

HARBOURSIDE NORTH

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: You must book to attend a course. Refer to "Booking a Course" on page 4.

CHAU CHAK WING MUSEUM TOUR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Organised by Harbourside North

will be held on: **Friday 13 Aug from 10:00 to 12:00**

address: **Chau Chak Wing Museum, University of Sydney**

Sydney's newest centre for the Arts and Culture: the museum brings together art, science, history and ancient cultures on the University of Sydney's main campus. An expert guide will take you through the exhibitions, from visual arts to natural history, Mediterranean antiquities to Indigenous culture, and scientific instruments to historic photography.

The cost of the tour is \$20, Seniors: \$15. Instructions for getting to the museum can be found at

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/museum/about-us/getting-here.html>

Bookings to Rosemarie Einstein (einstein@starmar.net.au 0412 043 377)

INDIGENOUS HERITAGE WALK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Organised by Harbourside North

will be held on: **Thursday 21 Oct from 10:30 to 12:00**

address: **Chau Chak Wing Museum, University of Sydney**

Led by Koori guide and Cultural Heritage Officer Uncle Jimmy Smith, this tour will explore the campus, its Indigenous history and stories of its historic relationship with community. Jimmy will touch upon the Sydney basin, the Freedom Rides, ritual and ceremony, bush medicines and the trees, astronomy and life in his inimitable style

The cost of the tour is \$15, Seniors: \$10. Meet at the entrance to the museum.

Instructions for getting to the museum can be found at <https://www.sydney.edu.au/museum/abouttous/gettingtohere.html>

The walking tour covers the campus of the University of Sydney so wear comfortable shoes and sunscreen.

Bookings to Rosemarie Einstein (einstein@starmar.net.au 0412 043 377)

CASTLE COVE: WATERMARK RETIREMENT VILLAGE

8b Deepwater Rd off Eastern Valley Way.

Street parking available.

Venue Coordinator Barbara Boston 9417 2967

nboston@bigpond.net.au

TUESDAYS AT CASTLE COVE

Every Tuesday from 6 Jul 10:30 to 12:30

Bookings: online at www.sydneyu3a.org or Barbara Boston 9417 2967 nboston@bigpond.net.au

History Australia

1. New South Wales Government architects

6, 13 Jul

i. James Barnet, the longest serving GA,

built 1350 civic buildings across NSW.

ii. The contributions of the other most important GAs, from Francis Greenway to George McRae.

Presenter Don Napper

Famous People

2. The Nobel Prize – its founder and his legacy

20, 27 Jul

The life and character of the man who established the prize and a look at the stories behind some of the winners.

Presenter Penny Bishop

History

3. Sydney's conservation pioneers

3, 10 Aug

Sydney's early conservationists included Annie Wyatt, Myles Dunphy, Charles Bean and Walter Burley Griffin. Who were they and why is their legacy more important than ever?

Presenter Janine Kitson

History

4. Lady Emma Hamilton

17 Aug

Born into poverty, the beautiful Emma Hamilton became the confidante of the Queen of Naples, Horatio Nelson's lover and the muse of a fashionable English painter

Presenter James Murray

Music Opera

5. **The story of opera**

24 Aug

Opera, a combination of vocal and orchestral music, drama, visual arts and dance, has been inspiring people for ages. We follow 400 years of opera.
Presenter Graham Ball

Music Opera

6. **Verdi and Puccini**

31 Aug

Discover the lives and music of these giants of opera at a time when opera composers began to produce music that expressed their deepest feelings.
Presenter Graham Ball

History USA

7. **Alexander Hamilton**

7 Sep

One of the founding fathers of the USA Alexander Hamilton is the subject of the musical *Hamilton*. Come and learn more about him.
Presenter James Murray

History

8. **A brief history of gold**

14 Sep

Where does gold come from, how much is there and where do you find it? What is so special about gold? And what use is it anyway?
Presenter Dr Garry Lowder

Science and Technology General

9. **Our dynamic Earth**

21, 28 Sep

i. On A Solid Foundation - rocks, landscape and Australian geology.
ii. The Restless Planet - plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes and climate.
Presenter Dr Garry Lowder

Marine Science Nature

10. **Mysteries of the deep**

5 Oct

Humans have explored the landmass of the earth extensively, but the sea still remains a mystery to a great extent. Let us unravel some of the unknowns.
Presenter Punchi Dassanayake

History Britain

11. **1066: The year that changed everything**

12, 26 Oct

1066 changed the history of Britain from a Scandinavian orientation to mainland Europe. Jennifer Paxton's DVD talks will enlighten us.
Presenter Barbara Boston

Science and Technology

12. **Hello, is anybody out there?**

19 Oct

Is there intelligent life on planets outside our solar system? This is a question for our age and the future.
Presenter Punchi Dassanayake

History Ancient

13. **The world of Aegean Greece – from Minos to Agamemnon**

2, 9, 16, 23 Nov

The rise and fall of both the brilliant Minoan civilisation, with its opulent palaces and wonderfully naturalistic art, and the powerful Mycenaean kingdoms renowned for their imposing walled citadels and monumental tombs.
Presenter John Tidmarsh

