

ENROLMENT DATES TERM 1 2014

AT LAURIETON

Monday 20 January
10.00am: A forum will be held regarding necessary assistance for Ida Bruno, Laurieton Coordinator
10.30am – 12 noon: Membership/ Course Enrolment
Laurieton United Services Club

AT WAUCHOPE

Tuesday 21 January
9.30 – 10.30am
Wauchope Library

AT PORT MACQUARIE

Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 January
Tuesday 28 – Friday 31 January
9.30am – 3.30pm daily
CLOSED MONDAY 27 JANUARY
for Australia Day Holiday

Please **WEAR YOUR BADGE** and **BRING YOUR COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM** with you to renew your membership AND also your **COURSE BOOKING FORM** with your **DETAILS FILLED IN** and the **COURSES TICKED** that you wish to join.

You can enrol and pay for courses by:

- **POST:** Enclose cheque with your Course Booking form to:
Port Macquarie Hastings U3A
PO Box 1210
Port Macquarie 2444
- **ON-LINE:** at www.pmhu3a.org.au by bank transfer.
- **IN PERSON** at the Office with your Course Enrolment form and cash or cheque.

We have NO credit card facilities.

New Office Location:

The U3A Centre
2 Lochinvar Place
Port Macquarie 2444

New Phone No: 6584 4192
New Hours: 9.30am – 3.30pm
Web site: www.pmhu3a.org.au

From the President...

Port Macquarie Hastings U3A will this week celebrate the completion of extensive renovations to our new centre in Lochinvar Place, Port Macquarie.

I gratefully acknowledge the financial support received from the important sponsors and financial partners to the project, which has made the completion of the centre a reality.

I would like to thank Dr David Gillespie for his success in negotiating integral funding of \$50,000 through the Federal Community Developments Grants programme, administered through The Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.

Also I would like to thank our NSW State Member, Leslie Williams, for her support of this project through grant funding of \$20,000 from the NSW Community Building Partnership Program.

Further thanks and acknowledgements are also extended to Holiday Coast Credit Union for their contribution of \$5,000, which will be expended on office furniture and classroom chairs and desks.

We have also recently been successful in securing a grant of \$4,580 from ETC Community Support Fund. These funds will be gratefully received and will be applied towards a hearing loop and sound system in room 10.

Finally, I gratefully acknowledge the bridging finance of \$30,000, provided by the friends of PMHU3A. These funds were required at a critical time to enable the completion of the project in time for Term One, 2104.

I think all members would acknowledge the importance of these funds. Without this substantial and generous funding, the magnificent Centre that PMHU3A members can now enjoy would not have become a reality.

Our members can be very proud of our centre which, I believe, is the first official

campus for a U3A association in New South Wales. The centre has been rebuilt into an impressive community educational and social centre and now boasts: five (5) multi-purpose rooms, office, IT room, arts and crafts room, a large reception area, and two open areas suitable for members to socialise together over a cuppa.

I also acknowledge the significant contribution received from St Agnes Parish. I thank Fr. Donnelly, CEO Adam Spencer, Steven Quirk and St Agnes Parish in offering the premises to PMHU3A on most generous terms. This fantastic community contribution from St Agnes will significantly improve the quality of the delivery of our services to our 750 members.

I again acknowledge the wonderful support and co-operation that we have received throughout the renovation from our builder Greg Clarke and his team and our project manager, Andrew Briscoe.

Also, I thank all members of the management committee and the various new centre sub-committees for their support throughout the build.

Whilst the centre is impressive, the funding that we have received has not been sufficient for us to provide new furniture and furnishings. This will be most apparent to members on inspection.

As funds become available through the members' fund raising campaign, the old items will be replaced to ensure that the final quality of the furniture will match the quality of the internal renovations.

Members will soon receive details as to how you may donate or pledge funds.

We hope that all members will enthusiastically and generously support the members' fund raising project, to be chaired by Vice President, Eric Graham.

This wonderful new centre stands as a tribute to many people. To all contributors, your vision, dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated.

— Kevin Pike, President PMHU3A ■

Port Macquarie Hastings U3A

Car Parking Policy Effective 9th January, 2014

The Management committee acknowledges that car parking will be tight in the St Agnes precinct at peak times.

Members are asked to please read this policy. You will then be in a position to choose the best option for you and your classmates in planning your visit to the Centre.

1. Handicapped Car Parking

Options:

- a) Members with mobility problems are asked to make their circumstances known to office staff. A limited number of handicapped car parking spaces will be available for use in the car parking areas closest to the entry of the U3A Centre.
- b) As the handicapped car parking spaces will be limited, it is recommended that members with mobility problems seek the services of a fellow class member or a family member to drive you to your classes.

There is a driveway leading off Lochinvar Place to the front door of the centre. This will provide the convenient option for members to be dropped off immediately at the front door.

2. General Car Parking

- a) Members with better mobility are asked to park their vehicles in the designated car parks for U3A members on both the Eastern (RHS) and Western (LHS)

(College Street) sides of the U3A Centre.

- b) PMHU3A Members are asked to observe our agreement, whereby our members will NOT park in the Tenison Wood Centre Car Park or the off road car spaces immediately in front of the building on Lochinvar Place.
- c) Members are also asked to refrain from car parking in the medical centre and the St Peters school car park on the western side of Ocean Drive.

3. Car Parking Recommendations

In view of the above considerations the committee are asking members to pre-plan their travel arrangements to the Centre and consider the following options:

a) Park and Ride

An important and recommended option is for members to park at Wayne Richards Sports Fields off Koala Street. Wayne Richards Sports fields have over 100 car parks situated one kilometre from the PMHU3A Centre.

