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From Our New President --

I was very pleased to be given the honour of becoming President of U3A Kingborough at the recently held AGM. I humbly follow the footsteps of our founding President, Sheila Given, who did a tremendous job overseeing the formation years of the organisation and building it to be the strong and impressive group that it is to-day. Many thanks Sheila; you will be greatly missed on the committee.

One terrific factor that emerged from the last AGM is that there are a number of new members of the committee. It is so easy for organisations to have the same folks running them and it soon becomes a bit of a problem when other members feel that there is an everlasting clique in charge. Well, that has not happened and the new members are so welcome.

We would have liked to have seen more of our members standing for positions however. I do not think that there was an election for any position so please bear this in mind next year and consider if you could be a part of running U3A Kingborough. We have been very fortunate in having Kitty Courtney organise such a wonderful program for Term One and the program for Term 2 looks just as exciting.

Enrol, tell your friends - and enjoy!

Bernard PETTIFER.

From the New Editor

You will have noticed the new format for this edition of the Newsletter.

The main reasons for this are that many members have opted to save U3A the cost of postage and will have their Newsletter emailed to them - and this format will make that task easier. Secondly we are always on the lookout to save work for our busy Committee members. This new format will mean that we can use the automatic staple facility as it is printed (if I can work out how to do it!). This will save the 'Folding Committee' hours.

Following on the great work of our previous Editor, Don Gregg, will not be easy - but I am enjoying the challenge.

Marian Jellyman

RETIRING PRESIDENTS REPORT

When U3A was first considered at the public meeting held in the Kingston Library in October 1999 on the initiative of Harold Graham, who could have guessed how it would add to the quality of cultural life for the senior citizens of our municipality? That it has been a success can be attributed to assistance from several quarters: initially Hobart and Clarence U3A committee members; then our local Council; the staff Adult Education, Hutchins Street, Kingston Library and Kingston Classified; the generosity of our many tutors with their time and expertise, but especially to the energy and devotion of the elected committee members over the past three years. As their President during that time, I could not speak more highly of each of their contributions to the smooth running of the organization than I do now as I retire from this privileged position. I knew very little about U3A when we started down here and it has been quite a steep learning curve, not just for me. U3A worldwide has a particular focus, that is to be a community of scholars where learning is an end in itself. The organisation provides a mental challenge to older people who wish to continue lifelong learning in a more formal setting than, say, a social club or a friendly society. Valuable though such stimulating opportunities are, they are available through other avenues. As a consequence of this perception of U3A, provision of exemplary courses from which we have all taken full advantage, have been provided from the start in Kingston. This high quality has continued, even been surpassed, in recent months, with offerings to meet varied interests which will admirably achieve U3A aims and maintain standards. As regards the organisational business in 2002-3, our fledgeling efforts

at forging links with other U3As have not borne the fruit I had hoped, though we did take part in a Quiz at Clarence U3A last October and we continue to be affiliated with COTA/NS (Council on the Ageing/National Seniors) through its TALENT (Third Age Learning Network Tasmania) interest group. However greater liaison about the unfinished business of Public Liability Insurance would have been useful. This continues to be a concern. Regrettably, as a result, we have had to increase the annual subscription by \$5 per member, which is still good value at \$30 per annum giving entry to all courses as it does.

During this past year, with the sudden demise of Harold Lord, we lost our programmer. A patient, caring and endearing man, it was a sad occasion when several of us attended his funeral and expressed our deep sympathy to his wife Toni. Others, including Ralph Chapman and Geoff MacFarlane, have also died during the year leaving inevitable gaps in our midst. On the committee we have been fortunate in the personnel who have been available and willing to take up the various responsibilities; not least of which are promotion of our activities and the social fellowship we enjoy by participation in them. Committee members may come and go but I am sure all members would wish me to recognise and thank those who have given estimable service.

So I cannot finish without a particular word of appreciation for the retiring treasurer, Pat Neilsen and Newsletter Editor, Don Gregg, both of whom have been committed from the commencement of U3A Kingborough. I am confident that with the remaining staunch, steadfast members and new incomers our U3A will continue to prosper.

Sheila Given, March 2003.

Of this or that

Items which might be of interest or amuse!

Do you enjoy showing visitors our State? – Then this might be for you.

Gwen Dumigan writes –

“Members of University of the Third Age, Tasmania are invited to become tour advisers for special subject tours of Tasmania by University of the Third Age tour groups from interstate and overseas. All accommodation, meals

and travel are provided as well as a daily fee. Tours will run between 3 – 7 days. All members with a good knowledge of their subject within Tasmania are invited to participate. If you would like more information, please contact Gwen Dumigan on 62396227 or mobile 0408 180 567.”

A University with No Exams!



Do you have friends who are hesitant to join for fear of assessments and exams. Please reassure them that with U3A there are none.

after. They adopted the Medieval idea of a university as a community of scholars where learning was an end in itself.

A U3A program accents subjects normally associated with academic knowledge - the arts, science and the humanities - rather than just the development of vocational, sporting or recreational skills”.

