



U3A Maitland Newsletter

Capitol Theatre Visit

2 October 2016

On Monday 29th September 2016 twenty "odd" members gathered at Maitland station to get the early train to Sydney to join a guided tour of behind the scenes of the Capitol Theatre.

We arrived in Sydney well socialised and well travelled to have morning tea and stroll around the corner to the Capitol.



Our tour guide was a delightful lady who told us about the history of the theatre, from 1914 when the Wirths circus family purchased what was a market building (Haymarket) to build an ornate structure incorporating a seal performance pool which was used for not only seals but a polar bear followed by synchronised swimming and diving. Don't believe the water was changed between performances. The building, due to lack of finances was left in ruin in the 80 's then refurbished incorporating original features.



Aladdin was showing and we were able to see the elaborate costumes and stage props. We went to the Green Room, the peacock room, used for VIP's, saw the stars change rooms

with plaques for major league performers.
We walked on stage, no one sang or danced!!

The dress circle surrendered an amazing view of the theatre and ornate statues, stuffed peacock mascot and decorative night sky domed ceiling.

We all enjoyed lunch and each other's company, returned home by train after a fantastic day out.

Thanks to the organisers, Peter Wilson and Jan Atkinson for an interesting, different experience through U3A Maitland.

Trish Taylor



Social Calendar

October 11th

10.30-1.30 **Members Social Gathering**
Venue: CWA Hall Maitland

Find out about your courses from:-

Fiona Abbey will be your Leader for “**Keeping the marbles rolling**” and will demonstrate how enjoyable this course is.

Brenda Proudfoot—Writing for Pleasure/Creative writing. We will hear some of the great stories written by students from this course.

Anne Robinson - will demonstrate her **Ukulele** talents with some of her students from her class

Irena Watson—will talk and demonstrate her **Belly Dancing** class

Linda Feenan will have the video used at the **Balance and Bones** Course.

October 19th

8:00am **Men’s Breakfast**

Venue: Temple Bar Coffee Shop High Street Maitland

Guest Speaker: CHAS KEYS THE LEGACY OF FLOODS

Further details Peter Wilson 0409514452

26th October

6:00pm **U3A Social Dinner**

Venue: Hunter Hospitality TAFE Campus restaurant

The 3 course meal is cooked and served by the students from the Campus

Cost is \$30 per person. Our Booking is for 20, so if you wish to attend

contact Peter Wilson. peterwe44@hotmail.com or phone 0409514452 asap.

Changes to be implemented for 2017 U3A Maitland

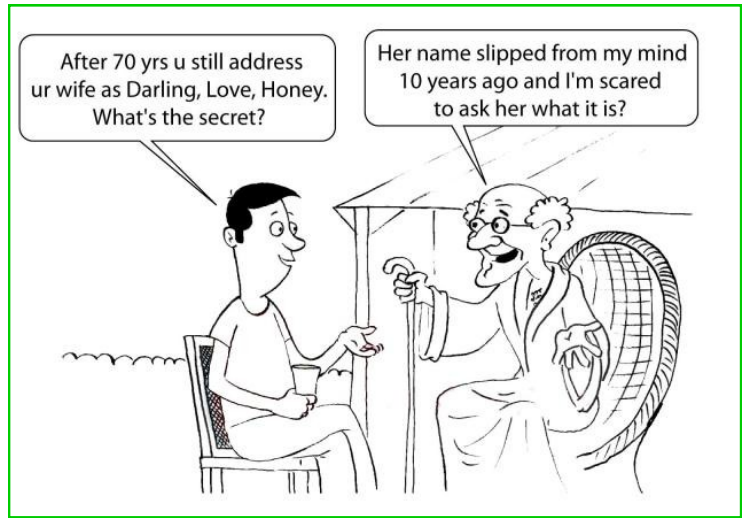
At the 2016 AGM, it was carried by unanimous vote that the U3A Maitland financial year should be changed so it runs from July to June as stipulated in the Constitution. In order to implement the change, a six month membership will be offered for \$25.00 for the period 1st January 2017 to 30th June 2017. The full year membership fees of \$50.00 will then become due on 1st July 2017 and each July from then on.

In response to members' suggestions we will conduct two Enrolment Days per year, one in January and another in July. Publication of Course Programs will be restricted to two per year to be published in June and December each year.

In summary we will:

- Publish Course Programs in June and December annually.
- Operate four terms per year as at present.
- Hold two Enrolment Days per year in January and July.
- Continue to accept enrolments throughout the year where vacancies exist.
- Levy a \$50 membership fee which becomes due on 1st July each year.
- Plan for courses and Program production in 6 month blocks (semesters)
- Continue to accept membership applications and enrolments for courses with vacancies from new members throughout the year.”

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