

## U3A Acquires a Home

Wartlers Street! That's what we'll title it until a better idea comes along. Wartlers Street is where our new premises will be. It is the library complex of the old St Josephs Regional High School (see map for location). It consists of a large carpeted hall, previously the school library, another classroom size room previously the Research room, two smaller rooms one of which was an office and one a storage room. We can hold at least two classes a half day in the premises, three if we put a divide in the main hall, we can hold Open days, Enrolment days, meetings in the premises. We will have an office with reception desk, a tea room and storage. Teaching equipment will be readily accessible permanently.

Our thanks for all this largesse go to Father Donnelley and the Catholic Diocese, who have made the premises available for no charge beyond the electricity. They have also given us some unused furnishings to help fit out the space. Father D hinted that a donation to the church might be appreciated – and we will take the hint.

As I write this, fitting out the premises is under way to ready it for Enrolment Day and first term classes. It has been professionally cleaned and the first chairs have been bought. The chairs are in various styles, all with padding, some with arm rests. Members can choose the style that suits them best, and thus justify the savings we made buying a mixed batch. Tables we also have and office furniture. Sink, urns etc are on the way. We probably

will not need to spend more than \$7,000 dollars of our capital. Some equipment and improvements can wait until we can secure some community funding.

Brian Tolagson has been appointed project manager and heads up a small committee consisting of John Jones, Eric Graham and Des Davis. Offers of assistance will be welcome especially in the areas of curtains, and signage.

This is an exciting development. It will not be the last step in our search for the ideal home but it is a beginning.

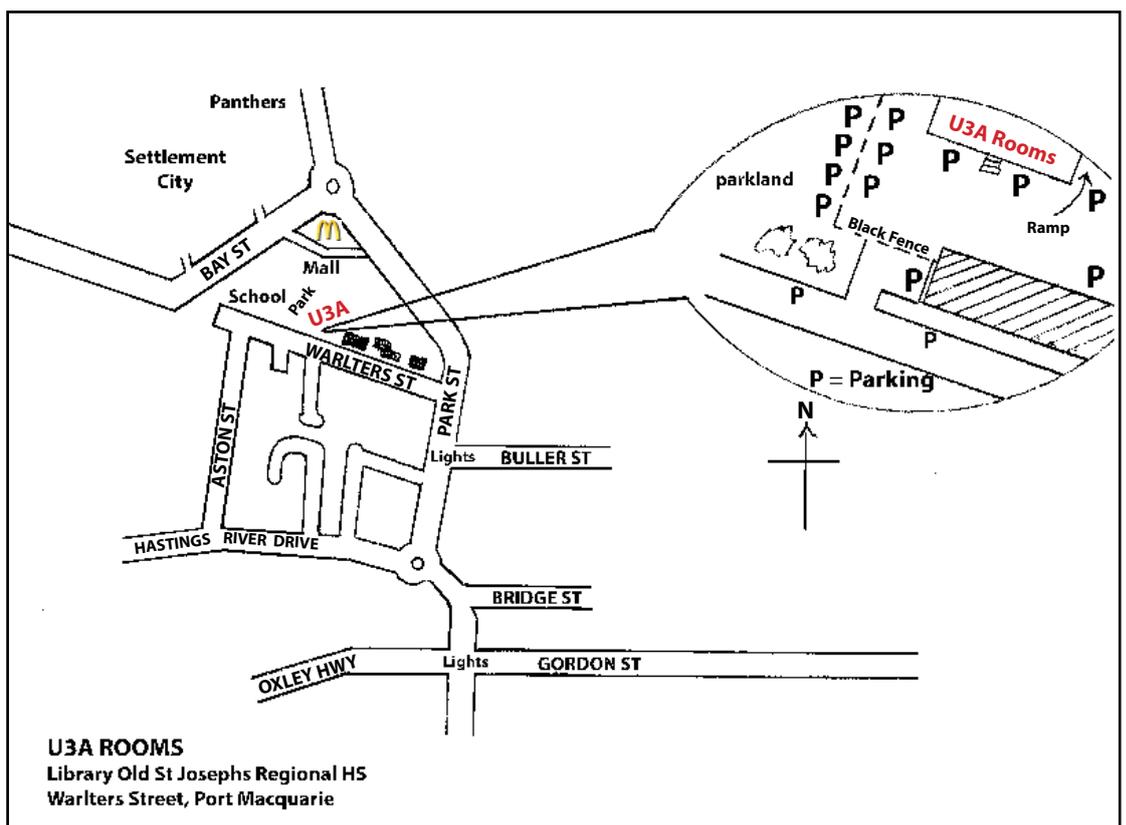
### Some operational decisions for our home

