



Welcome to Term 3 2008

You should now have absorbed so much information that you probably think your mind will overflow, but **don't worry, always look on the bright side of life.**

Think of all the fun that you can now have at your dinner parties, enthralling your guests with all manner of important facts, some of which you can speak about in another language.

I would like to say **"Thank you"** to my wife Anne for all the time, effort and support she puts in on behalf of U3A. She prepares all the graphic artwork for my lectures, which is probably why they are so

interesting as well as producing labels for U3A staff and providing back up with computer programme applications.

Thank you to the Office Volunteers for the hours they put in ensuring the organisation continues to run smoothly. They fulfil a role as the first point of contact with our organisation and they are always polite, friendly and helpful. Thanks to our office manager Brenda Emerson for all her efforts, particularly in arranging production of your Newsletter. **The Editor**

President's Report

The end of this term will see us already half way through the year. Up to now we have been very successful in all aspects, class numbers have increased and the variety of subjects on offer has been great.

We have again participated in the annual Education Expo at Rosehill, this year we have been able to gain the assistance of the Sydney U3A. This I believe will be of great benefit to both of our chapters, as the more exposure we can gain the greater the number of prospective new members we can talk to.

The "Big Cup of Tea" for the Cancer Council was well attended and we were able to again raise quite a sum of money. To all our members who participated, donated goods and their time, I thank you.

The 2010 Conference Sub-Committee has been very busy, the venue (Penrith RSL) has been secured, and the Committee Members allocated tasks to further progress towards the big days. As time draws nearer we will need assistance from many members to make this event happen. So anyone interested in helping please give us a call. It is anticipated that attendance will be in the vicinity of upwards of 200 delegates from around the State, interstate and possibly overseas.

As is the case of all U3A's, our Chapter

is run on the principal of a totally voluntary organisation, no one receives or is entitled to any payment for duties performed, except for out-of-pocket expenses and very few claim these.

Membership dues are invested back to members in payment of accommodation for classes, publishing Term Newsletters and general office expenses. The only external printing done is the annual "Hand Book" and membership cards which every member receives. This year has seen a presentation of over 100 different subjects offered to members. Has anyone taken time to think how much effort it takes to arrange this alone, again all voluntary. The design and printing of literature to publicize these classes is done internally, again all voluntary.

Although we are a voluntary organisation, we still must abide by taxation rules on accounting and account-keeping, again all voluntary. This list could go on but I think this is enough to let members know what the volunteers give you, the members, for your yearly contribution

Reg Grace - President



U3A State Conference at Warilla 11th and 12th March 2008

The Theme for the 2008 Conference was - **Integrated Learning.**

The first meeting with some of our colleagues was in Kaemo- Gaensborough Estate Neighbourhood Centre where Kiama U3A held a class on Italian History, illuminated by numerous slides. Thence to Wollongong Art Gallery for the official welcome by James Cook as the Council including the Mayor had been sacked the previous week.

In a relaxed atmosphere we met or reacquainted with delegates from all over NSW and established some helpful contacts to network with for our 2010 Conference.



Tuesday 11th March began with a buzz of activity. Registrations, name tags with the day's programme, instructions of workshop allocations etc..

We welcomed our support team of 13 U3A members who arrived in high spirits after an early start that morning to travel down from Penrith. Present were approximately 200 delegates and members from all over NSW, including some visitors from Victoria, Queensland and ACT.

The conference started on time, led by Convenor Max Morris and "Welcome to country" by Aboriginal "Auntie" Barbara Nicholson, followed by the official opening of the Conference by Kristina Keneally MLA, who spoke on positive ageing and U3A's vital role in this.

The morning started with a short talk from various participants on innovations within U3A, the Resource Library, U3A On Line and some innovative activities such as a Radio Play, Beach Walks including Archaeology and coffee seems fun and popular. Mock interviews with High School students, and the suggestion to set up a U3A survey by our own U3A members as home researchers, to establish an overall view of national and even international value of U3A contributions. Last item before lunch was the entertaining and inspirational talk of key note speaker Barry Jones, seen below with Freda Whitlam, on "A Journey for Further Learning" and how his personal examined life and experiences became the basis for so many of his later activities.



