



CITY & INNER WEST REGION NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2020

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CITY & INNER WEST REGION - 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is a reminder that our **AGM** is being held on **Wednesday, 12th February at 1.30 pm** at Burwood RSL Club, 96 Shaftesbury Road, Burwood.

We are very lucky this year to have as our guest speaker Richard Whitaker, who will be talking to us on the very timely topic:

Of Droughts and Flooding Rains - a history of rainfall extremes in Australia.

This talk will look at the long history of drought and flood in Australia and its devastating impact on society. The Federation Drought of 1895 to 1902 brought much of agriculture to its knees and produced a strong impetus for dam building as a way of 'drought proofing' the country. Widespread flooding devastated much of eastern Australia during the 1950s with the infamous Maitland flood of 1955 a prominent example. In an attempt to prevent these events, 'long range' forecasting became a hot topic. The talk will also cover modern progress, with sea temperatures identified as important rainfall drivers.

We are very lucky to have Richard as guest speaker. He is an expert on the topic of weather having been Senior Forecaster at the NSW Bureau of Meteorology and Chief Meteorologist with Sky News until 2016. He has been author, co-author and consultant editor of books about weather including publications for Time Life and Readers' Digest. Richard is an experienced lecturer who has never lost the 'weather bug.'

During the business part of the meeting we will be electing the 2020 committee. This year we are fortunate in having received nominations for all positions. However, we are happy to accept further nominations should you wish to stand for any of the positions.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form you can contact Jenny Waldron on 0417 131 772 or email jenniferwaldron2@gmail.com

At the conclusion of business there will be light refreshments and a chance to socialise with other members.

PLEASE NOTE THE **FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS** TO SEMESTER 1 2020 COURSE BOOK

- **UTS Campus Crawl 11th June** with Beatrice Scheepers: Please note that bookings will be taken from **9am Monday (NOT Friday), 25th May till 5pm, 5th June.**



Beatrice has organised 6 events for City & Inner West Region. These events are very popular therefore it is important to take note of when bookings open and close. **All bookings should be sent by email** within the stated time period. Our Region is very grateful to Beatrice for the always interesting events she organises each year. Thank you Beatrice. **Bookings:beatricescheepers@gmail.com** See Course Book, page 8 for further details.

- **Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre Discussion Group on Topical Issues:** Please note the **starting time** for this group is **Wednesday 29th January 2020 (NOT the 5th February as in the Course Book), 10.30 -12.30.**
- **My Favourite Ethnic Eating Places:** Please note the **contact email correction** for Krista Corlis. Email is ktcorlis@bigpond.com
- **Reading Greek Drama: Millers Point Community Centre:** Please note the **starting time** for this course - **10.30 to 12.30.**
- **Classic Movies** (p.17 Course Book) at Woodstock, Burwood, **will start on 12th February (NOT 5th February as stated in the Course Book).** The new date is at the request of the Leader. This will allow members to attend this group and the Theatre Discussion Group at Burwood RSL.
Bookings: Marie Doyle's new number is 9797 7414

MILLERS POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE: HARRY JENSEN CENTRE, ARGYLE PLACE, MILLERS POINT pages 20 & 21 Course book.

This year there is a packed calendar of very interesting and varied talks at Millers Point Community Centre, Harry Jensen Centre. The Centre is a pleasant walk from the Quay or Wynyard. Bus Route 311 stops and starts outside the Centre. It is a very comfortable venue with complementary tea and coffee to enjoy in the break.

The weekly **Thursday talks** from 10.30 to 12.30 are very diverse ranging from *Ancient Greek Art, Cyber Security, *Anne Bronte* (2020 marks her bicentenary year), *Climate Change, Spiders, Aviators, Inventions, History of Yoga, Sacred Sites* and much more.

Cracking Cryptic Crosswords and **Passionate Travellers** continue plus there is a new course of six sessions on **Reading Greek Drama** on Tuesdays from **10.30 to 12.30** which includes discussing Ancient Greek Theatre, mythology, religion and society. (Please note the time for this course which was omitted from the Course Book).

**To celebrate Anne Bronte's Bicentenary, Cate Whittaker, who is speaking about Anne at Millers Point (Thursday 5th March), has written a play which will debut in Sydney, 31 January. Cate is then travelling to Anne's birthplace, Haworth UK, where the play will be performed as part of the Bicentenary celebrations.*

Anne Hall



FRIDAY MORNINGS AT LEICHHARDT LIBRARY:

Here we are, back again for another year of fabulous talks at Leichhardt Library. For those who may not know exactly where this venue is situated, here are the details.

The Library is situated in the Italian Forum, 23 Norton Street. It is accessed from Norton Street (on foot) by walking through an 'il vicolo' (laneway) and then either walking down the ramp to the Piazza Level (turn right at the bottom), or use the lift which is situated to the rear of the shops on your right. Just walk through the opening and turn left behind the shops. Click on Ground Floor and this takes you to the Piazza Level ...turn left again and the Library is right there.

If coming by car, concessional parking is available beneath the Forum. Don't forget to have your ticket validated at the central desk of the Library. This gives you two hours free parking with the concessional rate commencing at the beginning of the third hour. Our sessions usually run a little over two hours, so be prepared for a modest change for a third hour of your parking.

