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## OFFICE HOURS

### CLOSED

**Monday 19 September –  
Monday 3 October 2011**

### RE-OPENING

**Tuesday 4 October –  
Friday 9 December 2011**

**9.30am – 12.00 noon  
Monday – Friday**

**Phone: 6584-3676**

#### Office Location:

Maritime Museum Cottage  
Corner William St & Pacific Drive  
Port Macquarie

Payment of membership fees and Enrolments for courses will be taken.

**Web site: [www.pmhu3a.org.au](http://www.pmhu3a.org.au)**

## U3A Laurieton – From small steps to large strides

Laurieton's U3A programme, which began in Term 1 of 2011, with a "Samples and Surprises" programme run by convenors from Port Macquarie, took its first tentative steps on its own with eleven convenors offering their services to run courses in Term 2.

Term 3 ran 14 courses and now approaching Term 4, we have ten Convenors who have put their hands up already who are supporting Ida Bruno, the Laurieton Co-ordinator.

The courses vary from time to time and Term to Term so members are encouraged to read the details in each Newsletter and not depend on the previous Term's offers of courses.

For instance, Laurieton will again be conducting Italian Language, Australian Bush Poetry, Book Club, Learning Circle, Writing For Pleasure, Meditation, Tai Chi and Lunch Bunch again, but are introducing TWO NEW courses – Line Dancing for Exercise and Fun on Thursday afternoons and Music Discoveries on Friday mornings, where we learn about different music styles, the lives of composers and the basics of reading music.

Enrolments in Laurieton on 11th October will again be in the LAURIETON UNITED SERVICES CLUB (LUSC) from 10.15am – 11.30am.

Although my first love is writing and I enjoy sharing my knowledge with members, (Writing For Pleasure on Tuesday afternoons), I must say the new Music Course and Line Dancing Course both appeal to me. What a healthy and pleasurable way to challenge our brains with new learning experiences and then taking a meditation course to 'rest' our brains and thereby give balance to ourselves.

Whatever your interest – visit us at the LUSC Club on Enrolment Day and take your first step towards meeting new people, making new friends and of course learning alongside them.

Ida can be contacted by email on [Laurieton.pmhu3a@gmail.com](mailto:Laurieton.pmhu3a@gmail.com) or maybe you would like to speak to one of our volunteers who promotes the U3A at the River Walk Market or who distributes our Newsletters. – Colleen Parker, Laurieton Publicity

Note from PMHU3A: You will be able to enrol on line through our website and, remember, Laurieton U3A is part of Port Macquarie U3A so you can enrol in courses in Port Macquarie or Wauchope if any interest you. ■



*Writing for Pleasure Workshop: L-R: Catherine Lakeman, Shirley Ward, Wilma Boyd, Sandy Sutherland, Val Clark. Absent: Pat Choat. Photo by Colleen Parker, convenor.*

## AGM/OPEN DAY

Mark your calendar –  
Our AGM / Open Day will be  
**Thursday October 13th**

**Baptist Church Chapel**

18 McIntyre Close, Port Macquarie

**1.00 Registration  
1.30 AGM commences**

## ENROLMENT DAY

Tuesday 11 October 2011

PORT MACQUARIE

1:30 – 2:30pm

WAUCHOPE

10.00 – 11.00am

LAURIETON

10.15 – 11.30am

**NOTE: Members can also enrol at the office from 4 October or online from 1 October. See article opposite for “Online Membership & Course Reservations.**

See page 3 of newsletter for Enrolment Day details.

## Maritime Museum

**FREE Entry rest of this year**

The Maritime Museum has made all members of U3A a generous offer. Avail yourself of the opportunity to explore the offerings of the Museum for free, the offer to last till December 31st. Just identify yourself (show your membership card) at the Museum office and you will be given free entry.

## What's On!

### ENROLMENT DAY – TERM 4 2011:

Tuesday 11 October 2011  
10.00 - 11.00 at Wauchope  
10.15 - 11.30 at Laurieton  
1.30 - 2.30 at Port Macquarie

See page 3 of newsletter for details.

START OF TERM 4 2011: Monday  
17th October.

END OF TERM: Friday, 9th December.