CHATSWOOD DOUGHERTY COMMUNITY CENTRE

7 Victor St. Parking available. Wheelchair access
Venue Coordinators Janet Douglas janet_away@yahoo.com
(preferred) 0423 947 411; Ursula Schappi
ursulasch@bigpond.com (preferred) 0407 995 578

Music Recorder

RECORDER GROUP

**Alt Wednesdays from 30 Jun 10:30 to 12:30
(12 sessions)**

Have fun playing descant, treble and tenor recorders. This group uses Book 2 of the set tutor (Learn to play the Recorder by Brian Bonsor) and plays 3-part music.
Leader: Katie Lucy-Smith 8416 3266
Bookings: Katie Lucy-Smith 8416 3266

Music

ADVANCED RECORDER

Alternate Mondays from 5 Jul 10:30 to 12:30 (10 sessions)

Treble, tenor, bass and descant players welcome. Basic sight to reading is essential. The emphasis is on playing musically.
Leader and **bookings:** Katie Lucyto Smith 8416 3266

TUESDAYS AT CHATSWOOD

Tuesdays from 20 Jul 10:30 to 12:30

Writing

~~1. 'It was a dark and stormy night'~~ ~~20 Jul~~

CANCELLED

~~Learn how to extract the ultimate thrills in your favoured genre. An introduction to mystery story writing that may be presented as a writing course next semester.
Presenter Tina Faulk~~

~~**Bookings:** Ursula Schappi 9955 7628
ursulasch@bigpond.com (preferred)~~

Movies

2. **The golden years of Hollywood** **27 Jul**

A nostalgic journey through the movie industry, the different genres, the movies that started the Golden Age; the glamour, glitz and legendary stars.
Presenter Nitza Lowenstein
Bookings: Kathy Vern-Barnet 0414 694 925
kvernb@internode.on.net (preferred)

History Ancient

3. **Egypt – pyramid building of the Old Kingdom (circa 2686 - 2182 BCE)** **3, 10 Aug**

Ancient Egyptian art portrayed a view of the world to serve the wider purpose of maintaining order that was bound with religion.
Presenter Robijan Alexandra
Bookings: Annemarie Moore 0421 716 232
mooreannemarie1948@gmail.com (preferred)

Science and Technology General

4. **The engineering marvels of boats** **17 Aug**

Gretel built by Lars Halvorsen Sons, the brilliant engineering required to salvage the Costa Concordia off the coast of Italy and other maritime stories.
Presenter Noel Phelan
Bookings: Ursula Schappi 9955 7628
ursulasch@bigpond.com (preferred)

History

5. Women and romance in the life of Lachlan Macquarie

24 Aug

An exploration of relationships and marriage in the life of Lachlan Macquarie in North America, India, Britain and Australia in the period 1780-1824.

Presenter Robin Walsh

Bookings: Ronda Broadbridge 9417 1943
rbroadbr@tpg.com.au (preferred)

History Middle East

6. A modern history of Iran

31 Aug, 14, 28 Sep, 12 Oct

These lectures continue the story of Iran, bringing us into the 20th Century, with the discovery of oil, a brief democracy, followed by the dictatorship of the Pahlavi dynasty and the Islamic Revolution.

Presenter Ian de Mellow

Bookings: Kathy Vern-Barnet 0414 694 925
kvernbn@internode.on.net (preferred)

Music Appreciation

7. Music at the royal courts of Europe

7, 21 Sep, 5, 19 Oct

An imaginary journey through four of the wealthiest and most powerful 17th and 18th Centuries royal courts which had the desire and resources to attract the best thinkers and musicians, creating centres of excellence which were the envy of the world.

i. Louis XIV of France at Versailles

ii. Augustus the Strong at Dresden

iii. Frederick the Great at Potsdam

iv. Joseph II at Vienna.

Presenter John Yates

Bookings: Janet Douglas 9419 5603
janet_away@yahoo.com (preferred)

Dance

8. Dance: a topic not to be talked about

26 Oct

Dance is simply movement to music and comes in many different forms. Take a waltz into the wonderful world of dance and discover how we can dance again

Presenter Ros Tinker

Bookings: Ronda Broadbridge 9417 1943
rbroadbr@tpg.com.au (preferred)

Current Affairs

9. North Korea

2 Nov

We shall consider the various options for North Korea's future in the world, given all the problems, both natural and imposed, with which it has to deal.

Presenter John Yates

Bookings: Barbara Ellis 9416 3071
bellis58@bigpond.com (preferred)

Science and Technology General

10. Nuclear energy – Australia's proud history

16 Nov

The ups and downs of Australia's Atomic Energy Commission, development of uranium enrichment projects and Australia's contribution to nuclear medicine.

Presenter Martin Thomas

Bookings: Janet Douglas 9419 5603
janet_away@yahoo.com (preferred)

Discussion Groups

DISCUSSION GROUP 2

Alternate Thursdays from 22 Jul 10:30 to 12:30
(11 sessions)

We are a small and friendly group who discuss both local and overseas events. We value all opinions and do not take ourselves too seriously.

Leader and **bookings:** John Yates

johnyates80@hotmail.com (preferred) or 0437 394 225

Discussion Groups

DISCUSSION GROUP 1

Alternate Thursdays from 29 Jul 10:00 to 12:00
(12 sessions)

Would you like to hear some interesting opinions?

Do you want to air some of your own? This is a varied group who consider some of the issues of life and living that contribute to our modern existence.