The history of U3A makes interesting reading –

“The first University of the Third Age was set up in France in 1972 to improve the quality of life of older people. U3As were introduced to England in 1981 and to Australia soon


Just got this in from a reliable source. It seems there is a virus called the "Senile Virus" that even the most advanced programs of Norton and McAfee cannot take care of it ... so be warned. The virus appears to affect those of us who were born before 1950!

Symptoms of the Senile Virus:

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send e-mails to the wrong person
4. Causes you to send e-mail back to the person who sent it.
5. Causes you to forget to attach attachments.
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished.



(From the Linking Tasmanian Seniors Newsletter –
email linkingseniors@bigpond.com)

Term Dates 2003	<p style="text-align: center;">• Enrolments – Term 2 • Close June 6th</p> <p>Please enrol early – the numbers for classes are limited – by size of room & tutor’s request.</p> <p>Please do not apply for two courses held at the same time.</p> <p>Unsuccessful applicants WILL BE NOTIFIED. Assume you are in a course unless you hear otherwise.</p> <p>If, after enrolling, you find you are unable to attend the whole course please phone Venie on 6229 1320 in case there is a waiting list.</p> <p>If you have to miss a session please inform the Course Secretary.</p>
<p>Term 2 - 23 June – 29 August</p> <p>Term 3 - 22 Sept. - 27 Nov.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">• Name Badges •</p> <p>Please wear a name badge – inserts will be available at each first session. Plastic holders will be on sale for \$1 each if you do not have one.</p> <p>One local U3A asks members to print their address and telephone number on the back in case of emergencies. We think this is a terrific idea!</p>
 <p>End of Year Lunch Fri 28 Nov. 03 (Venue to be announced)</p>	

For your fridge



Timetable for Term 2 23 June - 29th August 2003			
Time	Mon	Tues	Thurs
10.00 - 11.00	Ancient Civilisations Medications	Hurrah for Good Things	9 Different Beliefs
10.30 - 12.30	Discover you can draw (Library)		
11.30 - 12.30	French Tasmanian Colonial History	Play Reading Italian - Beg. 2nd stage	Poets as People
1.30 - 2.30	Thinking About the Earth		
1.30 - 3.30			Sherlock Holmes
2.00 - 4.00		Writing Workshop Cont. (Library)	

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PROGRAM FOR TERM 2, 2003
23 June to 29 August

MONDAY

10 – 11am **ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS** **(Levy \$2)**
Room A3 10 sessions from 23 June to 25 August
Joe Priest

A look at the sculpture, architecture & vase paintings of Ancient Greece. A consideration of the philosophers—Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato & Aristotle.

Joe Priest: Upon retiring from the Education Dept., Joe undertook a further 4 years study of Ancient History at the Uni. of Tas. This term's presentation is one result.

10 - 11am **MEDICATIONS: WHAT THEY DO TO YOU &**
Room A1 **WHAT YOU DO TO THEM!**
10 sessions from 23 June to 25 August
Dr. Lyndsay McLeod

The course will outline the ways that medications work on the body, as well as describing the lesser understood methods by which the body gets rid of consumed medications.

Dr. Lyndsay McLeod studied pharmacy and science in Hobart and then pharmacology at the University of Edinburgh. He received a PhD in pharmacology from the University of Tasmania. Dr. McLeod taught physiology and pharmacology at the University of Tasmania Medical School for many years, holding positions as Academic Dean in the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, and Head of the Tasmanian School of Medicine. Dr. McLeod has given courses at Hobart U3A and lectures to Clarence U3A.

10.30am - **DISCOVER THAT YOU TOO CAN DRAW** **(Levy \$2)**
12.30 10 sessions 23 June - 25 Aug **Maximum Class 12**
Helen Quilty

Kingston
Library
Meeting
Room

You always wanted to learn to draw. Here is your chance to make your mark. This course will awaken latent talent, extend your prowess and above all give pleasure. We will draw simple things from nature and discover techniques on our journey.

Helen Quilty is a practicing artist with many years of experience as a theatrical scenic designer, illustrator, mural and watercolour painter. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. Helen has taught for many years from university to primary age and at present is a freelance artist and tutor.

MONDAY cont.

11.30am –
12.30

INTERMEDIATE FRENCH

(Levy \$2)

10 sessions from 23 June to 25 August

Adrian Harmsen

Room A1

A continuation of the lessons from Term 1. New students with knowledge approximately equivalent to three years high school studies are welcome to join the class. Emphasis will be on grammar, pronunciation, conversation and vocabulary. Articles from current French newspaper, CDs of French songs and active participation on the part of the students will be features of the course.

Adrian Harmsen Adrian taught for many years. He was also a supervisor of language studies overseas for establishing English classes for those intending to migrate to Australia.

11:30am -
12.30

GLIMPSES OF EARLY TASMANIAN COLONIAL HISTORY.

10 sessions from 23 June to 25 August

(Levy \$1).

Room A3

Kitty Courtney

The history of Van Diemen's Land as seen through the lives of interesting personalities: David Collins, Sir George Arthur, Louisa Anne Meredith, Thomas Coke Brownell (first doctor at Port Arthur), Mark Jeffrey and Frank McNamara (convicts), William Gates and the Canadian rebel prisoners, George Augustus Robinson and others. This is a repeat of the May 2001 course.

