



U3A Maitland Newsletter

About being a Leader

13 November 2016

With Term 4 now well under way it is to be hoped that all our members are enjoying their courses. Let's hope everyone is being gentle with their course leaders as it is not easy to take on the running of a course particularly if it's a little bit out of one's comfort zone.

Let's also remember that holding a private conversation while the leader is speaking is disrespectful not just to the Leader but to other class members as well and, unless you've been a school teacher, it's not easy to tell other adults to pay attention.

So now that you know the difficulties, what about the joys. The joy of imparting your enthusiasm, your passion, your opinions to a group of gentle, interested, if occasionally crusty individuals who just want to know about your topic.

Our U3A courses are an opportunity to impart knowledge and to learn things you would never find elsewhere, even in text books, as all our leaders have that wonderful thing called life experience and are free to impart their knowledge from that perspective.

So, if you have a passion, a skill or an idea for a course that you might like to run, please think about it. The lead in time can be several months and the Program Committee is keen to help you in any way it can. Courses can be occasional lectures or up to any number of weeks long.

If you can speak another language, would you be interested in giving some insight into how that language is structured, written or pronounced? What you take for granted can be most interesting to those who have never spoken any language but English.

Would you be interested in teaching a beginners course?

To contact U3A Maitland you can - Email maitlandU3A@gmail.com
OR write to the Secretary of Maitland U3A PO Box 502, MAITLAND 2320
OR Call Wendy our President on 49306972.

Hunter Valley Hospitality Dinner

WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER TAFE KURRI KURRI CAMPUS

22 U3A Members attended a great Social Dinner at the Kurri Kurri Campus. They had a lovely setting with kangaroos having a great time outside on the beautiful grounds of the TAFE Campus.

A really special 3 course meal was prepared for us by the Hospitality Students and was enjoyed by all.

We gave the students a great ovation at the end of the dinner when these "would be Chefs" came out of the kitchen at the end of the meal.

There is a Coffee shop at the Campus and lunch is available between 11:00am and 2:00pm at very reasonable prices.

Worth a visit. Open during normal TAFE semesters.

<http://u3amaitland.org.au>

Our new website <http://u3amaitland.org.au> has been up and running for a couple of months now and I have received some glowing endorsements about the site (but some constructive criticism would also be nice).

But it doesn't stop there. We have a lot of things planned for the web site. For example, by the middle of next year we hope to have most of the manual, and very time consuming, work that Jill Slatter (Enrolment Officer) and Peter Morrison (Course Coordinator) manage to be semi-automated by the website.

We are also moving towards making the web site a place where you can have more interaction with the various committees and other members. Where you can sign in and view your enrolled courses and at a later date, manage your enrolments online.

While we are moving more and more to the internet for our information, we haven't forgotten those members who do not have internet access. When designing the new web site the mantra was 'don't forget about the members without internet access'. Our non internet access members will see no difference in any of the new processes - it is business as usual.

Did you know that the Maitland Libraries and its sub-branches ([Maitland Library Branches - http://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/library/YourLibrary/branches](http://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/library/YourLibrary/branches)) offer internet access for free. The friendly Librarians are only too happy to help you get started.

You can send me suggestions/feedback/problems about the web site by going using the Contact Us form on the web site.

Jeff North
Webmaster

Comic Relief

FIVE HORSES—very moving Native American Story

A man asked an American Indian what his wife's name was.

He replied, "She is called Five Horses".



The man said, "That's an unusual name, what does it mean?"

The Old Indian answered, "It old Indian Name. It means . . .

NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG, NAG!"



EXERCISES I DO EVERY DAY

BEAT around the bush
BEND over backwards
JUMP to conclusions
DRAG my heels
PUSH my luck



*Like and share if
this made you giggle!*

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DONT FORGET OUT CHRISTMAS PARTY-

Wednesday

14th December 2016

R.S.V.P. by Thursday

1st December 2016

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