Suggested Process:

- i) Members are asked to drive to Wayne Richards Fields in Koala Street and to park your vehicle in the car park area. Please plan your arrival at Wayne Richards twenty (20) minutes before the start time of your class.
- ii) At Wayne Richards you will meet up with

the designated drivers from your class, who will arrange for your transportation to your class and return afterwards.

b) Car-pooling

Please consider and arrange car share pooling arrangements with other U3A members in your class. This will help enormously in alleviating car parking congestion at the Centre.

c) Drop off

Please use the drive in to drop off the less mobile U3A members at the front door of the Centre.

d) Bus Timetable

Please review the bus services time table at Busways Port Macquarie, phone: 6583 2499. Some information is available at the office for your convenience.

e) Community Transport

Should your requirements need the services of The Community Transport Service, please phone 6583 8644. Some of our members already use this service, which is a commercially priced option to taxis.

Members are asked to co-operate in observing the restrictions listed above and to plan their travel arrangements for the overall convenience of the broader member network.

Thank you.
U3A Management Committee ■

The Dragon's Den is open for business!

Not only has our address changed (we are now at 2 Lochinvar Place (off Ocean Drive in the St Agnes Village), but we also have a **new phone number: 6584 4192.**

Membership and Course Enrolments will be accepted during the times and dates shown on page 1 of this Newsletter.

Come in and inspect our new premises. Our delightful office staff are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces and gasps of delight when you visit.

— Jenny Tucker, Office Administration ■

If things get better with age, then you are approaching magnificent. — Sara Teasdale

Orientation Days

The office will be open for membership registration and course enrolments from Wednesday 22 January onwards (9.30am to 3.30pm). The office will be open every weekday until 31 January prior to the commencement of classes on 3 February except for Monday 27 January.

On Thursday 23 January we invite our CCA residents (members and non-members) to come along and inspect our premises and talk to us about what U3A can offer you. If you have already decided that you would like to join us, please complete an application form for membership and a course booking form.

At busy times you may have to wait for

your forms to be processed. You may like to take the opportunity for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit (\$1.00) and a guided tour of the new facilities whilst you wait for your badges and receipts. ■

What's On!

ENROLMENT DATES – TERM 1 2014:

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PMHU3A TERM DATES 2014

TERM 1 2014: Feb 3 – March 28

TERM 2 2014: May 5 – June 27

TERM 3 2014: July 21 – Sept 12

TERM 4 2014: Oct 13 – Dec 5

Laurieton Voices Concert – Friday
March 28, 2.00pm, Laurieton School of Arts.

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER NEEDED URGENTLY !

Sue Clifford, our newsletter publisher for the past 5 years, is stepping down from the role for family reasons.

If the following describes you:

- Enjoy working with an enthusiastic team
- Are computer literate and enjoy producing newsletters etc
- Are willing and able to take on new opportunities

the Port Macquarie Hastings U3A needs you!

The newsletter is published 4 times a year just prior to the start of each term. The president and others supply information, usually as Word documents, as well as photos to be included in each newsletter.

A PC laptop with large screen monitor, keyboard and mouse owned by the U3A will be made available to you with Microsoft Office software, including Word, Excel, Publisher and PowerPoint, as well as Adobe Creative Suite 6, including Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Adobe Acrobat Pro and more. (Experience with paragraph styles is helpful.)

For further information, please contact Sue on 6582 0424 or by email on publications@pmhu3a.org.au.

ATTENTION ! ALL CAMDEN HAVEN MEMBERS

Ida Bruno, your hardworking course coordinator, needs your help.

She needs some volunteers to form a small group to help her cover all aspects of managing courses in Laurieton.

There will be a Forum at LUSC on 20th January at 10am to discuss the formation of such a group. Positions required are:

- Assistant course coordinator – to help Ida with arrangements and be available if she is away.
- Assistant Publicity Officer – to arrange for local publicity in the Laurieton area with the assistance, if required, from Port Macquarie Publicity Officers
- Market Coordinator – to make arrangements for the smooth running of the market stall each month.

From 10.30am to 12.30pm there will be the usual registration and course enrolments.

For further information Ida can be contacted on phone number 6559 6656 or email on laurieton@pmhu3a.org.au

Entertainment Celebrity Icons



Bob Jeffrey will convene a new course in 2014 which will feature iconic superstars such as Shirley Bassey, Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, Michael Crawford, Liza Minnelli, Celine Dion & Andre Rieu. Preparation for the course has already been a source of immense personal pleasure for Bob. His research has been entertaining, informative and stimulating, and he is extremely keen to share this wonderful enjoyable experience with his class. The course will contain live performance videos, film clips, biographies, interviews, tributes & memorabilia. ■



Photo taken 08/11/12 at Wall of China of some U3A members celebrating birthdays of 3 of them. From L-R are Patricia Urban, Brian Tolagson, Maggie Wilson, Gordon Maxwell, Anne Maxwell and Frank Urban.



Christine Battison's folk dancers enjoyed an end of year Christmas luncheon at Scampi's on 2 December.

A few pix of the new U3A Centre



Mike Matthews, one of our IT gurus, in the IT room.



Jenny Tucker & Jacqui Everett hard at work in the larger of the kitchens.



A visit by David Gillespie (Federal MP) to the new U3A premises. L-R, Kevin Pike (Pres), David Gillespie, Sue Moll (Sec'y) and Lorraine Beukers (Treas).



Jan Warrington sorting books for the library.



The library is taking shape thanks to Jan Warrington and Wendy Ogbourne.



Large reception area outside the office.



Lecture room No. 9.



The smaller of the kitchens.

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