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emissions if enough people choose these ways to travel. Hopefully, if we survey our members in 2010, we will find that the percentage usage of Friend's car, Bus and Taxi categories have increased and that the Own car category is much reduced below 88%. Wouldn't that be great!

On another subject, each year opportunities arise for financial grants relating to projects benefiting U3A. Unfortunately, we often get little advance notice which affects our ability to respond. The Committee would like to hear from any member experienced in preparing grant applications and willing to assist us in this task.

Following Minister David Bartlett's visit last year, planning work to initiate U3A in Glenorchy has been assisted by his staff. A public meeting at Glenorchy is to be held on 23rd November and the Presidents of Hobart and Clarence U3As and I will be participating. Hopefully, the outcome will be positive.

Marcus Higgs
President.

The President's Pen

This term, one of our courses is dealing with the topical subject of climate change and sustainable living. As well as the potentially serious impact of climate change on some human populations, the threat to many other plant and animal species is serious. But how can we contribute to a global solution?

We know that cars contribute greatly to the emissions of carbon dioxide, currently considered the greenhouse gas that most seriously contributes to human-induced climate change. The car has been so convenient and the freedom and mobility it provides has radically influenced the way communities operate. U3A is no different. Our survey in 2006 gave the following percentages on the ways in which members travel to U3A: Own car 88%, Taxi 1%, Friend's car 4%, Bus 9%, Walk 15%, Scooter 1%.

Since 2006, I've become aware that numbers of our members are arranging to share travel to attend activities. Also, our Committee is aware that Metro Tasmania has improved the bus services. These kinds of initiatives will contribute significantly to reduced vehicle

U3A Kingborough Calendar

2007

End of Year Lunch
Friday 30 November

2008

Hobart U3A's Summer Program *8 January – 7 February*

Kingborough U3A Inc. Annual General Meeting *31 March*

Welcome Sausage-Sizzle - *18 April*

Term Dates

Term 1 Monday 3 March to Fri 16 May

Term 2 Monday 16 June to Fri 22 August

Term 3 Monday 22 Sept to Friday 28 November.

2008 Membership

Not due till next year



Your 2007 membership entitles you to the first newsletter in 2008.

**You will receive a Membership Subscription Form
in the first newsletter for 2008.**

END OF YEAR LUNCH

Come and celebrate, with your friends and other U3A members, our year of learning and friendship in U3A Kingborough.

Venue: Kingston Hotel

Date: Friday 30th November 2007

Time: 12.00 noon

Cost: \$22.00 for a two course meal
with a choice of Main and Sweet dishes

Vegetarian meal available – indicate when booking.

Enquiries to Marian (Tel: 6229 9071) u3akingborough@email4life.com.au



End of Year Lunch – \$22 per person

Name/s

Tel. No.

Email

Number of vegetarian meals required.....

Total Payment.....\$_____

Method of payment: **Please circle your choice.**

Cheque / Postal Order / Internet Direct Debit*

*Direct Debit – By Internet ONLY - Put your name in 'description' box so that your payment can be identified. ***THEN ALSO*** notify us by email that you have made the Internet Direct Debit, marking your email END OF YEAR LUNCH – send to

u3akingborough@email4life.com.au

Post to: "End of Year Lunch" U3A Kingborough Inc., P.O. Box 479, Kingston 7051

First Term 2008 program - a sneak preview!

Term One 2008 is shaping up to be interesting and diverse. For the full details you will have to wait for the January Newsletter but here is a peek at some of the courses (and the tutors) that will be on offer.

Provided by: Bronwen Parr, Dorothy Mitsakis, Lyn Schofield and Jean Lea (Programmers)

At Woodbridge you'll be offered:

A History Kaleidoscope

Art With Sue Miller

Writing With Peter Laud

Music with Nora Durell

At Kingston you can attend:

A Period in the History of Art (Tony Bellette)

Comparative Religions (Tony O'Brien)

Discovering the World of Birds (Tas Boskell)

Shakespeare Studies (Ian Henderson)

Spanish (Bob Magnus)

Social Psychology (Peter Ball)

Preserving Memories (Marian Jellyman)

Plus our regular favourites:

Play Reading

Have Your Say

Art and Drawing

Writing Workshop

Meditation

Keyboard

Computers

Kaleidoscope

Strolling Seniors

Seniors' Summer Taste of Kingborough 2008

For the third year running, the *Kingborough Seniors Action Group (Ksag)* will be offering a summer program in January and February.

