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Course Summary – Term 2 2012
Course Booking Form

IMPORTANT: Course Enrolment Information

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP fee is \$35.00.

PAYMENT FOR COURSES and or Membership is by Cash or Cheque – we do not have any credit facilities.

ON LINE BOOKINGS and PAYMENT can be made on our web site by Bank Transfer. If you choose to pay by cheque or cash, your place will NOT be reserved until we receive payment in the office.

MARITIME MUSEUM OFFICE will be closed on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th April 2012.

EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS FOR ENROLMENT are Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April from 9.30 am until 4 pm. FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

We will revert to **NORMAL OFFICE HOURS of 9.30 – 12 noon from Monday 23rd April.**

IMPORTANT: Please WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE when enrolling and BRING YOUR COMPLETED COURSE BOOKING FORM with you.

OFFICE HOURS

OPEN

Wednesday 18 April –
Friday 20 April
from 9.30am – 4.00pm

OPEN

23 April –22 June
from 9.30am – 12.00 noon

Phone: 6584-3676

Office Location:

Maritime Museum Cottage
Corner William St & Pacific Drive
Port Macquarie

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

Web site: www.pmhu3a.org.au

NOTICE

The cost for morning/afternoon tea has been increased to \$1.00 to cover cost of supplies. (See note on back page.)

Orientation Day Term 2

Monday April 16th

Baptist Church Chapel, Port Macquarie
2.00 – 4.00pm

This day will be used firstly to showcase some of the courses being offered in Term 2, secondly to have an afternoon tea together, and thirdly as an open meeting giving members an opportunity to question or comment on developments in our U3A.

The courses introduced will be

1. John Brownsberger (Indigenous Issues: Past and Present)
2. Doug Jones (Engineering Marvels)
3. Galina Turker (Egyptian Belly Dance)
4. Christine Battisson (Folk Dancing)
5. Des Davis (Modern History – Asia)

Come along and learn about some of the courses on offer...some new and some old...for an enjoyable afternoon, a cuppa and have your say in your U3A.

NB. Enrolments will NOT be taken on Orientation Day. ■

(Photos clockwise from top left: Term 1 Orientation Day – Faye Davis, Galina Turker, U3A folk dancers, Amy Longworth.



Anyone for Scrabble?

If you like the challenge of the scrabble board, please ring Maggie on 6583 4114 and leave your name and phone number (or email address). If enough people are interested, we could form "The U3A Scrabble Players". ■

PMHU3A Cycle the Hastings class at Tacking Point



Photo from L to R: Andrew "Lance" Moll, Colin "Cadel" Imer (ride coordinator), Jenny "the Queen" Clive and Val "Steelegs" Mudford

Course sharing between Port Macquarie Hastings and Port Macquarie Watonga U3As

Members will be pleased to learn that arrangements have now been made for members of the two Port Macquarie U3As to share any vacant places in each other's courses. Priority will, of course, be given to their own members.

How do I know what courses are being offered by the other U3A?

The simplest way is by looking at the relevant web page <http://www.wagu3a.com/courses.html>

If you don't have internet access, and can't arrange to get the information from a friend who does, then information about the activities of both U3As will be available at Port Macquarie, Wauchope and Laurieton Public Libraries.

How do I arrange to attend a course offered by the other U3A?

Contact the other U3A by email or post and ask to reserve a place in a course or courses. Booking forms will be left in the libraries or you can download a form from

http://www.wagu3a.com/text/Courses_application.pdf. Please, do not pay any monies at this point.

Once the U3A knows that there is a vacancy for you, after satisfying the needs of their own members, they will contact you and confirm your acceptance before the Wednesday preceding term start.

You will then need to make arrangements to pay the relevant fee, before the end of the week preceding term start. If you do not pay for your course by then, you may lose your reservation. The course fee is most often \$20 a person a term, but may vary for some courses.

Contacts

You can make a reservation with the Watonga U3A by email to secretary@wagu3a.com or by post to

Port Macquarie - Watonga U3A Inc
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Lighthouse Beach LPO
Port Macquarie NSW 2444

What's On!

ORIENTATION DAY TERM 2 2012 – PORT MACQUARIE

Monday 16 April 2.00–4.00pm, Baptist Church Chapel, 18 McIntyre Street

ENROLMENT DAY TERM 2 2012 – WAUCHOPE

Tuesday 17 April 2012
10.00 – 11.00am at Wauchope Library

ORIENTATION / ENROLMENT DAY – TERM 2 2012 – LAURIETON

Tuesday 17 April 2012
10.00am at the Catholic Church Hall for morning tea: 10.30am Orientation;
12 noon Enrolment

See page 3 of newsletter for details.

START OF TERM 2 2012: Monday 30th April

END OF TERM: Friday, 22nd June.

