

U3A Kingborough on-line

Computer-wise members are reminded that since mid-2000, thanks to the State Library of Tasmania, we have had our own website on Tasmania Online. You can see it at:

www/tased.edu.au/tasonline/u3aking

Other Tasmanian U3As with websites are:

Hobart www.tased.edu.au/tasonline/uni3age

Clarence www.tased.edu.au/tasonline/u3aclar

In September with the help of the Kingston Online Access Centre, U3A Kingborough established a link with Tasmanian Communities Online at:

www.kingston.tco.asn.au

www.tased.edu.au/tasonline/u3aking

SOME WORDS FROM GBS

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), the Irish dramatist, rather like Oscar Wilde, conquered England by his wit and wisdom. Here are some statements from Shaw on education.

Education is not confined to children: in fact liberal education is mostly adult education, and goes on all through life in people who have active minds instead of second hand mental habits. But adult education takes care of itself; all that the State can do is to take care that the materials for it, the libraries and art galleries and orchestras and open spaces are at hand for it. --- *Everybody's Political What's What?* (1944)

I have the utmost respect, madam, for the magnificent discoveries which we owe to science. But any fool can make a discovery. Every baby has to discover more in the first years of its life than Roger Bacon ever discovered in his laboratory. --- *Back to Methuselah* (1922)

What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child.

Newsletter: The next issue should be posted out about 25 January 2003 with a deadline for copy of 17 January. The Editor welcomes contributions from members. The Term 1 program for next year will be included as well as a request to pay membership subscriptions for 2003.

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the third term of well-subscribed courses proceeds in our comfortable Hutchins Street premises, I am happy to report on the continuing success of U3A Kingborough Inc. as the conclusion of our third year of operation approaches. Again this year we will celebrate with a luncheon at the end of term to be held on Friday 29th November at the Mt Nelson Tavern. We would be delighted if our tutors would join us on that occasion so we can express our gratitude to them for their expertise so generously shared with us.

Although the public liability insurance problem has exercised us considerably this year, our prudent financial management meant we could meet the excessive premium. However, this signals an increase of \$5 in the individual subscription rate for 2003.

The sad loss of our programmer, Harold Lord, certainly set us back, but happily Kitty Courtney has taken on the task competently with the help of Venie Phillips and others on the Committee who have rallied round to assist. In addition Joan Perrett and George Richard have recently strengthened the Committee.

We are grateful for their help and hope others will now consider putting their hands up for nomination on to the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. It will be held on Friday 21st March 2003. As many of the present Committee have now served continuously for the three years since our

establishment, is it not time to think of others taking on responsible roles to serve third age learners in our area?

In the meantime, please accept my sincere thanks for your support during the past three years and my best wishes for the fast-approaching festive season. I look forward to seeing many of you at the November luncheon and assure you that planning is well in hand for first term 2003.

Sheila Given

Privacy Statement

In this litigious age we must ensure that we comply with the information privacy principles in the *Privacy Act 1988*. Accordingly, the information collected about members of U3A Kingborough Inc will be held in accordance with those principles and we will not disclose any such information, except in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

This means that the lists detailing names, addresses and telephone numbers, that are used by U3A for the organisation of its classes and for communication with its members, will only be used for those purposes and will be endorsed:

Private and Confidential for the use of U3A Kingborough only and not to be used for any other purpose.

PROGRAM FOR TERM 1 2003

The first term program, starting on 3 March 2003, is still being finalised.

Courses to be offered will include:

- **French** by Adrian Harmsen
- **Computer Skills** by Joe Bondin
- **Ancient Civilisations** by Joe Priest
- **Play Reading** by Barbara Warner
- **Music -- Bach, Beethoven, Brahms** by Barry de Jersey
- **A Kaleidoscope of Memories--A Writing Workshop** by Marian Jellyman

Plus more to come in history, literature, science. The final program will be distributed to members in late January.

TERM DATES 2003

Term one: 3 March to 23 May
 Term two: 23 June to 29 August
 Term three: 22 September to 28 November

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held at the Adult Education Centre, 8 Hutchins Street, Kingston, on Friday, 21 March 2003, at 10 am. An agenda will be included in the next newsletter. This is a most important event in our program and we look forward to the prospect of new Committee members in 2003-2004. If you are interested in being on the Committee, make sure you are nominated.

Grand Challenge Quiz

After one round the team representing U3A Kingborough (Kingborough Konquerors) were doing brilliantly holding down second place in a field of 13 entrants participating in the Clarence U3A Quiz held at the Rosny Library on Wednesday, 2 October. Unfortunately, it was down hill nearly all the way from then onwards. Round 3 they were 5th, then 6th, then 7th, then 8th! However, a surge took them back to 6th but, due to lack of time, the final three rounds were cancelled - just when the team was on the way up for a famous win! Team members, Joan Perrett, Rosemary Heinrich, Marian Jellyman, Bernard Pettifer and Maggie McCabe were devastated at the organisers' decision to end the contest at that point. Cheerleader, Ethel ~~5-10-03~~ (actually she was the whole cheer squad!) was too shocked to protest. However, all had a really good time and maybe next time the organisers will have the grace to ask questions that had a correct answer known to at least one member of our team!

The Quiz was one of many events held throughout Tasmania to mark Seniors Week.
Bernard Pettifer

READ YOUR NEWSLETTER!

On Thursday, 26 September, a small group of U3A members turned up one week early to attend the first session of Bruce Davis's course on *Far Horizons: Explorers, Travellers and Eccentrics*. The group included several members of the U3A committee and the Newsletter editor was amongst them. It just shows the importance of reading your Newsletter where it was quite clearly stated that the course started on 3 October.