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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July was a sad month with the passing of Meg Shepherd's husband, Bernie, past member and committee member Bill Aylward and more recently, one of our stalwart members, Judith Lewis OAM, whose contribution to U3A was outstanding. Judith was awarded an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2009 for Services to Education and the Riverstone Historical Society. Our secretary, Jeanette, was requested by the Australian Honours Secretariat to assist the submission with a letter detailing Judith's contribution to U3A. This confidential task was done with pride. Our sincere sympathy goes to the Shepherd, Aylward and Lewis families at this time. On a lighter matter, the wonderful meal at the Mid-Year-Luncheon was enjoyed by those in attendance but I would like to remind members that any dietary requirements are to be requested prior to the day. The generosity of our many members in attendance, or not, resulted in too many raffle prizes being donated. This meant that the time went on a little too long. It has since been decided that the original idea of all raffle prizes being taken to the office be once again introduced. The idea of this was that the number of prizes could be controlled. We do thank everyone for their generosity and sincerely hope that donations will continue to come in but, as mentioned, to the office prior to the Lunch.

If anyone is finding the hills a little too steep, please reach out. Sometimes a chat is all that is needed so don't be afraid to ring or visit the office personally for a chat and a coffee.

Geoff Hatch, President



VALE Judith Lewis OAM, founding member who held the following positions in U3A Hawkesbury; Secretary, President and Class Co-ordinator. With her work for her church, Riverstone Historical Society and U3A, at no time did she fail her home and family life. Many was the time, near year's end that she would excuse herself from a phone call saying "I won't be a moment, I have Christmas cakes cooking." A remarkable lady, whose ability to organize her life so well that all benefited.

VALE JUDITH LEWIS O.A.M. Ellie Engelen

It has been my pleasure and privilege to have known and worked with Judith, and our colleagues of U3A Hawkesbury Inc. It is my pleasure to tell the U3A Hawkesbury story of Judith. Judith Lewis passed away on Thursday 13th July 2017, 18 days before her 80th birthday. She joined the fledgling U3A Hawkesbury in 1994; in 1995 she joined the Committee, becoming Secretary in that year as well. Although numerous unsuccessful applications were made to various bodies for office space and a photo copier, Judith's spare room became her office, her newsletter printing press and production centre. In 1999, Judith stepped down from secretaryship; I became Secretary, Judith Lewis Assistant Secretary. In 1999 as a result of Judith's and my efforts, U3A Hawkesbury became incorporated and it was also in 1999 that a room in the Richmond Senior Citizens Centre was converted into small office space for U3A. This was a result of years of hard work by Judith Lewis. In the year 2000, U3A Hawkesbury was delighted to be the recipient of Hawkesbury Council's Australia Day "Community Organisation of the Year" Award. The entire Committee accepted the award from Dr. Rex Stubbs at an Australia Day function at the Richmond Club - a proud and rewarding moment for all U3A Hawkesbury Inc. members. In 2001, Judith became President of U3A Hawkesbury. In 2001 once again the team of Lewis & Engelen successfully applied for a Seeding Grant from Hawkesbury Council for the funding to purchase a computer. Finally our efforts

were rewarded with a computer and a printer. Judith was awarded Life Membership of U3A Hawkesbury Inc. in 2003. In her typical humble manner, Judith said how privileged and proud she was to be involved with the production of the historical compilation "U3A Hawkesbury - The First Ten Years.2004". Judith compiled the Monthly U3A Calendar; I became her Proof Reader, and would often (vainly) look out for any errors on her part, in this careful task. A little word here, to Judith's husband, *Kevin*. Alongside Judith most times was *Kevin*, always ready to tote and haul, always ready with a smile and joke, always ready to support his mate. Judith, our thoughts go to your *Kevin*. May God please comfort him also at this time. May our dear Lord hold you, Judith, and keep you in His loving arms. Sleep now, dear friend, your long suffering is at an end.

