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Presidential Address to AGM

What a year! I thought I knew about Sydney U3A when I took this position at the last AGM. And what a learning curve! It has been a very stimulating and exciting time, and a great period of discovery.

My first discovery was to find how diverse the regions are. How well they blend in to their own communities; the regional committees know their areas and members so well. What suits one does not necessarily suit all.

Our basic statistics show that we have 5210 members over our seven regions and that we have conducted an amazing 792 courses over two semesters, all well attended and appreciated by our members. A wonderful accolade to all those people involved. The leaders who present the courses, the course co-ordinators and the venue co-ordinators who organise the sessions and the class secretaries and bookies who do the hard work on the ground. On behalf of the Management Committee thank you all.

However, these are just numbers and it is not possible to compare the number of courses in each region. Some last for only four weeks, others last for a whole semester or more. The interesting facts are what happens in the sessions. I have discovered that although we are initially attracted by the titles and the contents of the courses, and perhaps previous knowledge of the leaders, on the day it is the friendship and the community spirit which keep our members returning year after year. It is this comradeship as much as the intellectual stimulation which we must continue to foster for the future good of U3A.

The regions already have this in place. The academic sessions which are our *raison d'être* are exciting and varied. I don't need to tell you, as you all know, that all genres are covered. We

can study anything from Archaeology to Zoology with Art, Music, History and more in between. Some are at an introductory level and others will strain our academic thinking. They are all there for you to choose. Please do try something new. Who knows, perhaps we have a budding artist who may win the Archibald Prize or a writer who may publish a best seller. What about learning a language to keep your brain cells active, or if you are unable to commit yourself to a series of lectures

**REMINDER -
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Sydney U3A Inc

**21st
ANNIVERSARY**

Conference

**Cherish the Past
Nurture the Future**

**Eastern Avenue Auditorium,
Sydney University**

**Saturday July 11th, 2009
10.00am – 4.00pm**

**Members \$25.00
Non Members \$35.00**

**Opening Address
Professor Ann Brewer
Vice Chancellor Education,
Sydney University**

Speakers

Lauris Elms AM OBE (Hon DMus)

**Dr Shirley Fitzgerald
Historian City of Sydney**

**Henri Szepe OAM
Actor**

**Gregory Blaxell
Author, Journalist**

**Closing Address
Lesley Duffill
President Sydney U3A Inc**

**Master of Ceremonies
Paul Butler**

**Music - "The Fipple Flutters"
from Upper North Region**

Morning Tea and Lunch

**BOOK NOW - Registration form -
refer insert Semester 1 Course List**

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University of the Third Age

U3A operates in many countries to provide intellectual stimulation at low cost for people in active retirement. There are no formal entrance requirements and no examinations. It is self-supporting and run by its members.

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why not try the one-off lectures often given by visiting speakers. Harbourside North has copied the Eastern region's idea of Fabulous Fridays, with Mondays in Mosman and also Ageing Wisely in Chatswood. No bookings are required for these so just turn up if the topics interest you. If you have an idea for a course and you are able to lead it, why not try it out in your own home first? Several discussion groups, language groups and reading groups have started this way. You will get support from the regional committees.

Please talk to your friends and acquaintances, and the people you meet on the bus, about U3A. This is the most effective way of increasing our membership.

U3A traditionally is, and our constitution states that we are, an association designed for academic stimulation, and therefore the main thrust is for academic courses. However, I have heard that our reputation sometimes frightens potential members, and so I would like to remind you of the lighter side of U3A, and to encourage you to give a balanced view of our activities to potential members.

On the 11 July we celebrate 21 years of Sydney U3A Inc., during which time we have enrolled more than 20,000 members. We are a very successful organisation and we need you to join us in Sydney University on that day to hear four excellent speakers and to enjoy a sumptuous lunch, all for \$25. Please come and introduce your friends to U3A and a life changing experience.

We need to look forward to the next 21 years, but from a financial point of view the outlook is not so rosy. You will see from the agenda that the Management Committee recommends an increase in fees. We are running at a deficit and we can no longer subsidise the fees from our diminishing capital. This year we are \$30,000 in deficit, and the treasurer will give you the figures in her report. It is now costing us \$44.72 per member per year, and we only collect \$35. All our costs have increased substantially in the last three years. Our rents, postage, and publishing have outreached our

resources. You will hear of the predicted costs for the next five years from the treasurer, and do please consider them carefully, when you vote. U3A does not intend to make a profit, and we have asked the regions to be circumspect in spending money. Central Office is doing all it can to economise, but we must maintain the high standard of our courses and continue to pay for venues in convenient locations.

