

## ENROLMENT DATES TERM 3 2013

### AT LAURIETON

**Monday 15 July**  
**10.30am – 12 noon**  
**Laurieton United Services Club**

### AT WAUCHOPE

**Tuesday 16 July**  
**9.30 – 10.30am**  
**Wauchope Library**

### AT PORT MACQUARIE EXTENDED OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday 16 – Friday 19 July**  
**9.30am – 4.00pm**

**Maritime Museum Cottage**

You can enrol in courses by:

- **POST**, by enclosing cheque with your Course Enrolment form to:  
Port Macquarie Hastings U3A  
PO Box 1210  
Port Macquarie 2444
- **ON-LINE** at [www.pmhu3a.org.au](http://www.pmhu3a.org.au) by bank transfer.
- **IN PERSON** at the Office with your Course Enrolment form and cash or cheque.

**We do not have credit card facilities.**

### NORMAL OFFICE HOURS WILL RESUME

**Monday 22 July – 13 September**

**9.30am – 12.00 noon**

**Office Location:**

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Corner William St & Pacific Drive  
Port Macquarie 2444

**Phone: 6584-3676**

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

**NOTE: Be sure to wear your name badge and bring your Course Booking form with you.**

## Notes from the Acting President...

First let me wish President Kevin and Dianne a relaxing and rewarding overseas holiday. Kevin will certainly appreciate a break after leading our team of Sue, Lorraine, Nick and others at times negotiating the terms of our use of St. Agnes Lodge and its renovation. Kevin has also been heavily involved with Lorraine in the paperwork that has followed our success in obtaining grants from the Commonwealth Government of \$50,000 and the NSW Government of \$20,000. The \$20,000 is in the bank and the paperwork has been completed for the \$50,000 and we await the cheque. Our very sincere thanks to our local Members of Parliament Rob Oakeshott and Leslie Williams for their efforts on our behalf and continued support. A further grant of \$5,000 for furniture has also been received from the Holiday Coast Credit Union.

Progress in negotiating the move has been slow but your committee is sure you will enjoy the final result. We will have 5 lecture rooms, one of which will be fitted out as an art & craft room; a reception lounge with library; a meeting/training room; 2 kitchen areas; more office space; IT room and storage areas. Just to top this all off we will have access to a beautiful landscaped courtyard where we can enjoy our cuppa, or just a chat, on warm, sunny days.

Although there are still some processes to go through (for our long term protection) your committee is hoping reconstruction



*Kevin Pike (President) and Sue Moll (Secretary) with cheque for \$20,000 grant received from the NSW State Government.*

work can start early July and we can move into our new centre for fourth term in October. We are planning to have a grand opening/end of year party in November.

With this move we expect a considerable increase in our membership and expectation of more classes. We will be looking for more people to convene classes—people to share their experiences with other likeminded people. We will also be looking for more willing hands to help “person” the office so we can keep it open for longer. **WILL YOU THINK ABOUT HELPING US OUT?**

If you would like to be a convener, please ring our Course Coordinator Maggie Wilson on 6583 4114; and, if you could help staff the office, please ring our Office Administrator Jenny Tucker on 6582 0954.

— *Frank Jennings, Vice President* ■

## Fee structure – July 1 to December 31, 2013

### New and renewing members

If you wish to become a member of U3A or to renew your membership after July 1, please fill out the Membership Form either at the office or by registering on line at [www.pmhu3a.org.au](http://www.pmhu3a.org.au)

Payment of \$20.00 plus joining fee of \$5.00 (Total \$25.00) can be made by CASH or CHEQUE at the office, or by BANK TRANSFER on the website.

We do **not** have Credit Card facilities at the office.

— *Jenny Tucker, Office Administrator* ■

## Australian History with Eric – Upcoming Guest Speakers in Term 3

### Some dates to keep in mind:

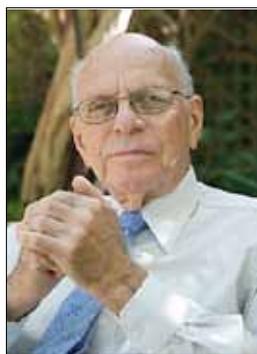
**Wednesday 31 July: Eugenia Rauch**, an award winning genealogist will be presenting to the Wednesday Australian History class.

