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New office location – Maritime Museum Cottage

When the office reopens on July 11th (9:30 to noon) you will find it at the MARITIME MUSEUM COTTAGE on the corner of William St and Pacific Drive at Oxley Beach. Robyn promises us the accustomed service with the same array of wonderful smiling volunteers we are used to seeing.

We will have exclusive use of the Cottage where one of the computer projection systems as well as the three personal computers will be permanently located. Classes using this equipment will get priority in use of the cottage.

In the past we've had complaints about the Maritime Museum as a venue. Traffic is noisy, it's too hot, it's too cold! Heat

problems should be allayed with newly-installed air conditioning and heating. If members keep windows closed, noise will be minimised.

The agreement we have struck with museum volunteers will be mutually beneficial to both of us. We hope users will find it a pleasant U3A environment. The minutiae of the arrangement were not available at the time of writing.

Parking within the cottage grounds is discontinued. Grounds are under repair from overuse. Parking is available behind the lower back fence or in the tennis club area behind the cottage. — *Brian Tolagson* ■

OFFICE HOURS

From Monday 11 July 2011
9.30am – 12.00 noon
Monday – Friday

Phone: 6584-3676

New Office Location:

Maritime Museum Cottage
Corner William St & Pacific Drive
Port Macquarie

Payment of membership fees and Enrolments for courses will be taken.

Web site: www.pmhu3a.org.au

OPEN DAY

Mark your calendar –
Our next open day will be

SEPTEMBER 21st
ROTARY HALL

Hamilton Green complex
on Hastings River Drive
(just past Harvey Norman)

10:00 – 12:00pm

Finding the Baptist Church Outer Hall

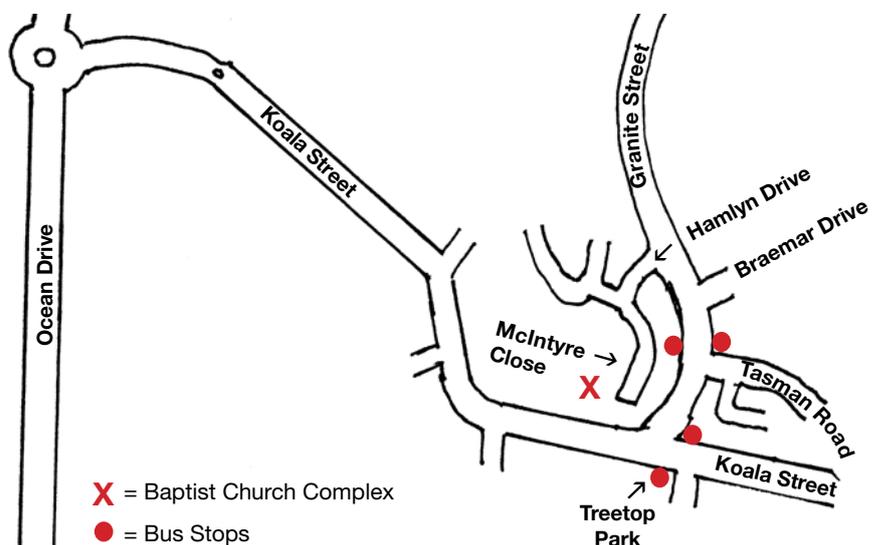
To find the Baptist Church turn off Granite Street into Hamlyn Drive and take the first left into McIntyre Close. The church is a couple of doors past the riparian wildlife corridor on the right down an easement. Signposting is somewhat obscured by vegetation but is quite visible. The Outer Hall is the first building hard on your left. ■

ENROLMENT DAY

JULY 19th, 2011

Baptist Church main auditorium
18 McIntyre Close, Port Macquarie
1:30 – 2:30pm

Please don't expect access earlier than 1:30pm. Ursula's team will be setting up from 12:00 as the church is unavailable before then. Early enrolment is available through the office from July 11th.



Guess who's coming to dinner?

A new idea — Betty Starr will convene this as a course on Tuesday mornings at the Outer Hall from July 26th at 10:00am. The premise is that participants present themselves as people from history as if they were at a dinner party. All participants will need to prepare a short profile of a historical figure each week. It sounds stimulating and thoroughly engaging.

Betty has a long history as a high school history teacher and her enthusiastic and alert persona will command interest. Look out for this one – it looks like a ripper! ■

Holiday series

After a suggestion made at the Last Open Day, we will present a HOLIDAY SERIES of one-day presentations for members next January. These will run weekly on Tuesday and Friday mornings, the first on January 3rd and the last on the 27th at 10:00 am.

