

Samples & Surprises in Laurieton

The Samples & Surprises course began with a Meet & Greet session which was followed on week 2 with a Look at our Cultural Identity. The next week we heard how the interesting world of Drama (Plays) actually reflects life. We then moved to week 4 when we discussed some Australian history through the experiences of Governor Phillip, Elizabeth Macarthur and Captain 'Mutiny on the Bounty' Bligh.

The course continued with a 'visit' to France and developed our cultural knowledge of all things French and we travelled through Central France beginning in Burgundy via a slide show exhibiting the picturesque Mountain Villas, lush green vineyards and spectacular architecture with their exteriors and interiors vying for prominence in our hearts with their arches, domes and steeples, not to mention the mosaic-tiled roofs. Just breathtaking!

We went on to learn about our Australian government; the relationships between parliament, the public service and the media and their relationship to us. We heard how they really operate, as our convenor is a retired "Chief of Staff" to Holt and Menzies and worked in the government during the terms of four Prime Ministers.

A real change of pace follows when we learn how to write Bush Poetry and then we finish off this exciting Term with hearing of the American Presidents, Washington, Jefferson and Adams.

Laurieton appreciates the generous gesture of the Port Macquarie Presenters who brought their 'topics' to us, to sample. — by Colleen Parker ■

(Photo of Samples class in Column 2.)



Samples: l-r front: Joan MacClaren, Allan Fraine, Donald Brown, Joan Pickard, Christine Bouffler, Fay Pickering, Hanna Filan

L-R back: Elaine Jones, Lee Whant, Ann Slager, Catherine Lakeman, Colleen Parker, Jim Cleary, Connie Jones

Camden Haven Success

The expansion to the Camden Haven has clearly been a success judging by the responses printed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Ida Bruno has been officially appointed Camden Haven Coordinator and has an exciting group of courses planned for next term. They will be published in the next newsletter and Camden Haven residents will have choices of courses in Port Macquarie and Laurieton. Some Port Macquarie residents may well be attracted by the Laurieton courses. ■

Communicate!

I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to the convenor of this course (Miss Ida Bruno).

It was very well presented with lots of interaction about verbal and non-verbal communication; the roles we play in our daily life and therefore also in our communication Parent/Adult/Child; and how we keep the communication open by using "I-messages" instead of "You-messages". A great and informative

INVITATION!

U3A OPEN DAY

Wednesday, April 6

10.00am – 12.30pm

U3A Centre Room 3
Warlters St, Port Macquarie

AGENDA

10.00am: Discussion and question time with committee

10.50am: Morning tea and social break

11.30am: Special performance from members of Mid-North Coast Conservatorium of Music

FREE to all members

4 weeks and, speaking for the other members, could have been longer.

Many thanks. — Catherine Lakeman ■



L-R: Alma Gibson, Grace Jane, Sue Sortain-Smith, Pauline Griffiths, Catherine Lakeman, Lorna Shumack, Jan Brand, Jackie Laing. Missing: Sue & John Carter, Conny Jones & Beth Seckold.

A little bit of Italy

I couldn't believe my luck in 2010 when Marie Addario offered to convene a U3A course in Italian at Laurieton. What an opportunity to brush up on those limited language skills, in a small friendly environment close to home!

Offering so much more than the usual 'Travellers Italian' course, Marie draws on her knowledge acquired as a long-time resident in Italy, introducing us, step by step, to the basic structure of modern Italian, with its many fascinating nuances and various aspects of the Italian psyche.

Our group has expanded in 2011 and we

are all inspired and motivated students.

Who knows – our next U3A excursion may even have an Italian destination – *by Anita Dulhunty* ■



L-R: Nicola Bracken, Shirley Ward, Denis Ward, Toby Lopert, Stefania Oostendorp, Josie Oliver, Neil Lipscombe, Anita Dulhunty, Marie Addario. Absent: Margaret Cowell

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