1. We need volunteers to man the office each morning from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Duties would be mainly to answer the phone and deal with callers. Other responsibilities could be negotiated. Ideally two people per session would

alleviate boredom. Ring Secretary Robyn at 6584-9455 if you are prepared to volunteer.

2. Coffee, tea and sugar will be available in the tea room. Classes would be responsible for bringing their own milk and biscuits. A small charge will be made for the supplies provided.
3. We will arrange for periodic carpet and toilet cleaning but classes are asked to dispose of their own rubbish if any and leave the kitchen and premises tidy.
4. We will have some growing pains and probably some inconveniences during our breaking in period. Please be tolerant and co-operative.

Any inquiries about the premises should be addressed to Brian at 6583-4384 or Des 6583-9105 or [desfaye76@gmail.com](mailto:desfaye76@gmail.com) ■



## Critical Moments in the French Revolution

The French Revolution conjures up images of the guillotine and the terror. And this is indeed how it ended. But its beginning and its continuing significance are something different. It began as the first national revolution against the absolute rule of a monarch and the oppression of an aristocracy whose extravagance and privileges had bankrupted the country and deprived the vast majority of the nation's 25 million of freedom and opportunity as well as condemning many millions to extreme poverty. The revolution remained a powerful influence on European and world history right up to the present (e.g. it introduced the political notions of left and right). ■

(See Thursday morning courses.)



Louis the 16th Execution



The Bastille

## Parlez-vous

The success of Mme Celine Bird's French class has inspired further ventures into other languages. This coming term will see *German Conversation* convened by Joanne Houston and *Spanish for Beginners* convened by Maria Aloisi. Next term we have been promised a course in Italian. U3A becomes a Tower of Babel. ■

## Enrolment Day New Location!

Since U3A has acquired a new home, frantic preparations are being made to ensure the Warlters Street premises will be ready for our Term 1 2010 Enrolment Day on January 27 from 1.30 – 2.30pm.

See the map on page 1 for location and parking information. A U3A member will be there to assist you with parking.

Come enrol, have a look at the new premises and take time for a cuppa and a chat with old and new friends. ■

## ABC Ultimo studio visit

Friends of the ABC are organising a visit to the Sydney ABC studios, optional travel by train on 21st March, visiting studios on 22nd and returning next day. Members to organise own accommodation. Contact Drusi Megget 6583-8798 or [fabcmidcoast@tsn.cc](mailto:fabcmidcoast@tsn.cc) before 31st January. Tour costs \$6.50 payable to Drusi by 1st March. (Cost is \$7.50 if not a senior.)

## Apology

I would like to apologise for the long delays, during 2009, in supplying name cards and/or receipts. This has been a serious embarrassment to me and was due to a number of circumstances including serious flood damage to my house and the necessity to spend several months in Canada following the death of a family member.

Because some U3A information was stored out of flood damage during my absence, it is possible that I have not fully dealt with all matters. Please contact me if you still have not received any items and leave a message either by phone on 6584-0377 or email at [membershipsecretary@pmhu3a.org.au](mailto:membershipsecretary@pmhu3a.org.au).

