



CITY & INNER WEST REGION NEWSLETTER APRIL 2021

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - U3A CITY & INNER WEST REGION

I am happy to report that more and more of our classes are reopening. Our venue coordinators feel confident in seeking out new classes which will not need to be cancelled at the last minute and more members are feeling confident in attending classes. We do seem to be experiencing a few hiccups in getting the vaccine but when this is resolved, it looks like we will be back to our 'new' normal.

For over 18 years Frank Wilson has been teaching us about history from all over the world, as well as running a film discussion group - and in addition, when asked, has willingly run his courses for other regions. At the Sydney U3A AGM on 24th March, Frank was awarded Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his work and dedication to Sydney U3A.

Honorary Life Membership is awarded only to those members who have made an outstanding contribution to the organisation and this description certainly fits Frank, who has so enthusiastically shared his vast knowledge with us over many years, as well as promoting and spreading the word about U3A. Congratulations to you Frank, you are a most worthy recipient.

As reported last month, our region had a successful AGM via Zoom, but one thing we failed to do was to find someone to fill the position of Publicity Officer. As we have experienced a fall in membership numbers due to Covid we need to work hard to build them up again - so if there is anyone out there with promotional skills, who would like to put them to good use by promoting a terrific not-for-profit organisation such as U3A - we would very much value your help.

For more information, you can contact Jennifer Waldron 0417 131 772
or John Hepworth 0408 118 993

Jennifer Waldron, President



ANNOUNCING:

THREE NEW COURSES!

FOR POETRY LOVERS

New member Patricia Loughlan, recently returned to Sydney from Canberra, has generously offered to run a poetry reading group in her home in Glebe. The group will read through and discuss two or three poems by leading poets like Wordsworth and Auden, from past and present. All poems will be readily available online and easily printed for discussion.

Last Tuesday of each month from 11 am to 1 pm.

Contact Patricia on 0425 284 869 or patricia.loughlan@ymail.com

INTERESTED IN PSYCHOLOGY?

We have a single session talk at our City Office in Market Street:

PSYCHOLOGY: SOME KEY CONCEPTS

Who is the real father of psychology? What is the difference between psychology and psychiatry? Details of IQ tests, personality tests, psychosis, neurosis and psychotherapy.

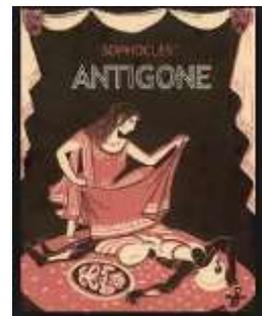


Tuesday 15 June from 1.30-3.30

Speaker: Dr. Reinhard Ronebeck

READING ANCIENT GREEK DRAMA

Participate in reading Sophocles' Oedipus the King, and Antigone. How can it be that you can only 'see' when you are blind? Bring your best reading-out-loud voice and maybe we'll have time for reading plays by Euripides or Aeschylus as well. The plays will be our starting point for discussing ancient Greek theatre, mythology, religion and society.



If you would like to join this course try to get your own copy of Sophocles, The Theban Plays, trans. E.F. Watling, Penguin Classics. (Everyone having the same translation is crucial so make sure it is the Penguin edition). Your local bookseller will get it in for you but if you cannot get it in time the course convenor has some spare copies.

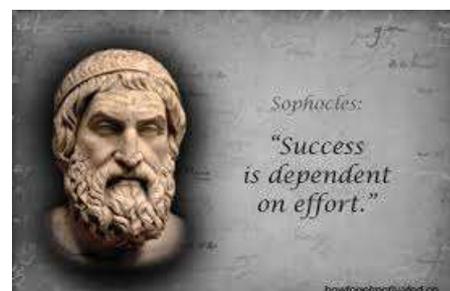
Tuesdays - weekly from 4 May to 8 June, from 1:30-3.30

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AT LEICHHARDT LIBRARY from Barbara Burton

*Welcome back! Friday Mornings at Leichhardt Library resume from 9 APRIL! We are delighted to welcome **Janice Millard** as Convenor for the Library sessions which have recently been distributed into your mailbox, thanks to our excellent City & Inner West web master, John Hepworth. For your further convenience here are details of the April sessions for the Library:*



The Convict Bonnets Project

9 Apr

This story is about Dr Christine Henri's (Hobart Museum) quest to discover and document stories of female convicts sent to Hobart in the early years.

Speaker: Trish Skehan.

Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences/Powerhouse

16 Apr

The museum states that it is one of the few covering design, arts, technology and science. This covers its history, buildings, collection, and important events.

Speaker: Stewart Reed

Fiji - an Insider's Perspective

23 and 30 Apr

Fiji in the 1800's: Tribal warfare, cannibalism, Cession, early Colonial era, arrival of the Indians. Forward 100 years to Independence, political adolescence, and national rebuilding.

Speaker: Andrew Drysdale

From May to June, you will hear from: Glennise West (Archaeology); Ian Thompson (Science and Technology); James Murray (History USA); and John Tidmarsh (History Asia).

Book early not to miss out!

LEICHHARDT GROUP ZOOM SESSIONS FOR APRIL *Note: No session on 9 April)*

16 April: Punci Dassanayake (Pharmacologist and Clinical Pharmacist)

COVID VIRUS - THE UNSEEN ENEMY: *COVID-19 is our unseen enemy, infecting some 100 million people and killing more than two million worldwide. This presentation takes an in depth look at the virus, the damage it causes, and the treatment aspects to date.*

23 & 30 April: Garry Lowder: (Geologist (Australian and International mining industry))

OUR DYNAMIC EARTH - LIFE, THE UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING: *From the Big Bang to the present day and beyond. How did we get here and where are we going?*

HANNAFORD CENTRE NEWS

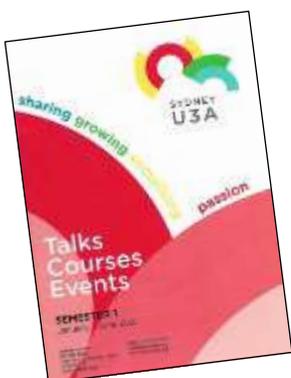
Our many lovers of the French language will be happy to hear that Alan Rodrick is returning to this venue during the 2nd Semester to continue his Intermediate French classes. Welcome back, Alan!



MUNCH ON BRUNCH - IN PYRMONT with Beatrice Scheepers

For the first time since the pandemic, Beatrice Scheepers and her 'Munch on Bunch' group ventured indoors to a café in Pyrmont, one of Sydney's great foodie hubs.

As it turned out, the rain came down in torrents and sitting outdoors would have been most unfriendly. There was plenty of natural ventilation, delicious menu items and the lively conversation you would expect at a U3A outing.



WE ARE BACK
IN SHARING - GROWING - SOCIALISING
& WITH PASSION!