One of the great things about U3A is its 'grassroots ethos', that means of course that every member is considered equal, and in a position to volunteer either to offer a course/session, or to assist with the various aspects of running a venue or joining the Committee. At Leichhardt we have a great team which ensures the smooth running of each Friday Morning Session.

While our space is limited (catering for around 30 odd seats), it is extremely well equipped, central in location and has been our home now since 2006 when the first U3A classes commenced there.

With seventeen sessions on offer, there has to be one for you! Also, at this venue each Friday afternoon, the wonderful Pia Ottavian offers her **Italian Language** sessions. Check this out in the program.

Barbara Burton,
Venue Coordinator



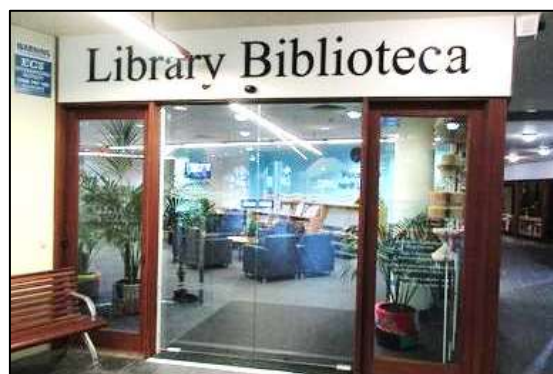
The Italian Forum Entrance, Norton St.



The 'il vicolo' laneway to the Piazza



The Piazza Level



The Library

ROZELLE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE DISCUSSION GROUP TOPICAL ISSUES

U3A members who make up the Discussion Group, represent a wide cross-section of the community.

Discussions of current affairs are lively, interesting and fun. Come and join us!

We meet fortnightly commencing **29th January from 10.30 to 12.30 (NOT 5th February as stated in the Course Book)** at the Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, 757 Darling Street, Rozelle.

Bookings: Vivian Woolf 0419 630 678

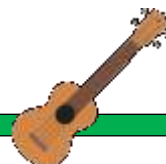


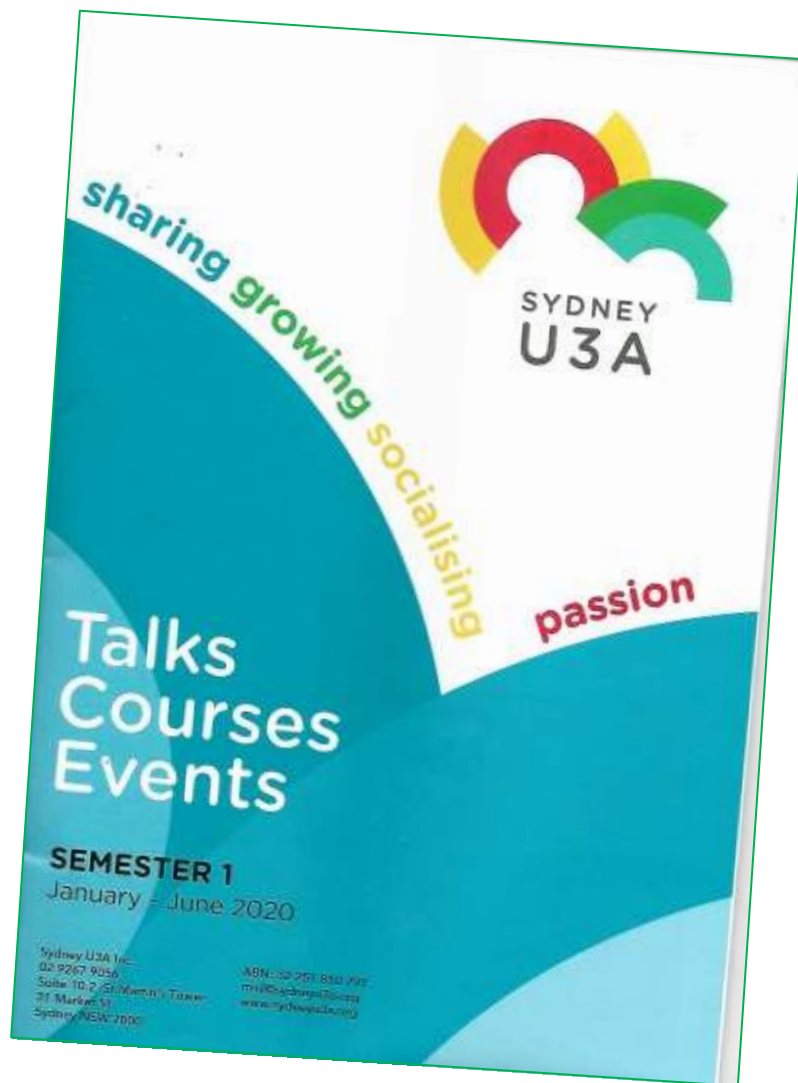
"GLEE BEES" UKULELE GROUP

Not even a 42 degree day could stop the "Glee Bees" ukulele group from practising for the Blue Mountains Ukulele Festival, Katoomba.

We will be buzzing onto the marquee stage on Saturday 8th February 2020!

Pauline Valentine





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