Farewell, Judith Lewis. Ellie Engelen July 2017

VALE BILL AYLWARD *Jeanette Hatch*

Bill Aylward joined U3A in 2012 and was disappointed no Chess Group was on offer. That was soon rectified by a fast talking secretary who convinced Bill that he could convene one. This he did for some time, the group meeting in the original Senior Citizen's Centre. Bill was also a keen Tai Chi participant, attending Margarete Formanek's Tai Chi Group every Thursday and becoming accomplished at 'The Sword'. His sword is now being used by fellow member, Clive Bingley, who is slowly learning the beautiful moves of this set. He was also a member of Roswitha Pisch's German Class. Bill was highly regarded and a very interesting man who fitted into whatever situation or group he found himself. Taking up the flute in later years, his playing was enjoyed many times, particularly at our exhibition and concert in 2015. His skill at SUDOKU continued while he was resident in the Nursing Home. Bill came onto our Committee in 2016 and, always a very willing worker, he assisted in setting up for our Mid-Year-Lunch in June, which he ultimately attended the following day. It was apparent to many that Bill was not well but his spirits were as high as usual. Following the lunch, the illness that he had lived with for so many years was found to be terminal and he was placed into Richmond Nursing Home. The expected three weeks there turned into twelve months, Bill dying, surrounded by family, at 1.00pm, on Monday 10th July. His wish not to have a funeral was honoured but family and friends gathered at the Richmond Club to celebrate the life of this wonderful man who had touched so many lives. Bill was born in Liverpool, U K, and spent his working life in the Merchant Navy which took him to many interesting places. Trent and Taryn honoured their father with the very toast that Bill himself had given for many year "*Cheers, queers, engineers and fellow merchant seaman*" to which we all raised our glasses.

QUARTERLY SESSIONS

Another reminder that the next session will be held on Tuesday, 1st August, 10.30am in Room one at the Skill's Centre. Members are welcome to attend to hear Gary Dean speak on Lodge Richard Coley, the oldest Lodge in the Hawkesbury, and Masonry in general.

The date listed in the Class list for the final talk has been changed to Tuesday 10th October.

THEATRE NEWS

Tickets to 'Scotland the Brave' are in the office for you to pick up. The suggested train is 10.16am from Richmond with lunch at City Extra, Circular Quay, before the show, Saturday 26 August at 1.30pm.

NEW MEMBERS

On joining U3A Hawkesbury, a few new members fail to read material given out and wait to be notified if they have or have not been enrolled in their chosen classes. It is clearly written on the member's white enrolment form, that we request you keep, members are only notified if they are not enrolled in a class. It would be an impossible task to notify in excess of 390 members that they are in their chosen classes.

Jeanette Hatch, Secretary

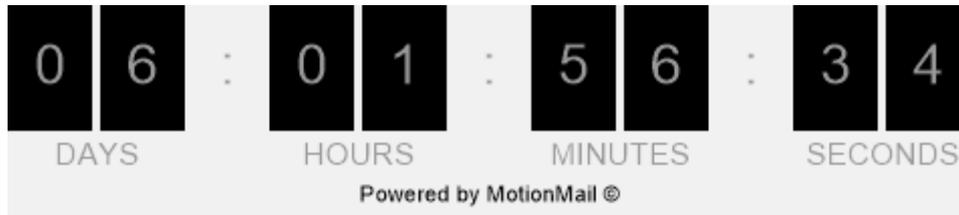
<i>August Office Roster</i>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>2 Sandy Ross</i>	<i>4 L McKean</i>
<i>9 free</i>	<i>11 R McCully</i>
<i>16 free</i>	<i>18 L Anderson</i>
<i>23 free</i>	<i>25 M Padgen</i>
<i>30 free</i>	

Thank you to the members who are willing to assist in the office. It is very much appreciated. It will soon be a busy time when help is invaluable so if you have a spare two hours on the free days please call.

<i>Office Bearers and Committee</i>					
President	Geoff Hatch	4578 1029	Jan Cousin	Assist. Secretary	4557 2674
Vice-President &			Penny Fraser	Assist. Class Co-Ord.	
Webmaster	Roy Courtney	4578 3058	Ian Biddle	Publicity Officer	4577 2858
Secretary	Jeanette Hatch	4578 1029	Wendy Dunstan	Theatre Bookings	4571 4791
Treasurer	Robin Cavanagh	4571 3480	Rae McCully	Welfare Officer	
Class Co-ordinator	Marilyn Tyers	4578 3977	Valerie Tabet		4579 9364
Life Members:	Kath Wilkins, Ellie Engelen		& Jeanette Hatch		



CITY OF CANADA BAY



Thomas Walker Hospital Tour

30th July, 2017

Only a few tickets left!

Not long to go! Have you booked online yet?

Our clock is counting down to the July 2017 Thomas Walker Hospital Tour.

30th July, 2017

Booking slots are still available but get in early to pick your time slot. Tours start from 10:00am and finish with the last tour leaving at 1:00pm.

Visit the [City of Canada Bay Heritage Society website](#) for more information about the Thomas Walker Hospital, our tour on the 30th July and information about other events and happenings with the Heritage Society

regards,
Lois Michel

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City of Canada Bay Heritage Society

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