We will continue our long running success story of 'Coffee with Friends', now on:

- Tuesdays at 10 am - at Gloria Jeans in Channel Court, and
- Thursdays at 3 pm - at The Beach Café, Blackmans Bay

These will be our main points of contact where, from Tuesday January 8th, you can catch up on all the 'goss', although we will be advertising in the usual places too.

Fridays at 1.30 pm - join us at Brookfield, Margate for 'POT LUCK' - a mix of whatever you fancy: poetry and prose, music, books, the world is your oyster every Friday afternoon.

We will be offering other events at Brookfield, so keep in touch! We hope that there's going to be a touch of nostalgia (but that is under wraps as serious negotiations are underway) as well as some other events.

So, if you really want to know what is happening in Kingborough, drop into Gloria Jeans on Tuesday January 8th. and hear all about it.

See you there, Joy Tunney..

SUNDAY LUNCHESES

1st Sunday each month at 1.00 pm

Continuing right through Summer

This is a great way to meet and get to know people.

Lunch with new and old friends at different venues
in Kingborough and Hobart

Come for a coffee or full lunch.

To be on the email notification list,
email Marian: marianj@email4life.com.au

Then book for each event by email or phone (6229 9071)
at least 3 days **in advance** so that tables can be booked.

Transport arranged if required.

Watch the U3A Notice Board for more details.

**ALL U3A MEMBERS, FAMILIES, PARTNERS
AND FRIENDS WELCOME**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



U3A Summer Program - Information

Organised by Hobart U3A and open to all

Tuesday 8th January to Thursday 7th February, 2008

10.00 am. to 11.00 am

Venue: University of Tasmania Life Sciences Theatre No. 1 (on the upper side of Churchill Avenue.- number 34 on the map below). Take a bus to Churchill Avenue, Stop 14, use the overpass and turn left to the Life Sciences Building. The theatre is just inside the door.

Everyone is welcome – bring your friends along.

Entry – a gold coin donation (\$2) – this includes morning tea after the lecture.

Important – please be careful where you park.

Parking restrictions are strictly enforced and permits are required for many areas.

Free Parking – Mostly in College Road and French Street.

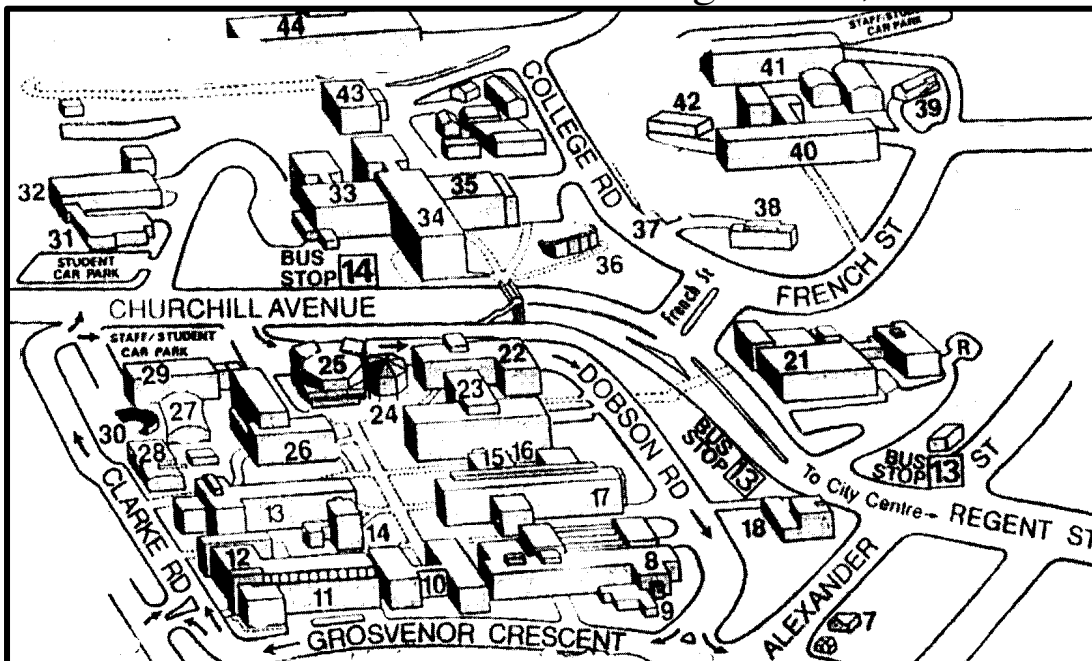
Voucher Parking – University visitors' car park and various locations including Dobson Road and Grosvenor Crescent.