All presentations will be held at the Maritime Museum. The series will be run independently of the usual course enrolment system and all will be free.

Details will be made available in November. Course numbers will be limited to 25 — the room limit with the computer equipment installed. ■

Letter from Metta

It is my understanding that Ursula Bruce has “handed the reins” over to another volunteer. As our outgoing Course Coordinator, Ursula needs a pat on the back for all her efforts and hard work on behalf of our members. Ursula was a great communicator, the feedback and contact on a regular basis was always a great support for me.

Unfortunately, due to other commitments outside U3A, I am not available for Yoga nor Tai Chi during Term III. However, if required, Term IV is looking okay again. Thanking you. — *Metta* ■

New Publicity Officer

Our sincere thanks to Del Hatton, who has been our Publicity Officer for the last 5 years. During this time Del has organised a great deal of publicity for us in local media. We are now much more widely known and understood in the community and our membership has grown dramatically.

Del has another project to keep her busy and Joan Lane has taken on the role of Publicity Officer.

Joan is a retired nurse who has only been in Port Macquarie for about 2 years. Before joining our U3A, Joan had been involved with U3As in Caloundra, Bundaberg and Perth.

She says she began scribbling stories before turning 14 and had her first poems published in 1988. For 8 years she edited and published *The Australian Writers' Journal*.

While in Western Australia, Joan founded the Mandurah Writers' Group, had several



Joan Lane, Publicity Officer

stage plays performed by amateur theatre groups and was editor of the Mandurah Arts monthly magazine.

In 1990 Joan wrote and published a biography of a friend and is currently working on another biography.

We look forward to more successful publicity in our area to assist our continued growth and acceptance in the Port Macquarie Hastings region. ■

A new day

Congratulations to Brian and all those who assisted; stage one of the big move is completed successfully. Brian Tolagson has been a tower of strength both in planning the whole move and in executing the details. A monumental effort by our Vice-President. The next stage is for office and classes to settle in to their new homes. No doubt there will be disappointments and inconveniences which we must overcome with tolerance and goodwill and which will make us all the more determined to find a new solution. There will no doubt be grumbles and plenty of “Why didn't we”s and “We should have”s but the answer is “We didn't!” and the decisions were considered and made in the best interests of our U3A. Now we move on. ■

In sympathy

We extend our condolences to Brian Edwards who lost his wife recently. Brian joined the Wauchope classes in 2010 after placing his wife in residential care. He is an enthusiastic advocate of the personal benefit of U3A in stimulating his mind and providing a social outlet. ■

Thank you, all

We'd like to thank the very many members who have offered suggestions for venues for the U3A. As we have emphasised at Open days and in newsletters, we needed somewhere for an office and at least one room for permanent set-up of computer projection equipment. Parking and access had to be easy.

We were limited by funds. We wouldn't afford a commercial loan, lacking as we do the level of turnover to repay it. We couldn't afford a commercial lease, the cheapest shop front to house an office would cost \$16,000 per annum in rent; our turnover is less than \$40,000 pa.

We are limited to receiving grants or charity. The tax office currently doesn't allow DGR (donor-gift-recipient) status for U3A groups, so substantial commercial philanthropy is unlikely.

We need to face the fact that we have been spoilt by our use of the Warlters Street premises. We hope we will again soon have integrated premises at least equal to these. ■

To all my loyal Tai Chi students and friends:

Thank you for your support and friendship over the past few years in my role a teacher of Tai Chi at U3A.

Unfortunately I won't be able to conduct the class during Term 3, as I am going overseas. However, Warren and John, both very capable, will be continuing the classes for you during my absence.

As some of you already know, I am a member of the Australian Academy of Tai Chi since 1991 and trained with instructor Gary Smith in Adelaide, under the guidance of Grandmaster Gary Khor. I qualified as an instructor then taught in Adelaide for some years. I moved to Port Macquarie in 2005 to be near my son and his family.

I took forward to resuming our classes in Term 4 when I return from my trip.

— *Connie Gentleman* ■



Reminder

Don't forget to drop your 50¢ into the tin for morning or afternoon tea.

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NEXT ENROLMENT DAY – Tuesday the 19th July 2011, 1.30 – 2.30pm at the Baptist Church building, Port Macquarie. See What's on! (p2) for Wauchope & and Laurieton.

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

For late enrolment, you pay only for the rest of the term. Pay at the office or 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 emergency contact details on the back of your badge.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMAIL – Please inform the Office on 6584 3676 if you move house or change your email address.

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