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President's Report

During the past year, your Management Committee has maintained its efforts to improve the effective and efficient management of our U3A, as well as to raise our profile in the wider community.

As part of the latter objective, U3A Ballina/Byron Inc. held a very successful Seniors Expo at the Richmond Room in April. This year we were fortunate enough to receive a grant from the NSW Government to assist with the Expo, following our application for same. Of the 250 people who attended the Expo, over 120 were non-members looking to see what our U3A has to offer. Thank you to all who assisted with the presentation of the event.

Our fund-raising activities in conjunction with Ballina Fair and Bunnings Warehouse continued. As a matter of interest, the Christmas wrapping at the Fair raised \$1984.25 and the Bunnings "sausage sizzles" showed a profit of \$1330.81. Again, my thanks to all who took part in these activities.

The events organised by the Social Committee generally continue to be well attended, and the feedback which I have received regarding them is very positive and complimentary.

After many years, Penny Kempler has decided to step down as newsletter editor and "Advocate" columnist. I thank Penny for her long service in both these roles. These duties will now be taken on by Heather Munro, and I wish her well.

Your Executive and Committee continue with their efforts to have our U3A formally included on the lease for the Fripp Oval premises, which is now due for renewal. This would have the effect of guaranteeing our continuing use of the facilities. We continue to liaise closely with the other interested parties.

Your Management Team continues to develop an increasingly close relationship with our colleagues at Northern Rivers U3A, with, hopefully, increased benefits to the members of both organisations.

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Warren Hastings Harris
President