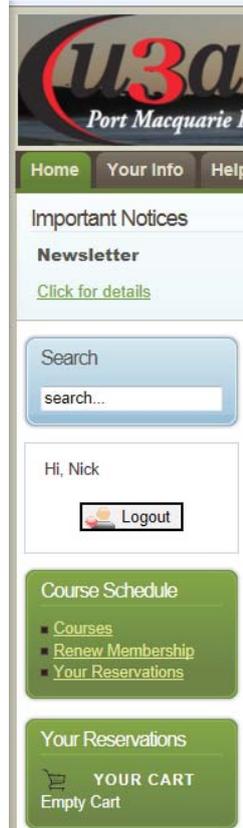
AGM/Open Day: Thursday 13th October,  
Baptist Church Chapel, 18 McIntyre Close,  
Port Macquarie; 1.00pm Registration;  
1.30 AGM starts.

Christmas Open Day: Mark in your  
diaries Thursday 15 December; details  
to come.

For contributions to What's on! Please  
leave the written information at the U3A  
office for the Newsletter Publisher or  
email to [publications@pmhu3a.org.au](mailto:publications@pmhu3a.org.au)

## Online Membership & Course Reservations

Available on line from October 1st



Members can still pay their membership and register for courses at the office as usual. But, from October 1st, we offer you the opportunity to pay your membership and register for courses on line as well.

Any member can log on to our web site. There you can read materials prepared by your convenors and fellow class members.

But in addition, you can now review the class schedule and make reservations from any computer that has access to the internet. You can choose to book and pay for any courses that you book at the office as usual or you can send a cheque to the treasurer or you can pay by bank transfer as well.

An explanation of how to access the web site and make a reservation is available at the office and will be sent to those of you who have an email address.

If you want to use this facility and have either never logged on to our web site or have done so and have forgotten your user name or password, preferably, send a message to the membership team ([membership@pmhu3a.org.au](mailto:membership@pmhu3a.org.au)). If not, call the office and we will have someone contact you. ■

## Conference 2012 – Here

The annual conference of the NSW U3A Network is an event that brings members of the 65 U3As in NSW together to hear distinguished speakers on topics of relevance and interest to our demographic, to share ideas and discuss issues, to enjoy some examples of creative work by U3As, to dine together and in general to meet new people and possibly old friends in a stimulating and convivial environment.

It will in 2012 be hosted by us (Port Macquarie Hastings U3A) and take place in the Glasshouse on the 28-30th of March. Further details will be announced during the year, but set aside those dates and don't miss this exciting event. You may even like to volunteer when we call for help in a variety of tasks. ■

## A thank you

Wilma Ritchie thanks all who contributed to the East African Somalian Famine Appeal. The donations have been counted and \$384.10 will go to the appeal. Thank you, everyone. ■

## U3A Choir – Expressions of Interest

Many members have expressed a desire for U3A to have its own choir. Robyn Ryan, the well known Port Macquarie musician, has expressed a willingness to begin the choir for us and to prepare it for a performance at the U3A Conference in March 2012.

In the first instance we would like expressions of interest. If you would like to be part of the choir give your name and phone and/or email to the office and we will contact you regarding time, place and a first meeting. ■



Leona Marshall and Pat Choat at River Walk Markets, Laurieton, promoting U3A in rainy weather.

## Frank Urban – A man of many talents



Frank is convenor of the “Art Masters and Their Times” class held at the Maritime Museum on Thursdays last term. Subjects covered included American Art, Renaissance in Spain, South African and European art.

Frank has lived in Port Macquarie with his wife Patricia for about ten years coming here from Comboyne where he

owned a property and ran beef cattle for eleven years. Both Frank and Patricia are active in community events and play tennis regularly; travel is another of their interests in their third age. Both are U3A members and enjoy the camaraderie and learning that goes with this very special organisation. Born in South Africa, Frank met his wife in Rhodesia (as it was then known) where he worked as a Surveyor.

Frank came to Australia in 1970 and settled firstly in Sydney. He is now in his 82nd year and well and able. He is well known, too, in writing circles and is the current president of the Fellowship of Australian Writers in Port Macquarie.

