



## CITY & INNER WEST REGION NEWSLETTER JUNE 2021

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - U3A CITY & INNER WEST REGION

Good news everyone - the second semester course book will be sent out in mid-June. For those who receive it electronically it will be in the mailbox on 18 June. For those who receive it by mail, it will be sent out on 16 June. It might look a bit different from the previous books as we have a new editor, and we trialled a new system of putting it together, but there will be plenty of content to keep you interested. Thankfully more and more of us are feeling confident in attending classes and taking public transport and are catching up with our U3A friends.

Until Covid, your committee held a twice-yearly morning tea for new members to welcome them to U3A and explain how it all works. So far this year we haven't been able to do this - in part because many of us have used the relaxed restrictions to get out of Sydney and visit our own country, making it too hard to organise. So we are now working on a plan to organise a bigger get-together later in the year when we can make up for this and have an opportunity to meet and mingle with both new and current members.

After the enforced break from U3A activities a few of our leaders and volunteers felt they were unable to return to their roles. This has been a problem as we are a 'self-help' organisation which calls upon members to volunteer and ensure the organisation has an excellent programme to offer. This is how our fees are so low - the membership fee collected is used to pay office and rental, insurances and licences etc. Those of us who are enjoying retirement often have enormous amounts of experience, much of which will be of interest to fellow members and we encourage you to consider running a class. Book, cinema and discussion groups are always popular and if you would like to start one in your area but don't feel quite confident enough, we can help you with that. Likewise, members who have special interests can make great speakers and those who feel they don't have the skill to lead a class can contribute by assisting the class leaders. Volunteering is very rewarding in itself, and can also foster new friendships while meeting people from fascinating backgrounds.

I've had fifteen wonderful years volunteering with U3A (and continuing!) so if you would like to discuss the way in which you can contribute please contact me for a chat.

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## LEICHHARDT NEWS JUNE 2021

Our library sessions have been proceeding well with Janice Millard [rjmillard5@icloud.com](mailto:rjmillard5@icloud.com) looking after all the bookings. There has been some great feedback from these talks, so with the relaxation of some restrictions...we can now have up to 20 at each session...there may be a space for you. Don't miss out!

In last month's Newsletter the upcoming June program was included, but for those of you who may have misplaced that Newsletter and especially for our newer members, here they are again:

### From Sheba to Petra along the Incense and Monsoon Routes

**28 May, 4 Jun, 11 Jun**

Less well known than the Silk Route, the Incense Route wound its way to the "rose red city" of Petra, then to Alexandria and Damascus.

Speaker: John Tidmarsh

### The Huguenots: France and Australia

**18 June**

Two Huguenot descendants' stories, from quite different British backgrounds, who led productive lives in the NSW colony making important civic contributions to their host communities.

Speaker: Roger Jachau

### The Physics of the Mind

**25 June**

What makes us alive and human? What are free will and consciousness? Where does ethics come from? Does physics illuminate these Big Questions?

Speaker: Ian Bryce

**MEANWHILE ON ZOOM**...same timeslot as the library sessions: 10:30 - 12:30 each Friday until the end of the semester, we will have some more mind-bending talks as shown below:

**4 June: LEIGH HAINES** will share with us his knowledge and insights into the **Building of the HMB Endeavour Replica**. This talk had been scheduled previously but had to be cancelled so we will welcome Leigh, at last, to our Zoomer session. *Learn about the genesis, funding difficulties and sourcing the materials for this Bicentennial project to build the replica of Lieutenant James Cook's ship in Fremantle.*

**11 June: LAURIE WILSON** needs no introduction having previously presented to our group and was Guest Speaker at our C&IW Annual General Meeting which this year was held via the zoom technology. Here he is again with his take on **TIME TRAVEL**. *Travelling in time is a favourite theme of speculative fiction, but despite some paradoxes, is not entirely ruled out by some speculative theories in physics.*

**18 June: JACKIE WILSON. IS THE SNOWY MOUNTAIN SYSTEM UNDER THREAT?** Trained as a geologist, Jackie taught children and in her own words: *"Threatened Ecosystems" was one of our HSC topics, and I used to take my students to Thredbo to study the Alpine part of the Kosciuszko ecosystem as a case study.* Her talk will consider elements of the Snowy Alpine Ecosystem that

*make it unique (i.e. its "secrets"), how it is facing numerous human threats and finally, evaluate how it is being managed.*

**25 June: PUNCHI DAS:** Das returns to present **MYSTERIES OF THE DEEP SEA**. *Humans have explored the landmass of the Earth extensively, but the sea, still, remains a mystery to a great extent. Let us unravel some unknowns.*

I am taking this opportunity to thank our Host, the wonderful **John Hepworth**, for all of our Zoom sessions this year. His willingness to shoulder this role, especially during a period when I was unable to be actively involved, goes down in my book as a top example of the U3A ethos of throwing the ball to the next volunteer so that the 'show goes on' for our members. Thank you, John!

Barbara Burton Venue Coordinator Leichhardt groups.

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### **HANNAFORD CENTRE, ROZELLE**

Our four groups at Hannaford have been continuing throughout this semester, and we are very happy to be able to announce the return of Alan Rodrick's **INTERMEDIATE FRENCH** which will recommence at the Centre on **Tuesday 13 July from 10:00**. This will be a small group so anyone wishing to join the class should check out the booking details in the upcoming Course Book which should be in your hands, or on the web by mid-June.

### **LEICHHARDT MARKETPLACE**

Lively **DISCUSSION ON TOPICAL ISSUES** takes place fortnightly on **Wednesdays** from **10:30** at this venue under the leadership of Vivien Wolff. Contact her for more details on [vivw447@gmail.com](mailto:vivw447@gmail.com)

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### **'MUNCH ON BRUNCH' - IN FOREST LODGE**

Beatrice Scheepers and her brunch group enjoyed some delicious fare, great company and plenty of laughter at a bistro-style café inside the Forest Lodge Tramsheds.



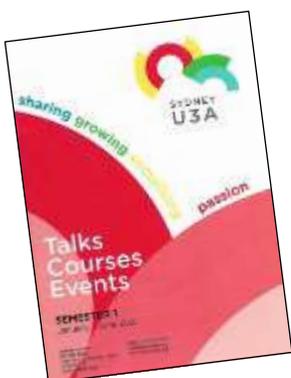
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## OUT AND ABOUT IN PADDINGTON



Beatrice Scheepers recently took a group on an art gallery crawl through Paddington. Along the way, they encountered the talents of Ben Quilty, Sidney Nolan, John Olsen, Grace Cossington Smith, Fred Williams, William Yang, Emily Kngwarreye, Jeffrey Smart, Tim Storrier and many others .

A hot lunch art at local café-cum-bookshop provided a perfect end to a drizzly but enjoyable day.



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

