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

Tuesday 30th January
2.00 pm – 3.45pm
Auditorium,
Port Macquarie
Seniors Facility,
Munster Street,
Port Macquarie.

Greetings and welcome to Term 1, 2007.

In the past two years the Hastings Valley U3A has firmly established itself as a vital part of the Hastings Community, contributing to the health & well being of our senior members. While the focus is on learning for the sheer joy of it, we do have lots of fun, we keep our minds active and we make new friends with mutual interests.

Since our first Newsletter in January 2005 the association has gained many new members and we have had a few changes to the Committee. In the last few months we were fortunate to gain a new Publicity Officer and a new Course Co-ordinator. This will make a full compliment for the Committee and the work load will be spread around a greater number of people. The time now seems appropriate to introduce the team for 2007.

President: Carol Surrey: Carol retired as an Assistant School Principal after many years of teaching. In her spare time she trained as marriage guidance & family counsellor, became a clinical member of the A.A.M.F.C and worked in private practice. She was a member of the Institute of Group leaders and spent many hours facilitating Personal Growth Groups plus training & supervising counsellors.

Vice President: Harry Bryant. Harry was born in England. After service with the RAF he was a police officer in England, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and with the United Nations in Cyprus. He worked in general duties, criminal investigations, administration and training retiring from the Australian Federal Police as a Commander. He has extensive training experience at various levels of management and has a BA in Adult Education. He is currently the President of the Port Macquarie Seniors Computer Group.

Secretary: Brian Syms: After training as an electrical engineer in the UK, Brian spent many years in TAFE NSW as a teacher, and later as an educational manager. Immediately before retirement he was the Director of Northern Beaches TAFE in Sydney. Since coming to Port he has been actively involved in a number of organizations, including PROBUS, the Friends of the ABC, Active and Older and the Residents Action Network.

Treasurer: Ruth Lincoln: Ruth worked as an accountant for TNT (Thomas Nationwide Transport), rising to National Administration Manager for all Australian states and New Zealand. When her husband was made a Director of Shipping she left and became Administration Manager for Washington H. Soul Pattinson Co. When her husband retired they moved to a farm in Leongatha Victoria. They came to Port in 2001.

Course Coordinator: Ursula Bruce. Ursula Has had a rich and varied life. She started off her career by working in the advertising industry as a colourist. After her marriage she & her husband formed their own company, Laser Grade. This business took the family to Ireland for four happy years, back to Australia for twelve years and then to the USA for eight years. In 1996 the family returned to Port Macquarie where she and her husband created a computerized, interactive reading programme. Today she is involved in a number of local activities and has recently volunteered to be the Course Coordinator for the HVU3A.

