

ENROLMENT DATES

TERM 2 2014

AT LAURIETON

Tuesday 22 April
10.30am – 12 noon

Laurieton United Services Club

AT WAUCHOPE

Tuesday 22 April
1.00pm – 2.00pm

Wauchope Library

AT PORT MACQUARIE

Wednesday 23 – Thursday 24 April
Monday 28 April – Friday 2 May
9.30am – 3.30pm daily

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Please **WEAR YOUR BADGE** when attending an enrolment centre. Collect a **COURSE BOOKING FORM**, fill in your **MEMBERSHIP DETAILS** and **TICK THE COURSES** you wish to join.

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You may enrol and pay for courses by:

- **IN PERSON** at the **Office** with your Course Booking Form and cash or cheque.
- **ON-LINE:** at www.pmhu3a.org.au and then by bank transfer.
- **POST:** Enclose cheque with your Course Booking Form to:

Port Macquarie Hastings U3A
PO Box 1210
Port Macquarie 2444

We have NO credit card facilities.

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From the President...

Port Macquarie Hastings U3A has successfully completed its first term of classes in the new centre at Lochinvar Place, Port Macquarie. From all reports, members are pleased with the facilities and enjoy the greatly improved opportunities for social engagement.

As I have previously reported to members, the Recognition and Fundraising Project will continue throughout 2014 as the major project for the year. I am pleased to report that, at the end of Term 1, the appeal to members had raised \$16,090, and I sincerely thank all members and families who have contributed so generously to the campaign so far.

I would like to express my special thanks to Betty Starr and her committee for their enthusiasm and expertise in organising the Extravaganza Concert, and to all the performing artists for their talented contribution to the event. Thanks are also due to everyone who helped on the day, particularly the caterers and sound directors, and to all those members who supported the event and enabled it to raise \$2150 for our organisation.

We extend our gratitude to the Principal of MacKillop College, Tim McCosker, and Head Music teacher, Rob Denham, for the generous provision of the College auditorium, and to Cassegrain Wines for the sponsorship of wine for the function.

Owing to the success of fund-raising so far, your management committee has arranged for the installation of a hot water system in the main kitchen and is currently getting quotations in place for the installation of air conditioning units in a further two rooms.

Members are advised that the Fundraising program will continue in Term 2 with the aim of bringing in sufficient money to carry out further improvements to our facilities, including the installation of hot water in the second kitchen and air conditioning units for all rooms. Members who have not yet made a donation but would like

to do so can send them to our treasurer or lodge them directly at the office. All will be gratefully received.

Members will also have the opportunity of enjoying several fundraising events in Term 2. These will include:

- a murder mystery to be held on Saturday 17 May.
- Christmas in June to be held on 27 June
- barbecues

Details of these events can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

On behalf of the management committee and members I extend our thoughts and best wishes to Vice President Eric Graham who is currently recovering in hospital from a serious operation. We miss Eric's hearty laughter and larger than life presence around the centre on Wednesday mornings. Please get well soon Eric.

Lastly, I thank all members of the management committee and centre sub-committees for their continued professionalism in attending to all operational issues at the Centre in Term 1. This wonderful building is a tribute to you all. To all contributors, your diligence and hard work is greatly appreciated.

Kevin Pike, President PMHU3A ■

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. Please note that, owing to exceptional circumstances, a few courses will start in the second week of Term 2 and extend into the week after the end of the standard term.
2. The audio loop system in Room 10 is for the benefit of members whose hearing aids have a T-Switch. When the microphone, PC or DVD player is used, you will find sound levels and quality much improved if you use your T-Switch. A free 2-week course explaining the audio loop will be run on 15 May and 12 June.

Please consult your Course Program for details

Parking at the U3A Centre

Although car parking has not been as great a problem as earlier feared, the Management Committee would like to remind you that, under our agreement with St Agnes Village, members of U3A are asked not to use the parking spaces on Lochinvar Place directly in front of the U3A Centre or those on the opposite side of the road in front of the Tenison Woods Centre. The car parking policy was detailed in the January 2014 newsletter and members are encouraged to become familiar with it.

Email communications

From time to time PMHU3A sends out information by email, in an effort to keep members up to date with what is happening in their organisation.

