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EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS

26 November – 7 December 2012
from 9.30am – 3.00pm

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Meet your new President



Kevin Pike was born in England in 1948, one of 7 children, and migrated with his parents to Australia in 1953. He was educated in Armidale until 1960 and matriculated from St Joseph's College, Hunters' Hill in 1965.

Kevin started in the accountancy profession in December 1965 and joined the firm of Roberts & Morrow, Armidale in 1971. In 1975 he was admitted as an associate member to the Institute of Chartered Accountants after completing the Professional Year and in 1985 was recognised as a fellow.

Kevin is a Fellow of the Taxation Institute of Australia, Registered Auditor with the Auditors' Registration Board, holder of an Investment Advisory Authority and represented the Institute for many years as Chairman of the Northern NSW Group.

In 1977 Kevin was admitted to the partnership of Roberts & Morrow. Prior to his retirement in 2008 he was Senior Partner, Managing Partner and Practice Manager as well as servicing a significant clientele.

He married his sweetheart Di in 1972 and they were blessed with a daughter in 1977. They now reside at The Sandcastle on Town Beach and are enjoying their sea change.

Kevin is a keen "Vintage Cricketer" and a keen but frustrated golfer! He is a community minded citizen and currently serves on several community boards including: U3A, Rotary Lodge, and local and state cricket organisations. He is the event manager of the 2013 Trans Tasman Vintage Cricket Carnival, the first big cricket carnival to be held in Port Macquarie.

He said, "We have been very fortunate in meeting so many wonderful people in Port Macquarie, especially here at Port Macquarie Hastings U3A."

Kevin acknowledges the fantastic team that we have here at PMHU3A. "I am in awe of the fantastic work of this community organisation in improving the lives and well being of our membership. I am really looking forward to the challenges over the next 12 months in working with the most fantastic committee in moving the organisation forward." ■

From the President...

It is pleasing to report that since the Annual General Meeting all committee members and sub committees have been enthusiastically and efficiently managing all portfolios of the Association.

A huge thank you for all involved in another successful enrolment launch for Term 4 2012 with 41 courses proceeding in Port Macquarie and Wauchope and a record number of courses in Laurieton.

— Kevin Pike ■

Celebration planned in 2013

Many of you know that next year will be a very exciting one for our U3A. Our membership has grown to around 750 and we are looking forward to having a new home at St Agnes Lodge sometime in 2013.

It is our intention to have a "Grand Opening" of our new premises when they become ready to use. The premises will be large enough to accommodate a large number of our members at a celebratory

function, and it will be an occasion to show Port Macquarie what we have to offer.

After some discussion, your committee has made the decision not to hold an official Christmas function this year but look forward to 2013 and our new home.

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to you all from the PMHU3A Committee members. ■

Update on new U3A premises



Our consultants are proceeding with the Development Application for Council approval. Plans have been drawn up, which will provide U3A with three lecture rooms, office, IT room, library, craft room and three meeting rooms as well as plenty of space for social interaction between members.

We have also submitted applications for some grant funding which, if successful, will greatly enhance the success of the renovation. Our occupancy is expected to coincide with the commencement of Term 2, subject to an early council approval.

Members who are handy with a paint brush and roller will be asked to help out the committee with some working bees to be scheduled into the building program in Term 1.

— Kevin Pike ■

Future newsletters

Throughout each year we have been printing in colour and posting an increasing number of U3A Newsletters to members each term, due to our rapid growth in membership.

Your new committee has examined the cost of printing and posting the newsletter and has agreed that members who have provided an email address will in future receive their Newsletters via email. The Newsletter will also be available through our web-page at www.pmhu3a.org.au and will be in colour.

Of course, if you do not have an email address, we will post a copy as usual; however, it will be in black and white to reduce printing cost, but will contain exactly the same content as the coloured version on the web site.

If you have not already supplied your email address to the office, we encourage you to do so when completing your Membership renewal form as this will not only save the cost of printing, but also reduce the cost of postage.

— U3A Management Committee ■



As our U3A grows (approximately 750 members) our need for assistance in various areas of the organisation is becoming more obvious. We need volunteers in the following areas:

OFFICE	NEED PEOPLE WITH:
As our numbers grow the management of our registration and membership becomes more demanding. We need more people to assist with the day to day running of the organisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Office skills – I.T. skills
COURSE CONVENORS	NEED PEOPLE WITH:
<p>Do you have any of these skills?</p> <p>Would you like to share your knowledge?</p> <p>Would you like to convene a class?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Language skills – Sciences – Book Clubs – History – Your career interest – Your hobby interest
NEW PREMISES BUILDING PROJECT	NEED PEOPLE WITH:
Our plans for the new building are slowly starting to take shape and as time moves on we want to establish small working groups to work towards our goal of a home of our own in 2013.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Local knowledge – Fund raising skills – The artistic touch (paint brush and roller) – Enthusiasm to help

If you can help, please contact any committee member or leave your name and details at the U3A Office at the Maritime Museum and we will get back to you. ■

New PMHU3A Management Team

President	Kevin Pike	Committee Member	John Jones
Vice President	Frank Jennings	Other Responsibilities:	
Secretary	Sue Moll	Publicity Officer	Sue Moll
Treasurer	Lorraine Beukers	Webmaster	Nick Ogbourne
Course Coordinator	Maggie Wilson	Camden Haven	
Membership Secretary	Nick Ogbourne	Coordinator	Ida Bruno
Newsletter Publisher	Sue Clifford	Wauchope Coordinator	Beverley Izard
Office Administrator	Jenny Tucker	Welfare Officer	Elaine Howell
Committee Member	Eric Graham		



*May peace, joy
and happiness be
with you and your
loved ones this
holiday season and
throughout the year
ahead. Be safe in
your travels.*

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from the
U3A Committee*

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMAIL – Please inform the Office on 6584 3676 or the membership team via email on memberteam@pmhu3a.org.au if you move house or change your email address.

NEWSLETTER contributions welcome – We reserve the right to edit material submitted for publication. Copyright of original material remains with the author.

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in the on-line gallery or in our Newsletter, please write to the Secretary and make this fact known. We will always respect your privacy but must first be aware of your need.

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