



U3A Maitland Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

16 October 2016

What a great day we had on Member's Day. Thank you for your participation and for the Social Committee for organising the day.

Fiona gave us a run down on Keeping the Marbles Rolling which was very interesting. James Scorer talked about his new course on pet care. Brenda's students from Creative Writing read us some of their work which made us all laugh! Then the ukulele students showed us their prowess on their instruments and we sang along with them. Irena showed us the basics of Belly Dancing and we admired her flexibility. Ted had a table for his student's wood working and some leaders gave us a description of their courses.

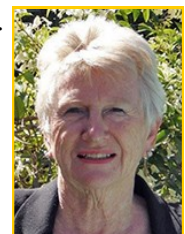
There were lots of fabulous prizes in the raffle and we made about \$180. Thank you Linda for keeping the morning on schedule.

Morning tea and lunch were delicious, and thank you to those on kitchen duties.

I have given a couple of talks so far this month. One to some of the residents of Settlers Ridge and one to the management of Opal, a care facility at Rutherford. We will be working on how we can best collaborate. If you know of any other facility that would like to hear from us let me know.

The new term starts on the 17th of October and I understand enrolments are going well. Enjoy what we are offering and let us have your feedback.

Our Website has been updated and improved by Jeff our Web Master. You should find all the information you need on there.



Wendy

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OR Call Wendy our President on 49306972.

Social Calendar

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.*

New Courses—These courses are still open

Art Group

A note to any budding artists, artistic novices and those who like to paint or draw in the company of others:



Dust off your paints and art pencils as there are still places available in the new Art Group which will be run at the Maitland Art Gallery on Tuesdays from 10.00 to 12.00.

While Heather McNamara will lead and organise the group, Helen Caddy our leader from the Beginning Art will attend on most days and be pleased to help and offer instruction to those who need it.

There are only two spaces left for the Art Group so first in best dressed members.

Pet Care

Ex veterinary surgeon James Scorer will help your knowledge on the health and maintenance of owning a pet. I think everyone who has any experience with the cost of visits to their local vet will agree that learning more about your pet would be advantageous. Mondays 9:15 – 10:45 at CWA Hall.



Contact the Enrolment Officer Ph: 4930 3342 Email: slatter.jill@gmail.com and book your place in these new courses.

U3A Maitland New Website

The U3A website has moved to <http://u3amaitland.org.au> but don't worry, you don't have to remember the details. Just go to the old site and it will direct you to the new site (after a 10 second delay).

Some things have changed on the web site - such as:

- increased the text size to make it easier to read
- some changes to the front page
- forms and links have been combined into the one area
- added Gallery - pics of our members at various events
- added Bulletins - to show the latest scams that are doing the rounds

This is stage 1 of the web sites development and will keep you posted about the new features that will be added later on.

Jeff North

Hunter Community Environment Centre

Community organising is a term that is being used more and more in Australian social movements – but what does it really mean?

Community organising builds power by connecting people with shared interests to take action. This approach recognises that significant social change tends to come about through the coordinated action of a number of people, rather than by isolated individuals.

The Newcastle branch of the Wilderness Society is offering a **two-day course in Community organising - November 12-13**. It's free and is for anyone in Newcastle or surrounding areas who's interested in creating positive change. You'll learn fundamental tools of organising and campaign planning and explore how to build power by using both.

It's also a great way to connect with people who are working in different progressive movements in our community.

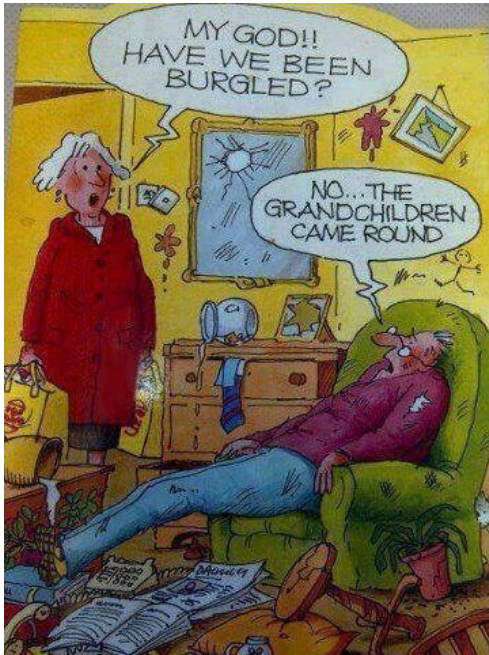
[If you're interested in attending, please RSVP.](#)

For more information, contact Charlotte.McCabe@wilderness.org.au

Photographs

I would very much like anyone who can take photographs at their various courses and send to me for the Newsletter would be much appreciated. rmf006@gmail.com.

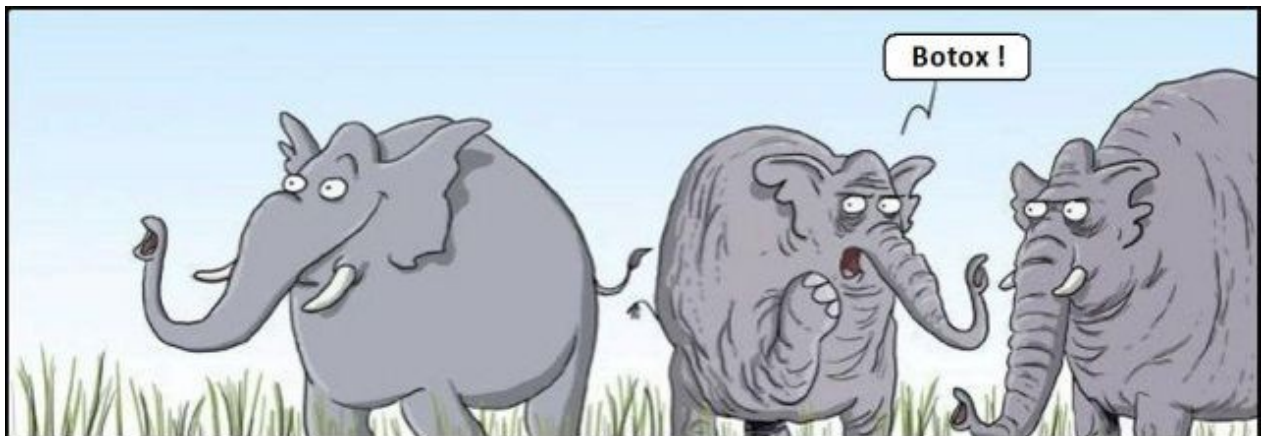
Comic Relief



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Invite your friends to join Maitland U3A, send them this newsletter! If they click on the link below it will take them to our home page where they can read all about us!

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Remember I need your input.