



**UPPER NORTH REGION  
NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2021**



2020 was a difficult year but, thankfully, U3A has survived and is moving forward.

Let's hope 2021 is a better year for everyone and we are looking forward to providing all our members with a wonderful selection of courses.



**Please note that we are having a combined Annual General Meeting and Showcase in 2021**

**INVITATION**

**AGM AND SHOWCASE OF COURSE AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

will be held on Monday 8 February, 1-4 pm

Turrumurra Uniting Church, 10 Turrumurra Avenue (behind shopping area car park)

**AGM**

- The meeting will include the reports by the President and the Treasurer followed by an election of office bearers for 2021.
- Members are very welcome to join the committee to assist with the running of our wonderful organisation.
- Information and nomination forms may be obtained and returned to the Secretary, Marilyn Pryor 9449 3415 [marilynpryor7@gmail.com](mailto:marilynpryor7@gmail.com) by Friday 29 January.

Followed by a

**Showcase of Courses**

Where new and current members and non-members





- can sample what's on at U3A in Semester 1 in 2021.
- Listen to short lectures on a wide range of topics, including new courses.

#### REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Please RSVP by Monday 1 February to Marilyn Pryor 9449 3415

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#### COURSE AND EVENTS BOOK, 2021

The 2021 Course and Events Book will be ready in the middle of January. Members will receive an emailed pdf copy. It will also be available on the website for you to download and print.

[www.sydneyu3a.org](http://www.sydneyu3a.org)

If, as requested, you have indicated your preference for a printed copy at an additional cost of \$10 p.a. (paid when you renew membership), it will be mailed to you directly from the printers.

#### COURSE DELIVERY IN 2021

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has reduced our ability to provide all our courses face-to-face at physical venues. Consequently, we need to deliver some courses online, mainly using zoom. Details

of course delivery and locations may change after the course book is printed. Once you have registered for a course, you will be advised of any changes to the location or delivery method. **Please also refer to the U3A website and newsletters for updated information.**

#### FACE-TO-FACE COURSES IN 2021

Course leaders, venue coordinators, Upper North committee members and course coordinators have been working very hard putting together a program for 2021. We are offering face-to-face and zoom courses.

We will be offering many of your favourite courses in a selection of venues including Berowra Community Centre, Epping Leisure and Learning Centre, Epping Uniting Church, Gordon Library, Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre, Lindfield Senior Citizens Resource Centre, Pymble Uniting Church, St Ives Uniting Church, Turrumurra South Uniting Church, Turrumurra Uniting Church, and a small number of private homes.

The ever popular 'Australian History Seminars' will be held at Turrumurra Uniting Church with a series of seven sessions, and everyone's favourite speaker, Nola Bramble,





will be returning with lectures on 'travelling ladies'.

'Monday at St Ives' at St Ives Uniting Church will be returning once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted with a series of interesting lectures for everyone to enjoy.

Also at St Ives, 'The Golden Age of Cinema' sessions will resume in 2021.

We are also hoping to start two new dance classes for those who like more active pursuits.



Joan Scott and Jackie Wilson will be bringing back 'Affairs of Interest in the Current World' at Berowra Community Centre.

Language classes in French, Spanish, Italian, German, Russian and Latin will be available in 2021, either face-to-face or on zoom

Ian de Mellow is offering a new course called 'Confronting the Four



Horsemen in Human History' at Epping Leisure and Learning Centre.

Stewart Reed will be running a one off lecture called 'Historical Houses of Sydney' at Epping Leisure and Learning Centre and Sandra Luntz will resume her 'Book Discussion Group' at Epping Uniting Church.

Art Classes will be available at Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre.



Dawn Nettheim will be resuming her 'How to Read and Write Music'" course at Lindfield Senior Citizens Resource Centre.

The popular course 'Music We Have Grown Up' is considering combining zoom and face-to-face in the New Year.





## ZOOM COURSES

A number of courses have decided to continue with zoom in the first semester, 2021 including 'More Big Moments in Science'.

**BOOKINGS CANNOT BE MADE UNTIL THE COURSE BOOK IS PUBLISHED IN PRINT AND ONLINE IN MID JANUARY.**

## A MESSAGE FROM GRAHAME MARR, UPPER NORTH PRESIDENT

A Happy New Year to all in the Upper North Region.

It has been a very challenging year and your committee has done its best to provide courses of interest in various formats under very difficult circumstances.

Our thanks to all those who have conducted or assisted with courses and venues.

Our finances and those of Head Office are somewhat better than expected as outgoings are under budget. We thank you for your support and, in some cases, donation.

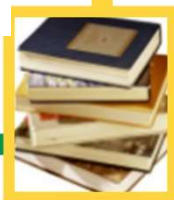
I wish to outline our thinking on **voluntary contributions** which we have previously referred to as **tea money**. This is what we propose for 2021

- For face-to-face classes, members are requested to make a voluntary donation of \$2 per session. When conditions permit, tea and biscuits costs will be paid from this fund.
- Where classes prefer not to deal with coins each session, a lump sum may be collected, e.g. 10 sessions = \$20, 16 sessions, \$32 etc.
- The surplus funds should be sent to the Treasurer or Secretary each semester, designed to cover:
  - the cost of venue hire and catering for events including the AGM and Showcase for new members;
  - the cost of the Course Leaders' lunch to show our appreciation for their efforts.

### A Gift?

Some classes like to give a gift to a weekly/fortnightly course leader for a whole semester or year. This may be a bottle of wine, a plant, a voucher or a book etc. This should be a separate donation and not taken from the funds as described above.

We appreciate your support and encourage you to think about joining our committee to help run this fine organisation.







## NEWSLETTER LINK

Members are welcome to view other region's newsletters at this link –

<https://sydneyu3a.org/>

Website:

<https://sydneyu3a.org/upper-north/>

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