



U3A Network WA State Conference 2018: Mandurah, 17-18 October

Wednesday 17 October Peel Thunder Football Club

9.15am	Enrolments/Refreshments
10.00 - 10.05	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country by Mr Peter Alcock, President, U3A Network WA
10.05 - 10.10	Opening by Hon David Templeman MLA
10.10 - 11.00	Mr David Smeeton – <i>Mandurah Milestones and Memories</i>
11.05 - 12.00	Professor Lyn Beazley – <i>Science Working for a Better Future.</i>
12.00 - 1.00	Buffet Lunch
1.10 - 1.40	Professor Ainslie Lamb AM - <i>Maintain your Brain</i>
1.45 - 2.30	Mr Alec Coles, CEO, WA Museum: <i>Western Australia's New Museum</i>
2.30 - 4.00	Q & A <i>Western Australian Lifestyles of the Future.</i> Moderated by Dr Sheila Twine

Panel Members

Mr Rhys Williams (Mayor of Mandurah)	Mr David Hynes (Public Transport Authority)
Mr Eric Lumsden (Former Chair WA Planning Commission)	Dr Karl O'Callaghan (Retired Police Commissioner)

4.00 - 4.30	U3A Network WA Annual General Meeting
4.30 - 6.00	Canapes and Drinks

Thursday 18 October Peel Thunder Football Club

9.15am	Refreshments
9.50 - 10.05	Introducing Day 2—Mr Ian Robertson, President, U3A Network NSW
10.05 - 11.00	Mr Richard Offen -- <i>Heritage Perth: Beginnings</i>
11.00 - 12.00	Mr Glenn Mitchell – <i>The Best Seat in the House</i>
12.00 - 12.15	Closing by Peter Alcock, President, U3A Network WA
1.00 - 3.00	Optional 2 Hour Mandurah Estuary Cruise – includes lunch \$35



Mr David Smeeton started his career as a reporter on the Plymouth Western Morning News and in 1960 he became a radio and television reporter with the BBC. Later, he transferred to BBC Television, Radio News and Current Affairs in London. David became the first BBC Foreign Correspondent in Tokyo which also took him to China, South Korea, Philippines and South East Asia. This was followed as BBC's Correspondent in Bonn, Germany and later, in Syria, Lebanon and Israel. David is currently on the Executive Council of Palliative Care WA and in addition to U3A is active with the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.



Professor Lyn Beazley, AO FTSE is a neuroscientist and educator based in Perth, Lyn was the Chief Scientist of Western Australia from 2006 to 2013. In 2009, Professor Beazley was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia and was elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences. Lyn has received many honours and awards for her philanthropic work and commitment to science: these include; West Australian Women's Hall of Fame; Governor's Award for Giving; Western Australian Science Hall of Fame and Sir Walter Murdoch Distinguished Professor of Science at Murdoch University.



Professor Ainslie Lamb AM LLB MEd is the immediate past President of the U3A Network New South Wales, and immediate past Chair of the U3A Alliance Australia. Her background is as a practising lawyer and subsequently an Associate Professor in Law at the University of Wollongong. She retired in 2006 and joined U3A, where she has served in several committee roles as well as making many presentations on a variety of legal, literary, art and Reconciliation themes. She has developed the Brain Games Project for U3A groups which is the subject of her presentation at this Conference.



Mr Alec Coles, OBE has been the CEO of the Western Australian Museum since 2010. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Western Australia, an Executive Member of the Council for Australasian Museum Directors, a Board Member of the University of Western Australia's Institute of Advanced Studies and Chair of the International Council of Museums Australia. Alec is currently driving Western Australia's initiative of the new State Museum. In 2010, he was awarded an OBE for Services to Museums. In 2017, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of Western Australia in recognition of his contribution to the Arts.



