

THE SMART AGE PAGE

Mudgee District U3A Inc in Wiradjuri Country

Monthly Update April 2024



Dear Mudgee District U3A Members

Incredibly, Term 1 will finish at the end of the week, and what a busy term it has been. We have had an increase in membership, new classes, guest speakers, Easter and last Saturday there was Kildallon Expo.

U3A made a considerable contribution to the Expo with performances by Cantobella (choir), the Line Dancers and the Tai Chi group. Craft was on display and our wonderful volunteers also ran a very popular cake/drinks stall. I'd like to thank all the participants, the volunteers who helped with setting up for the day and those who made tasty donations to sell at the stall. You all helped to make the day a success, despite the inclement weather. Who would have believed we could make a performance area out of the covered area and seven gazebos?



The U3A Committee is very pleased to inform you that the three casual vacancies have been filled. We thank Margaret Brennan and Chris and Pam Bellhouse for taking on that responsibility. All three have a great deal to offer the Committee. We also offer our congratulations to Pam Bellhouse who was recently announced the region's Senior Citizen of the Year.

In Kildallon news, please be aware that painting of the exterior of the main building will be taking place over the next few weeks and that scaffolding will be in place to allow that to happen.

Have a pleasant break and we will see you on the 29th April, ready for another busy term (see the next pages).

Heather



Mudgee District U3A

THERE ARE NEW AND OLD SCAMS STILL HAPPENING

It is important **NOT** to respond to some of the following



MyGov alert

Approval of your Refund
Requires Authorization



Mum

I'm texting you
from a friend's phone



NBN

Want to increase your
internet speed!



Your parcel has been delivered

If you are not expecting
a parcel do not click on
the link – also a scam

Do you feel anxious every time you go online in case you become a victim of cybercrime? If so, join us as we explore helpful strategies, useful tools and basic guides to arm you with the information needed to protect and keep your personal details secure online.

Learn how to easily recognise a scammer knocking on our door or identify a fraudulent call, text or email to help you stay safe. Discover easy ways to manage your passwords on your devices to keep one step ahead of these dishonest people. An hour of your time could save you thousand of dollars.

Where: Oak Tree Retirement Village
15 Meramie Street, Mudgee

When: Thursday 11 April 2024
10 am – 11 am

Cost: Free

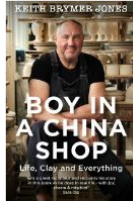
READERS + WRITERS @ CLAY GULGONG

19th - 20th April 2024

Prince of Wales Opera House
Gulgong NSW

Co-ordinated by Catherine du Peloux Menagé

Keith Brymer Jones is a British potter and ceramic designer, internationally known and celebrated as the lead judge on *The Great Pottery Throwdown*.



Friday 19th April - 8.00 pm

Keith Brymer Jones in conversation with Susan Wyndham

Fans of the *Great Pottery Throwdown* need no introduction to Keith Brymer Jones. In this conversation with Susan Wyndham about his book *Boy in a China Shop* you will find out more about the man moved to tears on the show as he tells his story. If you haven't yet had experienced *Throwdown*, start here!

Saturday 20th April - 9.30 am

Susan Wyndham in conversation with Catherine du Peloux Menagé

Noted Australian writers Shirley Hazzard and Elizabeth Harrower led contrasting lives. While Shirley lived all over the world, Elizabeth stayed in Sydney after spending some years in London. They corresponded for over forty years. *Hazzard and Harrower: The Letters*, an edited collection of their correspondence gives us insights into their lives, their times and their complex relationship.

Saturday 20th April - 11.30 am

Summer Land in conversation with Michael Duffy

Listeners to the hit podcast *Who the Hell is Hamish?* know some of the story of Tracy Hall who discovered that 'Max', the man she dated for two years, was an infamous scammer who vanished with her life savings. *The Last Victim* written by Tracy with Summer Land tells the full story.



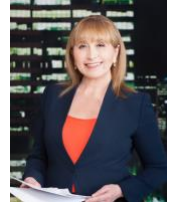
Susan Wyndham is a journalist, writer and former literary editor of *The Sydney Morning Herald*. She is co-editor with Brigitta Oulabas of *Hazzard and Harrower: The Letters*, a collection of correspondence between the two Australian writers.



Summer Land is an author, writer, keynote speaker who moved to Mudgee from the US in 2010. Her books include *Summerlandish: Do as I Say, Not as I Did*, and *I Now Pronounce You Husband and Expat*. She has co-authored and ghostwritten over ten books, including *Acting Up* (Lynne McGranger), *A Joyful Life* (Rosemary Kariuki), and *Aussie Ark* (Tim Faulkner).