Kitty Courtney was born in Chicago, emigrated to Australia in 1963, and moved to Tasmania in 1991. She studied for a Master of Humanities in Tasmanian History at the Uni of Tas. and has given her course to Hobart, Clarence, Kingston and Cygnet U3A's

1:30 –
2.30pm

THINKING ABOUT THE EARTH

Dr. David Leaman 10 sessions from 23 June to 25 August

Room A3

An outline of five topics which have focussed human thinking; how did Earth originate, what shape is it, how old is it, what is inside it, and can continents move? These questions unleash whirlwinds and will challenge what you think you believe as they always have. The thinkers involved have ranged from sceptics, clerics, crooks, autocrats, idiots, to plain hard workers and the occasional genius. Some of their names have been placed on geographic features in Tasmania. Find out why.

Dr. David Leaman is a geologist with nearly forty years experience in government and industry and a long association with the geological problems of Tasmania. He was also contracted to teach and supervise university courses and students in applied, engineering and environmental geology from 1972 to 2001. He has been a geophysical/structural consultant since 1981 and more recently has published three books which have sought to show how our society depends on the geological knowledge now so rarely taught. He has taken several courses for branches of U3A.

TUESDAY

10-11am

HURRAH FOR GOOD THINGS

10 sessions from 24 June to 26 August

Room A1

Gifford Causon

We are surrounded by war, terrorism, and other horrors. This course is a celebration of ten aspects of life which are just simply good.

Gifford Causon has been a tutor for U3A classes at Hobart, Clarence, Cygnet, Geeveston, and Kingborough, in ancient Middle East civilisations, ancient Egypt, early civilisations of the Americas, early development of Technology, transport and travel, the Industrial revolution.

11:30am –
12.30

ITALIAN FOR BEGINNERS-2nd Stage

10 sessions from 24 June to 26 August

(Levy \$3)

Teodino Ottavi

Room A2

Beginner second stage – continuation of basic grammar, exercises, expressions compared with English, reading, translating.

Teodino Ottavi BA, ADML. (Uni of Tas) has lived in Tasmania since 1956. He has been involved with the Italian community social, sport and cultural life and activities.

11.30am –
12.30

PLAY READING

10 sessions from 24 June to 26 August

Bernard Pettifer

Room A1

Participants will all have the opportunity to read parts of our large selection of plays – if they so desire. We are usually able to read three to five plays during a term and the object of the course is to entertain as well as give participants experience of acting.

Bernard Pettifer is the current President of U3A Kingborough. He enjoys play reading having done this with children when a school principal and teacher. He is a great believer in 'having fun' and has been delighted with the play reading group during Term One for it appears that this has been achieved.

2-4 pm

KALEIDOSCOPE OF MEMORIES- WRITING WORKSHOP

10 sessions: 24 June to 26 August

Maximum Class: 12

Kingston
Library
Meeting
Room

Marian Jellyman

A continuation of the course in Term 1 - The only equipment you need is a note pad and pen.

Marian Jellyman has always been interested in writing and in family history. She finds the only way to maintain the momentum and discipline is by joining (or in this case facilitating) a group.

THURSDAY.

10-11am

A LOOK AT 9 DIFFERENT BELIEFS

Room A3

Convener: Joan Perrett. 9 sessions from 26 June to 21 August
This course presents an interesting look at 9 different beliefs. It is an attempt to learn about different beliefs with tolerance and understanding as our aim

DATE	SPEAKER	BELIEF
June 26	Rev. Robert Legg	Anglican
July 3	Len Freedman	Jewish
July 10	Fr. Michael Tate	Roman Catholic
July 17	Barbara Wright	Quaker
July 24	Mr. A. Sharma	Hindu
July 31	Pym Trueman	Baha'i
August 7	Margaret Steadman	Buddhist
August 14	Mr. S. Samson	Islamic
August 21	Brian Vaatstra	Christian Reformed

11:30am –
12.30

POETS AS PEOPLE

10 sessions from 26 June to 28 August

(Levy \$2)

Shirley Hodgson

Room A1

Oh what a 'peach of a pair'. An outline of the lives of Robert and Elizabeth Browning and a discussion about many of their poems.

Shirley Hodgson—Since 1989 my interest has focussed on the lives of poets and their poems. Having been involved with adult education with TAFE in NSW for another 10 years I was delighted to participate in "Adult Education" "School for Seniors" and "U3A" when I came to Tasmania. It is my pleasure to return to U3A Kingston.

1:30-
3:30pm

SHERLOCK HOLMES

10 sessions from 26 June to 28 August

Jack Lickiss

Room A3

Who was the world's greatest detective? Well you won't need to be Sherlock Holmes to work that out, will you? Come and enjoy the facts and fiction behind the man whom his biographer and friend Dr John Watson regarded as "The best and the wisest man I have ever known." We will also view dramatisations of 10 original Holmes' adventures.

Jack Lickiss is a retired school teacher. He has been a member of Hobart U3A since 1995. He is a movie, jazz and Sherlock Holmes buff.