We thought that in July 2010 our lease would run out in the Central Office, as AMP intended to develop the site. To maintain our volunteer numbers we would need to be in a central location, close to public transport, and therefore the move would have entailed inevitable removal costs and a higher rent. Fortunately four weeks ago I negotiated a new extended lease with AMP until December 2011, of course with increased rents, but at least we will not have the upheaval of moving. I expect the financial situation is holding up AMP's plans too!

This year Sydney U3A Inc. was presented with **State Award for Outstanding Contributions made to the Community in the Field of Education and Life Long Learning**. I will accept the Award on your behalf at the City Recital Hall on 16th March during Seniors week. However, we cannot continue to provide this level of service unless we increase the fees which have been static for seven years.

The good news is that the new computer system is now working well, and for this we must thank Greig Whitehead, Margaret Flood and Stan Yan for all the time and expertise which they have given to us. The office volunteers are in good mettle and I cannot thank them enough for their professionalism and good cheer. It is always a joy to go into the office and to be greeted with smiles.

The regions are the backbone of the organisation and I thank all the committees and their helpers for their ideas and constant support.

Sadly, Margaret Smith our energetic, and informed, willing and enthusiastic secretary, who has given us so much

Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2009 the following Office Bearers were elected.

President - Lesley Duffil;

Vice President (Education) - John Yates; **Vice President (Public Relations)** - Barbara Caldicott; **Treasurer** - Dorothy Johnson; **Secretary** - Barbara Boston; **Deputy Secretary** - Jennifer Fergus.

The meeting agreed to an increase in the annual subscription from \$35.00 to \$45.00, in line with the increasing costs of running the organisation as presented by the Treasurer.

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of her time in the last three years, has come to the end of her tenure as secretary and I thank her sincerely for everything she has contributed to U3A.

Fortunately, we have nominations for a secretary and a deputy secretary to take her place. Barbara Boston has been working with Margaret in the office for the last month or so and we hope the new team will be able to take over with confidence.

Dorothy Johnston has coped excellently with our finances and her two helpers, Lorraine McDermott and John Ladbrook have been beside her all the way. Thank you all.

The two Vice Presidents have been my strength, and I thank them both for their input to U3A.

We are living in very challenging times. Our environment and our traditional ways of life are changing. We have to adapt and embrace change, and we must keep up to date and study the serious issues with which we are presented. We must be able to make informed decisions and express our opinions. I wonder how future generations will view our dealings with world poverty and world terrorism.

We do have the wisdom of age and experience, and can influence the next generation. It is our duty to do so. U3A gives us a voice and an opportunity to do so. Do join one of the discussion groups and share your views.

In the words of Helen Keller "alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

And with apologies to John F Kennedy "ask not what U3A can do for you, but what you can do for U3A."

Thank you all for coming. I have enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones, without you all U3A would not exist.

THANK YOU.

It has been a privilege to serve the members of this wonderful organisation. I do thank the Office Volunteers, the Management and Regional Committee members for their assistance and support over these last three years. I have enjoyed your company and it has been a great pleasure to work with you.

MARGARET SMITH.

year. He paid special tribute to Michael Stone, Shirley Renshall and John Lloyd, all of whom passed away in 2008.

A number of course leaders delivered cheerful reports on their groups' activities - spanning music, history, literature, language and general discussion.

All positions were declared vacant and a new U3A Endeavour Committee elected.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Following the Endeavour Region AGM, and to kick-start the Sydney U3A 21st Birthday celebrations in our region, Gwen Nay presented a history of Endeavour U3A entitled 'Looking back through my eyes'. Gwen is one of our original members and was present at the inaugural AGM of Sydney U3A in March 1988. Our own region started operating a year later in July 1989.

Gwen took us back to the days of our early Presidents (Alan Mears, Frank Witcombe, Michael Stone) and the first series of courses, namely 'Australian History' and 'King and Queens of England', to mention but a few. Michael Stone and Betty Hall in particular led popular literature courses for many years.

