

# **Northern Beaches Region** Newsletter

October 2023

### A friendly reminder!



Thursday 12 October, 2.00-4.00pm Lakeview Hall, **Tramshed Arts and Community** Centre, Narrabeen

## **EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

Our presenter, JC Kovacic, is very familiar with the pilgrimage and happy to answer any questions on the topic. Depending on the interest of our members this may be followed by a workshop sometime later

Booking is not required, just turn up and enjoy hearing about this extraordinary pilgrimage

this year or early 2024.

BE QUICK .... A FEW PLACES LEFT UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE UNABLE TO EXTEND BOOKINGS BEYOND 1st OCTOBER DUE TO THE CATERER'S DEADLINE

Come along to celebrate the end of winter at our

## Spring Festival

North Curl Curl Community Centre Corner of Griffin and Abbott Roads

Woollahra Gallery sits within the beautiful grounds of the Redleaf precinct, including Blackburn Gardens and the Murray Rose Pool. Come along and experience the fascinating history and unique heritage of this wonderful gallery. A free guided tour of the gallery has been arranged for our visit.

An opportunity to swim is available after the tour or just relax and take in the glorious harbour views. There's a cafe with lots of

options situated an easy two minute stroll.

Expressions of interest to:

Janelle Laidlaw - 0418 436 127 or Meg Watson - 0401 266 653

Cost: \$2.50 Opal card

Meet: Bus Stand A, outside Queen Victoria Building in York Street, Sydney Time: 10.30am, ready to catch Bus 324 at 10.48am

Bring: Hat, sunscreen and water and good walking shoes.

This trip has minimal walking, just on and off the bus which stops at the gallery.

## **North Curl Curl Community Centre**

THURSDAYS AT NORTH CURL CURL (Pages 41/42) Every Thursday from 10.00-12.00

5 Oct CELTIC MUSIC TO THE WORLD

Celtic music has been a constant. loved and influential soundtrack for a swathe of western society. Partly

driven by 18th-20th centuries Scots and Irish migration, Celtic music also heavily influenced

popular, folk and country music.

Join Celtic Connections to enjoy live examples of

Celtic music across time and space.

12 Oct WHY WE AGE

Actions you can take to be a healthier, more

vital 'you'. Presenter: Dr Judy Ford

19 & 26 AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC AND Oct

QUIRKY MOVIES

presented by Kerrie Sanders 19 Oct: A Town Like Alice 26 Oct: The Dressmaker



The full Thursday morning program with more info can be viewed here

## GAMES AFTERNOON (Page 41)

Every Tuesday from 1.00-4.00pm

Have some fun by playing board games, card games, whist, crazy whist, mahjong, chess, scrabble, backgammon, monopoly .... and more? Are you an expert in any of them? Would you like to teach others?

We have put Boules on hold due to the summer heat arriving earlier than expected. In its place we have:

### MOVIE SERIES \*\*NEW\*\*

Tuesdays 24 October and 7 November from 1.00-4.00pm

Presenter's pick and audience wish list if available.

Presenter: Kerrie Sanders

No need to book, just come along!

#### **CURLY QUESTIONS IN SCIENCE**

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### Alternate Tue;day; 10.00-12.00

3 Oct A BRIEF HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND

SURGERY

Presenter: Dr John Walsh

17 Oct SAFEGUARDING OUR HEALTH

Presenter: Sunny Cko

31 Oct HOW BRITAIN CHANGED THE WORLD:

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

**Presenter: Ian Thompson** 

Bookings not required but enquiries to: Laurie Wilson -

wlaurie118@gmail.com

The full program details are here

#### FRIDAYS IN THE FOREST (PAGE 37)

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER, 10AM-12PM LIONEL WATTS CENTRE, FRENCHS FOREST

#### **'AUSSIE AUSSIE AUSSIE 2'**

JOIN US AGAIN FOR PART TWO OF CLASSIC **AUSSIE INVENTIONS** PRESENTED BY OUR OWN IAN THOMPSON.



YOU WILL BE SURPRISED, ARE THERE MORE? THINK OF ULTRASOUND SCANNER, INFLATABLE ESCAPE SLIDE, WINE CASK, ELECTRONIC PACEMAKER AND MORE STILL.

**BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED** 

INFO: JOHN WATT JOHN@WATTEVER.COM OR 0407 547 583

THE FULL COURSE PROGRAM CAN BE VIEWED HERE

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Tuesday 24 October 1.30 to 3.30



### MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT Presenter: Peter Nixon

Mary Wollstonecraft was a British writer, philosopher, and advocate of women's rights. Until the late 20th century Wollstonecraft's life, which encompassed two ill-fated affairs, received more

attention than her writing.

She is best known for 'A Vindication of the Rights of Woman', in which she contends that both men and women should be treated as rational beings and imagines a social order founded on reason.

Peter will give an account of her significant but troubled life and those of her two daughters.

Please bring a gold coin and your own mug No booking required

The full course program can be viewed here

Please contact our Welfare Officer, Gaye Pringle, either by email to gayepringle@gmail.com or on 0407 248 331 if you are aware of a member who is sick or in hospital.





Please remember to take your own cup or mug to all your sessions



## Day trip to the Nan Tien Buddhist Temple

On 30 August 35 members and friends set off on a day trip to Nan Tien Temple in Wollongong. First stop was for a morning tea break at Sublime Point, which looks out over a well and truly sublime view of Wollongong and its' suburbs!

After our break we headed down to Nan Tien Temple where we were welcomed by our tour guide Paul who met us off the bus and took us through the maze of halls to an open plaza where we commenced a lesson in Tai Chi. After the class we entered the main temple to have a good look around and hear Paul explain more about the Buddhist faith. There were a number of Buddhist followers within the temple giving prayers to their ancestors who were interred there.

Following our tour of the large temple we then settled down to a vegetarian lunch before having time to look in the gift shop and then on to the Pagoda which Paul again was able to explain the significance of.

After this it was going home time along Lawrence Hargrave Drive and the Sea Cliff Bridge. We were so fortunate that we had perfect weather as a storm was gathering to the south and seemed to follow us up the highway to Sydney. We arrived home just as the rain settled in. A very pleasant outing was had by all, looking forward to more. Katy O'Brien



# We need YOU .... or perhaps you know someone who can help?

We're looking for someone with basic technical skills to help with the audio visual equipment for the **Topics of Interest** lectures at Newport Community Centre.

From next year lectures will be held on the first Wednesday of each month

(excluding school holidays) and the task is from 12.30 to 3.45

Comprehensive training and a user manual will be provided Please contact: Leigh Haines 0417 212 424 or <a href="maintenant-haines.avalon@bigpond.com">haines.avalon@bigpond.com</a>

The Northern Beaches Art Society is holding its annual spring exhibition and sale over the long weekend with 95 paintings on display. This year the exhibition is at The Tramshed, Narrabeen (not the Curl Curl Creative Space) from 29 September to 2 October.

#### Full details on this flyer.

NB u3a members from June Rodden's art class will be displaying and selling their work. *If you can, please go along to support them.* 

## Vale Alan Leggat

A long time member and supporter of Northern Beaches u3a, Alan Leggat will be remembered as a gentle, good natured man with a wry sense of humour. Along with Kevin Herbert Alan was the leader of the Magic of Poetry course for many years. Additionally, Alan and his wife Heather started the Monday at the Movies (MAM) course which is still running today. Unfortunately ill health forced Alan to step down earlier this year but his legacy lives on.



Alan and Heather could always be relied on to join in and add some fun to any special u3a event. On one particularly memorable occasion they turned up in matching Christmas T-shirts and stole the show!

We send condolences to Heather and their family as they mourn their loss.

Some new additions to the Course Book this semester - please click on this link to check them out



## POETS CORNER

OUR u3a

There is a seat of learning, They call it u3a. A place to stimulate the mind, A place to come and play. It must be said that as we age Our brains are not so bright, But with a little effort We can try to put things right. We know that learning something new Can make our brains increase. And mixing with like-minded folk Gives life a whole new lease. So if you know of someone Who needs help along the way, Just tell them that the way to go Is joining u3a. By Olivia Kesby

### SYDNEY u3a Northern Beaches Region

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Deadline for November newsletter:
Tuesday 24 October