Leader and **bookings:** Margaret Thomason 9488 8960
margaret.thomason@bigpond.com

Languages German

GERMAN FOR POST BEGINNERS

Every Thursday from 5 Aug 1:00 to 3:00
(12 sessions)

Simple conversation with some grammar practice for learners who have studied elementary German.

Leader and **bookings:** Bettina Boss

b.boss@unsw.edu.au (preferred) or 0466 979 460

Language Spanish

INTRODUCTORY SPANISH

Every Tuesday from 21 Sep 1:30 to 3:30
(8 sessions)

Planning to travel to a Spanish speaking country? Near beginner? Then join Marta, a Spanish speaker from South America, to have fun learning Spanish.

Leader: Marta Moreno 0431 005 830

bettymenalabarca@hotmail.com

Bookings: Marta Moreno 0431 005 830

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FRIDAYS AT CHATSWOOD

Fridays from 13 Aug 10:30 to 12.30

History

1. Pioneering aviation in the Pacific Islands

30 Jul

Personal, unique stories of the people who pioneered aviation in the islands, from Kingsford Smith's landing in Fiji to pioneering flyers throughout the Pacific Islands.

Presenter Andrew Drysdale

Bookings: Janet Douglas 9419 5603

janet_away@yahoo.com (preferred)

History Family

2. Born in the USSR

27 Aug

How did families live in and survive the scarcity? What did they eat, wear and do? How did children spend their days?

Presenter Triin Pehk

Bookings: Barbara Ellis 9416 3071

bellis58@bigpond.com (preferred)

Science and Technology History

3. Sir Hubert Wilkins, a 20th C Australian of many talents

15, 22, 27 Oct

Photographer and soldier in WW1, he joined the Shackleton expedition to the Antarctic in 1922 and later proved that submarines were able to operate beneath the polar ice cap. Presenter Christopher Beazley

Bookings: Ursula Schappi 9955 7628
ursulasch@bigpond.com (preferred)

Genealogy Family History

Including Memoirs Science and Technology

4. Pine Gap – the inside story

12 Nov

Trained in Electronic Intelligence with extensive experience with satellite surveillance, David managed the Joint Defence Facility team in Pine Gap, Alice Springs.

Presenter David Rosenberg

Bookings: Joy Martin 0421 158 663
joymartin@optusnet.com.au (preferred)

GREENWICH THE BAYTREE RETIREMENT RESORT

6 Ulonga Ave (off Innes Rd). Wheelchair access.

Venue Coordinator Andrew Caro 9433 8056

kxcaro@gmail.com

Cinema

CINEMA

Alternate Fridays from 9 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

Join us for interesting pre-film discussions about the planning and shooting of major films; learn the history of some of our great actors and actresses and enjoy the film.

Leader: Hugh Watson

Bookings: Margaret Vermeesch 9433 8048
mvermeesch7@gmail.com

TUESDAYS AT GREENWICH

Every Tuesday from 13 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

Famous people

1. The making of the man - Lachlan Macquarie before Australia 1761-1809

13 Jul

An examination of the people, places and events that shaped the life of Lachlan Macquarie in N America, India, China, Egypt, Persia, Russia and Britain.

Presenter Robin Walsh

Bookings: Kate Caro 9433 8056
kxcaro@gmail.com

History Art Ancient

2. Troy - history, mystery and myth

20 Jul

From about 1600 - 1100 BCE, the story emerged and was remembered, embellished and visualised. Circa 800 BCE, Homer wrote The Iliad and The Odyssey. This story is told through Art.

Presenter Robijn Alexandra

Bookings: Kate Caro 9433 8056
kxcaro@gmail.com

History Art Ancient

3. Aphrodite/Venus, From star to cover of the New Yorker

27 Jul

Aphrodite/Venus has survived in art unchanged from her classical appearance. She is seen constantly in modern culture and continues to surprise and delight us.

This story is told through Art.

Presenter Robijn Alexandra

Bookings: Kate Caro 9433 8056 kxcaro@gmail.com

Science and Technology

4. Waves, music of the spheres

3 Aug

The wave is a unifying concept in physics seen as water waves, light waves, quantum matter waves and most recently gravitational waves.

Presenter Dr Laurie Wilson

Bookings: Andrew Caro 9433 8056
kxcaro@gmail.com

History Australia

5. NSW Colonial Architecture - first 100 years

10 Aug

The work of the three most important architects - Francis Greenway, James Barnet and Walter Liberty Vernon, with brief consideration of Edmund Blackett and George McRae

Presenter Don Napper

Bookings: Andrew Caro 9433 8056
kxcaro@gmail.com

History Family

6. Born in the USSR

17 Aug

My Soviet childhood in 1980's Estonia. An ethnographic look at everyday life in the Soviet Union.

Presenter Triin Pehk

Bookings: Andrew Caro 9433 8056
kxcaro@gmail.com

Literature

7. What constitutes great literature?

24, 31 Aug

i. We will try to identify the magic ingredient(s) that separate great from merely good literature.

ii. A look at the 'great' works identified in the first session.

