

# Hastings Valley U3A Inc

## Newsletter

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**Our next Registration  
and Enrolment Day  
will be on:**  
**Tuesday 18 July,**  
**2.00 pm – 3.45pm**  
**Auditorium,**  
**Port Macquarie**  
**Seniors Facility,**  
**Munster Street,**  
**Port Macquarie.**

**Calendar for term 3**  
**2006**

**Enrol** 18 July  
**Start** 24 July  
**End** 15 September

### Welcome to Term 3.

Now is the time to record two important dates in your diary.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September:** HVU3A will hold their AGM in the Meeting Room at Port Macquarie Library, starting at 10.00am. This is first Monday after the end of Term 3 and will not compete with any U3A course. Members are expected to be asked to approve two changes to the HVU3A's constitution, see separate sheet for a full explanation. All members are encouraged to be present and have their say on the future direction of our U3A.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** We will have our annual picnic at Settlement Point Park. This will be a great opportunity to meet the U3A Committee members, both old & new and catch up with all those friends you have made through the year. Early birds will claim a table at 10.00am and they will be there to welcome you as you arrive. BYO everything. If it is raining on the day the picnic will be cancelled.

**Money, Money, Money & our U3A.** Up to date we have been very lucky in three ways.

First we have been fortunate to find venues at quite affordable rents. Contributing factors here have been the generosity of the Library and having access to venues belonging to non-profit organizations. Secondly, our astute Treasurer has carefully managed our money & invested it wisely. Thirdly, members of the Committee have been more than generous with their own computer use, printers, paper ink & telephone calls thus saving the U3A lots of money.

As a result we now have a healthy bank account. Of course this good fortune won't last and now is the time to do some forward planning. The Hastings Valley U3A will continue to expand & grow. The Baby Boomers will soon swell the ranks of retirees and most communities will not be able to give the same degree of support to this section of the community. Some U3As have been able to obtain their own premises with the help of their local Council. It now seems to be appropriate for us to explore such possibilities with our local Council.

What do the members think? All feedback, ideas, suggestions etc are most welcome.

**Information Seminar.** In second term our free seminar was "Neighbours, Householders & the Law". Our guest speaker was Tony Cox from Stacks, The Law Firm. The presentation was so interesting we forgot about morning tea and went over time. The format was based on discussion & questions. We learnt much about our rights and responsibilities regarding fences, trees, storm water, easements and Council policies. Another topic in this area is "The Law and the Older Person". This may well fit into our programme next year.

**A note of appreciation.** We have a number of courses running in the Maritime Museum Cottage and unbeknown to the Good Guys, one of our tutors needed a DVD. As if by magic the DVD appeared with the upgraded T.V. which they kindly donated to the Maritime Museum.

Now we need an old-fashioned overhead projector. Any offers, ideas or suggestions from our members will be most welcome.

**A special thank you** to Wilma Ritchie. Wilma has been acting as hostess for our guest speakers in the Port Macquarie library. She introduced the speaker and thanked the speaker. Her contribution to the U3A was most appreciated. Wilma is moving out of the area for a short while and we wish her well and a speedy return.

