our proofreaders – feedback is that their assistance is invaluable.

Again, a big thank you to Judithe and all of her editorial team, the region and venue coordinators and leaders for their effort and contribution. Your hard work makes our book happen.



**VP PUBLIC RELATIONS AND TREASURER
URGENTLY NEEDED
TWO IMPORTANT CENTRAL OFFICE EXECUTIVE
ROLES REMAIN UNFILLED**

As a not-for-profit volunteer based organisation Sydney U3A relies totally on the goodwill of volunteers. Sydney U3A can only function effectively if members volunteer. Regions as well as central office are always on the lookout for extra help.

Currently two important roles at central office remain unfilled – VP Public Relations and Treasurer. If you have relatively recent PR, marketing, publicity and/or social media experience or if you are a semi-retired or retired accountant or bookkeeper please consider helping. We need your help urgently

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MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Why must membership cards must be worn at all courses, events and talks?

1. It identifies that you are a current member of Sydney U3A
2. It provides invaluable information for contact details should a member become ill and/or sustain an accident or injury at a course, talk or event.
3. It makes it easier for your fellow members to address you by name.

The reverse side of your membership card has been designed so that you are to fill in contact details for your next of kin and/or a contact in an emergency situation. This information will assist, not only emergency personnel, such as a paramedic/hospital staff, in notifying the appropriate person should an accident or emergency occur, but it will also assist the venue co-ordinator in completing the necessary paperwork.

Leaders are asked to remind all members to wear their membership badge.

PROTOCOL FOR ATTENDING COURSES



protocol

- + Members of Sydney U3A may attend courses in any region, subject to availability
- + Members must book for all courses that they wish to attend unless otherwise indicated in the course book. Do not “just turn up”
- + To book, email or phone the booking secretary as indicated in the course book or use the on-line booking facility if applicable.
- + Provide your name, membership and contact numbers when booking
- + Book early to avoid disappointment as many classes fill quickly
- + In many instances class numbers are limited by many variables including capacity of the venue and the ability for leaders to devote more time to each student thereby enhancing the learning process
- + Bookings should not be carried over from one semester to the next. Each semester requires that bookings be re-registered. There must not be preferential lists.
- + In case of problems, contact the regional course coordinator or nominated venue coordinator
- + If you are unable to attend a course into which you have booked, ensure that you cancel the booking so that others on the waiting list may attend.