Presenter Andrew Caro

Bookings: Kate Caro 9433 8056 kxcaro@gmail.com

Famous people

8. Willie Fennell

7 Sep

The golden years of radio, including the life and career of Willie Fennell who wrote and starred in Australia's first radio sitcom, "Life with Dexter"

Presenter Susan Fennell

Bookings: Dianna Brookes 9433 8031
dianna.brookes@gmail.com

Music Movies

9. Mozart at the movies

14 Sep

Mozart's compositions provide soundtracks to many films and movie scenes, presented with episodes from Mozart's life when he wrote those works.

Presenter Nora Hinchin

Bookings: Dianna Brookes 9433 8031
dianna.brookes@gmail.com

Literature

10. Samuel Johnson

21 Sep

Samuel Johnson's place in English literature and the establishment of English dictionaries.

Presenter John Flint

Bookings: Dianna Brookes
dianna.brookes@gmail.com 9433 8031

Music

11. Johan Adolf Hasse – an overlooked musical genius

28 Sep

Hasse (1699 – 1783), a German singer and composer, became probably the most famous composer of operas, cantatas and masses in Germany. His neglect is a real mystery.

Presenter John Carmody

Bookings: Margaret Vermeesch
mvermeesch7@gmail.com 9433 8048

Music

12. Giuseppe Antonio Brescianello - great but relatively unknown'

5 Oct

Presenter John Carmody

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mvermeesch7@gmail.com 9433 8048

Dance

13. Dance - a topic not to be talked about

12 Oct

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Presenter Ros Tinker

Bookings: Marianne Thiering
mariannethiering@gmail.com 9433 8059

History

14. Napoleon

19 Oct

The meteoric rises and falls in Napoleon's military and political career, with some emphasis on the latter years and their connection with and importance to Australia.

Presenter Geoff Davidson

Bookings: Marianne Thiering
mariannethiering@gmail.com 9433 8059

History

15. The convict system

26 Oct

The origins, development and ending of the transportation of thousands of prisoners to our Colonies, with emphasis on their treatment and conditions.

Presenter Geoff Davidson

Bookings: Marianne Thiering
mariannethiering@gmail.com 9433 8059

Famous people

16. Winston Churchill

9 Nov

One of the few who are called 'man of the century' – aristocrat, soldier, politician, author and Nobel Prize winner. A DVD presentation.

Presenter Geoff Davidson

Bookings: Marianne Thiering
mariannethiering@gmail.com 9433 8059

History

17. The history of Ireland

16, 23, 30 Nov

The sad and tumultuous story of Ireland, from primitive times to the modern era and Brexit.

Presenter Kate Caro

Bookings: Andrew Caro 9433 8056 kxcaro@gmail.com

HUNTERS HILL C A FAIRLAND HALL

14 Church St. Parking available.

Venue Coordinator Judy Harris 0447 194 510

JudyHarris2@bigpond.com

MONDAYS AT HUNTERS HILL

Every Monday from 5 Jul 10:30 to 12:30

Bookings: online at www.sydneyu3a.org or with Venue Coordinator Judy Harris, unless indicated below.

Music Appreciation

1. Music that helped win the wars

5 Jul

War-time music has played an important role in military and civilian life since the dawn of history

Presenter Graham Ball

Literature Australia

2. May Gibbs - her life and works

12, 19 Jul

May Gibbs best known work, *Snugglypot and Cuddlepig* was only one product of her extensive life. She excelled in a diverse range of fields from childhood until her death in Sydney.

Presenter Stewart Reed

History Australia

3. Historic houses of Sydney

26 Jul

Over approximately 240 years the different styles of houses (and usually gardens) of Sydney reflected the developing style of a changing city.

Presenter Stewart Reed

History

4. Three industrial revolutions

2 Aug

i. the engineering revolution ushering in the machine age

ii. the scientific era leading to electricity, the germ theory, synthetic fertilizers

iii. the digital age which we live in today.

Presenter Emeritus Prof Don Napper

Medical Matters

5. Frontiers of medical imaging

9 Aug

Medical practitioners now have a variety of non-invasive ways of imaging the human body, including x-rays, CT scans, MRI, nuclear medicine and PET scans.

Presenter Dr Laurie Wilson

Music Appreciation

6. Johann Adolph Hasse

16 Aug

Johann was a renowned 18th century German composer, singer and teacher of music

Presenter John Carmody

Language

7. The world of words

23 Aug

Grammar, usage, pronunciation, etymology, our prejudices, preferences, antipathies, ignorance. Take part in a provocative discussion about what is "correct" and "incorrect".

Presenter John Flint OAM

Music Appreciation

8. Mozart at the movies

30 Aug

Mozart's compositions provided soundtracks to many films. Movie scenes with episodes from Mozart's life when he wrote those works.

Presenter Nora Hinchin

Current Affairs

9. Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd

6 Sep

PIAC is an independent non-profit law & policy organisation dedicated to obtaining social justice for disadvantaged individuals and at the broader systemic level.

Presenter Jonathon Hunyor

Maritime

10. Women sailors

13 Sep

Our speaker from the Maritime Museum tells the stories of many women sailors young and old, from Australia and other countries.

Presenter Noel Phelan

Marine science

11. Mysteries of the deep sea

20 Sep

Humans have explored the land mass of the Earth extensively, but the sea still remains a mystery to a great extent. Let us unravel some unknowns.