Jamelle Wells is an ABC television and radio newsreader and the senior court reporter for New South Wales, commenting on courts and legal affairs on programs including *Australian Story*. Over almost two decades she has covered some of Australia's highest profile cases including the criminal trials of schoolteacher Chris Dawson, the inquiries into the convictions of Kathleen Folbigg for killing her four children, the criminal trials of former Labor Ministers Eddie Obeid and Ian Macdonald, the murder trials of Kell Lane and Gordon Wood, Australia's longest running terrorism trial, the Sydney Siege inquest, and the inquest into the disappearance of William Tyrrell.



Saturday 20th April - 1.00 pm

Jamelle Wells in conversation with Rhys Gard

Jamelle Wells is one of Australia's most experienced court reporters and in her book *The Outback Court Reporter*, she looks at what happens in country courtrooms across Australia in a sometimes funny, sometimes tragic but always entertaining account of the operations of courts outside big cities.

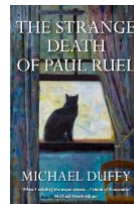
Saturday 20th April - 3.45 pm

Regional Crime: Rhys Gard and Michael Duffy in conversation with Catherine du Peloux Menagé

Move over rural noir — this is regional crime fiction set in places their authors know and love which give them a real authenticity. Discover a different side of Mudgee and the Blue Mountains with Mudgee-based crime writer and chef Rhys Gard (*Four Dogs Missing*) and multi-talented writer Michael Duffy whose *Bella Greaves* series of crime novels is set in the Blue Mountains.

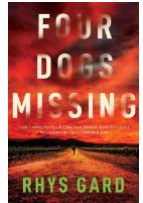


Michael Duffy writes the *Bella Greaves* series of crime novels set in the Blue Mountains, where he lives. He is a public servant and a founder of the BAD Sydney Crime Writers Festival. He will be speaking about the three *Bella Greaves* books *The Problem with Murder*, *The Man in Black* and *The Strange Death of Paul Ruel*.



Rhys Gard is a writer and a chef.

Between careers, he studied English and Film at the University of New South Wales. He has worked as a journalist, marketer, wine writer and restaurateur. He lives in Mudgee. *Four Dogs Missing* is his first novel. He is also one of the organisers of the Mudgee Readers' Festival.



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SATURDAY 20th & SUNDAY 21st APRIL 2024

8.30AM – 2.00PM

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& AUSTRALIANA BOOKS

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David McLennan's next

Curious Scientist

will be about

The Brain



10am 7th May, Kildallon

Live streaming of SWF to Kildallon

SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL



LIVE & LOCAL

LIVE
STREAM
SCHEDULE
23-26 MAY



THURSDAY 23 MAY

All times are in ACST*

9.30-10.30AM	JULIA BAIRD: <i>BRIGHT SHINING</i>
11.30-12.30PM	VIET THANH NGUYEN: <i>A MAN OF TWO FACES</i>
1.30-2.30PM	SUZIE MILLER: <i>PRIMA FACIE</i>
3.30-4.30PM	JULIAN BORGER: <i>I SEEK A KIND PERSON</i>
5.30-6.30PM	FANTASTICAL WORLDS
7-8PM	LOVE AND LONGING

FRIDAY 24 MAY

9.30-10.30AM	A.C. GRAYLING: <i>THE MEANING OF LIFE IN A TECHNOLOGICAL AGE</i>
11.30AM-12.30PM	THE WAR ON JOURNALISTS
1.30-2.30PM	ABDULRAZAK GURNAH: <i>AFTERLIVES</i>
3.30-4.30PM	FEMINIST FIREBRANDS
5.30-6.30PM	5KM FROM THE FRONTLINE
7-8.30PM	QUEERSTORIES

SATURDAY 25 MAY

9.30-10.30AM	CELESTE NG: <i>OUR MISSING HEARTS</i>
11.30AM-12.30PM	TRENT DALTON: <i>FROM ELI TO LOLA</i>
1.30-2.30PM	STORYTELLERS: LEIGH SALES AND LISA MILLAR
3.30-4.30PM	BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE
5-6PM	SAD GIRL? MAD GIRL? BAD GIRL?
7-8PM	SEBASTIAN BARRY: <i>OLD GOD'S TIME</i>

SUNDAY 26 MAY

9.30-10.30AM	BARRIE CASSIDY AND FRIENDS: <i>STATE OF THE NATION</i>
11AM-12PM	PLAY LIKE A GIRL
1-2PM	DAVID WENGROW: <i>THE DAWN OF EVERYTHING</i>
3-4PM	DARK TECHNOLOGIES
5-6PM	CLOSING ADDRESS: KATE MANNE ON THE FUTURE OF MISOGYNY



THE 10TH ANNUAL SANDY SMITH MEMORIAL PHOTO COMPETITION 2024

Open to professional & amateur photographers!
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Exhibition held at the Mudgee Arts Precinct
Sat 1st - Mon 10th June 2024

OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 7th JUNE - 6PM



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