

# Hastings Valley U3A Inc

## Newsletter

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**Our next  
Registration  
and Enrolment Day  
will be on:**

**Tuesday 31 January,  
2.00 pm – 4.00pm**

**Auditorium,  
Port Macquarie  
Seniors Facility,  
Munster Street,  
Port Macquarie.**

**Calendar for term 1  
2006**

**Enrol** 31 January  
**Start** 6 February  
**End** 31 March

Greetings and welcome to 2006.

Last year was great & this year promises to be better. Our infrastructure is established, a variety of venues have been secured and we have a growing number of people who are willing to lead groups. This term we can offer a number of new courses that should prove popular and many of the old favourites will be repeated or continued. Among the new ones we have "Music & Art", "An Introduction to the Kabbalah", "A Story to Tell" and "Reading Poetry for Pleasure."

Our Webmaster, Nick Ogbourne, has offered to run a 2 hour course to familiarise members with our website and to show them how to make the most of it, especially using the forum. Last year our free information session with the Public Trustee was cancelled on short notice. Quite a few people were disappointed so we are pleased to offer this course again on 7<sup>th</sup> February. Visitors welcome.

"Meditation" is moving to a new venue, a most peaceful haven among the gum trees at Sancrox. A perfect place for meditation, a little further to travel but well worth it.

This year Carol Surrey, is stepping down from the role of Course Coordinator at the AGM. Anyone interested in taking over this role will be most welcome and should contact Carol on 6586 1792. The new coordinator will receive lots of help & support from Carol & the Committee. Our U3A will not function without a Course Coordinator so it is vital that this role is filled.

How old is old enough? A common misconception in the community is the age a person must be to join the U3A. Some U3As do have lower age limit e.g. 50 or 55 yrs, but we chose to use the word mature in our constitution. These days quite a few people are retiring at a younger age or working part time and we believe they should have the opportunity to join the HVU3A and attend our courses. Please spread the word.

Good news. Our local state member, Rob Oakeshott, has kindly agreed to be our patron. Rob's influential support is most welcome. You will be able to meet Rob on Enrolment Day at the Senior Citizens' Centre just before we start enrolling at 2.00 pm.