Frank is an artist in his own right and has several of his lovely oil paintings on display in his home.

Taking a break in the next few weeks, Frank and Patricia are travelling to the Eastern Mediterranean; we wish them ‘Bon Voyage’. ■

## Eric turns 80 !



*Eric & Shirley Graham celebrate Eric's 80th birthday at the Village Cafe with U3A Australian History classes & friends.*



*Neil Buxton and Del Hatton help celebrate.*



*Janette, Del & Marie organised the party.*

## A near international incident

You don't need much French to appreciate this.

The MacMillans (he was an ex PM of Great Britain) were visiting Paris and had dinner with Madame and General DeGaulle. After a superb dinner and sitting back in sumptuous surroundings, Mrs. MacMillan said to Madame DeGaulle:

“Madame, you live in such splendour and you seem to have everything you want. Is there nothing you wish for?”

To which Madame replied: “Qui, I wish for a penis.”

Well, as you can imagine, the MacMillans were a bit taken aback at this reply.

Charles DeGaulle leaned over and patted his wife on the arm and said:-

“Mon Cherie, Les Anglais, ils disent, hhhhhh...appiness.” ■

## Flower Bowl Walk

U3A members enjoyed the Flower Bowl walk in the Kattang Nature Reserve at Camden Head, led by retired Senior Ranger Mike Dodkin. ■ (photo by Sue Clifford)

## U3A Cluster Meeting

A very productive and interesting meeting of U3As in our mid coast cluster was held in Taree on Saturday, September 10th. It was attended by six of our members, Des and Faye Davis, Del Hatton, Marie Thompson, and Eric Graham. It was the third meeting in an initiative begun by PMHU3A last year.

Ern Hollebone of Taree organised a very good agenda and the group of 33 members from seven U3As discussed issues of concern to the movement such as convenors, memberships, websites, newsletters, classes, administration. They advised Des, who is regional representative on the NSW Network, of what his role should encompass and issues they would like him to pursue with the Network. They also discussed the coming conference in Port Macquarie and ways they can participate.

It was an enjoyable and largely informal gathering. The next Cluster Meeting will be held in Kempsey in May 2012. ■



*Ern Hollebone & Des Davis at Taree.*



*Our Marie Thompson with two other U3A delegates at the Taree Cluster Meeting.*



## LADIES... THIS IS FOR YOU!!

### SPECIAL DISCOUNT... ON SPRING FASHIION

#### AT 'RUBY AND ROSE' Boutique

Shop 6 / 615 Ocean Drive, North Haven (just opposite the water and almost next to "Sandbar Restaurant")

**10% Discount on all new fashion clothing...  
September to end of October.**

Present your U3A Membership Name Tag to obtain this wonderful discount.

Dianne Kelly, the Shop Owner, is welcoming ALL our U3A Members, from the Camden Haven area, through to Wauchope and Port Macquarie, to come in and browse / shop.

**Monday to Friday, 9 – 5 pm**

**Saturday and Sunday, 9 – 1 pm**

There are lovely new Brands... New Jewellery... Sun Hats and Shades... with new items arriving daily .

**All enquiries: 65 595155.**



## Reminder

Don't forget to drop your 50¢ into the tin for morning or afternoon tea.

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**NEXT ENROLMENT DAY –  
Tuesday the 11th October 2011  
in Port Macquarie, Wauchope &  
Laurieton. See page 3 for times  
and exact locations.**

**LATE ENROLMENT up to 3  
weeks after the start of a  
course are welcome in many  
courses. You MUST contact  
the Course Convenor first to  
ascertain if additional members  
are being accepted.**

For late enrolment, you pay only for the rest of the term. Pay at the office or post your remittance to the Treasurer with a covering note and initial the attendance form to show you have paid. If less than \$5 is owed, postage stamps will be accepted as payment. Names cannot be entered on the Attendance Sheet unless

accommodation fees have been paid. Money **CANNOT** be paid to the Course Convenor during the term.

**NAME BADGES – ALWAYS wear your name badge when attending classes and U3A activities.** Write your emergency contact details on the back of your badge.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMAIL –** Please inform the Office on 6584 3676 if you move house or change your email address.

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