**Wednesday 4 September: Emeritus Professor, David Tunley** from the university of Western Australia will be talking to us about Eileen Joyce. Joyce was a world famous Australian pianist who died in 1991. David is regarded as a world authority on her work. He will also be talking about Kalgoorlie.

### Emeritus Professor David Tunley

He was born in Sydney in 1930. He trained as a pianist at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. On graduation he was the music master at Fort Street Boys High school and in 1958 he became the first full time lecturer in music at the University of Western Australia. In 1989 he was appointed to the Chair of Music at that university.

He is internationally recognised as the leading authority on 18th century French music. He has written many books and articles. He has led and been a member of many musical organisations and has been a Research Fellow at Oxford University. He retired from the university in 1994 so that he could research full time. In 2010 the Tunley Theatre at the university of Western Australia was named in his honour. He is still very active in the Australian Musical scene.



*Emeritus Professor,  
David Tunley AM*

### Eileen Joyce

Ms Joyce was a world renowned pianist.

In 1908 she was born into a very poor Tasmanian family. In 1926 Percy Grainger heard her and said that she was 'the most transcendently gifted child' he had heard and recommended that she should study in Leipzig. From there to London and soon visiting all the major music centres in the world. She worked at a frenetic pace, married, had a son but the marriage didn't last. She put her son into boarding school at the age of three and this troubled her for the rest of her life. Although urged to do so, she refused to change her name. She died in 1991.

The presentations will be held in the Outer Hall at the Baptist Church.

Visitors are welcome at both presentations; however, please ring or email Eric Graham if you wish to attend. Phone 6581-1647 or email at [committee1@pmhu3a.org.au](mailto:committee1@pmhu3a.org.au)

— Eric Graham ■

## Adult Learning Circle, Laurieton

Once again it has been a successful semester for this group, 8 weeks of discussion, dissertation, diversity and devilment.

The initial meeting is one of getting to know new participants and re-acquainting with those who have been in the group before. This is facilitated with fun warm-up activities which encourage every one to share life experiences they wish to and discuss their interests.

The group then decides the topics for the following semester and one member volunteers to lead each topic. The person presenting is only expected to start the discussion and the group will contribute from their individual research and personal beliefs and values.

As yet there have been no topics rejected although vigorous debate surrounds many issues. The usual rules of respect for others' opinions and one speaker at a time apply. [Order may need to be called occasionally but no ejections have occurred as yet.]

Topics presented this semester:

- 10 Australian books to read before you die—A.B.C. choice and yours
- Public health, the effects of Trans Fats and Asbestos
- The Institute of Public Affairs, an expose'
- The Olympic Games over the years
- Everyday etiquette, does it exist?

— Jude Roberts ■



*Back Row: Fay Pickering, Jude Roberts, Ian Skilling, Joan Peter, Denise Middleton.*

*Front Row: Don Brown, Jenny Clive, Joan Pickard, Joanne Stearman, Michael Dodkin.*

*Absent: Coral Hadden, Joan Saunders, Margo Wright.  
Photo: Don Brown.*

## Our classes combine

It was good to see members of our Wauchope Insight Group and members of our Extraordinary Discussion Group join with Behind the Headlines regulars to hear Federal Member for Lyne, Rob Oakeshott, explain actually what he does as our local member.

Rob explained his work in parliament on various committees; how he organised to introduce legislation, as a private member; how he handled constituents' enquiries, and why he went to Afghanistan. He allowed plenty of time for questions and our members did not hesitate to ask him some on a very broad range of subjects.

— Frank Jennings

*Behind the Headlines convener* ■

## U3A Tour to Bathurst

Sun 27 October – Thurs 31 Oct 2013  
(5 days, 4 nights)

See p6 of the Course Brochure for details of the tour, which are also available in the office.

Deposit to be paid at the U3A office in the Maritime Museum Wednesday 24 July from 9.30am – 2.30pm.

Any inquiries, please contact Delwyn Hatton on 6582-1885.

## How we improved!

Our 'IMPROVE YOUR WRITING' class was originally called 'BEGINNING WRITERS'. It was first started by Bessie Jennings, to build the confidence and skills of retirees who wanted to leave some sort of memoirs for their families and friends – including some who had only just learned how to read, write and spell. We worked as a mutual-help group, the more experienced writers showing the beginners how to use punctuation and how to construct sentences. From the beginning, it was a friendly group where we showed each other appreciation and respect.