TERM 2 2012: April 30 - June 22

TERM 3 2012: July 23 - September 14

TERM 4 2012: October 15 - December 7

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

Thanks from the Director

I was delighted and impressed by the enthusiasm, efficiency, and sheer numbers of volunteers who helped make the conference a success.

Warren Scott, Kevin Pike and Brian Tolagson confidently led workshops, Eric Graham made speeches when needed and organised the Guides, Frank Jennings looked after the pollies and trained and organised scribes for all workshops, Matthew Wallace provided vital know-how on the computer front.

There were eight hostesses who created an atmosphere of welcome and pointed people in the right direction, led by Conference Committee members Marie Thompson, Betty Starr, Del Hatton and Sue Clifford (Sue also designed the program). There were six guides who led groups to the correct venues for their workshops, scribes who recorded the proceedings of the workshops, and there were others who looked after the registration desks.

Most essential to the administrative smoothness of the Conference were Conference Secretary Lorraine Beukers and Treasurer Kevin Pike. And Bessie Jennings provided the *piece de résistance* by composing a conference song set to the music of Ludwig von Beethoven, and

sung by the whole conference to close the event. — Des Davis ■

State Conference 2012

The Conference took place in the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie from Wednesday March 28th to Saturday March 30th hosted by Port Macquarie Hastings U3A.

160 Participants came from all over NSW and interstate. They enjoyed a variety of workshops, keynote speakers, a civic reception, a Conference Dinner and a variety of special entertainment. The Conference was acclaimed as a success, with many veteran conference goers claiming it as the best U3A conference ever.

Among the workshop leaders were our Warren Scott, Kevin Pike and Brian Tolagson while among the entertainers were our new choir U3A Vox, Bessie Jennings, Faye Montgomery (Davis) assisted by Michael Matthews, Christine Battison and our folk dancers.

Those members of PMHU3A who attended felt they had learned much from the contacts with other U3As as well as making new friends. It was a significant event in the history of our U3A and a step forward in our growth and our reputation. (See page 7 for conference photos.) ■

Photos from the U3A Network State Conference hosted by PMHU3A



Keynote speakers Noeline Brown and Margret Meagher



Frank Jennings at the conference



Choir director, Robyn Ryan, with choir member, Des Davis



Bessie Jennings entertaining U3A conference delegates



Noeline Brown and our very own George Wallens



John Jones with U3A members



U3A member with Noeline Brown, Brenda Elliott, Lorraine Beukers



U3A member with Noeline Brown & Patricia White



Ron Browne & Barbara Caldicott with Noeline Brown



Eric Graham, Noeline Brown & Delwyn Hatton



Harry & Audrey Bryant



Jemima Brooks, vocalist from Crescent Head Public School



Janette Favaloro & Lorraine Beukers



U3A members enjoying cruise on the Hastings River



Queenslake Village Voices – sponsored by Stockland



Vox U3A – PMHU3A Choir under the direction of Robyn Ryan

Australian Bush Laureate Awards – 2012 winner

Last newsletter it was mentioned that our course convenor, Bessie Jennings, was a finalist in the Australian Bush Laureate Awards. Winners in the 2012 Australian Bush Laureate awards were announced in Tamworth on January 24.

“Children’s Poem of the Year was presented to Bessie Jennings for her work *Aussie A-B-C*, a delightful work that takes up an entire book, with illustrations by her sister

Patricia Gardner, aimed at helping children learn their “A-B-Cs” from a distinctly Australian perspective.” ■

Photo (l to r): Award presenter Manfred Vijars, Bessie Jennings and sister Patricia (who illustrated her winning work) and Bush Laureate Awards Patron Joy McKean.



A couple of thank yous from the U3A Conference

“Hi Faye and Des,

Just wanted to send a little note to you and all your wonderful team that put together such a great Conference, a BIG thank you for all your hard work. It proved to be not only educational but very friendly and good fun. Please pass on our thanks to all.

*Barbara Lucas,
Central Illawarra”*

“Congratulations on a stunning U3A Conference. It far exceeded my expectations

in terms of professionalism, speakers, entertainment, the organisation and networking opportunities. The civic reception and the dinner were also most enjoyable and well organised. It was also successful beyond my expectations in terms of potential for our local group, our wider community, region and State. My committee here is in for a few surprises!

I’ve taken to heart your exhortation to drop the ‘cap in hand’ attitude and let them all know our true value.

*Kind regards, Rita Spencer,
President – Nambucca Valley”*

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NOTE:

The cost of morning and afternoon tea supplies has made it necessary to **increase the price to \$1.00**. Please ensure you put your **\$1.00** for a cuppa and biscuit in the tin provided. Thank you.

We endeavour to keep the price to a minimum.