Gwen Nay was a very active course leader, presenting 'The Making of Australian Society' and later on 'Highlights of History', to share her extensive knowledge of history with the U3A community. She also recalled many well-attended Occasional Lectures, which members have been able to enjoy.

At the end of her thoroughly enjoyable talk, Gwen quoted Dame Elisabeth Murdoch's famous words, 'Never stop learning'. Thanks for reminding us Gwen!

Manly & Peninsula Region

Congratulations

MAP Region would like to welcome our new Life Member, Beverley Edmonds.

Fun Film Day

Our Annual Fun Film day, which is a fund raising event for the Region, will be held on Sunday 19th July at the Nelson Heather Centre at Warriewood from 10.00 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$8 and it's sure to be a fun day. Phone Beverley on 9982 6181 if not already booked in.

New Members' Morning Tea.

The Committee will be hosting a morning tea to welcome new MAP members who have joined us in the last 12 months. This will be on Friday 15 May at 10.00 am in the Angophora Room, Nelson Heather Centre Warriewood. Watch out for your personal invitation later.

Around the Regions

Endeavour (Southern) Region

VALE MICHAEL STONE

Michael Stone, a retired academic, joined Endeavour U3A in 1996 and commenced teaching various types of literature courses, the final year being 2008, when he lost his long battle with cancer and passed away on December 2nd, 2008.

Michael's contribution to the Endeavour U3A Management Committee was outstanding. He joined the committee in 1999 and served until 2004, when ill health forced him to convalesce. He was Vice-President from 1999 to 2000 and President from 2001 to 2004. From 2002 until 2003 he combined the positions of President, class leader and Course Coordinator. On retiring as President, he felt it was his responsibility to find a replacement. He remained available as a mentor.

He persuaded and encouraged members to become new course leaders. The result was a wider choice of subjects for the Endeavour region. Michael found new venues and supervised the acquisition of teaching aids. The philosophy of U3A, the sharing of scholarship, was manifest in his work.

Michael will be remembered for his courage, innate sense of humour and his teaching skills, which were a testament to the life-altering importance of literature. His loyal class members in Cronulla remained with him from 1996 until 2008.

FAREWELL SHIRLEY RENSHALL

Another much-liked former member of the U3A community passed away on 31st December 2008.

Shirley Renshall, who was Endeavour Region's Treasurer for more than five years in the late 1990's succumbed to cancer after months of suffering.

She will be remembered as a hard-working and very special person with tremendous courage, who gave her time and energy freely to U3A and other community organisations.

We will miss you Shirley!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This years AGM of U3A Endeavour (Southern Region) was held on 6th February at Sutherland United Services Club.

The President, Bill Leach, addressed the well-attended meeting and thanked all who had contributed throughout the

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

Greater Western

HISTORICAL TOUR OF SYDNEY HOSPITAL/SYDNEY EYE HOSPITAL & THE LUCY OSBURN-NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM.

Members who have booked for the above tours are to meet me by 9.45 at the bottom of the main stairs from Macquarie St. Please make sure you wear your membership badge for identification.

At the time of writing this we have 34 people attending and therefore will possibly be split into 2 groups. Any members who have not yet forwarded the total cost of both tours being \$15 are asked to do so before 8th May please. Make cheques payable to Greater Western U3A and post them to Diana Pine at 36 Livingstone Ave Ingleburn 2565.

Once we finish the tour at approximately 12.30 members can make their own way to suitable eateries for lunch or bring a picnic lunch for Hyde Park.

Semester 1 Luncheon: Auburn RSL Friday 8th May
(Please note the change in date) 12.30 p.m.

Semester 2 luncheons: Blacktown RSL Friday 25th September 12.00 p.m.
Auburn RSL Wednesday 2nd December 12.00 p.m.
(Christmas Luncheon so please book
with Diana on 9829 6989)

ABC STUDIO TOUR & TAPING OF THE NEW INVENTORS

We have 30 free seats booked for the taping of The New Inventors with James O'Loghlin. Apart from viewing the inventions promoted on the day we will see and experience the highs and lows of a recording studio. Prior to this a tour of the studios has been booked for 9.50 a.m. The tour takes 1 1/2 hours. The cost of this tour is \$6.50. There is a cafeteria on the premises where lunch can be purchased between the tour and taping of the show.