*Bob Gerdes*  
Membership Secretary

## A Welcome New Course

Filling a much needed gap in our course offerings is David de Giusino's new course in *Nineteenth-century Art* (see description in course brochure Thursday afternoon). With a long and varied career in Universities and a lifelong interest in the arts, David is well qualified to convene this course. Born in Detroit in 1942, David attended Universities in Wisconsin and London. He came to Australia in 1969 and has taught at Monash and Griffith Universities. He has held research fellowships at Cambridge in 1974 and 2004 and been a visiting Professor in Denmark, Canada and Italy. He has published widely. His "working languages" include French and Italian. In the 1970s he did music programs for the ABC in Brisbane and in the 1980s some news commentary programs on European events. We are delighted to welcome him back as a tutor. ■



David de Giustino

## Membership Fees

Membership Fees for 2010 are now due (unless paid last term). Please complete the Membership Renewal form and include with your cheque. Fees are \$30 single, \$50 for a couple. New members will need to fill in an Application for Membership form on Enrolment Day. To avoid congestion on the day it would be appreciated if payment could be made in advance of Enrolment Day. Please mail renewal form and cheque to Treasurer, PO Box 2010, Port Macquarie 2444. Receipts will be mailed to you or be available on Enrolment Day. You must show your current receipt or your 2010 name card when registering for courses showing your membership number and that you are financial.

# PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS U3A COURSES – Term 1 2010

## MONDAY COURSES

**Australian History** *continuing* **\$8**  
*Class limit 30* **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Monday 1st February  
**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00  
**Venue:** Room 1, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Colin Creek 6584 6535

Why is Australian history so interesting? Most of the topics we explore are "member generated" which means that we all get involved. So, if there is a particular topic you would like to pursue, let us know and we can help you find some answers.

**Geography of Belief & Culture – Egypt and Arabia** *continuing* **\$8**  
*Class limit 30* **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Monday 1st February  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30  
**Venue:** Room 2, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Brian Tolagson 6583 4384

Tracing history and development of these great cultures through to present day. Looks at key development issues: history and development of faith; economies and social problems; arts and crafts.

**French** *continuing* **\$8**  
*Class Limit 10 no vacancy – names taken* **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Monday 1st February  
**Time:** 10.00 – 11.30  
**Venue:** Library, Port Macquarie  
**Convenor:** Celine Bird 6582 6822  
 Basic French: grammar and conversation.

**Folk Dances from Around the World – Dances for Fun and Fitness** **\$8**

*Class limit 30* **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Monday 1st February  
**Time:** 10.00 – 11.30  
**Venue:** Girl Guides Hall, Hollingworth St.  
**Convenor:** Christine Battisson 6581 5760

Come and experience a smorgasbord of fascinating music and rhythms from around the world in a relaxed atmosphere. No partner necessary. Please bring comfortable shoes.

**Bush Poetry** *continuing* **\$5**  
*Class limit 20* **5 weeks**

**Commencing:** Monday 1st March  
**Time:** 2.00 – 4.00  
**Venue:** Room 2, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Bessie Jennings 6584 5425

History of Australian rhyming verse; 1980 onwards – revival of bush poetry; Skills of the craft (writing guidelines); Performing – at Poet's Breakfasts, in competitions etc; We'll conduct the course with a walk-up concert inviting performers from local bush poets group.

**German Conversation** **\$4**  
*Class limit 10* **4 weeks**

**Commencing:** Monday 1st February  
**Time:** 2.00 – 4.00  
**Venue:** Room 1, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Joanne Houston 6559 4803

This informal group is intended for those of us who have enough grasp of German to contribute to a normal conversation on any topic of interest to the group. There will probably be a range of abilities and desire for us to practice and improve as we go (bring your dictionary if you like.)

**Everyone Has a Story** **Free**  
*Class Limit 25* **1 day**

**Commencing:** Monday 1st March  
**Time:** 1.00 – 3.00  
**Venue:** Maritime Museum Cottage, 2 William St.  
**Convenor:** Frank Fansa

A Discovery Series of our lively, sometimes amazing and definitely stimulating U3A Membership.

