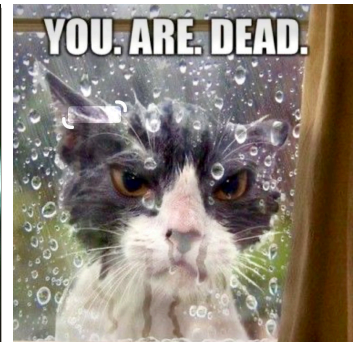




The Age of Irrationality: A rant about the lack of common sense, [click here](#).



Myall High News

Live, laugh and learn

Whatever happened to common sense? As I bang my head against the wall in frustration I ask myself this question time and again: *What happened to a time when navigating daily life didn't require a 50-page instruction manual and warning labels on a hot coffee cup?* I do sometimes feel like I should wear a 'cranky old lady' t-shirt when I find it difficult to stop myself from shouting at the TV whilst it informs me of yet another strange trend, nonsensical debate and/or decision that makes you wonder what planet we live on.

Why is it that common sense has become such an uncommon commodity? Is it that with the emergence and rapid progression of the digital era we no longer need to engage our brains? I admit that following the instructions of my GPS is a true life saver for someone like me who suffers the lack of a sense of direction. However, should it direct me to 'take a right' and I see that this leads me smack-bang into a wall I will definitely follow my common sense rather than my digital device. A calculator, conveniently located on my smart phone, relieves me of the brain strain of dealing with numbers. Yes, it is time-saving but thankfully I can still add and subtract without this device. I wonder how many of our young ones can. With knowledge we used to acquire through studying and observation as well as trial and error being literally at our fingertips, why should we struggle? The big question, though, is how this will serve us in the long run? If it means that we lose the ability to fully engage our brains, the potential to learn, the capacity to concentrate on anything long enough to form our own opinions, the freedom to develop our own values, what will this mean for future generations? I confess that I am thankful to have had the good fortune of growing up in an era that strongly encouraged the development of common sense. Our young, whilst certainly having the benefit of other advantages, are not so fortunate. So, how can we assist those who yet have to live a long life? [Click here](#) for some suggestions about helping our young develop common sense.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN U3A?

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

As I announced at our last AGM, this will be my last year as President. I have been on the committee for 10 years and have served in many of the roles including Treasurer, Secretary and President. It has been a very worthwhile and satisfying experience and it has been an honour to assist in the continuing success of this important community group. But it is time to recognise that this task

must now fall to someone else. We are looking for someone to join our committee now with a view to becoming President at the AGM in December.

Roger Digby

President@myallu3a.org.au

Tech tips:

NASC impersonation scammers

Criminals are calling people and pretending to be from the National Anti-Scam Centre. They tell you that your phone number is being used in a scam in China and offer to help you 'clear your record'.

These scammers work hard to get your trust, then try to steal your money and personal information. Hang up on unexpected callers who say they're investigating a scam. It's probably a scam: the National Anti-Scam Centre will never ask for money or personal or financial information.

If you've been affected:

- * If you have lost money, contact your bank or financial institution immediately.
- * If you've had personal information stolen or need support to recover from a scam, contact IDCARE on 1800 595 160.
- * Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.
- * Tell your friends and family: you can share your experience, get support and help to protect others from scams.

DID YOU KNOW that:

* We have made changes to the way we can be contacted:

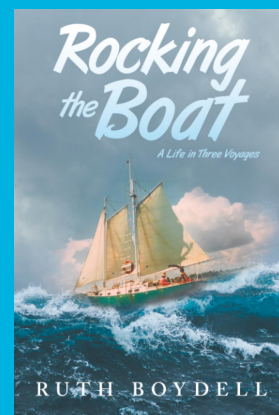
Several years ago we decided to offer members a phone number to contact us. Very few members have ever used this service and now we have been notified of a considerable increase in the rental costs. Therefore we have decided to withdraw this service and save the rental cost.

If you would like to contact us, please go to our website (myallu3a.org.au) and select 'Contact Us'. You will see a neat little form for you to complete and we will get back to you. Alternatively email us on info@myallu3a.org.au, or write to us at P.O. Box 206, Tea Gardens NSW 2324

* We have a revised Friday Presentation list for term 2.

To see the changes, please refer to our most recent Friday Presentation communication.

U3A Writers Club offer a special event



Ruth Boydell first sailed into adventure at seventeen years of age, twice embarking on a sailboat voyage halfway around the world. Her adventure continued in Newcastle, teaching sailing, seamanship, and navigation. Now in her sixties, she helps others plan and navigate the end of life as a death doula and educator. While she found her spirit and her strengths and followed her dreams, it was not all smooth sailing. Heavy weather, health challenges, loneliness, and relationship and life lessons were all part of her journey. How did this young woman from the comfortable suburbs of Sydney become a solo sailor, crossing oceans in her own small craft? Join her as she shares her explorations, pains, and losses in this tale that looks at her life through the lens of three voyages.

Date: Tuesday, June 16th

Time: 2 pm to 4 pm

Location: Uniting Church Hall

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