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EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS

26 November – 7 December 2012 from 9.30am – 3.00pm

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From the President...

It is pleasing to report that since the Annual General Meeting all committee members and sub committees have been enthusiastically and efficiently managing all portfolios of the Association.

A huge thank you for all involved in another successful enrolment launch for Term 4 2012 with 41 courses proceeding in Port Macquarie and Wauchope and a record number of courses in Laurieton.

— Kevin Pike ■

Meet your new President



Kevin Pike was born in England in 1948, one of 7 children, and migrated with his parents to Australia in 1953. He was educated in Armidale until 1960 and matriculated from St Joseph's College, Hunters' Hill in 1965.

Kevin started in the accountancy profession in December 1965 and joined the firm of Roberts & Morrow, Armidale in 1971. In 1975 he was admitted as an associate member to the Institute of Chartered Accountants after completing the

Professional Year and in 1985 was recognised as a fellow.

Kevin is a Fellow of the Taxation Institute of Australia, Registered Auditor with the Auditors' Registration Board, holder of an Investment Advisory Authority and represented the Institute for many years as Chairman of the Northern NSW Group.

In 1977 Kevin was admitted to the partnership of Roberts & Morrow. Prior to his retirement in 2008 he was Senior Partner, Managing Partner and Practice Manager as well as servicing a significant clientele.

He married his sweetheart Di in 1972 and they were blessed with a daughter in 1977. They now reside at The Sandcastle on Town Beach and are enjoying their sea change.

Kevin is a keen "Vintage Cricketer" and a keen but frustrated golfer! He is a community minded citizen and currently serves on several community boards including: U3A, Rotary Lodge, and local and state cricket organisations. He is the event manager of the 2013 Trans Tasman Vintage Cricket Carnival, the first big cricket carnival to be held in Port Macquarie.

He said, "We have been very fortunate in meeting so many wonderful people in Port Macquarie, especially here at Port Macquarie Hastings U3A."

Kevin acknowledges the fantastic team that we have here at PMHU3A. "I am in awe of the fantastic work of this community organisation in improving the lives and well being of our membership. I am really looking forward to the challenges over the next 12 months in working with the most fantastic committee in moving the organisation forward."

Celebration planned in 2013

Many of you know that next year will be a very exciting one for our U3A. Our membership has grown to around 750 and we are looking forward to having a new home at St Agnes Lodge sometime in 2013.

It is our intention to have a "Grand Opening" of our new premises when they become ready to use. The premises will be large enough to accommodate a large number of our members at a celebratory function, and it will be an occasion to show Port Macquarie what we have to offer.

After some discussion, your committee has made the decision not to hold an official Christmas function this year but look forward to 2013 and our new home.

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to you all from the PMHU3A Committee members. ■

Extended office hours

s you will notice, your personalised Membership Renewal Form has been included with this newsletter. To help facilitate membership renewals, the office will remain open extended hours the last two weeks of this term.

> **OFFICE OPEN** 9.30am - 3.00pm Monday November 26 – Friday December 7, 2012

There are three (3) ways you can pay your annual membership renewal:

- 1) You can pay at the office with cash or cheque. Be sure to bring your personalised renewal form with you.
- 2) Alternatively, you can pay on line by Bank Transfer. BSB 802-214; Bank A/C No. 75592. Note: You will need to log in first. Contact the membership team if you can't remember your password.
- 3) Or, you can post a cheque with your Membership Renewal form to:

PMH U3A PO Box 1210 Port Macquarie NSW 2444

Please be sure to check the information your personalised Membership Renewal form and make any corrections necessary. Also, be sure to indicate the type of your Internet connection on the form: "Broadband", "Dial Up", "Not Known" or "None". Thank you.

—Jenny Tucker, Office Administration ■

What's Ou!

TERM DATES 2013

TERM 1 2013: February 1 – March 28 TERM 2 2013: May 6 - June 28

TERM 3 2013: July 22 - Sept 13 TERM 4 2013: Oct 14 - Dec 6

Laurieton Choir: Public performance November 30, 2.00pm, School of the Arts, Laurieton.

For contributions to What's On! in your U3A group, please leave the written information at the U3A office for Sue Clifford or email to Sue at email publisher@pmhu3a.org.au

Membership renewal & | Renew your Membership for 2013 before start of Term 1 2013: \$35

Your committee met on November 7th to consider, among other matters, fees ▲ for 2013. It was agreed that the membership renewal fee will remain at \$35 per person per year; however, from January 1st 2013, there will also be a joining fee for new members of \$5 per person.