Beginning with The Colourful Life of Frank Fansa – The journey from Nobility to Everyday life in Port Macquarie

## TUESDAY COURSES

**Current Affairs Discussion** *continuing* **\$8**  
*Class limit 12 no vacancy – names taken* **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Tuesday 2nd February  
**Time:** 9.30 – 11.30  
**Venue:** Meeting Room 'Mac' Adam Music Centre, Near Players Theatre,  
**Convenor:** Maureen Johnston 6582 0056

Discussion group with the focus on current issues, local, national and international.

**Adult Learning Circle** *continuing* **\$8**  
*Class limit 15 newcomers welcome* **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Tuesday 2nd February  
**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00  
**Venue:** Room 2, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Margaret Sutton 6583 1072

Focused discussion on topics chosen by the participants and enriched by guest speakers, videos and outings.

**Hints Remedies & Therapies** **\$8**  
*Class Limit: Max 10/Min 4* **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Tuesday 2nd February  
**Time:** 9.30 – 11.30  
**Venue:** Room 1, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** El Rose 6584 6114

Bring along your precious moments & hints learned over a lifetime (+ Grannies) to share. The wisdom & secrets of good health & living. Tried and true common sense, cooking, cleaning & remedies.

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## PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS U3A COURSES – Term 1 (*continued*)

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### Two Talks and a PowerPoint Presentation Free

**Class numbers:** Max 40/Min 4 2 weeks

**Dates:** Tuesdays 9th March & 16th March  
**Time:** 10.00 – 12.00  
**Venue:** Library Meeting Room, Port Macquarie  
**Convenor:** Frank Urban 6584 6693

**Presentation 1: Who discovered Australia?** Portuguese maps that predate Dutch 1606 charting. Misconceptions from Marco Polo, Chinese voyaging and King Henry VIII's world map.

**Presentation 2: Australia's enigmatic inland sea.** Can we resuscitate it to reduce drought and dust storms? Flooding facts; the Bradfield scheme.

*Frank Urban is a member of the Australian & New Zealand Map Society, a former Director of the Central Mapping Authority of N.S.W. and the Author of MAPMAKER – Life and Spice in Africa, Europe, Australia and Asia.*

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### Your Health – The Heart & Strokes \$3

**Class limit 30** 3 weeks

**Commencing:** Tuesday 9th February  
**Time:** 1.00 – 3.00  
**Venue:** Maritime Museum Cottage, 2 William St.  
**Convenor:** Kevin Baker 0421 666 880

We will discuss what the heart is, know how it works and the many things that can go wrong. And then add some details on strokes.

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### Spanish for Beginners \$6

**Class numbers:** Max 10/Min 5 6 weeks

**Commencing:** Tuesday 9th February  
**Time:** 1.30 – 3.30  
**Venue:** Library Quota Room, Port Macquarie  
**Convenor:** Maria Aloise 6584 4226

Learn the Basics: Numbers, Greetings, Days of the Week, Months, and much more.

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### Show Time! Free

**Class limit:** Open to all members 4 weeks

Register today for one or all of the days OR phone or email prior to the day to ensure the numbers are manageable)

**Dates:** Tuesdays 9th & 23rd February  
16th & 23rd March  
**Time:** 2.00 – 4.00  
**Venue:** Room 1, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Des Davis 6583 9105 or  
[desfaye76@gmail.com](mailto:desfaye76@gmail.com)

Showtime! Is a new initiative for U3A.

9th February: Meet and Mix: For new and old members, led by Faye Davis. Proof that U3A is about companionship and fraternity.

23rd February: A Taste of France – France as seen in the photography of Warren Scott, as remembered by Madame Celine Bird and as expressed by French music and the U3A French class.

16th March: Talent Night: – Elderly Bush Poets Can Be Cheeky – others TBA.

23rd March: Who are we, and why are we who we are?: A forum on Australian Identity with Eric Graham on History, Brian Tolagson on environment and Des Davis on Culture.

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## WEDNESDAY COURSES

### Australian History continuing \$8

**Class limit 30** 8 weeks

**Commencing:** Wednesday 3rd February  
**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00  
**Venue:** Room 1, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Eric Graham 6582 7491

Why is Australian history so interesting? Most of the topics we explore are “member generated” which means that we all get involved. So, if there is a particular topic you would like to pursue, let us know and we can help you to find some answers.