Mr Richard Offen joined the UK National Trust in 1989 and during that time he worked with a number of European heritage organizations. He was seconded to the United States, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and did exchange programs with the NSW Historic Houses Trust and the National Trust in Perth. Richard was the Executive Director of Heritage Perth from 2005 to 2017 when he retired. Since then he has undertaken radio and television broadcasting on the subject of Heritage in Western Australia. In 2014, Richard was honoured by the WA Heritage Council award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Heritage by a Professional in the Heritage Industry'.



Mr Glenn Mitchell is a broadcaster and writer. He became a familiar voice around the country during a 21-year career as a sports commentator with the ABC. He commentated at four Olympic, four Commonwealth and two Paralympic Games. He called over 1,100 AFL and WAFL football games and over 200 International Cricket matches. In 2000, he was awarded the Australian Sports Medal by the Governor General for his contribution to sport. Following a mental breakdown in mid-2011, Glenn resigned from the ABC and now freelances in the electronic and written media. He is also a passionate mental health advocate.



Mr Rhys Williams is Mandurah Mayor and was the 2015 Young West Australian of the Year. Prior to being elected in 2017, Rhys was the CEO and Founder of The Makers, a non-profit social enterprise based in the Peel Region. As part of this role, he worked with the team to establish Make Place, a co-working and innovation hub in the Mandurah Central Business District. In 2009, Rhys was one of the youngest people in Western Australia elected to a Local Government Council. He is an ambassador to the One Young World Leaders Summit, the world premier global leaders' program. He is also Chairman of the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre and John Tonkin College. Rhys has worked with more than 100 communities across Australia and internationally and is passionate about innovation as a tool for driving social change.



Mr Eric Lumsden is a town planner who worked in Local Government for many years both as a Director of Planning and Development and as a Chief Executive Officer. From there he went on to hold executive positions with the State Government as Director General of the Department of Planning and Development and Chairman of the State Planning Commission. In the latter position, with the support of his Minister, Eric instituted the system of Development Assessment Panels that have enabled large scale developments and innovative planning solutions to be approved and implemented.



Mr David Hynes worked as a journalist for 20 years with West Australian Newspapers working on the Daily News, Weekend News and Countryman. This culminated in a three-year stint as Business and Finance Editor with the West Australian Newspaper. Later he worked as a freelance journalist, writing for a range of national and international publications. He also ran his own public relations consultancy providing high-level advice to a large number of clients. David joined the Western Australian Public Transport Authority in 2003 as the Manager of Corporate Communications and brought with him extensive experience in communications activities especially media relations.



After completing year 12 at Kalamunda High School Dr Karl O'Callaghan, APM joined the Western Australian Police Service as a police cadet. In 1975 he was inducted into the Police Academy and in 1976 he graduated as dux of his class. Karl's career has encompassed Police Communications, Port Hedland Police Station, Accident Enquiry Section, Perth Traffic Branch, Manjimup Traffic and General Duties. He was promoted from Senior Sergeant to Superintendent in 1996 and transferred to Internal Investigations Unit. He later ran both the Wheatbelt and South East Metropolitan police districts. He attended Curtin University and completed a BEd degree with 1st Class Honours. In 1998 he completed his Doctorate. In 2004 he was promoted to Commissioner, a position he occupied until 2017.



Dr Sheila Twine holds many degrees in education including a PhD featuring strategies which are effective in assisting children with special needs. She has worked in Scotland, England, Western Australia and Indonesia and is the author of over a dozen books to help parents and teachers working with children who are struggling with their schooling. Since retiring she has been in local government as a councilor and a Shire President. She was President of Mandurah U3A and now volunteers to help elderly people with their pets and is a patron of Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.



Mr Ian Robertson is President of the U3A Network NSW and joined U3A quite recently. Prior to retirement he owned a bookshop and ABC Centre in Cooma, NSW. During the seventeen years with the business he became involved with the Australian Booksellers Association, serving a number of years on the national executive, including a stint as treasurer, and over the years has been on various local, state and national committees. Ian has been an active participant in volunteer organizations all his adult life and says that the keys to a successful organization are mutual respect and open and honest communication.



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