

U3A BALLINA/BYRON INC



NEWSLETTER Term 2 2014

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From the President:

Thank everyone for attending enrolment days – the change to Fripp clubrooms worked very well and having tutors taking enrolments for their class sped up the process. We were overwhelmed again by the number of new members, 80 in all, and still more coming into the office to enrol.

Viv Miller is the new chairperson of the social committee and I encourage all members to show support and participate in the arranged social functions throughout the year. All functions will be advertised on the notice board. I thank Wendy Boniface and the outgoing social committee for their work and endeavours - everything you have done is very much appreciated.

A big welcome to new members – I hope you are all happy and relaxed and enjoying your chosen courses

A few points for all members to consider -

- you are required to wear your name badge to every class you attend – fill in the space on the back of name tag for contact details in case of an emergency. If you have recently paid your fees, please collect your membership badge from the office. They are not posted out to members.
- always sign the attendance sheet on arrival.
- if you cannot attend a course for any length of time, or if you decide it's not what you expected, please advise the tutor or the office as another member might be on a waiting hoping for a place.
- arrive on time for your class; please don't arrive too early – if there is another class still in progress at the venue, be considerate and wait quietly outside until they have finished.
- please help set up for classes and leave venues clean and tidy
- everyone, please turn off mobile phones before starting a class. When a phone rings, it is disruptive and discourteous to everyone else.

This is my last report to you as President. I have enjoyed my five year term and I will miss the involvement in helping to run our great U3A. I encourage members to continue to show support with active and enthusiastic attendance of classes to help ensure the continued success of our organisation. This is your U3A and it will continue to thrive only with your assistance.

I wish to thank all committee members especially and everyone else for support during my term as President. I hope you all find peace, good health and happiness. The very best to you all.

Judy Parker, President

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Brunswick Heads

The Brunswick Heads group meets at the Bowling Club every Tuesday from 10 - 12 noon. They are very happy to have visitors join them. Contact person is Gertie Krebs 6680 7350

On the first Tuesday of the month there is a Poetry Class.

Music Appreciation is on the third Tuesday of the month.

Visiting speakers fill the other weeks. Topics as diverse as the Congo, Uzbekistan, Kenya and the life of an opera singer with Leica Robertson.

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Social Committee

Let's start!

I have picked Tuesday 29th April, 12 noon. – Let's have a working lunch at the Aussie. Meals start at \$10. Those who have volunteered for the Social Committee, and any other interested persons are welcome to come along. We can meet each other and toss some ideas around.

In Term 2 we will be offering some exciting social outings. The first trip will be to Bexhill Outdoor Cathedral, the Eltham Gallery and Pub, and lunch/snack/coffee at the Eltham Pantry, situated on a working pecan farm. (Fancy a slice of pecan pie with your coffee?) We will have a private bus and driver at our disposal. Cost \$20 a head, plus food and coffee. This will be in early May, weekday, (exact date tba) from approx. 10.30am to 3pm. Pick up/drop off at Fripp Oval.

The committee invites expressions of interest asap as numbers are limited to 12. Call Viv Miller on 6686 7561 or Ann Neal on 6681 6612.

If this is successful, there will be another day out sometime in June, to Minyon Falls and Rocky Creek Dam.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY LUNCH
Seven ladies from U3A attended the International Women's Day Lunch held at the RSL Ballina. We all enjoyed it. The food was

lovely, the speakers were excellent, and it was really well organised. Plus we all got to know someone a little better, as in most cases we were sitting beside a familiar face.

I intend to do it again next year – and will put the list up in 4th term for those who are interested. It's early, but it doesn't matter if you can't come, it just gives me a list to work from.

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Individual Computer and Tablet Tuition

There are currently 34 people on the list for tuition. We are working our way through the list and by the end of Term 1 we should have given tuition to about two-thirds of the listed people and we have seen some excellent progress. For those people who have not yet received tuition we thank you for your patience and we will call on you soon.

Anyone who would like to have some computer or tablet tuition in Term 2 can place their name on the list by calling the office. Leave a message if unanswered. If you wish to contact the tutor Terry Doherty you can phone him on 6628 7982.

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Digital Video Photography

Currently there are not sufficient enrolments to run this class. If more members enrol, the class will run on Tuesdays 1.30 – 3pm in Term 2 only. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact the tutor, Ian Lacey on 6686 2076. PC users only.

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Trivia

This year the popular Trivia afternoons will be held on the last Wednesday of each term.

Watch the noticeboards for more information.

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TERM DATES 2014

Term 2 28 Apr - 27 June

Term 3 14 July - 19 Sep

Term 4 7 Oct – 12 Dec

TERM 2 CLASSES with vacancies

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Scrabble 12.30-4pm Fripp Oval	Walking 9am from Fripp or as on walks list	Bones for Life 9-10am Fripp Oval	Poetry for Pleasure 1.15-3.15pm Fortnightly Fripp Oval	Walking 9am from Fripp or as on walks list
Canasta 12.30-4pm Fripp Oval	Italian 10-12 noon RSL Bowling Club	Creative Writing 12-2pm Fortnightly Fripp Oval	Investing and Trading in the Stock Market 1.15-3.15pm Fortnightly Fripp Oval	U3A Rhythmic Tappers - Intermediate 9.30-11.30am Ballina Sailing Club
	Cryptic Crosswords 10.45-12noon Fripp Oval	Classical Music Appreciation 12-2pm Fortnightly Fripp Oval	Travel Destination Discussion Group 3.15-4pm Fripp Oval	Canasta 12.30-4pm Fripp Oval
	Table Tennis 12.30-2.30pm Fripp Oval	Solo Cards 1-4pm Tutor's home		
	Digital Video Photography 1.30-3pm Term 2 Fripp Oval	Computers – Individual Tuition 1hr sessions Fripp Oval		
	Relaxation 2.30-3pm Fripp Oval			
	Meditation 3-4pm Fripp Oval			
	Scottish Country Dancing (beginners & continuing) 4-6pm Uniting Church Hall			

The classes not listed are full at the beginning of term 2. Vacancies and waiting lists may change during the term.

Please check with the office for the latest information.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Meetings held 1st Thursday of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct and Dec at 1.30pm at Fripp Oval

A new committee will be formed the AGM on 7 April, after this newsletter goes to print.

New committee members will be listed in the office after the AGM.

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