NB Car-pooling is a good idea!

University of Tasmania

(Partial view looking up the hill from Sandy Bay Road).

Summer lectures are held in building No. 34, next to the overpass.



University of the Third Age, Hobart Inc.

Summer Program - 2008

Tuesday, 8th January to Thursday 7th February, 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Tuesday, 8th Jan.

Prof. Michael Stoddart

Antarctica: What do we do there and why do we do it?

Thursday, 10th Jan.

Ian Terry

Convict Clothing: 19th Century, Australia

Tuesday, 15th Jan.

Dr. Clare Hawkins

Landscape Species and Space Wars: the Protected Area needs of a carnivore in Madagascar.

Thursday, 17th Jan.

Paul Boam

Encounters with Blake:

A look at the influence of William Blake, using painting, music, poetry and literature.

Tuesday, 22nd Jan.

Helen Norrie

Re-imagining the Waterfront:

Helen Norrie has lead a range of projects with the students at the University of Tasmania's School of Architecture, exploring ideas for the Cove. The projects investigate Helen's current PhD research – the relationship between public buildings and public space.

Thursday, 24th Jan .

Dr. Hamish Maxwell-Stewart

Convict Experience of Transportation.

Tuesday, 29th Jan.

Prof. Kate Warner

Public Opinion and Sentencing.

Thursday, 31st Jan.

Davies Memorial Lecture - Prof. E. Haydn Walters

Whither with our Health System!

Tuesday, 5th Feb.

Dr. Byeong Ho Kang

Artificial Intelligence: can AI rescue Hal, in 2001 Space Odyssey?

Thursday, 7th February

Ass. Prof. David Ritz

Benefits of a Good School: Social aggregation in the marine environment

Animals as diverse as krill and whales can live more or less permanently in groups of various sizes. This presents a problem for ecological theory as individuals are basically selfish in their short-term behaviour but must sacrifice some individuality for the good of the swarm, school or pod. This talk will highlight the diversity of aggregations in the ocean and some of the methods scientists use to study them.

Members' Contributions

In each edition of the newsletter we like to include a piece of writing from one of our members. If you would like to contribute, please forward your writing to the editor, preferably in electronic form.

U3A - a truly worthwhile experience!

Until quite recently I only had a vague idea what U3A was actually about. And, as I wasn't very interested anyway, I couldn't see any point in finding out.... Then, during U3A's Christmas break last year, arrangements were made to take some of the courses to Brookfield at Margate. I was prodded by my family to go along. They were convinced that I was in danger of turning into the bad-tempered hermit of Mountain River, whose only source of social interaction - apart from testy exchanges with a bewildered spouse - was with a herd of smelly, plip-plopping cows in the paddock next door and an irritable family of scavenging possums visiting the back garden at dusk. As they were often the only visitors to our isolated cottage, perhaps they had a point. Sitting on the back porch receiving spiritual invigoration from the sight of the noble profile of Sleeping Beauty mountain obviously didn't count!

So reluctantly I went along to Brookfield where a group of U3A stalwarts had assembled. Over soup and coffee I decided that their conversation was much more stimulating than that of the plip-plopping cows. And they certainly were a heck of a sight more friendly than the possums. And the soup and coffee wasn't bad either!

What happened after was perhaps inevitable. The new term at Kingston's U3A found me enrolled not for ONE but TWO classes. Some family members were hyperventilating after this momentous decision!

I'm now entering the last term of the year and will definitely be coming back for more in 2008. But coming back for what? Stimulating courses? Pleasant tutors? Of course. But perhaps most of all I'll be coming back for the people, for the students - to me the most important commodity that U3A has to offer. Some attend supported by walking sticks and walking frames. Others still retaining their youthful spring and bounce, but all bright, cheerful, friendly and helpful. Smiles and nods abound. Names remembered. And their genuine concern for each other's well-being is heart warming. These senior citizens have amazed and inspired me.

It is the enthusiasm and fun that they bring to their classes that makes attending U3A a truly worthwhile experience. And the knowledge of years gathered together in just one classroom can ignite a zest for life that, for some, has seemed irretrievably lost.

Now, I find the cows pleasant but boring. The possums downright rude. As for my husband, he's thankful that the bad-tempered hermit seems to have disappeared. Just to make sure, he's suggested that I enrol for a few extra courses. You know, that's what I think I'll do

Margaret Richardson