Presenter Punci Dassanayake

Current Affairs

12. Small European countries

27 Sep, 4 Oct

Putting the microscope on Europe's micro-nations: Andorra, Liechtenstein, Monaco, San Marino, The Vatican – and some other oddities – relics of Europe's complex history that still survive.

Presenter Graham Spindler

Current Affairs

13. Feeding the world

11 Oct

There will be more food eaten in the next 50 years than in the entire history of humanity.

Presenter Chris Russell AM

Current Affairs

14. The Arab world - the Arab spring and its aftermath

18 Oct

The Arabs founded Islam, a rich culture and preserved old world knowledge. In 2011 their world experienced widespread turmoil.

Presenter Himanshu Jhala

Travel

15. The easy Camino

25 Oct

A brief history and overview of Spain's challenging pilgrimage route, the Camino de Santiago – and my easy experience on it.

Presenter Graham Spindler

Music Appreciation

16. A tribute to Gilbert & Sullivan

1 Nov

Gilbert & Sullivan presented thirteen comic operas that contributed to the creation of modern music which was developed in late Victorian England.

Presenter Graham Ball

History

17. Fiji – an insider's perspective

8, 15 Nov

Fiji in the 1800's: tribal warfare, cannibalism, Cession, early Colonial era, arrival of the Indians, Independence, political adolescence, the coups and rebuilding – as experienced by a local Fiji European.

Presenter Andrew Drysdale

Art Appreciation

18. Public art sculpture in Sydney and suburbs

22 Nov

Outdoor and public sculptures can stand out, be almost invisible, loved or criticised. All tell us something about where we live, shop, sightsee, commemorate wars and attend religious services.

Presenter Ann Sutherland

Music Appreciation

19. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

29 Nov

He is one of the much loved composers in history who, in his 36 years, produced more than 600 pieces of music.

Presenter Graham Ball

Music

20. A history of jazz - Christmas carols and party

6 Dec

Come and enjoy some jazz, with some Christmas cheer, at our last meeting for the year.

Presenter Graham Ball

Art Drawing

DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS (max 15)

Every Friday from 23 Jul 10:30 to 12:30 (6 sessions)

Learn to draw and develop a unique drawing style by studying the elements and principles of design. Learn the basic skills of recording while examining various drawing techniques.

Leader and **bookings**: Kate McClelland
mclellands@ozemail.com.au 0413 388 959

LANE COVE GOLF CLUB

180 River Road, Northwood

Venue Coordinator Robert Lynn 9433 8066

Discussion Group

DISCUSSION GROUP

Alternate Thursdays from 8 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

Join this happy group to air your views and discuss a variety of interesting topics selected by group members.

Leader: Beatrice Blanks 8068 9393

Bookings: Val Kaley 9427 0786

LANE COVE LIVING AND LEARNING CENTRE

180 Longueville Rd
Venue Coordinator Robert Lynn 9433 8066

KEY INFLUENCERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SOCIETY

Alternate Thursdays from 8 Jul 1:30 to 3:30

Bookings: Ann Drysdale 9427 8435

Current Affairs

1. The 1960s - historical fault line?

8 Jul

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

2. Secularism - what is it really?

22 Jul

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

3. Mercantilism - is it all for gold?

5 Aug

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

4. Capitalism - the source of our prosperity?

19 Aug

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

5. Darwinism

2 Sep

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

6. Militarism - is it always with us?

16 Sep

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

7. Keynesianism. - economic saviour?

30 Sep

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

8. Consumerism - what keeps us in employ?

14 Oct

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

9. Feminism - are we nearly there?

28 Oct

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

10. Criminology & Penology - the darker side of Society

11 Nov

Presenter Frank Wilson

Current Affairs

11. The State - an important and elusive concept

25 Nov

Presenter Frank Wilson

Book Group

BOOK GROUP

Every fourth Monday from 26 Jul 10:30 to 12:30

Discussion group centred on literary fiction. The book for discussion will be "*The Dictionary of Lost Words*" by Pip Williams.

Leader: Janice Gentle 9439 3801

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MCMAHONS POINT COMMUNITY CENTRE

165 Blues Point Rd. Venue Coordinator Lesley Duffill
0408 097 482 leslie.duffill@gmail.com

Book groups

BOOK GROUP

Alternate Fridays from 2 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

(10 sessions)

This group chooses 10 novels per semester to read (both classics and modern), and enjoys a lively discussion on those books.

Leader and **bookings:** Toni McLennan 9412 1585

Poetry Writing

WRITING POETRY (max 12)

Alternate Tuesdays from 7 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

(10 sessions)

This group explores the magic of poetry in its various forms through reading, appreciating and writing. We give and receive friendly, positive feedback.

New members welcome.

Leader and **bookings:** Geoff Lucas 9416 7717

THE MANORS OF MOSMAN RETIREMENT VILLAGE

6 Hale Rd (off Military Rd).

Venue Coordinator Lesley Duffill 0408 097 4821
eslieduffill@gmail.com

Discussion Groups

LITERARY DISCUSSION GROUP

Alternate Tuesdays from 13 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

This friendly group meets once a fortnight to discuss a variety of demanding literature including poetry, drama and nonfiction. New members welcomed.