However, it appears that some members are not seeing these communications, either because they are not regularly checking their emails or the messages are being mis-directed. This can occur when the email is identified as 'junk' and is directed into the junk folder. So, as well as checking your Inbox regularly it is important to check the Junk folder to see if any messages have been directed there by mistake. If you find such a message, move it to the Inbox and mark it as safe. Future messages from that sender should then land in your Inbox.

For an organisation such as ours, email is the quickest and most cost-effective means of communication but is only useful if the people at both ends are checking it regularly just as we check our normal mail boxes each day.

Extravaganza Concert

Thanks to the organiser, Betty Starr, and her team, the concert held at the MacKillop Senior College Hall on 16 March was an outstanding success, both as entertainment and as a fundraising venture for PMHU3A.

With Betty herself as MC, cheerleader, and incidental vocalist, the concert, attended by an audience of around 150, began with rousing songs from the "magnificent" *Blokes Notes*. They were followed by a more decorous performance from vocalist/pianist Ian Castle whose rendition of John Farnham's 'Burn for You' was enough to bring a tear to the eye. Ian then stayed on stage to accompany, both with piano and voice, tenor Tim Gibbs whose repertoire included the ever popular 'Music of the Night' from 'Phantom of the Opera.'



Sassy Q

A change of pace as Sassy Q, a Barbershop A Capella ensemble, treated us to some swinging close harmony, and then Alex Small, an ex-student of the College and highly talented pianist, performed two pieces including his own variation on a Michael Jackson song.

Alex remained at the piano to accompany Madeline Farlow, another ex-student, in a beautiful rendition of 'Summertime' from 'Porgy and Bess.'

Next came a seasoned performer, Rosanna Vanderley, whose frolics on the piano energised all the Irish in the audience (and there seemed to be lots of them) to sing, sway and clap. It was all one could do to stop them dancing in the aisles but, after all, it was almost St Patrick's Day.

Katherine Bright, who'd earlier performed in Sassy Q, then sang and played guitar for us, and to bring up the interval, a troupe of Folk Dancers entertained the audience with a graceful and colourful traditional dance.

No one, fortunately, was trampled in the rush for drinks at the interval, but the refreshment was very welcome and mostly imbibed before we resumed our seats.

The second part of the concert began with another Folk Dance before Rosanna Vanderley came back on stage to accompany Sylvia Scott for two solo songs. They were followed by the U3A VOX Choir, giving its first public performance. A clap of thunder confirmed that someone was watching over them, and they were soon having to compete with the clatter of heavy rain on the roof of the auditorium as they bravely sang 'Oklahoma'.

The rain eased in time for Beate Karbestein to perform a flute solo, her first tunes played on a small Irish flute in honour of St Patrick before returning to the orchestral flute. Faye Davis then appeared on stage to tell us lots of good things about McDonald's and why she'd like to take up residence there. A real hoot!

Bessie Jennings was the penultimate performer with 'Mountain Nights', a poetic story of her earlier life and vocalist/guitarist Dave Smith concluded the concert, his three charming and spirited evergreens engaging audience participation.

Throughout all this Betty dashed around in a blur of activity – up on stage one moment, disappearing into the wings the next, popping up here, there and everywhere. But she had lots of helpers too, selling tickets, looking after the sound system, juggling microphones, moving the piano, serving drinks and doing all the other things that guaranteed success. A great afternoon and congratulations to everyone involved.

Tony Dawson ■

Fund Raising

An Invitation to 'Murder at Checkmate Manor' – a Musical Comedy

Following the most successful 'Extravaganza Concert' which raised over \$2,000 for the Port Macquarie Hastings U3A Future Fund, the Fundraising Sub-committee invites members and their guests to prepare themselves for an afternoon of mayhem and fun at Checkmate Manor.

The event will be held at the Tenison Woods Centre (opposite the PMHU3A Centre) on Saturday 17 May commencing at 2pm. Afternoon tea will be served at 3pm and the play is expected to finish at 4:30pm.

The theme is a murder mystery, which will be conducted by a professional cast.

Tickets, at a cost of \$20 each, will be available for purchase at the office from 28 April, all proceeds going to the PMHU3A Future Fund.