Brain games and gentle exercises led to lunch. The 2nd speaker Peter Treseder AM., spoke of his overland expedition to the South Pole, accompanied by

incredible slides. He marvelled at the endurance the human spirit is capable of. Professor Iverson concluded

this day's session by stating he hoped to live long enough to die young, stressing the importance of gentle exercises and healthy diet for Seniors to counter muscle waste as a result of ageing. This last challenge we readily implemented by attending the excellent Conference dinner while we listened to SMH journalist Bruce Elder, who emphasised the uniqueness of Australians, the outback life and locations of once historical constructions, sadly only mostly left-over ruins now.

Wednesday March 12th started with a demonstration by Shellharbour Senior Tap-dancers, followed by an address by Dr. C. Rossetto, who spoke on "Lifelong Learning" whether as mature aged students at Universities, or any other learning, and the benefit of the application of anything learned, thereby making a difference. To other people's life

The AGM saw President Path Maclaren-Smith re-elected unopposed. Beverley Holland was elected by ballot as Vice-President. Secretary position remained vacant and Treasurer elected was John Green. All nominated committee members were elected unopposed. We regretted to see Ern Holleborne finish his 9 year term as State Secretary, however, Ern will continue on as Web Master [Ph. (02)65539382].

We heard from former Treasurer Ray Gall about our insurance policy, and how excess of any claim will be distributed over all 62 U3A (thus paying 1/62nd of the excess of any claim). Copyright licence will cost 22 cents per individual member and the amount will be added to the insurance invoice, which will be distributed as soon as the new premium is received. The premium for each U3A is based on the number of individual members at cut-off time. The Treasurer's report was finally passed after we received belated copies. It was agreed to have NAB as the network's bank to assist easier access for the newly elected Treasurer. Discussion took place re the forming of a National Peak Body for U3A Australia. When it was clear that no extra secretariat was needed, thus little extra costs were involved, the motion was passed. Most work could be achieved via the internet and Email. The benefit of a National body will be U3A speaking with one voice with the weight of thousands of our members on matters of importance, especially when being consulted on on ageing issues.

After lunch we attended a choice of workshops. Reg attending "Koori culture" and myself "Social Justice". The last one was on practical social justice and involvement. An example is the African "School of St. Jude", which enables some of the poorest children there to attend school, as education is vital if ever they want to beat poverty.

The last speaker for the day (and Conference) was Michael Newman who addressed Adult Learning and Social Action. He spoke on Social activism through adult education and the creation of consciousness and need for human relationships in order to overcome a natural fear of existential isolation. . **Hedi Roggeveen**

Biggest morning Tea

Biggest Morning Tea, in aid of Cancer Research was held at the U3A offices on Thursday 22nd May. Judith Hill assisted by several volunteers arranged a wonderful spread of delicious food. There was a good turn out and, in addition to cash, some members donated for sale Arts & Crafts, books, cakes, pastries and plants. \$652 was collected for the Cancer Council, which will aid education programmes, research and support services



for individuals diagnosed with cancer and their families.

A special "Thank You" to all those who helped with the **Greatest Morning Tea**. Many U3A members attended and we raised \$652 for Cancer Research. We had lots of goodies to eat, exciting things to buy and a wonderful raffle. As well there was good company and memories of those who had had cancer.

Judith Hill

U3A Class News for Term 3

Growing and Caring for Orchids

Commencing 23 July 34 Danny Street, Werrington

Wednesday: 9.00am – 11.00am

Graham Larkham Tel: 9833 4450

More details are available in the Handbook 2008.

Graham requires a minimum of 12 students. We have only 6 students enrolled at present .

Exploration of the Earth's Magnetosphere

Commencing 22 July - Penrith School of Arts

Tuesdays: 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Commencing 24 July - Springwood Neighbourhood Centre

Thursdays: 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Anthony Bayes - 47392661

Italian Language for Seniors

Peter Caldalano has advised that, due to family commitments, he will be unable to continue his very popular "Italian Language for Seniors" class after Term 2. We hope Peter will be able to restart his class next year. However, the students of this class wish to continue and have asked us to try and find a new tutor. Anyone willing to run this class as a tutor or even as a **Discussion Leader**, please contact Alan Lees phone: 4736 5541 or email alanlees@y7mail.com

Italian Literature

After term 2, Silvio Trambaiolo will take a well earned break from tutoring his **Italian Literature** class at Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre. He hopes to resume again next year.

