

HASTINGS VALLEY U3A

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Newsletter

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Welcome to term 3.

This term your newsletter contains a questionnaire for you to complete and return to the committee. Your responses will give us valuable information and be a guide for us as we plan future courses, book venues and organize social activities. The more people who respond the more likely members will have their needs met.

Many members have expressed interest in a variety of classes such as Philosophy, Geology, Play Reading, Tai Chi and Digital Photography. Unfortunately, our courses will always be limited by the number of people who volunteer to be tutors or group leaders. So far we have had some wonderful U3A members who have put their hands up to be Tutors or Course Leaders. Some of our Tutors have been professional people who have kindly donated their time to conduct courses for fledgling U3A. Their support is most welcome as we continue to develop and grow. So a big thumbs up to all our tutors and group leaders and a open invitation for others to join them.

Our special interest section is beginning to reflect a variety of topics and themes. It does not matter how unusual your interest might be, if you wish to meet some like minded people to share with, just let us have your name, topic and 'phone number, and we will publish it in the newsletter. When, where and how often you meet will be decided by you and your group.

Last term a number of our social activities were cancelled from lack of support. It seems that once people have lived in the area for a few years they have already developed friendships and established their social networks. Does U3A have a role in this area? How much does cost, distance and transport influence members' decisions to attend functions? Your input will be most helpful for our planning.

The really good news is The Hastings Valley U3A web site is now available for the world to see, at

www.hvu3a.org.au

The background picture of our local coastline is a magnificent view from North Brother. It was snapped by Nick Ogbourne. Nick, a U3A member, has generously given of his time and considerable talents to create this website for us, including twice visiting the committee meeting to discuss our requirements. He has also arranged hosting for the site at very reasonable rates. In addition he has undertaken to act as webmaster for the first year, and to train another member, Matthew Wallace to take over this role at a later date.

There are a number of different pages showing, among other things, our constitution, current and past editions of the newsletter, courses offered, tutor and committee contacts, membership application forms, notes on the origins of U3A, FAQs (frequently asked questions) and a series of links to other websites likely to be of interest to our members