Date: Friday 16th October 2009
Venue: ABC Studios 700 Harris St, Ultimo. (10 min walk from Central)
Time: Tour of studios 9.50 – 11.30 a.m. (Cost \$6.50)
Taping of New Inventors 12.30 – approx 3.30 p.m.

Transport to and from and lunch is at member's own cost.

Please phone Diana Pine on 9829 6989 to book a seat. As seats are limited you need to phone quickly. I will take a couple of names as reserves in case someone needs to pull out as we get closer to the date of the trip.

Inner West

FRIDAYS IN JULY AT
LEICHHARDT MUNICIPAL
LIBRARY

**Piazza Level, Italian Forum,
23 Norton Street, Leichhardt**

17 July:

**HISTORY OF THE
MACQUARIE DICTIONARY –
Susan Butler**

24 and 31 July:

**AN INTRODUCTION TO
ABORIGINAL ART –
Christine Hosking**

: *Session 1: Painters of the Desert*
: *Session 2: The Art of Arnhem Land*

**Full details of the above will
appear in the 2nd
Semester Program**

Course List Additions & Amendments

EASTERN

91EJ14 Manners & Customs of the World. Sessions listed for Wednesdays 3rd and 17 June are cancelled. David Calvey will now give these two sessions **Thursdays 26 March and 16 April.**

91EJ16 Nietzsche & the Subversion of Philosophy has been cancelled. Nicole Helmy will give this series in the second semester commencing on **Thursday 16 July 2009.**

91EJ18 The Jewish Perspective. Rabbi Ninio cannot attend on Thursday 21 May. Please note change of date to **Thursday 28 May.**

91EJ21 OBAMORAMA
One of the traditional benchmarks of a new U.S. President is an evaluation of his first 100 days in office. In this time of financial crisis and critical foreign policy problems, it is important to determine the direction President Obama will be taking. (1 session)
Thursday 23 April
Leader: Bill Levantrosser

91EJ22 William Charles Wentworth 1790-1872
We will cover Wentworth's role in crossing the Blue Mountains, establishing a free press, trial by jury, Australia's first university and responsible government. (1 session)
Thursday 21 May
Leader: Andrew Tink

ENDEAVOUR (Southern)

HURSTVILLE SENIORS CENTRE

91SD01 YOGA FOR ALL
**1st 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays from
11 Feb - not every Monday.**

NEW COURSE

91SX04 'WALKING AROUND SYDNEY'
Easy to medium walks around Sydney and nearby areas. A mixture of city and bush walks.
Alt. Fridays from 13 March 2009
9:30am approx
Leader: Leon Brown 9557 5211
Bookings: Barbara Westgarth 9412 2972

GREATER WESTERN

PARRAMATTA SENIORS LEISURE & LEARNING CENTRE

We have two great one session events arranged for our members during the months of May and June:-

AUSTRALIAN HEARING

As Australian Hearing celebrate their 60th birthday as Australia's leading hearing services provider, they bring to us the latest technology and the understanding of the vital impact healthy hearing has on our quality of life. We have the opportunity to listen to their experts, view and experience this new technology.

Friday 8 May 10:00 – 12:00

Bookings: Coordinator: June Keith
9621 1215

Email: junekeith@optusnet.com.au

MACULAR DEGENERATION FOUNDATION

Take the opportunity to learn from an experienced Educator about Macular Degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in Australia. The organisations aim is to inform on risk factors, symptoms and the importance of nutrition in combating this illness. Participants will also be provided with a comprehensive information kit and self testing device.

Friday 19 June 10:00 – 12:00

Bookings: Coordinator: June Keith
9621 1215

Email: junekeith@optusnet.com.au

UPDATE ON SEMESTER ONE COURSES

91GE01 - Ermington Creative Writing Group a new course this Semester is flourishing and happy to welcome further members. Call Leader June Lynn on 9858 5207 (After 5pm)

91GS28 - Sadly at the passing of Vivian Thomson the course - Church & State In Late Antiquity he was due to lead this Semester has been cancelled.