Art Tuition: Drawing & Painting

Harold Arndt has cancelled his class at Woodford because of the small number of students. He hopes to resume his class again next year when his new studio should be completed.

Architecture

The U3A Architecture class at Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre. Peter Buckwell has advised that the course will not be run in Term 3. He may start it again next year. For further information contact Peter Buckwell phone: 47871388 or email buckwellandpartners@bigpond.com

French

Correction to the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre's Newsletter:

There are places available in the "U3A Conversations in French class" at 2.00pm to 3.30pm on Thursdays at Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre. For further information contact Jane Zemiro phone: 4787 5695 or email jzemiro@yahoo.com .

Basic Computing at Penrith Library on Tuesdays

The Computer Room at Penrith Library will be closed until the end of term 2. However, we have been given accommodation next door in the Community College of the Plaza Complex. At this stage, Penrith Library is unable to advise us on how long this arrangement will last. For further information contact

Robert Byrne phone: 4739 8436 or email Robert@goodit.com.au .

Nepean District Lapidary Club has offered to run a course for our members at their Club house in Penrith at any mutually agreed time. They not only give instruction in Lapidary but also Silver work, Jewellery making, Casting and Fossicking. There would be a small additional fee of about \$3 per class to cover equipment and material costs. If anyone is interested in taking a course at the Nepean District Lapidary Club, please contact Alan Lees phone: 4736 5541 or email alanlees@y7mail.com

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have recently received a copy of my 16 year old grandson's school report, which included the following appraisal of his overall ability - "This student is depriving a village, somewhere, of a perfectly good idiot."

Do you think I should try and arrange some work experience for him in this suggested occupation?

Concerned Grandmother

I strongly suggest not—Editor



Dear Editor

I received this joke, others may enjoy it too.

A vampire bat came flapping in from the night, face all covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep.

Pretty soon all the other bats smelt the blood and began hassling him about where he got it. He told them to go away and let him get some sleep, but they persisted until he finally gave in.

OK, follow me", he said, and flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats behind him. Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a huge forest of trees. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him tongues hanging out for blood.

Do you see that large oak tree over there?" he asked.

YES, YES, YES!!!! the bats all screamed in a frenzy.

Good!" said the vampire bat, "Because I didn't".

Mary

Thank you for this - Editor

News from the Classes

Cake Decorating with Sophia

The beginners class has been just amazing at U3A, we have been learning how to make many different flowers and to apply icing to cakes. Sophia is a wonderful Tutor, and a very dedicated teacher, we all go home with more knowledge of the art each week.

We have a great time of sharing, caring and laughter as well as learning together.

Verna Lovell.



Walking with a touch of history

On Monday 7 May 2007, the U3A bush walking group led by Nick & Judith Hill went in search of the Feather-tail Fly along the Nature Track at Wentworth Falls. This mysterious little creature has been seen by other groups on several occasions over the years, at Pulpit Hill, Transit of Venus walk at Woodford and on the Nature Track, usually in or near heath land on the sunny ridge tops, and always during the first 2 weeks in May.

On this day we had a leisurely morning tea at Edinburgh Rock and there they were – their white feathery tails lit by the sunshine, flying above the heath and around the cliff face of the rocks.

In the following year the group led by John Massar, walked down to the same spot and after 30min of searching in the heath finally saw one, it was a bit windy so most of the "flies" were in hiding. Also the following week the group led by Judith Hill and Kerry Speak also spotted a few more of these stunning looking "flies".

The insect is sometimes called a "Bird of Paradise Fly" but it mostly named the "Feathertail fly"

It's actually a true bug....

Callipappus species (family Margarodidae, superfamily Coccoidea, order Hemiptera).

This colourful winged individual is a male; the females are wingless, look like larvae and are much larger (up to 40mm).

