



CITY & INNER WEST REGION NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi All

I hope you all had a lovely holiday at some stage in the last few weeks. Having now received your course book, please ensure you don't hesitate to book the courses and sessions you are interested in. Some of them book out quickly.

Vicki Moss, President for City & Inner West Sydney u3a

2025 COURSEBOOK IS OUT!

Everyone should now have received the 2025 coursebook. Hopefully you are all looking forward to trying some new things this year. Listed below are some last minute changes and other course information.

Neville Bendall's Drawing Class



Last week Neville's Drawing Class was very reluctantly cancelled due to ill health. Neville joined Sydney u3a in 1988. During the last 36 years Neville has attended many courses, Calligraphy, Spanish, Pathway to the Gods, to name just a few. Neville is also interested in Art, History, Geography and Classical Music. Like many of us, his enthusiasm for Sydney u3a courses has taken him far and wide across Sydney, for example to Chatswood, Gosford, Macquarie University, Customs House, Edgecliff and Glebe. In 1998 Neville began a drawing class at the Old Glebe Fire Station, which was later moved to the Old Town Hall in Glebe. Very few of our members can claim to have run a course continuously for 26 years. Neville, you are appreciated immensely.

Working with Wool: Knitting and Crocheting



Location: Glebe: The Old Town Hall

160 St Johns Road. Bus 469, 470

Alternate Thursdays 10:00 to 12:00 starting 13 February 2025

Do you enjoy knitting/crocheting but need a focus for your efforts or just someone to share your ideas with, get a few hints, or just to chat with while you knit/crochet? Why not join

our group - you will need to bring your own needles and yarn. As a group we can choose a cause to create things for if we need something else to do - some examples can be found at <https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/charity> All men and women in Sydney u3a are welcome. It is recommended that you bring a cushion to sit on as the chairs are plastic.

Leader and Bookings Gen Healy gen@nghealy.com (preferred) 0418 404 810

New Crossword Course in Glebe

We are always very pleased when we find Sydney u3a mentioned in the media because this can generate new members, enrolments in courses and sometimes even a new course. This item in Column 8 of the Sydney Morning Herald on Tuesday 7 January resulted in at least one person enrolling in Gen Healy's Crossword Course in Glebe (see Page 17 of the Course Book). If you are ever tempted to write about Sydney u3a in the press or phone talkback radio, please don't hesitate. We love the publicity.

Carolyn Lockett (C8) is right. Education is everything. As evidenced by the experience of Terry McDonough of Batemans Bay: "Time to re-enrol in U3A. 2024 saw me enrol in a beginners course on cryptic crosswords, even though I've been doing them for 50 odd years. My aim was to get the nous, nerve and tools to tackle David Astle's Friday *Herald* cryptic. This old dog did indeed learn some new tricks. I've now completed several DAs. I can't recommend U3A courses enough."

Storytelling and Myth in Glebe



Location: Glebe Library: 186 Glebe Point Rd Cnr Wigram Rd Benledi Room

Every Wednesday from 5 Feb 11:00 to 1:00

Weekly sessions will explore and provide insight into the nature of story and myth and their timeless, universal themes. Each session will invite a discovery of how our lives

intersect with the larger story, and with the aid of poetry, music, and song, offer an experience for new ways to imagine our lives and the world.

The leader, Jonathon Drew is a Storyteller and Musician with 20 years of experience. His background is in theatre, and he trained at the School of Storytelling, England.

Leader and enquiries: Jonathon Drew, jondrew.mythos@gmail.com or 0414 268 024

Bookings: vicki@mcglashan.com.au

Strummin' Together Again

Please note Strumming' Together Again starts on 6 February at 2pm in the Glebe Old Town Hall - not on 13 February as per the Course Book. See you there.

Cancellation of Tech Drop-in Session 15 May

The Tech Drop In session on 15 May in the City Office has been cancelled. However, if you are interested in getting your issues solved, you can book a time slot for 1 May ([Course Book Page 16](#)).

Classic Movies



Classic movies returns on Wednesday 12 February with the 1964 romantic comedy “Dear Heart” starring Glenn Ford, Geraldine Page and Angela Lansbury.

When a middle aged single lonely postmistress attends a postmaster’s convention at a New York City hotel she meets a rakish greeting card salesman and falls in love.

Classic Movies Group meets at Burwood RSL in Shaftsbury Avenue, which is close to public transport being only a short walk from Burwood Railway Station. The Club also offers easy parking onsite as well as a lift and other disabled access. A lively discussion follows each film before an optional lunch in the Club bistro.

If you are interested in joining in the fun, please contact Anne Hall on annenhall@gmail.com or 0419 017 364 or just turn up!

Newletter and Facebook Contributions

We love to promote all of our wonderful groups and courses through both our newsletter and our Sydney u3a City and Inner West Region Facebook page.