



U3A Courses on the Internet

U3A Online on 1 February 2001 introduced a Courses section. Details are on <http://u3aonline.edna.edu.au>

Here you will find short courses, for self-study or study in small groups, covering a wide range of recreational interests. Designed for members of the community who are isolated, either geographically or through physical or social circumstances, and thus unable to enjoy the advantages of the courses offered by Universities of the Third Age, they are now available to everyone.

For most U3A Online courses there will be three study Options available.

Option A: Self-study with access to the course materials at any time after payment of course fee.

Availability: any time of year, for one year after enrolling.

Option B: Self-study in small interactive groups. Each group will be limited to 12 - 15 participants, having its own Forum for discussions. Each course group will start the course on a given date and run for a pre-determined number of weeks. There may be several such (independent) groups set up for each course, depending on the number of enrolments.

Availability: Courses start on advertised dates.

Option C: Study in small groups, as in Option B, but in this case with a Course Leader who will often be the writer of the course. Only one such group will operate at any one time.

Availability: Only when volunteer Course Leaders are available. Priority access is given to isolated older people and U3A members.

Course fees for all options are \$16.00 per course including GST.

Special Note: Older people who identify themselves as isolated, and people who are already members of U3As will be able to pay an annual subscription fee of \$12.00 including GST. For this they can apply to enrol, while their subscriptions are current, in any number of the U3A Online courses, in any Options.

Courses that have been offered during the first term were:

Ageing and Retirement
Astronomy
Continents on the Move
Comparative Religion
Genealogy
Design in Your Life
Botany for Knowledge and Enjoyment
The Romans
Antarctica: The Frozen Continent
Autobiography and Journaling

NEWSLETTER

The next issue should be published about 13 August with a deadline of 3 August. The Editor welcomes contributions from members.

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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

presented to the 1st AGM, 30 March 2001

This first report to our first Annual General Meeting has but one theme: U3A Kingborough has had a most successful beginning. Judged on any criteria – the dedicated work of the Committee, the calibre of our tutors, the co-operation of the Adult Education Centre staff, the assistance of Kingborough Council – we have been very fortunate in our supporters. But the overwhelming satisfaction should come from recruiting a membership of some 150 in so short a time in existence.

It is obvious that our programmers, Thelma Rider and Netta McLaren who, with their advisory panel Shirley Short, Julian Goldsmid and George Wade, have struck the right chords in meeting the study needs of our participants, and obtaining the skills of appropriate tutors.

In thanking them all, I would add appreciation to Sylvia McCarthy who has fulfilled her role as Social Secretary most hospitably. Then again, our gratitude for five informative editions of the Newsletter is well deserved by Don Gregg. Our Treasurer Pat Neilsen has ensured financial viability and coped with GST and insurance contingencies on our behalf. A particularly personal tribute from me should go to Vice-President Bernard Pettifer, who held the

fort' during my absence overseas and, with Netta McLaren, put in noble work on a U3A Constitution to be adopted.

A sad note must, however, be added to this report in recording the death two weeks ago of Michael Atkinson, our Property Officer. His quiet efficiency in carrying out this duty, and the friendly manner in which he did it, is well recognised by all of us who worked with him on the Committee.

That said about all these generous voluntary contributors to our success, I know the Committee would want me especially to single out the work of Marjorie Major, our indefatigable Secretary. She has certainly gone the extra mile and given hours of her time devoted to ensuring all has gone as smoothly as it has this past year. Her contribution to our endeavours has in no small way been the reason for my being able to report so positively about our first year of operation.

What we have learned during the varied courses of study, and the friends we have made in the process, has more than justified the establishment of U3A in Kingborough. We look forward to a continuation of this happy state of affairs in the years to come.

Sheila Given

First Annual General Meeting

Nineteen members attended our first Annual General Meeting on Friday, 30 March 2001. The President's Report was received (see page 1) as was the Financial Statement for 1 January to 31 December 2000 (see below). The draft constitution, as distributed to members, was adopted. The following officers and committee were elected for 2001:

President: Sheila Given
 Vice Presidents: Bernard Pettifer and Don Gregg
 Secretary/Public Officer: Marjorie Major
 Treasurer: Pat Neilsen
 Auditor: Graeme Denehey
 Committee: Marian Jellyman
 Sylvia McCarthy
 Netta McLaren
 Thelma Rider

Marian Jellyman will act as Assistant Secretary, Don Gregg as Editor of the Newsletter, Thelma Rider and Netta McLaren as Programmers, and Sylvia McCarthy as Social Secretary.