John Massar



News from the Classes

English Classical Music Twentieth Century.

The poems included on page 7 were written by one of our members, Jacqui Barrett, as a tribute to the pleasures of our Tuesday morning Classical Music Listener's Group, held at Springwood.



This programme is presented by our friendly and knowledgeable leader, Paul Kelly, who along with his charming wife Audrey welcomes us into their home, where for two hours we are able to luxuriate in an eclectic mix of both stimulating and uplifting music. We are even treated to a delicious morning tea of Paul's own cooking.



Our group consists of a diverse range of individuals each possessing a different degree of musical experience and knowledge, but we are united in our shared enjoyment of the occasion and our enthusiasm for this opportunity to communicate with like-minded people and learn from each other.

We thought you might like to publish the poetry as a thank-you to Paul and Audrey.

Joy Morrison

Now, all of you other class members, come on and let your Tutor know how you feel. This is your Newsletter and your forum for comment.

The Editor.

Cake Decorating Class Progressing Well

Hello to all from the Cake Decorating and Sugar Art Classes. Well the first term found all of us very busy, not too much giggling and laughter as we got down to some very serious decorating on Easter Eggs. (See below - left). I have to admit Sophia, our teacher gave each of us so much encouragement and individual assistance, that each of us decorated several Easter Eggs. Which, needless to say were very proudly given to family and friend, they in turn were very pleased to have a piece of HTA fine art that they could eat (and did). Sophia's Easter Egg Decorating Classes were a huge success and we thank her for that. Also in first term we had a birthday in our class, it was Ron's birthday in March and Errold made a very fine, large fruit cake on which Sophia designed a beautiful pattern and we all assisted in decorating Ron's Birthday Cake. I believe it went down very well. Then in our second term we relied on Errold (again) to make his very famous fruit cake for it was our teacher Sophia's Birthday. We decorated it with a little marzipan and pink icing and presented it to a very surprised Sophia, who was very pleased and we, in turn, were also. We presented her cake before her birthday as we didn't want to clash with Mother's Day. Till next time have fun in your classes and enjoy life from all at the **Cake Decorating Classes.** **Jacqueline Dollack**



These yummy Easter eggs were decorated by the Cake Decorating Class, and I was fortunate to receive one, I like that part of preparing the newsletter. Editor



Ron's cake



Sophia's cake

U3A News

You may or may not be aware that we have now nearly 1000 Members of U3A in our group. We have, however, only 12 office bearers and associated Committee Members together with a very willing, small group of office volunteers who help to keep things afloat. Our dedicated Tutors all give their time gratis.

I would like to ask you all - **WHAT ARE YOU GIVING TO U3A?** - apart from your annual membership fees that is. Every year at the AGM we have trouble finding people to fill Committee positions and for the last couple of Newsletters we have had no response for a Vice President (Blue Mountains), Social Secretary and Conference Co-ordinator. There are surely some retired people who have the expertise and time to fill these vacant positions - we all have talents - even if they are a little rusty.

This is your U3A and as Members it is up to you to make sure it is successful and meeting your needs and the needs of other senior members of our community. **Why haven't you volunteered your time and talents? Why haven't you given us the benefit of your expertise? Why haven't you given something back to the community?**

I know that retirement is "Our Time" and you don't necessarily want to do the same things in retirement that you did earning a living or whatever but to make "Our Time" special and meaningful, we have to give as well as receive. Please think about how you can help achieve this and bring about whatever you can bring to our Group.

The overworked Committee will thank you forever.

Linda Sinclair

To save on postage we sent out the Term 2 Newsletter by email to all members, who use this facility, and it appears to have been a successful move.

If any members do not wish to continue receiving the Term Newsletter by Email, please advise the office on 47223405 or email "**unsubscribe**" to u3anepoff@pnc.com.au.

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Laurie Robinson

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Mention your U3A membership.