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### Investing in Shares \$4

**Class limit 15** 4 weeks

**Commencing:** Wednesday 17th February  
**Time:** 9.30 – 12.00  
**Venue:** Room 2, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Leslie Smith 6559 5133

**Day 1:** Introduction – why invest in shares? **Day 2:** What you need to know before you get started. **Day 3:** Are you ready to invest? Objectives and strategies. **Day 4:** Practical workshop.

This course is the first of three courses to be held during the year – one in each term. Priority for enrolments to these later courses will be given to members starting in Term One. Random workshops may be held during the year for previous course attendees, without obligation.

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### Short Story Writing \$8

**Class limit 10** 8 weeks

**Commencing:** Wednesday 3rd February  
**Time:** 10.00 – 12.00  
**Venue:** Library Quota Room, Port Macquarie  
**Convenor:** Joanne Summers 6584 0579

In this practical student participation course we will be looking at the elements involved in creating short story fiction, such as structure, characterisation and plotting.

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### Come with Me to Kenya Free

**Class limit 30** 1 day

**Date:** Wednesday 17th February  
**Time:** 10.00 – 12.00  
**Venue:** Maritime Museum Cottage, 2 William St.  
**Convenor:** Helen Duncan 6584 4355

Come experience both town and village life. How did a Caucasian woman from Oz settle & feel “at home” in Kenya? How did I travel there? What is the status of security there?

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### Basic Astronomy \$8

**Class limit 30** 8 weeks

**Commencing:** Wednesday 3rd February  
**Time:** 2.00 – 4.00  
**Venue:** Library Meeting Room, Port Macquarie  
**Convenor:** Matthew Wallace 6584 9164

An updated & revised course on basic astronomy. Entertainingly presented and including the night sky, the solar system, the stars, the galaxies, the space program, the origin and evolution of the universe.

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## PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS U3A COURSES – Term 1 (*continued*)

**Vineyards – Port Macquarie 1835–1950** **Free**  
*Class limit 30* *1 day*  
**Date:** Wednesday 24th February  
**Time:** 1.00 – 3.00  
**Venue:** Maritime Museum Cottage, 2 William St.  
**Convenor:** Cecil Radley 6583 1639

There were 26 vineyards in Port Macquarie in the early days, all producing quality wines. This is their story.

### THURSDAY COURSES

**The French Revolution: Liberty, Equality, Fraternity – and Terror** **\$6**  
*Class limit 35* *6 weeks*

**Commencing:** Thursday 4th February  
**Time:** 10.00 - 12.00  
**Venue:** Room 2, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Des Davis 6583 9105

The French Revolution is an exciting story told in this course through the history, the writings, the art, and the music of the period. We will reveal the facts and discuss their interpretation and significance. This course may be the first in a U3A series on the making of the modern world. Be in at the beginning.

**Spiritual Psychology & the Ancient Wisdom Discussion Group** **\$8**

*Class limit 10* *8 weeks*  
**Commencing:** Thursday 4th February  
**Time:** 9.30 – 11.30  
**Venue:** Maritime Museum Cottage, 2 William St.  
**Convenors:** El Rose 6584 6114 and Terence Webb 6584 6580

Can your awareness be awakened? What better way to reveal your innate spiritual knowledge than with a discussion group. A list of spiritual subjects will be presented for the discussions.

**Qi Chi Kung – Basic Tai Chi** **\$8**  
*Class Limit 20* *8 weeks*

**Commencing:** Thursday 4th February  
**Time:** 9.30 – 1.00  
**Venue:** Senior Citizens Auditorium, Munster St.  
**Convenor:** Conni Gentleman

Come along and enjoy the relaxing art of Tai Chi

**A Story to Tell** **\$5**  
*Class limit 16* *5 weeks*

**Commencing:** Thursday 4th February  
**Time:** 9.30. – 12.00  
**Venue:** Room 2, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Patricia White 6581 4227

This course will be an opportunity for participants to share with others their stories and adventures. Many of us have gone on a trip or had an experience and find not many folk are interested to listen with interest. This will be an experience of using our communication skills. Participants will be asked to bring along photographs or other personal memorabilia and use them as a focus. This will be a fun course. Everyone has a story to tell – let's hear yours.