According to our constitution, if you have not renewed your membership by the end of December you cease to be a member of PMHU3A. The committee has agreed to extend the time to renew until the start of Term 1 (1 February 2013). After this date you will need to pay a joining fee in addition to the \$35 membership fee as if you are a new member. You can avoid the joining fee of \$5 by renewing your membership before the beginning of Term 1, February 1st 2013.

If you do not renew by the 1st of February, your membership will be deemed to have lapsed and a membership fee of \$35.00 will apply plus a joining fee of \$5.00 for a total of \$40.

If you do not renew your membership until 1st July or after, the membership fee will be \$20 plus a joining fee of \$5.00 for a total of \$25.00.

It is in your best interest not to let your membership lapse but to renew your U3A membership before the start of the first term (1st February 2013).

	Until 1 Feb 2013	From 2 Feb – 30 June 2013	From 1 July 2013	
CURRENT MEMBER				
Renew Your Membership	\$35	Not available – you need to re-join. See below.		
Total for 2013	\$35			
NEW MEMBER				
Joining Fee	\$5	\$5	\$5	
Membership Fee	\$35	\$35	\$20	
Total for 2013	\$40	\$40	\$25	

There are a number of ways that you can make payment. You can register on line and make payment by bank transfer, you can post the enclosed form with a cheque or you can come to the Office and make payment in person by cash or cheque. Credit card and EFTPOS facilities are not available.

The membership of PMHU3A has increased considerably over the past year. It would be preferable if you are able to make your membership renewal payment prior to the end of the year. This will mean that when you enrol for Term 1 courses, your membership will already be confirmed resulting in a more streamlined and efficient enrolment process.

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be open extended hours (9.30am - 3.00pm) from 26 November – 7 December 7 2012 to accommodate payment of membership renewals.

— U3A Management Committee ■



Jenny Tucker, Jacqui Everett, Helen Rasmussen



Lorraine Beukers and John Jones

Update on new U3A premises



Our consultants are proceeding with the Development Application for Council approval. Plans have been drawn up, which

will provide U3A with three lecture rooms, office, IT room, library, craft room and three meeting rooms as well as plenty of space for social interaction between members.

We have also submitted applications for some grant funding which, if successful, will greatly enhance the success of the renovation. Our occupancy is expected to coincide with the commencement of Term 2, subject to an early council approval.

Members who are handy with a paint brush and roller will be asked to help out the committee with some working bees to be scheduled into the building program in Term 1.

— Kevin Pike ■

Future newsletters

Throughout each year we have been printing in colour and posting an increasing number of U3A Newsletters to members each term, due to our rapid growth in membership.

Your new committee has examined the cost of printing and posting the newsletter and has agreed that members who have provided an email address will in future receive their Newsletters via email. The Newsletter will also be available through our web-page at www.pmhu3a.org.au and will be in colour.

Of course, if you do not have an email address, we will post a copy as usual; however, it will be in black and white to reduce printing cost, but will contain exactly the same content as the coloured version on the web site.

If you have not already supplied your email address to the office, we encourage you to do so when completing your Membership renewal form as this will not only save the cost of printing, but also reduce the cost of postage.

— U3A Management Committee ■



As our U3A grows (approximately 750 members) our need for assistance in various areas of the organisation is becoming more obvious. We need volunteers in the following areas:

OFFICE	NEED PEOPLE WITH:
As our numbers grow the management of our registration and membership becomes more demanding. We need more people to assist with the day to day running of the organisation.	- Office skills - I.T. skills
COURSE CONVENORS	NEED PEOPLE WITH:
Do you have any of these skills? Would you like to share your knowledge? Would you like to convene a class?	 Language skills Sciences Book Clubs History Your career interest Your hobby interest
NEW PREMISES BUILDING PROJECT	NEED PEOPLE WITH:
Our plans for the new building are slowly starting to take shape and as time moves on we want to establish small working groups to work towards our goal of a home of our own in 2013.	 Local knowledge Fund raising skills The artistic touch (paint brush and roller) Enthusiasm to help

If you can help, please contact any committee member or leave your name and details at the U3A Office at the Maritime Museum and we will get back to you. ■

New PMHU3A Management Team



May peace, joy and happiness be with you and your loved ones this holiday season and throughout the year ahead. Be safe in your travels.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the U3A Committee

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