The office will be closed over the Term break period from 2pm Friday 4 July, 2008 until 10am 21 July Monday, 2008. Classes will be conducted to their scheduled times on each of these days.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Any Newsletter contributions for the Term 4 publication should arrive at the U3A office, attention Newsletter Editor prior to Friday 5 September 2008, so start getting your thoughts together for the last full issue of the year. Alternatively email to: u3anepoff@pnc.com.au



Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 2pm on Friday 14th November 2008 at the Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre in Lawson. We have 952 financial members and if you are interested in making a most useful contribution to the running of our organisation, please start organising your application with proposers and seconders for the position required. Application forms are available from the office. We trust you will make an effort to attend this important meeting, to ensure that we do not have a repeat of the fiasco that occurred last year. Our Constitution requires a minimum of 25 financial members to be present to form a quorum for the AGM. Last year we had to delay the AGM for 20 minutes because of insufficient numbers, despite there being 700 financial members on the register at the time. **This is just not good enough by any standard.**
The Editor.

Think seriously about this situation, if the Management Committee is dissolved and we cannot elect a new Management Committee then the U3A Nepean- Blue Mountains Chapter will cease to exist and everybody will suffer. So please ensure that this catastrophe does not occur.

The Cube Roots of Unity

Discussing the equation $x^3=1$ at one of our recent sessions, we noted that on transposition that we could reform the equation as $x^3-1=0$. Since we can factorise (x^3-1) into $(x-1)(x^2+x+1)$ then either $(x-1)=0$ or $(x^2+x+1)=0$. This gave us the trivial solution of $(x-1)$ but what about $(x^2+x+1)=0$? Under normal circumstances this quadratic expression cannot be factorised further. What though, if we applied the quadratic formula to the latter expression. (Do you remember the formula for the solution of the quadratic equation from year 10 - the old fourth form - days?).

Applying the quadratic formula of $x=\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$ to x^2+x+1 we have

$$X = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{0-3}}{2} \text{ or } \frac{-1 - \sqrt{0-3}}{2}$$

i.e. $x = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{-3})$ or $x = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{-3})$.

Suppose we call the first of these quantities ω , then square the result, we end up with the second quantity and vice versa and if we multiply the two quantities together we get $\omega^3=1$

Adding ω and ω^2 , we get -1 , so that if we say the cube roots of unity are $1, \omega$ and ω^2 then the sum of the cube roots are equal to zero, i.e.

$$1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$$

Multiplying $1+\omega +\omega^2$ by ω we get $\omega+\omega^2+\omega^3 = 0$ multiplying again $\omega^2+\omega^3+\omega^4 = 0$

And so on.

Can you show that if $\omega^3 = 1$ and using the expansion for $(1+\omega)^3$, i.e. $1+3\omega+3\omega^2 + \omega^3$ that $(1 + \omega)^3 = -1$, also that $1+\omega^{10} + \omega^{20} = 0$?

Anyway, all this led us into imaginary and complex numbers and we noted that there is nothing imaginary about imaginary numbers. Anticipating some follow up on this, we decided to put these few notes together and wondered if there would be others in our U3A organisation who would be interested in taking our meanderings further.

Bob Perrie - 47589414.

Come along now all you people who are mathematically inclined, especially the ones in the back row, stop hiding your brilliance under that bushel and solve these small problems.

Please don't ask me, I only prepare the newsletter.

Editor.

Music with Paul

Serenades these summer days
Are rising, sinking,
Loosely linking
Attentive listeners
In our music group.

Garden leaves in a gentle breeze
Are flicking, twisting,
Teasing with light
Our group distracted
By an interior concert.

How mercy drifts
Like dust mote shifts
Of kindness.

How music binds
Our hearts and minds
To beauty.

.....**Jacqueline Barrett Feb. 2008**

Be still
To listen
Be still
To hear.

Into your silence
Let the music
Clear
Swell to your stillness
Cradle your silence,
And hold you
Still.**Jacqueline Barrett Feb. 2008**

Support the people who support us.

When you next visit the U3A office don't forget to cross the road, pop in, have a snack and a chat at:-

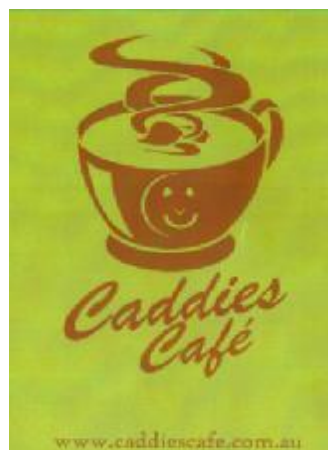
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U3A Social Get—Togethers

Bus Trip.

