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## OFFICE HOURS

### CLOSED FROM

Monday 9 December 2011

### RE-OPENING

Monday 23 January 2012

9.30am – 12.00 noon

Monday – Friday

**Phone: 6584-3676**

#### Office Location:

Maritime Museum Cottage  
Corner William St & Pacific Drive  
Port Macquarie

**Web site: [www.pmhu3a.org.au](http://www.pmhu3a.org.au)**



**Best wishes to all our U3A members and your families for the festive season, from Des Davis and the U3A committee. If on the road, travel safely.**

# Christmas Party



**Date: Thursday December 15th**

**Time: Drop in between 2.00 & 5.00pm**

**Where: Tennon Woods, St Agnes Village  
Lochinvar Place, Port Macquarie**



The hall will be decked in the Christmas spirit; we will have punch — both Fruit and More than fruit, tasty Christmas treats provided by the U3A and supplemented by contributions from guests (please bring a plate). We'll sing carols and raise some money for charity.

**Suggestion in the spirit of Christmas giving:** All guests are invited to bring a wrapped gift of an article to the value of about \$10 to be placed under the Christmas tree and sold as mystery gifts on the day for \$10 each. All proceeds to go to charity.

**RSVP by 8th December at the office or by phone on 6584-3676.**

**All members welcome!**

## Membership Renewals for 2012

As 2011 draws to a close we are preparing for another enriching year in 2012 with our U3A.

You will find a membership form included with this newsletter. Your membership details as on record at the U3A office are pre-printed on the form. Please make any necessary corrections and return the form with your payment to the U3A office by the end of December.

We are doing this to try to overcome the problems that we have encountered with missing badges and newsletters and to ensure that the appropriate fees are collected for membership and subsequently for course enrolment. Thank you. — *The membership team* ■

## Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Don't Miss out!

**Register your interest to participate in our very own PMH U3A Choir**

All members who sing in the shower... or elsewhere... don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the inaugural Port Macquarie Hastings U3A Choir. Robyn Ryan, the well known Port Macquarie musician, has expressed a willingness to begin the choir for us and to prepare it for a performance at the U3A Conference in March 2012.

Please contact the office in person or by phone to register your interest for the choir. ■

## What's On!

### U3A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 15th December 2011 from 2.00 - 5.00pm. Drop in any time. Festivities, carols and treats. Come join us!

### ENROLMENT DAY – TERM 1 2012:

Tuesday 31 January 2012  
10.00 - 11.00 at Wauchope  
10.30 - 11.30 at Laurieton  
1.30 - 2.30 at Port Macquarie

**TERM 1 2012:** February 6 - March 30

**TERM 2 2012:** April 30 - June 22

**TERM 3 2012:** July 23 - September 14

**TERM 4 2012:** October 15 - December 7

### NSW U3A AGM & CONFERENCE:

March 28 - 30, 2012 at the Glasshouse, Port Macquarie

For contributions to What's on! Please leave the written information at the U3A office for the Newsletter Publisher or email to [publications@pmhu3a.org.au](mailto:publications@pmhu3a.org.au)

## ENROLMENT DAY

**Tuesday 31 January 2012**

### PORT MACQUARIE

1:30 – 2:30pm

### WAUCHOPE

10.00 – 11.00am

### LAURIETON

10.30 – 11.30am

**NOTE:** Members can also enrol at the office from 23 January or online.

## REMINDER:

### Maritime Museum

#### FREE ENTRY rest of 2011!

The Maritime Museum has made all members of U3A a generous offer. Avail yourself of the opportunity to explore the offerings of the Museum for free, the offer to last till December 31st. Just identify yourself (show your membership card) at the Museum office and you will be given free entry.

## Things are happening in Wauchope!

On 25 August we had a successful meeting with approximately 30 members of the Quilters Club to explain to them the U3A and its courses and to answer various questions.

We were able to secure the services of a chef for Asian cooking classes, which we hope will bear fruit in the near future.

We left the Quilters with course information and U3A membership forms and we anticipate some good results.

Then on 20 September, three of us 'womanned' an information table outside the Wauchope IGA and apart from

handing out U3A literature, we had worthwhile chats with several interested shoppers.

The next item on the agenda was visit to the View Club on 10 October where we were pleased with the positive feedback and interest.