**Destinations** *continuing* **\$6**  
*Class limit 25* *6 weeks*

**Commencing:** Thursday 4th February  
**Time:** 2:00 – 4:00  
**Venue:** Room 1, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Warren Scott 6584 7080

No matter what your particular choice of travel destination may be, whether it be Modern, Classical or Ancient, we hope that you can help fulfil your desires by attending this course.

We have excellent speakers and you are free to join in and if you feel confident enough, tell us of your travel adventures and/or desires.

Our presentations are run in a friendly and casual format and we are sure that whatever your particular aspirations may be you will gain both enjoyment and valuable information to assist you in planning for your future travel destinations.

**Nineteenth-century Art** **\$8**  
*Class limit 30* *8 weeks*

**Commencing:** Thursday 4th February  
**Time:** 2.00 – 4.00  
**Venue:** Library Meeting Room, Port Macquarie  
**Convenor:** David de Giustino

This course investigates two of the principal developments in 19th century painting: Romanticism and Impressionism. Illustrated sessions will study the work of Constable, Turner, Friedrich, Degas, Manet, Van Gogh, and Monet, among others. This survey will be made in the context of other cultural developments, including music, architecture and literature.

### FRIDAY COURSES

**Australian History** *continuing* **\$8**  
*Class limit 30* *no vacancies – names taken* *8 weeks*

**Commencing:** Friday 5th February  
**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00  
**Venue:** Room 1, Warlters Street  
**Convenor:** Marie Thompson 6582 7550

Why is Australian History so interesting? Most of the topics we explore are “member generated” which means we all get involved. The first part of the session will be presentations by members on their topic of choice, and the second session, will have short presentations, as well as any interesting items the members wish to introduce.

**Behind the Headlines** *continuing* **\$8**  
*Class limit 40* *8 weeks*

**Commencing:** Friday 5th February  
**Time:** 10:00 – 12:00  
**Venue:** Port City Bowling Club, Owen St.  
**Convenor:** Frank Jennings 6584 5425

You have seen the newspaper headlines, seen the TV news and current affairs programs and listened to the radio news bulletins. Do you still have unanswered questions?

Join our group of friendly people and get more background to help you to consider and understand current political, economic and social issues.

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## PORT MACQUARIE HASTINGS U3A COURSES – Term 1 *(continued)*

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**Yoga** *continuing* **\$8**  
**Class Limit 15** **8 weeks**  
**Commencing:** Friday 5th February  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:00  
**Venue:** 'Mac' Adams Music Centre,  
Near Players Theatre  
**Convenor:** Swami Metta Mata Aranya 6583 8934  
Hatha Yoga – We concentrate all our efforts on the body working towards ultimate perfection each in our own way.  
Please bring yoga mat, towel and a bottle of water.

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**Experience "Aung Mingala Farm" & Entertainment** **\$15/ea**  
**1 day**  
**Date:** Friday 12th February  
**Venue:** 9 Loganvale Pl., Logans Crossing Rd., Kendall  
**Time:** 1:00pm  
Come & relax for a morning at Aung Mingala Farm producing chemical free Asian vegetables. Visitors are to wander at will around the farm and/or guided by the hosts Tin HtA & Ian.  
A three course lunch with an Asian flare will be served.  
If guests are willing to have fun, we can have a sing-a-long session and also a glimpse at Burmese Theatre. All proceeds will go to the education of disadvantaged Burmese children in the northern areas.

### COURSES at WAUCHOPE

Enrolment Day for the courses at Wauchope will be in the Meeting Room of the Wauchope Library from 10.00–11.00am on Wednesday 27th January. Members who wish to enrol in courses conducted in Port Macquarie must enrol at Warlters Street from 1.30–2.30pm on Wednesday 27th January.