Our U3A Committee has organised a **combined bus trip and river cruise** for our members and their partners on **Wednesday 10 September, 2008**.

Maximum cost will be \$50.00 per person, depending of numbers.

The **bus will pick up passengers from Panthers at 8.45AM** and the **northern side of the Penrith railway station at 9.00am**.

The bus will travel to Glenorie for a visit to ***Balanced Essentials Aromatherapy***, welcomed on arrival by your host with a terrific spread for morning tea. Then enjoy a presentation and information session on aromatherapy – try the products and you can purchase at a discounted price. We then travel into Wisemans Ferry to be welcomed aboard ***Leisure Lass Cruises*** for a two hour luncheon cruise. Sit back and be transported back in time with an historical commentary, hear the River Trade stories and of the local lifestyle. In fully air conditioned comfort with a fully licensed bar, panoramic windows and a delightfully experienced crew. Returning to Wisemans Ferry and our waiting coach we then pay a visit to the ***Ferry Gallery*** and ***Visitors Information Centre***, before rejoining our waiting coach for the leisurely journey home.

Trip includes air conditioned coach travel, morning tea, and **Balanced Essentials** presentation, two hour cruise. Lunch menu – roast chicken, salads, bread rolls, dessert, tea/coffee.

Please ring the office on 4722 3505 and put your name down. Don't wait too long, bookings are coming in very fast. Full payment will be required at the end of August.

29th September to 7th October

Leura Gardens open days, check the Blue Mountains Gazette for daily details. Travel by train to Katoomba or Leura Stations then buy a \$12 Seniors special all day ticket on the Trolley Bus.

Entry Price:

All inclusive ticket for \$18 pp to inspect all gardens **OR**, \$5 pp per garden.

For further details see web page: <http://www.leuragardenfestival.com.au>



Volunteer Hostess Required.

U3A is looking for a hostess for our very occasional functions.

The main duties would be to check the supply of coffee, tea, milk, sugar, detergent, dishcloths, tea towels etc., and /or purchase the same at U3A expense.

Organising the help of willing volunteers in setting up, heating the urn etc. and tidying up afterwards, washing tea towels and sometimes tablecloths.

If you can assist in this position please contact **Hedi Roggeveen** on 47322978

Hans Frank

Many of our U3A members will know Hans Frank, who was one of first Tutors in the Nepean-Blue mountains region of U3A.

Hans has a passionate interest in world history, and conducted many classes in European History continuously from 1994 to 2006. He was a former Treasurer and Committee Member and Hans has contributed much to the success of U3A in our area.

When ill-health prevented Hans from conducting his popular classes at Springwood, he continued these, for some time, at his home in Winmalee.

He continues to read hungrily, and maintains a constant interest in world events, many of which he has had personal experience.

Hans now lives at :

**The Martyn Claver Care Facility
200 Megalong Street, Leura
(Cnr. Victoria Street).**

Several of his former students visit him, and I understand he is keen to conduct regular classes at the facility, if this possible.

Hans would be delighted to receive a visit or a phone call (afternoon best) from any past friends. His phone number is **47841563**.

Ken Salmons

If any of his friends or past students can spare the time to visit or phone Hans, I am sure that he would be delighted to greet them.. This would be a fine way of repaying the tremendous efforts Hans has put into U3A over the years. The Editor

News from the Classes

----- TRAVELS WITH ROBERT

Your travels with ROBERT will take you away
To the GREAT WALL OF CHINA or INDIA's
BOMBAY

The whole world before us with places to see
You'll come on a journey with joy and with glee.

A cruise down the DANUBE, a trip to PERU;
Oh where can we take you with so much to do!
CANALS criss-cross HOLLAND; the same in most
lands,
But on the coastlines of SPAIN you'll find golden sands

You may ski in NORWAY - in AUSTRIA too;
Your greatest desire to have friends with you.
The colder the better, for those who love SNOW,
The chill in the weather will make their skin glow.