To ensure the financial success of the event, we are asking members to prepare a tray of something interesting to share with your fellow members at afternoon tea. Please advise the office of your proposed contribution so that we can coordinate the menu. There will be a register at the office counter for this purpose.

The support from members was absolutely fabulous at the Extravaganza Concert, and we anticipate that the Murder Mystery will also be very entertaining and of interest to members.

Thank you for your support.

Betty Starr and Kevin Pike

The Courtyard

The Herculean efforts of our garden superintendent Greg Dark over the past few months have transformed the courtyard into a desirable space that has become one of the most popular features of the new Centre.



Our thanks go to Greg and his team for all their hard work which we feel sure is appreciated not only by our U3A members but by visitors to the Centre and staff of the Catholic Care of the Aged office with whom we share this great facility.

Brilliant Start for Entertainment Celebrity Icons Course

The launch of the new Entertainment Celebrity Icons course has been an outstanding success. Bob Jeffrey has been greatly encouraged by the warm complimentary feedback, level of support and general interest he has received for this course. Term 1 featured Dame Shirley Bassey, Engelbert Humperdinck, Frank Sinatra and Celine Dion.

Celebrities to be featured in Term 2 include the extremely talented Barbra Streisand and the dynamic and versatile Sir Cliff Richard. Bob has DVDs for the full concert performance by Sir Cliff Richard at the Sydney Opera House in February 2013, plus two major concert performances by Barbra Streisand. Each lesson contains live performance videos, film clips, a brief biography, interviews, tributes and memorabilia for each celebrity. Bob says with a smile, "Do yourself a favour. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of wonderful informative entertainment for the absolute bargain price of just \$2 a week. The experience is also guaranteed to bring back many pleasant memories for you."



Barbra Streisand



Sir Cliff Richard

Help Wanted

Camden Haven

Following the departure of Ida Bruno as Coordinator, volunteers are needed to help manage activities there.

Positions required are:

- **Course Coordinator** – to take overall responsibility for the administration of courses and other activities at Laurieton.
- **Assistant Course Coordinator** – to assist with arrangements and be available if the Coordinator is away
- **Assistant Publicity Officer** – to arrange for local publicity in the Laurieton area
- **Market Coordinator** – to make arrangements for the running of the market stall each month.

For further information contact Maggie Wilson on 6583 4114 or by email at courses@pmhu3a.org.au

Port Macquarie

The U3A VOX CHOIR needs a person to act as conductor for an enthusiastic bunch of around fifteen choristers.

The choir meets at the U3A Centre on Mondays from 12.45pm to 1.45pm.

If you are willing to take on the role, or know someone who might, please contact Faye Davis on 6583 9105



Charles Sturt University is seeking our assistance. They are looking for community volunteers who would be willing to come into their labs and 'pretend' to be a patient. At a minimum the volunteer would be interviewed by the students and share their medical history (either real or made up). Depending on comfort level, you may want to follow one of their scripts and pretend to have an actual medical complaint. The students also need practice taking blood pressures, listening to patients' lung sounds and putting on the ECG machine.

They have a simulated ambulance that they will have parked out in front of the university and they plan to have some of their volunteers work with the students in it (assuming that they are happy to).

If you are willing to help with this venture to assist in the training of the next generation of young doctors please contact Tania Johnston on 6582 9323 or 0431 302 902 or email at tjohnston@csu.edu.au.

What's On!

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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
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U3A NETWORK NSW CONFERENCE

Armidale, NSW

7 – 9 May 2014
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MURDER AT CHECKMATE MANOR

Fundraising Event

17 May 2014

2.00pm – 4.30pm

Tenison Woods Centre

Lochinvar Place

Admission \$20 includes Afternoon Tea
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PMHU3A CENTRE

OFFICIAL OPENING

Date and Time to be advised
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XMAS IN JUNE

27 June 2014

6.00pm – 9.00pm

Tenison Woods Centre

Two course dinner with wine \$50 per person

Photos from the Extravaganza Concert



Betty introduces one of her "Starr" acts



The PMH U3A VOX Choir gives its first public performance



Dianne Gander, Dianne Pike, Jacqui Everett and Jenny Tucker get ready for the interval

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