**The Importance of Timber to the Port Macquarie Hastings** **Free**  
**Class limit 20** **1 day**  
**Date:** Monday 8th March  
**Time:** 10 :00 – 11:00  
**Venue:** Meeting Room, Wauchope Library  
**Convenor:** Mitch Mackay [mitch@pmheritage.com.au](mailto:mitch@pmheritage.com.au)

A brief look at the importance of timber to the Port Macquarie Hastings area – from early times until today.

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**Discussion in the Round** **\$8**  
**Class Limit 15:** **8 weeks**  
**Commencing:** Tuesday 2nd February  
**Time:** 11.00 – 1.00  
**Venue:** Meeting Room, Wauchope Library  
**Convenor:** Carol Surrey 6586 1792

The discussion will focus on current affairs plus topics chosen by the participants.

**Two Australian Legends** **Free**  
**Class Limit 20** **1 day**

**Date:** Thursday 25th February  
**Time:** 10.00 – 12.00  
**Venue:** Meeting Room, Wauchope Library  
**Convenor:** Brian Stewart 6582 0347

1. The Legend of King O'Malley
  2. The origins of the Royal Flying Doctor Service
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**Plants of the Hastings** **Free**  
**Class limit 20** **1 day**

**Date:** Friday 12th February  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30  
**Venue:** Meeting Room, Wauchope Library  
**Convenor:** Brian Tolagson 6584 4384

Presentation will use PowerPoint to illustrate those plants we know and love as ours and the problems they solve in order to survive.

### Special Interest Groups

**Beginner Writers** *continuing* **Free**  
**Class Limit Maximum 8** **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Wednesday 3rd February  
**Time:** 10.00 – 12.00  
**Venue:** Small Meeting Room, Mac Adam Centre  
**Convenor:** Bessie Jennings 6584 5425

For people who would like to improve their skills for writing memoirs or other writing forms.

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**U3A Diners Group** *continuing*  
**Group Limit: 12**

The U3A Diners Group invites you to join us for an evening meal at Port Macquarie restaurants. We meet at 6.45pm on the last Wednesday of the month at an appointed restaurant.

**Convenors:** Joycelyn Jarvis 6584 9115 and  
Marguerite O'Connor 6581 2614

**The Magic of Music** *continuing*  
**Class Limit 8** **4 weeks**

This is for all those members who enjoy listening, learning and like to discuss beautiful music. Participants will be encouraged to share their favourite pieces and composers.

The first meeting will be on Friday 5th February 10.00-12.00

Thereafter meetings will be held every two weeks.

**Inquiries:** Ursula Bruce 6583 8030

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**Jazz Appreciation** **Free**  
**Group Limit 7** **8 weeks**

**Commencing:** Wednesday 3rd February  
**Time:** 1.30 – 3.30 pm  
**Venue:** 6 Browallia Place, PM

Group will play CDs and discuss the jazz we remembered and enjoyed in the 1950s & '60s in a convivial and relaxed home environment.

**Inquiries:** Brian Tolagson 6583 4384

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#### Quote:

*"As far as exercise goes, I consider putting my trousers on a form of extreme sport." — Reg Mombassa*

# ANNUAL REPORT 2009

## Membership

There were 285 members in 2008 and 351 at this point in 2009, a healthy growth, and this in spite of the creation of another U3A group in the town. Growth in numbers is due partly to word of mouth but also to the publicity efforts of our 2009 publicity officer Del Hatton. We had articles in local journals, flyers around town, a display of folk dancing on the village green, speaking engagements to clubs and so on.

## Courses

The number and range of courses continue to grow. There have been successful continuations for popular courses like Australian History, the current affairs discussion groups, evolution and Geography and a number of new or developed courses such as "Investing in Shares", "Destinations", "Conversational French", "Folk Dancing", "Psychology" and "Buddhism". We have had more short one- or two-day courses offered this year and there has been the expansion into Wauchope, where we have a limited number of courses and members but potential for growth. Course Coordinator Ursula Bruce has done her usual cheerful and efficient job with consideration for members and convenors.