Looking to the future:- We would be happy to hear from any member who would like to consider leading a group. Members, you hold many talents – give it some thought and call Course Coordinator: June Keith 9621 1215 – email: junekeith@optusnet.com.au

HARBOURSIDE NTH

OMITTED FROM COURSE LIST, THE GARRISON-KILLARNEY RETIREMENT CENTRE

91HK06 *What the Romans Said*

Through the letters, graffiti, art and architecture of the people who lived in this world, this entertaining and informative look at Roman society gives us a glimpse into friendships, politics and the role of women and slaves, set in the turbulent period of Roman republican history. (4 sessions)

Thursdays from 4 June 1:30 - 3:30.

Leader: Patricia Henderson

Bookings: Lesley Maher 9909 8334

CHANGED DATES, DOUGHERTY CENTRE, CHATSWOOD

Nicole Helmy's *Some Issues in Political Philosophy* (91HD05) has upsized to the Annexe and the

dates have changed. It now starts on Tuesday 31 March then April 14 and 28, May 12,19.26 and June 2 and 9. *We will be self-catering on a bring your own mug basis!*

CHANGES AT WATERBROOK

7 April - *Should Australia Go Nuclear?* (91HW03) will now be presented by Ian Falconer, replacing John Webb.

21 April - *Art Reflecting the Times - Romanticism to Impressionism* (91HW04) will now be presented by John Hall, also replacing John Webb.

INNER WEST

The following changes have been made to Inner West's 1st Semester 2009 Program:

CANCELLATIONS:

- City: Customs House Library – (91WC03) *Phonics isn't the only issue etc....* – course cancelled
- Concord Senior Citizens' Centre: (91WQ02) *History of Wales* – course cancelled
- Private Home class – (91WH05) *Tuesday Talks (Lilyfield)* – course cancelled

CHANGES IN CONTACTS:

- Summer Hill Community Centre – (91WK01) *So You Want to Paint* – Contact: Brigitte Gennari 9798 3537
- Burwood: Woodstock Community Centre – (91WW11) *Discussion Group: Social Issues and Current Affairs* – Leader: Françoise Kirkland has resigned and Lionel Anet Tel: 9744 8710 has resumed leadership for the time being.
- Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre – (91WV01) *Discussion Group – Topical Affairs* – Leader: Anne Collins has resigned due to ill health. From end of April her place is being taken by Phyllis Gorman, Tel: 9818 1515 Email: phyllis_gorman@hotmail.com

OTHER CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM:

- Private Home class – (91WH03) *Balmain Book Club* Time should read 2:00-4:00
- Burwood: Woodstock Community Centre – (91WW06) *History of Israel* - enrolments limited to 22
- **Continuing English as a Second Language (91WW09)** will transfer from Woodstock to a private home in Abbotsford as from the beginning of April. New class number will be (91WH08). Please contact Janet Egan on 9559 7010 for further information.

MANLY & PENINSULA

NEW COURSE FORESTVILLE MEMORIAL HALL

91MJ01

PAGANISM AND CHRISTIANITY IN THE ROMAN EMPIRE

This course deals with church/state relations in the first four centuries AD, discussing this from the point of view of both Christians and Romans. We also consider various aspects of Christianity, both orthodox and those which become heretical.

Alt. Thursdays from 9 Apr 2.00 – 4.00

Leader & Bookings: Leonie Hayne
9417 2894

NEW COURSE NELSON HEATHER SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

91MW06

19TH CENTURY OPERA

A light-hearted but informative examination of opera, illustrated by short excerpts from mainstream works. Some surprising nuggets of knowledge will be divulged by Paul, who promises not to sing. (6 sessions).

Each Monday from 4 May 10.00 – 12.00

Leader: Paul Barclay

Bookings: Annika Tufts 9882 3669

UPPER NORTH

LUTANDA MANOR - PENNANT HILLS

14 Victoria Road, Pennant Hills.

Meet at the Leisure Centre.