Leader: Mary Billing

Bookings: Elisabeth Kingsford Smith 9953 6993

Discussion Groups

TOPICAL ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP

Alternate Wednesdays from 14 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

At every meeting we discuss two topics chosen by the group at the previous meeting. We cover local and international topics in the news, hear short introductions by volunteers, and keep our mental engines running in a friendly and diverse group.

Leader and **bookings:** Margaret Kropman
0434 839 172

MOSMAN ART GALLERY

Cnr Myahgah Rd and Art Gallery Way. Parking available. Wheelchair access. Venue Coordinator Eve Klein 9969 7994 cyeve@tpg.com.au (enquiries only)

MONDAYS AT THE ART GALLERY

Every Monday from 5 Jul 10:30 to 12:30

Bookings Trish Dawson 0423 321 210
trish.dawson@hotmail.com

Current Affairs

1. Strangling Aunty: Perilous Times for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation

5 Jul

Virginia's newly published book explains how the ABC has lost its iconic status in society and has strayed from its respected public charter.

Presenter Virginia Small

Family History

2. Ursula's story; from Berlin to Bayview

12 Jul

NOW ON ZOOM

Writing my mother's remarkable life, working at the Berlin Olympics, fleeing the Nazis and proposing to the first Englishman she meets.

Presenter Vivien Wilson

History Australia

3. Twelve photographs that made Australia

19 Jul

These photographs, from the 1840s to the early 2000s, show how our country, its people, and the way we view the world have changed.

Presenter Laurie Wilson

Science

4. ET where are you?

26 Jul

The search for life outside the Earth. Are we alone in the Universe?

Presenter Dr Laurie Wilson

Science

5. Time travel

2 Aug

Travelling in time is a favourite theme of speculative fiction, but despite some paradoxes, it is not entirely ruled out by some theories in physics.

Presenter Dr Laurie Wilson

History Australia

6. Mary Reibey and early Sydney

9 Aug

Mary Reibey, transported to Sydney with the 4th Fleet, was eventually able to compete as an ex-convict and a successful business woman, with the tough business men and their snobbish wives.

Presenter John Walsh

Agriculture

7. Landcare in Australia

16, 23 Aug

i. The story of the journey my family has taken from high input agriculture to a more earth-friendly way of producing food and fibre that leads to a true profit.

ii. The story of Landcare in the Boorowa River Catchment, a long running community group.

Presenter David Marsh

History Australia

8. In an evil hour: Lachlan Macquarie & the year 1816

30 Aug

A detailed examination of the people and events of 1816 in colonial New South Wales.

Presenter Robin Walsh

Science

9. Forces that have shaped our world and their impact on life and civilisation

6, 13, 20, 27 Sep

i. Life, the Universe and everything - from the Big Bang to Planet Earth.

ii. The bountiful planet - what are everyday things made of?

iii. On a solid foundation - landscape, climate and our geological history

iv. The restless planet - plate tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes and climate.

Presenter Dr Garry Lowder

Psychology

10. Psychology: some key concepts

11 Oct

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

Presenter Dr Reinhardt Ronnebeck

Famous People

11. Five Irish actors

18 Oct

Highlights of the lives and loves of Irish actors across the centuries - Maureen O'Hara, Pierce Brosnan, Liam Neeson, Colin Farrell and Saoirse Ronan.

Presenter Anne Richardson

History USA

12. Abraham Lincoln

25 Oct

Of all the great statesmen of the 19th century, few equal and none surpass this man in wisdom, humour, character and achievement.

Presenter Rosemary McCulloch

History

13. The defeat of the Spanish Armada

1 Nov

Queen Elizabeth's decisive defeat of the Invincible Armada made England a world-class power and introduced effective long-range weapons into naval warfare for the first time.

Presenter Rosemary McCulloch

Music Appreciation

14. A history of opera

8 Nov

A combination of vocal and orchestral music, drama, visual arts and dance, has inspired people for ages. Its development, beginning in Italy during the Renaissance period until the present day.

Presenter Graham Ball

Music Appreciation

15. You must remember this

15, 22 Nov

Songs between World War I and World War II

Presenter Nora Hinchin

History Ancient

16. The Etruscans

29 Nov

The history of the Etruscans, their rich culture and influence on the Romans.

Presenter John Flint

MOSMAN ART GALLERY, THE MELODY ROOM

Cnr Myahgah Rd and Art Gallery Way
Parking available. Wheelchair access
Venue Coordinator Annika Tufts 0404 254 009
annikatults@gmail.com

Art Painting Drawing

ART: PAINTING AND SKETCHING (max 12)

Alternate Tuesdays from 6 Jul 1:30 to 3:30

Learn how to successfully manipulate colours, lines and shape in a friendly group. Painting with acrylics, sketching with charcoal or pencil. A small amount of theory will help develop skills to create both classical and abstract art.

Leader and **bookings**: Kulliki Poole 9451 3011 or 0414 451 636

Writing

DEVELOPING YOUR MEMOIR

Every Wednesday from 14 Jul 12:30 to 2:30
(7 sessions)

Everyone has a unique life. We will use practical exercises to build a story, step by step, for future generations.

Beginners welcome. The first session will be a revision of last semester's course, for new members.