## Venues

We have discovered some new venues this year such as the Masonic Centre and St Agnes Parish Hall and we have used the Tacking Point Tavern for Open days. But as we continue to grow, the question of venues may become a problem. We are continuing the search for a permanent headquarters.

## Equipment

An equipment grant of \$5,900 from Council enabled us to purchase two complete kits for data projection and a very efficient portable Public Address system, introduced at the last open day. The Data Projectors are being almost fully used by a number of convenors.

## Management Committee

The Management Committee expanded to ten members this year and has also

appointed a number of sub-committees with additional co-opted members. These include a Convenors Committee, a Planning Committee, and a Publicity Committee. As our activity increases so, too, does the work load and the Committee is always interested in hearing from volunteers.

## Open Days

A successful initiative this year has been Open Days. These were days held at Tacking Point Tavern, which began with an open forum to discuss issues and to ask questions of the committee, followed by morning tea (with scones) and then some "entertainment". At the first open day three speakers spoke about their major interest, Matthew Wallace on Astronomy, Christine Battison on Folk Dancing and Faye Davis on being an actor. At the second we had a talk on Australian history from Eric Graham and a mini-concert from members of the Sing Australia Choir. Over 100 members attended each day.

## Convenor's Conferences

We have held two convenors' conferences this year — both well attended and both very lively and useful.

## Newsletters

Another initiative this year was the addition of colour in the newsletters and the issue of two mid-term newsletters with news

and articles. The Newsletters are vital as our main means of communicating with members.

## Change of Name

The Constitution was amended this year, firstly to change our name to Port Macquarie Hastings U3A and secondly to increase the size of the Management Committee to 10.

Finally I would like to give a personal appreciation to the members of the Management Committee, Beverly Izard, Vice President; Robyn Morgan, Secretary; Stuart Whan, Treasurer; Ursula Bruce, Course Coordinator; Bob Gerdes, Membership Secretary; Del Hatton, Publicity Officer; Sue Clifford, Newsletter Editor; and members Maureen Johnston and Brian Tolagson. Mention must also be made of Nick Ogbourne, our webmaster who has laboured long and imaginatively to create a new website for us.

I have enjoyed working with this group and indeed the whole membership in my first year as President.

Des Davis  
President, 2009

Note: At the AGM Bev Izard did not stand for re-election and Frank Jennings was elected to the vacant position. All other Officers and members were re-elected unopposed. ■

## The U3A Wednesday History Christmas Party at the Little Fish Cafe





## Fitness for the mind and body!

**Hatha Yoga** – Concentrate your efforts on the body working towards ultimate perfection each in your own way.

**Qi Chi Kung – Basic Tai Chi:** Enjoy the relaxing art of Tai Chi.

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**ENROLMENT DAY – 27 January 2010 1.30 – 2.30pm at the new U3A premises on Warlters Street (site of the old St Josephs High School), Port Macquarie.**

**ENROLMENT will not be accepted for new courses prior to the official enrolment day.**

**NOTE: We are not able to process postal enrolments. Someone else may enrol for you. In general, committee members do not undertake this role.**

**LATE ENROLMENT up to 3 weeks after the start of a course** are welcome in many courses. You **MUST** contact the Course Convenor to ascertain if additional members are being accepted.

For late enrolment, you pay only for the rest of the term. Post your remittance to the Treasurer with a covering note and initial the

attendance form to show you have paid. If less than \$5 is owed, postage stamps will be accepted as payment. Names cannot be entered on the Attendance Sheet unless accommodation fees have been paid. Money cannot be paid to the Course Convenor during the term.

**NAME BADGES – Always wear your name badge when attending classes and U3A activities. Write your contact number on the back of your badge in case of emergency.**

Any questions, please contact the Membership Secretary.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** – Contact the Secretary or Membership Secretary if you move house and/or change your email address.

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