Street parking in Victoria Ave and Wilson Rd
Venue Convenor: John Webb 9484 3028

91LM01

FAMOUS SCIENTISTS - THEIR LIVES AND WORK

The scientists discussed will be those whose discoveries were revolutionary at the time and are still relevant today. This course is for the layperson who would like to understand how each scientist built on the discoveries of their predecessors to produce ground-breaking insights into how the natural world works. (Five Sessions)

Alt. Thursdays from 16 April 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and Bookings: John & Maureen Webb
9484 3028

91LM02

ART REFLECTING THE TIMES – ROMANTICISM TO POST-IMPRESSIONISM

The turbulent years of the American and French revolutions marked the movement in art from Neo-Classicism to Romanticism, and the revolutions in Europe in 1848 saw the beginnings of Impressionism and its successors. This course will present some of the lasting art of these periods. (Two sessions)

Thursdays 25 June, 9 July 10:00 - 12:00

Leader and Bookings John Webb 9484 3028

ROHINI VILLAGE

Rohini Avenue, Turrumurra.

Visitors and Village residents are welcome.

Venue Convenor: Patricia Johnson 9144 2720

THE HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS

This is a new course – details of when this course will start, and the number of sessions, can be obtained from the venue convenor – Patricia Johnson.

Leader: Peter Stamford

Bookings: Patricia Johnson 9144 2720

Other Courses at this venue will follow as soon as details are known.

Honorary Life Members

At the AGM, three of our members were elected as Honorary Life Members in recognition of distinguished service to Sydney U3A over a long period of time.

CLARICE BRADBURY

Clarice joined Sydney U3A in September 1995. This was at a time when the Northern Region was rapidly expanding and extra hands were required to do all the jobs necessary to run courses. Clarice volunteered to help out as Course Co-ordinator. She very quickly established a reputation for being a well organised person who related well to leaders and members. She had lots of good ideas, was not reluctant to use her authority if gentle persuasion wasn't working, and was great to work with.

Clarice remained Course Co-ordinator for the Northern region and stayed in that position in the New Region of Upper North when the Northern region became too big. In this position she was very much involved in the forming and development of Upper North, where her efforts resulted in a substantial increase in membership.

No matter what happened in her personal life, Clarice was always pleasant and friendly, and ready to assist whenever needed. She combined authority with tact and the ability to get on with everybody.

We have all benefited greatly from Clarice's three years as Upper North President, and it is now time to honour a very special person whose dedication and enthusiasm has been and will continue to be a wonderful example to all of us.

BEVERLEY EDMONDS

Beverley joined U3A in the MAP Region in 1995 and within a couple of years was appointed Secretary to a course called "The Golden age of Cinema" which was convened originally at the Manly Library Annex and for the last seven years at the Nelson Heather Centre at Warriewood. She still holds this position

and the course regularly draws approximately 80 attendees.

In conjunction with the leader of the course Alan Saunders of St Ives, she has organised an annual fund raising film day which has raised several thousand dollars for our Social fund, much of which has gone into new equipment.

In addition to this work she served five years on the MAP committee as Social Secretary, Vice President and finally as President for two years in 2003 and 2004. During this time she recruited one of our permanent French language leaders. She also provided piano recitals at several of our course leaders' luncheons.

An organisation like U3A needs quiet achievers who get on with the job, and are prepared to assume leadership roles when the need is there. Such a person is Beverley Edmonds. Her contribution to the life of Sydney U3A over the last 10 years has been of the highest order.

LIONEL ANET

Lionel's retirement coincided with the Foundation date of the Inner West Region of Sydney U3A. It was then that his journey with U3A started, at the lovely old Victorian mansion Woodstock, his local community centre, with his first venture into a class on Public Speaking.

The Public Speaking class developed into a Discussion Group and after a year, when the Leader had to move on, Lionel became the leader for the next two years.



Left to right - Lionel Anet, Clarice Bradbury & Beverley Edmonds

As he had a thorough and detailed knowledge of Industry, through tool making, designing and making special gadgets for practically every section of society, Lionel decided to run a class on "Technology and Society" which ran for two years.

Lionel also led courses on different subjects such as the "History of Money", "History's Role in Society", the "Environment", and "How and Why Societies Change".

Last year, in Lionel's words, "I had the privilege of facilitating the well-established 'Friday Discussion' group in the Inner West". Whilst leading his courses Lionel attended many of the other classes in the Inner West and throughout regions the of Sydney U3A.

Lionel has made significant contributions to U3A by his work in many roles in Inner West, as well as his direct contribution in leading classes. He is very well deserving of the Honour which has been bestowed upon him.

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