Soon the group attracted more experienced writers, who had developed skills in their working careers – writing reports, business letters and so on – and who wanted to expand their writing repertoire into creative writing for pleasure. They say everyone 'has one book in them'; some of our people are crammed with stories!

In 2012 one of our members had her first novel accepted by a publisher – a delightful, moving story by Margaret (Maggie) Jones, *THE LOST CHILD*, published by Ginninderra Press. Maggie is continuing to produce fine work, with her second book – this time a non-fictional account of her wonderful relationship and work with her profoundly deaf daughter.

Meanwhile, other members of the group have followed Maggie's example and are writing wonderful dramatic fiction. Ray Evans has just launched (in May 2013) his first novel, 'TOWARDS RAHITI' – a well-researched, fascinating adventure romance about the early explorers who crossed the vast Pacific Ocean and settled some of its islands. Ray has also been working on a novel about time travel, and is writing a spy thriller about intrigue in the Middle East.

How do they do it? The idea for the stories has been in their heads for some time – months, or even years. To bring it into printed form, they have used the encouragement and helpful feedback from our U3A group. Every member of the group is asked each week to bring a couple of pages of written work, and read it aloud or show it. The other members then respond with appreciation for the 'good bits' and suggestions for improvement (if any). In this way we have learned to cull or prune wasted words or phrases, to choose dialogue with care and to add 'oomph' or descriptive detail where needed.

We continue to help the memoir-writers, the poets and any other aspiring writers – whether they are novelists or not. We thrive on each other's appreciation and encouragement.

— Bessie Jennings ■

## Meet Michael Rogers

The most recent addition to your U3A Committee is Michael Rogers. Before moving to Port Macquarie in 2001, he lived in Canberra where he worked for the Commonwealth Government, including in the aviation and trade areas.

He is an active supporter of our U3A and has participated in recent courses including Art Masters, Philosophy and Science, Shakespeare and German Conversation. Mike also tries to keep his French conversation up to scratch, and is a volunteer, together with wife Lyn, at the Glasshouse Regional Gallery. He is a keen traveller – planning his next trip to Italy, Poland, Berlin and France, and is looking forward to assisting the Committee as we make the transition to our new premises.

Welcome aboard, Michael. ■

## George Wallens –

### A walking advertisement for U3A

Many of you may know George. He is 95 years old and is an enthusiastic member of U3A. He is a resident of Lourdes Village and often comes to class using Community Transport.

Since placing the U3A bumper sticker on his walker he says he cannot count the number of times he is stopped by people wanting to know more about U3A.

A great ambassador. Thank you, George! ■

## U3A Committee Strategic Planning Meeting

Sunday June 3rd your U3A committee met in an all day strategic planning session for our upcoming move to the St Agnes Lodge. Photos below show everyone hard at work and then enjoying a cuppa. Delicious home made soup and fresh bread made a very nice lunch. Thank you Sue M, Lorraine and Maggie. *Photos by Lorraine Beukers.* ■



## Art/Craft room soon

We are to have a dedicated Art/Craft room in the St Agnes premises. Facilities will include a large working studio and a wet room. Possible courses to be held there when alterations are complete will include Floristry, Painting, Creative Embroidery, Textile Art.

Initially I will be offering a term of Textile Art. What's that? It is a creative combination of techniques that could include painting, printing, dyeing, free sewing machining, embroidering, appliquéing, to name a few. One of these techniques can be developed alone or more can be combined to create an exciting masterpiece. Places will be limited. Those with machining skills and an

interest in this area are welcome to apply. A list of requirements will be available at the time of enrolment.

I look forward to commencement.

— Jill Williams (6582 2374) ■



*Appliquéd Tyvek, painted & heated, with hand dyed silks & free machining*

## What's On!

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### PMHU3A TERM DATES 2013

**TERM 3 2013:** July 22 – Sept 13

**TERM 4 2013:** Oct 14 – Dec 6

**Laurieton Choir:** Public performance September 20th, 2.00pm, School of the Arts, Laurieton.

**U3A Coach Tour to Bathurst:** Oct 27-31; Details p6 Course Brochure and at office. \$200 Deposit due July 24 to be paid at office. Inquiries: Del Hatton 6582-1885.

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