Leader and **bookings**: Jenny Rudd O'Neill
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THURSDAYS AT THE MELODY ROOM

Every Thursday from 15 Jul 1:00 to 3:00

Bookings: Annika Tufts 0404 254 009
annikatults@gmail.com

Science and Technology

1. The Nobel Disease: why do top scientists sometimes go loopy? NOW ON ZOOM 15 Jul

Nobel prizes are the highest recognition a scientist can earn, and yet many laureates later turn to "screwball" science.

Presenter Ian Bryce

Philosophy

2. Humanism – an enlightened life stance 22 Jul

What do the growing non-religious believe? Humanism holds that the best knowledge is obtained through science, and the best morality by human welfare

Presenter Ian Bryce

Current Affairs

3. Danger was my business 29 Jul

Critical incidents attended by Gary include the Christmas Day fire in Kings Cross, Granville train disaster and the Christchurch earthquake in New Zealand.

Presenter Gary Raymond

History General

4. Islamic Golden Age

5 Aug

A survey covering a wide spectrum of achievements of the Islamic Golden Age and their role in bridging the Ancient and Mediaeval worlds.

Presenter Tony McCurdy

History Family

5. Born in the USSR

12 Aug

My Soviet childhood in 1980's Estonia. An ethnographic look at everyday life in the Soviet Union.

Presenter Triin Pehk

Drama

6. Who wrote the first sitcom?

19 Aug

Are we still laughing at the same jokes as the ancient Greeks and Romans? And where did theatre begin in Britain?

Presenter Diana Pheils

Drama Theatre

7. The Great Age of Elizabeth

26 Aug

A new theatre is born with University wits as playwrights. A stage is set for a genius.

Presenter Diana Pheils

Drama Theatre

8. Shakespeare

2 Sep

His life and times and his genius

Presenter Diana Pheils

Drama Theatre

9. From raw to the romantic

9 Sep

The impenetrable darkness of Jacobean theatre. Beautiful sets and sparkling wit end an era of great drama.

Presenter Diana Pheils

Science Nutrition

10. Food myths

16 Sep

Many popular food notions in the media and on social media about 'healthy' food and food safety are all just myths.

Presenter Gary Kennedy

History

11. Ashoka, history's greatest emperor

23 Sep

Ashoka ruled India's greatest empire. Starting with brutality and war, he then found Buddhism and redemption. Why was he so exceptional and what has been his legacy?

Presenter Terry Redmond

Movies

12. The golden years of Hollywood

30 Sep

A nostalgic journey through the movie industry: the different genres, the movies that started the Golden Age; the glamour, glitz and legendary stars.

Presenter Nitza Lowenstein

Music

13. Music, leisure and pleasure in 18th Century London

7 Oct

The Industrial Revolution transformed 18th century London with the new enriched middle class having time and money for leisure pursuits. How did they spend their free time?

Presenter Nora Hinch

Current Affairs History

14. The rivalry between East and West

14, 21, 28 Oct, 4 Nov

Is the dominance of the West over the East coming to an end? We explore briefly the long history of the cultural, economic, political, social and military development of the world's two core regimes and why global tensions are growing.

Presenter Peter Nixon

History Ancient

15. Inca Empire: The rise and fall of South America's most powerful ancient empire

11 Nov

Discover their history, culture, mythology and demise. With an introduction to Machu Picchu, the 15th Century icon of Inca Civilisation.

Presenter Nitza Lowenstein

Music

16. Cuba: A musical journey

18 Nov

Cuba is a 50's time capsule floating on a sea of music. Enjoy some sights and sounds from Graham's 2017 visit.

Presenter Graham Spindler

Travel

17. South Africa, Swaziland and Kruger National Park

25 Nov

An illustrated talk of a tour through South Africa followed by a brief history from 1488 to the present.

Presenter Bobbie Kersten and Pam van Zyl

Publishing

PUBLISHING YOUR BOOK: WORKSHOP

Wednesdays 1 and 8 Sep 1:30 to 3:30

Family or local history, memoir or biography, novel or cookbook, are you ready to publish?

Week 1: formatting your manuscript, layout, book size, photos, charts, maps and editing.

Week 2: cover design, registering your book, preparing specifications, quotes, quantities, marketing.

Leader and **bookings**: Margaret Szalay
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WEDNESDAYS AT MOSMAN SQUARE

Each Wednesday from 14 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

Bookings: online at www.sydneyu3a.org

ONLY if you do not have internet access, book with Rose White
rose4hsn.u3a@gmail.com (preferred) or at 9999 2218 if you do not have computer access at all

Current Affairs

1. Urgent issues in the supply of electricity

14 Jul NOW ON ZOOM

Renewables are destabilizing and reducing the price of wholesale power. The viability of our big coal-fired power generators is in doubt. How do we transition to a new energy future?

Presenter Robert Eales

Music Appreciation

2. Handel, the entrepreneur

21, 28 Jul, 4 Aug

Complementing John Flint's course on Bach in Semester 1, this course focuses on the life, personality, business acumen, and musical works of Handel.

Though a contemporary of Bach, the two men were different in most respects. They have been paradoxically described as 'equals only when they are incomparable'.

Presenter Nora Hinchey

Philosophy

3. History of human wisdom

11, 18, 25 Aug, 1 Sep

We explore how thinkers over the ages have tried to answer the big questions about creation, humanity, truth, morality and religion.