Your choice may be ASIA, with markets galore;
The foothills of EVEREST or in BANGALORE,
MILAN or dear PARIS are shoppers delight,
Or a beach in MIAMI to see the MOONLIGHT.

If the TOWER OF LONDON is on your agenda,
Or BUCKINGHAM PALACE with all its splendour;
Then rest ye a while in London's HYDE PARK
Where TOURISTS abound and DOGS NEVER BARK.

"OH COME BACK TO ERIN" we hear in the song,
For in dear old IRELAND our hearts do belong.
A STEW to be savoured, a GUINNESS to drink
Will fill up your stomach and turn your cheeks pink.

Around the world we've travelled far
It could be by plane, by train or by car
Your TRAVELS WITH ROBERT will whisk you away
To somewhere quite local or lands far away.

Brian Stanley Wood

From the Treasurer

We are almost at the end of another financial year and I have to report that preliminary figures show that we will make a profit this year, hopefully, in the order of \$8000 - \$9000. This is a really good result as we have made losses for the last couple of years. This will enable us to perhaps provide better resources for our Tutors and Members, also to replace some of our rather antiquated equipment. The Committee has worked very hard to contain costs when everything, as you are all aware, is rising at astronomical speed.



We have finally rid ourselves of the burden of paying for the lease of the photocopier, thanks to a Grant from the Federal Government, which enabled us to purchase our own, which is a rather nice looking photocopier. We have applied for a further two Grants, one from CDSE for the purchase of computer equipment for the office and the other from Telstra for Older Australians for a Broadband and Wireless connection. We are hopeful we may get one or both of these Grants we have applied for - we will not know till August or September.

We are now - thanks to Anthony Bayes - printing the Term Newsletter in house and with a willing band of helpers, led by Brenda Emerson, either posting or emailing it to our Members. A big **"thank you"** to all our Members who are getting the Newsletters emailed to them as they are saving us a fortune in postage costs. The next Newsletter will contain the actual Profit and Loss together with the Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th June 2008; in due course this will be audited, for your approval and comments, prior to the Annual General Meeting that will be held in November

Linda Sinclair - Treasurer

Committee Member positions.

The Management Committee welcomes Tony Sherry, who has accepted the position of Committee Member. Tony lives on the Central Coast and we thank him for making this significant travelling effort to ensure the continued operation of our U3A Chapter.

We would, also, like to welcome a long time U3A member and stalwart Tutor, Elly Byrne, who joins the Committee as the Vice President Blue Mountains. Unfortunately we have lost the services of Committee Member Kerry Speak, due to family circumstances and the Management Committee would like to thank her for the magnificent effort she has put in on behalf of U3A in the Upper Mountains. Kerry was instrumental in expanding and being the U3A contact in the Blackheath area. We therefore seek another person to continue her fine work.

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STATEMENT OF OBJECTS

The Chapter will:

1. Provide an opportunity for persons in their Third Age to individually and mutually take part in and contribute to the expansion of their knowledge in fields and/or disciplines of their choice.
2. Contribute to the growth of intellectual and cultural interests among the citizens of the region.
3. Conduct classes, workshops and social events to further these objects.
4. Work harmoniously with other organizations having similar aims,

2008 Office Bearers

These are your appointed Officers.
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Vice President - Nepean Hedi Roggeveen
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Vice President - Blue Mountains - Elly Byrne
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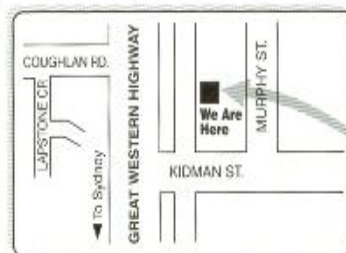
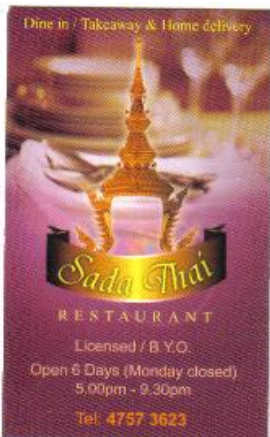
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