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The President's Pen

Kingborough U3A has been recognised publicly during the past month or two. Our own Dr Sheila Given has been inducted to the *Tasmanian Honour Roll of Women* for her outstanding contribution. For a complete list of citations for all those outstanding Tasmanian women, visit the following website:

http://www.women.tas.gov.au/honour_roll/index.html.

Full credit to Joy and Marian for their wonderful job in running the *Celebration of Senior Life* in September.

Minister David Bartlett's visit to our U3A in October was an important acknowledgement of our community standing; he was interested in the results of our member survey - the 60% response was excellent.

Finally, Greg Alomes has advised that the Kingston Master Plan Review is beginning in November and U3A is welcome to be included in the consultative group that he will establish.

I feel pretty excited about the degree of social networking going on actively in our U3A which is reflecting the desire of members, as evidenced in our survey. Among many other things, I've learned that some of our members have gone or are going to travel to distant places together – isn't that interesting! If you have any ideas how our social networking could be promoted further, how about bringing your thoughts to Marian Jellyman?

Membership growth has been strong this year and the program feedback I'm getting is great. Our membership fee for next year will remain unchanged so I think we can be confident about the future.

I'd like to thank everyone, tutors, committee, and members, for making 2006 an excellent year. I'm really looking forward to our end of year lunch in December. I invite you to join the Committee and other U3A members at the Kingston Hotel for the event – see the registration form later in the newsletter.

**Marcus Higgs
President.**

Dates – 2006

End of Year Lunch

Friday 1st December

Hobart U3A's Summer Program

10 January – 14 February

Dates – 2007

Welcome Sausage-Sizzle

20 April

Term One

5 March – 18 May

Term Two

18 June – 24 August

Term Three

24 September - 30 November

IMPORTANT NOTICE

2007 Membership

Membership fees for 2007 WILL NOT BE DUE until the first newsletter for 2007 is delivered.

This is a change from previous years when members were asked to renew their membership at the end of each year. The change is designed to avoid members having to pay their fees close to Christmas.

Your current membership (2006) entitles you to the first newsletter for 2007.

When that arrives in January 2007, it will contain your membership renewal form as well as detailed information on the courses and the enrolment form for Term One 2007.

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Summer Programme 2007 Convened by Astra Palkovs

To be held in Theatre No. 1, Life Sciences Theatre, University of Tasmania.

Time -10.00am

The stimulating Summer Programme is open to the public and no booking is needed.

Just turn up at least 10-15 minutes ahead of the scheduled time (10 am for all sessions) to be sure of getting a seat.

Cost – a gold coin. Morning tea is provided.

Wed. 10th Jan.

The Scandal and Shame of a Stateless Palestine

Emeritus Prof. Peter Boyce

The failure to secure Palestinians the homeland they were promised by the UN at the time of Israel's creation in 1947-48 has not only generated untold suffering and prolonged political injustice, but has provided a key ingredient to the intensifying disaffection in Islamic societies with the West, especially the United States. This historical overview and analysis of a seemingly intractable problem promises to be unapologetically provocative.

Mon. 15th Jan.

The Art of the Surgeon

Dr. Christopher Edwards

The importance of adding drawing and sculpture to the skills of the plastic surgeon.

Wed. 17th Jan.

Italian Prisoners of War in Tasmania

Dr. Ian McFarlane

Dr. McFarlane will talk about his on-going research into the history of the Italian Rural Labour Scheme in Tasmania during World War II.

Mon. 22nd Jan.

The IXL Development

Robert Morris-Nunn

The award winning project described by a Jury Citation as – actively celebrating the old and the new. Intact still – evidence of almost 200 years of wear and tear. In contrast, new work is minimalist, carefully inserted into the old.

Wed. 24th Jan.

Taking More Control of Your Life

Dr. Harry Stanton

Dr. Stanton will discuss what he believes to be the main problem preventing us from living our lives in the most enjoyable and productive manner. He will outline an effective strategy for taking more control over our thoughts to see negative material in a more positive way.

Mon. 29th Jan.

Where Chemistry Meets Biology Meets Engineering

Separation science – disease diagnosis to bomb detection

Dr. Emily Hilder

Members of U3A were introduced to this science four years ago by Professor Haddad. This talk will describe some recent and exciting advances in separation science developed at UTAS with applications to the biological sciences (e.g. genomics, proteomics and medicine), pharmaceutical sciences, food science and counter-terrorism.

Wed. 31st Jan.

The Tasmanian Platypus

A Cinderella Story involving a Frog

Prof. Nigel Forteach

A fungal disease was found to have caused the death of a platypus in the early 1980s from Elizabeth River. The disease has spread east and west. Scientific research, however, came to an abrupt halt. New research is now underway – with the hope of discovering more about the pathogen.

Mon. 5th Feb.

Maureen and Roy Davies Memorial Lecture

Devils and Rascals

Ian Matterson

Youths charged with criminal offences are dealt with under the Youth Justice Act behind closed doors. To some, the anonymity gives little reason to change their ways.

Are younger people becoming more aggressive?

There will be a comparison with offenders in an emerging country, Papua New Guinea.

Wed. 7th Feb.