Presenter Peter Nixon

Music Appreciation

4. A journey through the music of France and Spain

8, 15, 22, 29 Sep

French classical music styles often have an identifiable national character and the music of Spain has played an important part in the development of Western music.

Come and enjoy examples from both countries.

Presenter Rosemary McCulloch

History Britain

5. Courage, tragedy and the struggle for the rule of law

6, 13, 20 Oct

The struggle for supremacy between the Stuart Kings and Parliament in 17th century England, a struggle was accompanied by courageous deeds and tragic events.

Presenter Malcolm Robertson

Medical Matters Science

6. Making a human baby

27 Oct

Human reproduction is complex. After a 3.8-billion-year journey we have reached a pinnacle position. This presentation describes the reproductive process leading to the birth of a human baby.

Presenter Punchi Dassanayake

Medical Matters Science

7. Howard Florey – the Australian laureate

3 Nov

Howard Florey is a celebrated Australian scientist, who refined penicillin, the first antibiotic, and helped raise the world life expectancy by several years.

Presenter Punchi Dassanayake

History

8. Cobalt and lustre: the glory of ancient Persia

10, 17, 24 Nov, 1 Dec

Few countries can boast of such an illustrious past as Iran. We examine the monuments of its most powerful empires, including the awe-inspiring Achaemenid palace of Persepolis, the remarkable fire temple of Sasanian Takht-i-Sulaiman (with its 'bottomless' lake) and the stunning gardens, caravanserais, and mosques of Isfahan, Pearl of Islam.

Presenter John Tidmarsh

OUT THERE

Outings Eating out

THIRD FRIDAY LUNCH GROUP

Third Friday of each month from 16 July

We meet for lunch at restaurants that serve a variety of cuisines. We go everywhere in Sydney, except the North Shore. We try to book BYO wine venues where there is a small corkage charge, which attendees are required to pay. Leader and **bookings**: Sarah Fennamore 9955 1962 sfennamore@yahoo.com

ZOOM

Venue Coordinator Rosemarie Einstein 0412 043 377 einstein@starmar.net.au

Discussion Group

TALKING POINTS (zoom)

Thursdays 22 Jul, 5, 19, Aug, 2, 16, 30 Sep, 7, 21 Oct, 4, Nov from 10:00 to 11:30

'Talking Points' will be a discussion on current affairs. Topics cover issues in the news and other matters of the times. No subject is barred. Everyone is encouraged to participate. A list of topics will be sent to participants on the Monday before to enable them to get their thoughts together. Leaders: Rosemarie Einstein, Ric Einstein

Bookings: online at www.sydneyu3a.org (preferred) or Rosemarie Einstein einstein@starmar.net.au

THURSDAYS ON ZOOM (zoom)

Thursdays from 8 Jul 10:00 to 12:00

Bookings: online at www.sydneyu3a.org (preferred) or Rosemarie Einstein einstein@starmar.net.au

Current Affairs

1. Listening across cultural difference

8 Jul

Stephen demonstrates sharing within another's cultural world from the most extreme cultural difference in the jungles of West Papua back to everyday life in Australia. Presenter Stephen Hill

Science

2. Science myths and misconceptions

15 Jul

Examining a diverse range of commonly held science-based myths, their origins and the reasons they persist in spite of contrary scientific evidence. Presenter Kevin Murray

Medical Matters History

3. The Royal Flying Doctor Service

29 Jul

The history of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Primary and emergency medical care today for rural and remote Australia. How is it funded? The future? Presenter Wendy Swinburn

Travel

4. Impressions of Mongolia and Siberia

12 Aug

We highlight the fascinating history, geography, culture, architecture, lifestyles, wildlife and landscapes of Mongolia and Siberia. Presenter Kevin and Glenys Murray

Nature

5. House plants

26 Aug

House plants improve air quality and have a beneficial psychological effect. Which plants prefer to grow indoors, where do they grow best and how to maintain them? Presenter Judith Sleijpen

History

6. Death of a Doctor

9 Sep

Fascinating 1920's Sydney story involving a doctor, athlete and war hero, married society lady, suspected illicit love and a murder, all inextricably bound. Presenter Richard Whitaker

Philosophy

7. Living for Life

23 Sep

This talk confronts how we can deal well with our impermanence or mortality, presented verbally and visually in parallel. Presenter Stephen Hill

Religion

8. A talk by Rachael Kohn

14 Oct

Rachael taught religious and Semitic studies at universities in Australia, England and Canada before joining the ABC in 1992. Title of talk TBA on website. Presenter Rachael Kohn

Medical Matters

9. CareFlight: saving lives, speeding recovery and serving the community

28 Oct

For 35 years CareFlight has been an Australian leader providing aeromedicine and emergency care. Hear about the realities, challenges and joys of this lifesaving work. Presenter Chris Waugh and CareFlight personnel

Medical Matters

10. Stroke – a time-critical emergency

11 Nov

If the treatment is initiated in time, 85% of strokes can be treated effectively. Prompt recognition and action is vital. Get the latest update. Presenter Christine Lopacinski

Medical Matters

11. Blindness and low Vision: when glasses and medical intervention aren't helping, what's next?

18 Nov

Learn about Vision Australia, common eye diseases which may cause vision impairment, specialised services, aids and equipment for vision impairment, dealing with vision impairment, seeking help. Presenter Nabill Jacob