John Michael Atkinson 1927-2001

Michael Atkinson, a member of the foundation U3A Committee and Property Officer, died on 14 March 2001. He had been an active worker in getting our U3A underway.

Michael was born in Melbourne and educated at Caulfield Grammar. He joined the RAAF in 1945 and after leaving the air force in 1948 trained as a chiropractor in the USA. On graduation he returned to Australia and worked as a locum in Victoria and Hobart where he met his wife Phyll. They married in 1952 and settled in Bendigo where he worked until his retirement. In 1995, after Phyll's death, he shifted to Tasmania where he quickly became involved in many local organisations. He was President of the Probus Club of Kingston in 1999-2000, was active in the Kingston School for Seniors, and was a keen member of the Kingston Tortoise Walking Group.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

1st January - 31st December 2000

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| Receipts | | |
| Subscriptions | 6230.00 | |
| Bank Interest | 27.78 | |
| Sundry | <u>34.00</u> | 6291.78 |
| Payments | | |
| Bank Charges | 9.57 | |
| Equipment | 121.90 | |
| G.I.O. Insurance | 266.89 | |
| Petty Cash | 347.10 | |
| P.O. Box | 48.35 | |
| TAFE Rent | 1335.25 | |
| Sundry | <u>34.00</u> | 2163.06 |
| BALANCE | | <u>\$ 4128.72</u> |

As per Westpac Society Cheque Account 037-015 12-9826

U3A LITERARY COMPETITIONS

For the information of writers amongst us, two mainland U3As are organising literary competitions:

- Moncrieff U3A North Gold Coast Inc., PO Box 64, Paradise Point, QLD 4216 (entries close 10 August)
- U3A Central Coast (NSW) Inc., 10 Pixie Avenue, Green point, NSW 2251 (entries close 7 September)

Details are on the U3A notice board at the Kingston Adult Education Centre.

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 The supreme end of education is expert discernment in all things – the power to tell the good from the bad, the genuine from the counterfeit, and to prefer the good and the genuine to the bad and the counterfeit.

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

GREY PARLIAMENT FORUM

hosted by Clarence U3A and Geilston Bay High School
to discuss issues of interest to older people

Saturday 30 June, 9.30 am -1 pm, at Geilston Bay High School

Tasmania's second Grey Parliament will be held in Launceston in mid October. As a lead-up, a series of local forums, organised by local councils and community organisations, will discuss older people's issues, make decisions about their own future, and forward recommendations or requests to Regional forums, and then to the Grey Parliament.

Clarence U3A and Geilston Bay High School invite you to join in their forum. The topics to be discussed are: Lifelong Learning, Health & Fitness, Safety & Security, Transport, and Volunteering. A fact sheet on your chosen topic will be sent to you before the forum. Morning tea will be provided.

Enrolments are required by 20 June.

Further information and enrolment forms are available from Rowena MacKean, Clarence U3A, on 6244 5172

PLAY-READING GROUP

When Carol and I brought out our CD of voice and harp *Shakespeare in Concert with Khayyam*. We sent one to Cicely Berry, long-time Voice Director of the Royal Shakespeare Company who has coached many of the famous actors of today in their great roles. Jeremy Irons has said 'without Cicely Berry my journey from film back to Shakespeare would have been impossible.'

We were thrilled with her enthusiastic endorsement of our work, since when we have been in regular contact with her. She was very pleased to hear of our play-readings as she feels it is important to combat the effects of *technospeak* on our language. She wishes the Kingborough U3A Play-reading Group success in Term 2 with Shakespeare.

Barbara Warner

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

A Special General Meeting of U3A Kingborough will be held at the Adult Education Centre, 8 Hutchins Street, Kingston, on Friday, 8 June 2001, at 10 am.

The business to be transacted at the meeting will be a motion: That U3A Kingborough become incorporated.