The Newspaper: Report of its Death Exaggerated

Bruce Montgomery

Bruce Montgomery will speak about the future role of the conventional and unconventional media in news presentation, with particular emphasis on the role of newspapers.

Will our generation be the last to read broadsheets?

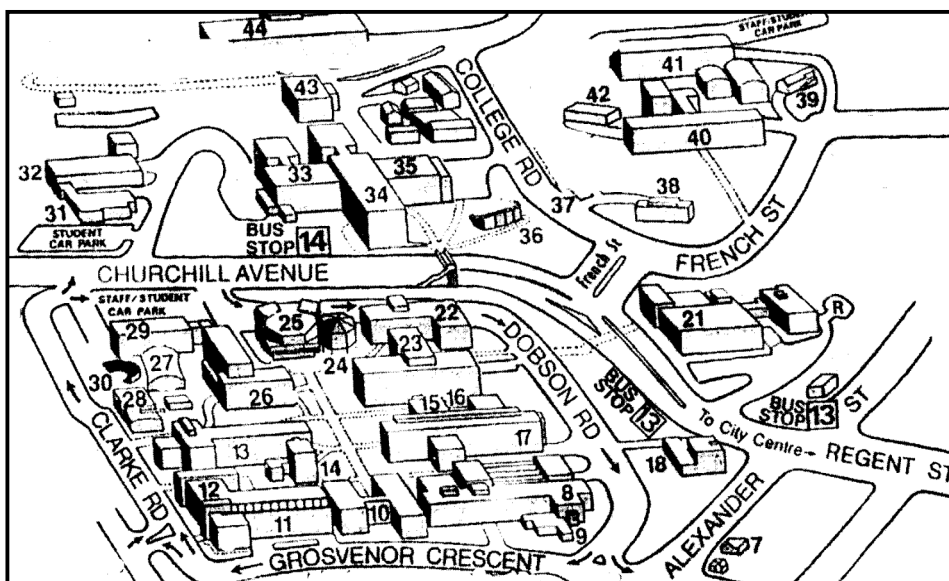
Wed. 14th Feb.

An Overview of Karst and Cave Fauna

from China, Brazil and Madagascar to Tasmania

Arthur Clarke

This presentation will provide some examples of the global and local (Tasmanian) diversity of karst land-forms and the bio-diversity of cave dwelling, often cave-limited, and adapted animals with some explanation of cave-biology related terms.



Life
Sciences
Theatre
is
No. 34
on
map.

First Term 2007 program – a sneak preview!

Seeing that we now have 333 members registered for U3A the programmers are hoping to schedule at least 5-6 courses per day from which you can choose.

The first term program for next year [5th March -18th May] is shaping up to be very full and interesting. All the old favourites will be included - Art, Writing ,Strolling Seniors, Keyboard, Play Reading, Have Your Say, Small Engines, Meditation , Computers and Choir. The regular Woodbridge courses will be continuing as well - Art, Writing, Music History and Life Skills.

Don't forget that, as a U3A Member, you can go to courses at both Woodbridge and Kingston.

In addition, the following new courses have been confirmed:

Ian Henderson - Australian Literature;

Glenn Pullen - 'Quirky English';

Bruce Davis - a 10 week course the subject to be decided;

Marian will be leading a 'My Music' subject - sounds intriguing!

Two 10 week courses - Plants and Gardening, and Medical Matters - will be given by a variety of speakers.

Still to be confirmed are courses relating to Science, Family History, Film Discussion, History, and possibly Architecture.

The full program will be detailed in the January Newsletter and we hope you enjoy it.

Bronwen, Julie and Jane

West Winds - Woodbridge

The outreach campus for Kingborough U3A

West Winds is the Community Centre located in Woodbridge township. The Centre's facilities are used by a number of local groups, clubs and community associations; it also provides other services to the community.

The original suggestion that our U3A start classes at West Winds was in response to a community need for new activities in the area. Although the Centre is primarily for the Kingborough community from Snug south, they welcome people from other areas.

The first course to be run at West Winds was a *Writing* group led by Marian Jellyman. This started with only 2 or 3 participants but soon grew to 7, 8 and then 10. In second term, *Art* and *Life Skills* courses were added; these have also proved popular and all three courses will be available next year, with *Life Skills* changing its name to *The Girls Shed*. This term, two more courses are being run - *Kaleidoscope* and *World of Song* which covers the first half the 20th century.

The growth in course offered means that the original purpose of using West Winds to host U3A courses is being met. Kingborough U3A has benefited as well – the number of members with Channel addresses just keeps on growing! It's obviously a wonderful partnership.

It's just a 20-25 minutes drive from Kingston to Woodbridge and the views are wonderful. When you look at the course program for term one 2007, don't just skip over those being run at Woodbridge if you live in or near Kingston – the courses are open to ALL members, and you'd be welcomed with open arms! I know because I taught at the Woodridge District High School for the best part of 10 years and it's a wonderful, warm community. Book in early as, apart from *Art*, which uses the hall, the other classes use the committee room and the course limit is 12.

Directions from Kingston:

Drive south on the Channel Hwy to Woodbridge and through the township as the Centre is on the southern edge of the town.

