

## U3As in Australia and New Zealand

Since the first Australian U3A started in Melbourne in 1984, the number of campuses has grown rapidly. According to a directory on U3A Online there are now 139 U3As in Australia with a total of over 44 300 members. These range in size from Sydney U3A with 5200 members down to some with 20 or less.

The five campuses in Tasmania are Hobart (founded in 1990), Cygnet (1991), Clarence (1993), Tasman (1998) and Kingborough (1999).

The figures listed for states and territories are:

VIC	60 U3As	13603+ members
NSW	36 U3As	12569+ members
QLD	22 U3As	10024 members
WA	6 U3As	3125 members
ACT	1 U3A	2200 members
SA	8 U3As	1535 members
TAS	5 U3As	1102+ members
NT	1 U3A	133 members

U3A started in New Zealand in 1991 and now 42 campuses are listed, with 39 being in the North Island. There are over 4200 members.

*This item is based in part on information on U3A Online  
<http://u3aonline.edna.edu.au/directory>*

## U3A – one member's view

Being rather a gregarious person with a mind like an insatiable sponge, I enrolled in three courses in U3A, firstly with the thought that it is never too late to increase one's knowledge and, secondly, to meet and befriend new people. How very glad I did as I have achieved both these goals.

Music, on Monday afternoons, has taken me into romanticism with ten composers, eg. Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Byrd and Handel, etc. Time-consumingly researched and brilliantly played on four musical keyboards by Barrie de Jersey in the comfort of his home. Tuesday mornings I am taken back in time to learn about the aspects of

ancient Greek civilisation to examine the historical, constitutional, economic and social life of the period from the Trojan War to the end of the 5th century BC. This is proving to be a fascinating insight into the realistic and mythical aspects of the Greeks peppered with amusing anecdotes, due to the humorous nature of our course leader, Joe Priest.

Then PM Astronomy with Peter Stevenson where I am 'off this planet' learning about **other** planets, the solar system and distant galaxies. What a pour of knowledge I am being afforded and am sure, like many other participants doing these courses, looking forward with eager anticipation to Terms 2 and 3.

*Faye Staunton-Smith*

**NEWSLETTER.** The next issue should be published on or about 14 August, with a deadline of 4 August. Contributions from members will be welcomed by the Editor (Don Gregg, 5 Kiama Place, Blackmans Bay 7052 e-mail [Don.Gregg@tassie.net.au](mailto:Don.Gregg@tassie.net.au)) phone 6229 6519



NEWSLETTER

**U3A Kingborough**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the very first term of our U3A comes to a close, its undoubted success in activity has been a source of pride and pleasure to us all. The six courses have been well attended and provided much food for thought for our members.

of Joe Priest and Peter Stevenson.

Since joining U3A Kingborough, I have found one of the spin-offs of membership to be making so many new acquaintances in our municipality. I thank them all for their friendly smiling faces and would like to assure them that promising plans are already afoot for our third term together in 2000.

*Sheila Given*

## Letter to the Editor

The Editor *U3A Kingborough Newsletter*

Dear Sir (Don)

22 March 2000

Congratulations & thank you to all concerned in bringing U3A to Kingborough. This is very much appreciated, particularly by non drivers!

Thank you.

Isabel King, Redwood Village

## PROGRAM FOR TERM 2, 26 JUNE – 31 AUGUST 2000

**K201. ANCIENT EGYPT**  
Monday 10 am, Room A3  
GIFFORD CAUSON

This is a new course on Ancient Egypt. It will cover Egyptian civilisation from pre-historic times up to the end of the New Kingdom with a particular emphasis on a few key figures who will be used as links to a variety of subjects ranging from jewellery to chariot design. There will be many new pictures and a whole week devoted to artists.

**K202. MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH**  
Monday 11.30 am, Room A3  
FRANCISCA TOUBER

This course will deal with issues such as capital punishment, suicide, euthanasia, abortion, help to the starving world and pacifism. Lively discussion will be encouraged. **Please bring an open mind.**

**K203. CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIL SOCIETY**  
Monday 1.15 pm, Room A3  
RALPH CHAPMAN

Citizenship has a long history but partly because of this has many different meanings. We will explore some of the history and try to focus on what it might mean today in our globalised world where nations and nationality are becoming less relevant. In its broadest sense citizenship is concerned with the idea of civic values on which a civil society is based. These links and others such as the problem of immigrants and refugees will be discussed.

**K204. ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS 1 - ANCIENT GREECE** JOE PRIEST  
Tuesday 10 am, Room A1

**An ongoing course. Present members please re-enrol if you wish to continue. A very small number of new places remain.**

This term will deal with Pericles and the Golden Age of Greek Culture. We will look at the Vase paintings, the Architecture and Statuary of the Greek world. We will consider the works of historians Herodotus and Thucydides, and the legacy of philosophers Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.

**K205. HOW ENGLISH IS ENGLISH?**  
Tuesdays 11.30 am, Room A1  
LEONE SCRIVENER

This course will trace the development of the English language from its beginnings in Britain in Anglo-Saxon times, through Norse and French invasions to its arrival in our own day as the *lingua franca* of the modern world. **Levy \$1.**

**K206. ASTRONOMY, PART TWO**  
Tuesdays 1.15 pm, Room A1  
PETER STEVENSON

**Present members please re-enrol if you wish to continue. New members welcome.**

Beginning with the planets we look at the solar system and then take off into space to study our galaxy the Milky Way, other more distant galaxies and stars in general. **Levy \$1 new members only.**

**K207. WOMEN OF SCIENCE**  
Thursdays 10 am, Room A3  
NOELA FOXCROFT

The course will look at the life and work of a number of women who, over the centuries, have made a significant contribution to science. **Levy \$2.**

**K208. ASPECTS OF COMMUNICATION**  
Thursday 11.30 am, Room A3  
GRAEME THOMPSON

A Miscellany Course of ten sessions covering different facets of the concept of Communication. Four guest speakers. Topics are – Communication by Bees, 'Absence of Malice' (Defamation), Communication when Speech is Lost, 'Angel's Advocate', Bookcrafting, Tasmanian Semaphore System, Bellingring, A Little Chinese, Bridges, and a New English Dictionary, in more or less that order.

**A levy is charged by some tutors to cover costs such as photocopying or creation of transparencies. It is payable once only at the beginning of term and is paid directly to the class secretary.**

**Venue:** Classes are held in the Adult Education Centre, 8 Hutchins St, Kingston.

**Parking:** There is ample parking at the Centre. Enter from Church Street. Please do not park in the Kingston Library carpark.

### ENROLMENTS

**To enrol:** Please fill in the enclosed enrolment form as soon as possible and return to **U3A Kingborough, PO Box 479, Kingston 7051** by 2 June. Enrolments are processed in the order in which they are received. You may enrol in as many courses as you like. Please select carefully so as not to keep another person out as numbers are limited. If you do not hear from us you may assume you have obtained a place in the course of your choice. Keep a note of your choices. Use a separate form for each person, including husbands and wives.