

# THE SMART AGE PAGE

*Mudgee District U3A Inc in Wiradjuri Country*

*Monthly Update May 2024*



**Dear Mudgee District U3A Members**

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you have a pleasant break and are ready for more U3A activity.

As well as our regular classes there are a number of courses that are either starting or returning (by popular request). These include *Artists That Changed Our World*, *Mindfulness and Meditation*, *Simple Paper Folding*, *Knitting and Crochet*, and *What Do You Know About..?* Dave McLennan also has his second **Curious Scientist** session this coming Tuesday (10 am 7<sup>th</sup> May) and this time his focus is The Brain. Even if you are not enrolled in this class, you are invited to attend (morning tea provided).

The Brain



At the end of the month **Live and Local** returns to Kildallon. Live and Local brings sessions from the **Sydney Writers Festival**, in real time, to the large screen in A3. The line-up this year includes names such as Trent Dalton, Leigh Sales, Christos Tsiolkas, Julia Baird and Barrie Cassidy. The best thing for U3A members is that it is free but it is open to the general public for a gold coin donation. Last year we had two couples from the Blue Mountains attend because they said it was easier (and cheaper) to come to Mudgee than to get to the Carriageworks in Sydney. (See the program on the next page).

Outside of U3A, it's time to get your entries ready for the Cudgegong Camera Club's *Sandy Smith Memorial Photographic Competition* and Gulgong Arts Council's *Unearthed Art Show*. Both exhibitions open on the June long weekend, photos at Mudgee's Art Precinct and art at the Memorial Hall Gulgong.

Our Webmaster, David Price, is also the Presiding Officer of the HSC Exams at St Matthews and he is in need of people to supervise exams. The work would be for a few hours on most days during the last two weeks of October and the first two weeks of November. Training is provided and the work itself is straightforward but you would need to be fit and alert. If you are interested, please contact David on 0419 755 440.

As the colder weather approaches so does 'flu season. If you are unwell, please stay at home. Despite that, enjoy Term 2.

*Heather*

*Some more photos from Kildallon Expo*



# 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

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More Information & Entry Forms at:

Cudgong Camera Club  
cudgongcameraclub@gmail.com  
cudgongcameraclub.com.au



Exhibition held at the Mudgee Arts Precinct  
Sat 1st - Mon 10th June 2024

OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - 6PM



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