Netta McLaren

Acting Secretary

This is an important meeting and members are urged to attend.

COMMITTEE

There are one or two vacancies on the Committee. Any interested members should talk to Netta McLaren (phone 6227 1778).

SECRETARY

Marjorie Major, our Foundation Secretary, has decided she cannot continue in that role for health reasons. In the interim, Netta McLaren has agreed to be Acting Secretary.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

A small group of retired people meets on Friday mornings to make music together in a relaxed atmosphere. The repertoire ranges from Bach and Schubert to Scott Joplin, Jerome Kern and Australian folk songs. If you play a woodwind or stringed instrument, and would like to know more about this ensemble, please phone Shirley Short on 6229 2667.

INTERNATIONAL U3A CONFERENCE

An international U3A conference was held in Melbourne from 30 April to 3 May. It was organised by the U3A Network Victoria Inc. and sponsored by the Victorian Department of Human Services. U3A Kingborough did not send a delegate.

NEW TIME FOR AFTERNOON CLASSES

The Committee has decided that afternoon classes will start at 1.30 pm as a 1.15 start gave too short a lunch break.

PROGRAM FOR TERM 2, 2001, 25 June – 30 August

Monday 10.00 am

GLIMPSES OF EARLY TASMANIAN COLONIAL HISTORY Kitty Courtney. 10 sessions starting 25 June

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.

Levy \$1

Monday 11.30 am

SHAKESPEARE IN KINGSTON! Barbara Warner. 10 sessions starting 25 June

Entertaining readings from the Comedies and Tragedies led by Barbara Warner.

Monday 1.30 pm

MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING IN TASMANIA Ron Bugg. 10 sessions starting 25 June

The course examines aspects of exploration and mining in Tasmania from early efforts of exploration and historical mining techniques to modern methods not yet perfected. Each session will deal with a Tasmanian case study and legal aspects and land access will be discussed.

Tuesday 10 am

ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS (continuing from 1st Term) Joe Priest. 10 sessions starting 26 June

Present members please re-enrol. New members welcome

From Hannibal to the end of the Roman Republic. The course will cover the historical, social and cultural development of Rome before the Empire begins.

Levy \$2

Tuesday 11.30 am

THE LAW – WHAT'S IT FOR? Peter Cranswick. 10 sessions starting 26 June

Legal systems and their uses. Our legal inheritance. The search for justice. How our civil and criminal courts operate. Administrative law principles. Looking at a court.

*Don
Daphne*

Tuesday 1.30 pm

HISTORY OF IRELAND 2, 1800-1922

Richard Davis. 10 sessions starting 26 June

Present members please re-enrol. New members welcome

The second course on Irish History takes the story from the Act of Union, 1800, amalgamating the British and Irish parliaments, to the establishment of the Irish Free State and partition of Ireland in 1922. Emphasis will be placed in Irish nationalist movements for independence in this period. The course is complete in itself and does not require attendance at the previous course.

Levy \$2

Wednesday 5 pm - 7 pm

HOME COMPUTING BASICS FOR BEGINNERS

Joe Bondin. At Kingston High School Computer Lab.

8 sessions from 27 June

A hands on course providing a computer and software for each person to use. We need to understand the use of computers and their influence. This course will encourage participants to understand what goes on inside the box on their desk and/or encourage others to take the plunge and invest in a cheap machine that will give them contact the whole world and enhance their lives for years to come.

Levy \$2.50 for electricity

Thursday 10 am

FROM CLAY TABLETS TO COMPUTERS (Part two) (a History of Maths). Noela Foxcroft

10 sessions from 28 June

Present members please re-enrol. New members welcome

The course looks at the development of Mathematical knowledge from the earliest times to the present day.

Levy \$2

Thursday 11.30 am

SCIENCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE Charles Siddins, 10 sessions from 28 June

Introduction to scientific terms; atoms, elements, compounds. Plant nutrition, human nutrition, soaps and detergents, emulsions, cosmetic creams, engineering greases.

Levy \$2

Venue: All classes except Computing last for one hour and take place in A Block, Adult Education Centre, 8 Hutchins St, Kingston.

Note new starting time of 1.30 pm for afternoon classes