Things are happening in the Wauchope U3A.

We are very grateful to Ursula for taking the time to help us. Her experience in these matters is much appreciated.

— *Nellie and Beverley* ■

## Increase in Fees

Due to an increase in fixed costs for premises, property costs and storage facilities, the management committee at the November meeting voted reluctantly to increase individual annual membership fees from \$30 to \$35 for 2012.

Unfortunately, it has also been necessary to increase course fees to \$2 per session to ensure that the association will return a modest budget surplus in 2012. Starting in Term 1 2012 an 8-week course fee will be \$16. ■

## 2012 NSW U3A Annual Conference

Port Macquarie Hastings U3A is hosting the 2012 NSW U3A Conference. Please see page 3 for information. Complete details will be included in the Term 1 2012 Newsletter including costs and registration form.

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar. We're hoping to have a large contingent from our own PMHU3A in attendance. ■

## Property Matters

Warren Scott has agreed to look after property matters and is the point of contact for issues concerning the two U3A premises. Phone 6584-7080. ■

## 'Stroke - Strike - Stroke'

(Our critiquing or FEEDBACK method, in the Improve Your Writing group).

1. STROKE or COMMEND:
  - What bits of my work did you particularly like?
2. STRIKE or RECOMMEND:
  - What bits did you not like, or not understand?
  - Were any parts disappointing, e.g. too detailed, or not detailed enough?
  - What suggestions can you make, to improve the work?
3. STROKE or COMMEND again:
  - In what context do you think my work is valuable? (As a family record? An archival article? A publishable story, essay or article?)

Some of us write just for our family or for our own satisfaction – not aspiring to be published authors. When we read our own work aloud to the group, we often notice that some of our sentences sound awkward. With the group's feedback and encouragement, we gradually learn how to improve.

— *Bessie Jennings (Convenor)* ■

## Winners are grinners!

Barbara O'Hare reports that the 'scratchies' won by the winning trivia team, the Lizards, at the 21st of September Open Day resulted in a win of \$14.00 which has been donated to the Salvos and gratefully accepted. ■



## 2012 NSW U3A ANNUAL CONFERENCE 28th to 30th March, 2012

Held in the beautiful Glasshouse Cultural Centre in the heart of Port Macquarie

**Theme: The Fountain of Age** – embrace and celebrate creativity in your third age.



**March 28th: Network AGM** and Civic Reception.

**March 29th and 30th: A variety of interactive workshops** on issues of interest and concern to all of us in our third age and the wonderful organisation that unites us.

**Keynote speakers** to inspire the discussions.

**A celebration of creativity** with events and performances laced throughout the conference – music, dance, poetry, drama and exhibitions.

### **March 29th: Conference Dinner**

**Choice of accommodation** arranged by Port Macquarie tourism. Why not come for a week or stay for the weekend?

**Excursions** to close the conference include a cruise down the river on the Port Venture, a Gourmet Tippler's Totter, a heritage bus tour around historic Port Macquarie with a local heritage specialist.

**For the energetic** — early morning walk along the breakwall or some tai chi on the beach.



## Management Committee Changes

At the Annual General Meeting held in October, Barry Owens was voted in as Vice President. Unfortunately, after a subsequent doctor appointment Barry has resigned on medical advice to allow him to recover fully from his recent injury. Barry is looking forward to being more involved in the U3A in the future but at this time must take a step back from activities.

Frank Jennings has agreed to take on the role of Vice President and Delwyn Hatton has accepted an appointment to fill the vacant position on the management committee and will take on the responsibility of Publicity Officer.

Barry has our best wishes for his complete recovery and we thank Frank for stepping up to the vice presidency. A thank you also to Del for her willingness to rejoin the committee; we welcome her appointment as she has been a very hard worker for the U3A in the past. ■



### Entering Heaven

*Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates.*

*"In honour of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."*

*The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said.*

*The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates."*

*The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's panties.*

*St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolise?"*

*The man replied, "They're Carol's."*

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**NEXT ENROLMENT DAY – Tuesday the 31st January 2012 in Port Macquarie, Wauchope & Laurieton. Details to be included in the Term 1 2012 Newsletter.**

**LATE ENROLMENT up to 3 weeks after the start of a course are welcome in many courses.** 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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