Pass Silver Water Park and Woodbridge District High School (on your left) and the church and scout hall (on your right).

Look up on the hill to your right and you will see the West Winds building.

Turn right up the next road – indicated by a large sign for West Winds Community Centre.

NOTE: If you find yourself in Middleton you've gone way too far!

SOCIAL PROGRAM

2006 END OF YEAR LUNCH

12 Noon – 2 pm

Friday December 1



KINGSTON HOTEL

Cnr Channel Hwy & Beach Rd, Kingston

Cost: \$16.50 per head



THREE COURSES

Soup or Entree

Roast and Vegetables or Scallops and Salad

Vegetarian Quiche available (if pre-ordered)

Apple Crumble or Sponge Trifle

Wine, soft drinks and coffee provided by

Kingborough U3A

Celebrate another successful and enjoyable U3A year with your fellow members. Organise a group, come as a couple or come on your own – it's a great way to cement friendships that you've made and make new friendships!

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL – RSVP by November 15

Complete the form on page X and post with payment to:

“End of Year Lunch”, Kingborough U3A, PO Box 479, Kingston 7052

2007 WELCOME SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Friday 20th April
Drew Point, Margate

Following the success of our inaugural Welcome Event in April this year, it has been decided to make this an annual event.

Kingborough U3A members, tutors and representatives of the other Southern U3As are asked to earmark Friday April 20, 2007 for this delightful get-together.

Sausages, bread and condiments will be provided. All you will need to provide is yourself, your drinks and any other food you may want.

Watch out for more details of the Welcome Sausage Sizzle in the January newsletter.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

SUNDAY LUNCHESES - 1st Sunday each month at 1.00pm.

Please phone (6229 9071) at least 3 days in advance so that tables can be booked. Transport arranged if required.

DECEMBER Sunday 3rd at 1.00
'Red Velvet Lounge' Cygnet

JANUARY 7TH at 1.00
'Botanical Gardens Restaurant'

FEBRUARY 4th at 1.00
Hope & Anchor, Macquarie St. Hobart
(Stairs)

MARCH 4th at 1.00
'Conservatory', Cygnet

*ALL U3A MEMBERS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS WELCOME
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
please contact Marian (6229 9071)*

SUMMER TASTE OF KINGBOROUGH

FUN FOR ALL AGES

YES IT IS ON AGAIN.

Watch out for the full program late in 2006
Starting 2nd week of January till 1st week of March.

Coffee Club, arts and crafts, line and ballroom dancing, concerts, travellers tales, tai chi, card and board games, quiz, fashion parade, walking group, 'controversy in the café', indoor bowls, family history, poetry and singing etc., etc.

No need to be bored!

*Organised by the Kingston Seniors Action Group
If you are able to help in any way
please contact Marian (6229 9071) or Joy (6229 9787)*

MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to feature articles and opinion-letters from members in each newsletter. If you would like to make a contribution, forward your writing to the Editor, Venie Phillips, preferably by email (venie.phillips@gmail.com) or post it to "Newsletter" P.O. Box 479 Kingston 7051.

A Letter of Appreciation

Being relatively new to U3A, I must say it has been a wonderful & interesting journey.

I have the greatest admiration for the work & dedication involved by all concerned - so I am more than satisfied; thank you.

More power to you all.

Best wishes

Glory Bamber

The Secret and Mysterious Life of the Badger

It was during the first meeting of the 2006 Kingborough U3A Committee that I first heard of The Badger. Where was The Badger? Was it perhaps a pseudonym, but for what or for whom? Should it be a concern of the CIA, MI6, or, heaven forbid, ASIO? It took me several months to find out that the Badger is in fact the person who makes the badges. For the sake of the Badger, please wear your badges.

Jan Whitford



The Badger

COASTCARE – TYNDALL BEACH & BROWNS RIVER AREA -HELP NEEDED -

Coastcare meets on Tyndall Beach at 2 pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month. They have taken on the challenge of eliminating the weeds and feral plants from the area and re-establishing the native plant species. Unfortunately, they are losing the battle –more than an afternoon a month is needed to win the war and preserve the area.

Tyndall Beach and the Browns River area is a great asset to our community but, with the increase in the population of Kingborough, this habitat –which is home to many of our native bird species – is becoming increasingly degraded.

Philip Rogers, a member of Kingborough U3A and a keen Coastcare worker, has asked that your attention be drawn to the problem. He is looking for volunteers who are willing to give up a few hours, not necessarily on a regular basis. Given our unpredictable climate, he'd like to gather a few people who, when the weather is fine, could help him to clear and re-plant.

He says that we need only a few active retirees for an hour or two a month to reverse the situation. If you can help, please contact Philip on 6229 4848.

END OF YEAR LUNCH

Friday, 1 December 12 noon -2 pm

Kingston Hotel

Cost \$16.50 per head

Name(s):

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I/we would like to order the vegetarian quiche YES NO (*please circle*)

Amount enclosed (cheque or postal note – please do not send cash) \$

Post to:
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Kingborough U3A
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YOUR FORM MUST REACH US ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY 15TH, NOVEMBER