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Congratulations Leone Scrivener

The Hobart City
Council's Aust. Day
2012 Citizen of the Year
The award is in
recognition of Leone's

services to education in Hobart and will be
presented at the conclusion of the Australia
Day Citizenship Ceremony which will be
held at 11 am on Thursday, 26th January at
Sandy Bay Regatta.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With our Summer Program of lectures
already underway and providing us with
much food for stimulating thought, 2012 is
well and truly launched.

This newsletter sets out in detail the
program for Term I. When making your
decision about which lectures you choose
to attend, may I suggest you be
adventurous and select one or two, which
you would not normally attend, i.e. those
which may be outside your "comfort
zone"? I think you might be pleasantly
surprised to find that in doing so you open
yourself up to new learning experiences,
which prove to be very enjoyable.

This year will see some changes to the
physical layout of the Domain campus
with temporary fencing already in place in
preparation for the rebuilding of the
Waterworth buildings. **There is now no
access to the Philip Smith Centre from
the eastern side of the building.** Foot
access from Edward Street, through the
rose garden and from the lower internal car
park (old tennis courts) is, however,
unaffected.

I wish you all a very happy New Year with
many enjoyable hours spent at U3A
Hobart.

Helen Vojacek

2012 AGM

**Wednesday, 8th February at 11.30 am in
the Life Sciences Theatre no. 1,
immediately following the last summer
lecture.**

Roy and Maureen Davies Memorial Lecture

10 am Wednesday, 1st February 2012

Speaker

Professor Peter Rathjen

**“Stem Cells and the Future of
Medicine”**

Information for new members



Parking Arrangements

There is 2, 3 and 4 hour parking in the vicinity of the Philip Smith Centre. There is also 3 hour parking in the Olympic Swimming Pool car park.

Parking in the grounds of the Philip Smith Centre is for permit holders only. The front drive of the Philip Smith Centre may be used for the dropping off or picking up of members, but not for parking.

Have you considered using taxis if you are experiencing parking difficulties?



Morning Teas Coffee/Milo and biscuits

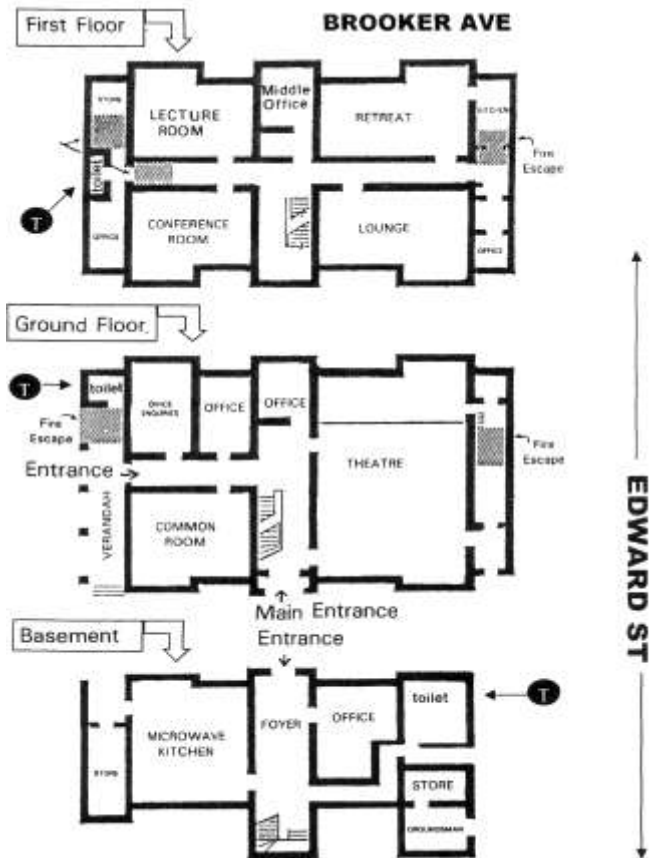
are available in the Common Room at 9.30 am and 11am for the cost of 50 cents.

Please rinse your used cups and leave them on the draining board.

Do not re-use the cups. All used cups must be washed in the dishwasher.

The ladies' toilets

are downstairs in the basement of the building. However, if you are unable to negotiate the stairs, there are **unisex toilets on the ground floor verandah**.



For your own safety, please take note of the exits from the Philip Smith Centre on the floor plan above. If there is a need to evacuate the building, please assemble in the rose garden where your class secretary will be. Let him or her know that you are safely out of the building.

Many thanks to those people who responded to our request last year and donated books to the language classes. The books were greatly appreciated.

Volunteers for assisting with the morning teas are always needed. If you can help please ring Mary Rattray – 6223 3052

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the University of the Third Age - Hobart Inc. will be held in the Life Sciences Theatre, University of Tasmania, on Wednesday the 8th February, 2012 at 11.30 am

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held on 9th February, 2011
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Office Bearers and Committee.
6. Election of three members to the Maureen and Roy Davies Fund Sub-committee.
7. Appointment of Patron
8. Appointment of Auditor
9. Any other business of which necessary written notice is given.

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

President, Vice-President, Secretary/Public Officer, Treasurer and eight committee members. All positions are vacant.

Maureen and Roy Davies Fund Sub-committee – Three members of not less than five (5) years standing and not being members of the Committee.

NOMINATIONS:

- Must be received by the Secretary by **1st February 2012**
- Must be in writing and signed by proposer, seconder and nominee.
- Will be accepted at the meeting only if insufficient written nominations have been received by the closing date.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS - Only members who are financial for 2012 are eligible for office, to vote or participate in any way in the meeting.

Bryan Pearce Secretary/Public Officer

2012 Term Dates

Term 1:

Tues. 13th March to Thurs. 24th May
*Easter Break – Mon. 9th to Thurs. 12th April
(Anzac Day 25th April)*

Term 2:

Monday 18th June to Thursday 23rd August.

Term 3:

Mon. 24th Sept. to Thurs. 29th Nov.

Academic Co-ordinators

Art & Humanities –

Kitty Courtney – 6221 5307 (H & A)

Languages:

Carol Vincent – 6278 9497 (L)

Science and Music:

Hilary Wallace – 6227 8883 (S & M)

Social Science:

Rosalie Davis - 6227 8011 (SS)

Co-ordinator's notes.

This term we welcome two new tutors: **Elizabeth Parkes** and **Elizabeth Ritchard**, both of whom taught at Rosny College for many years. Liz Parkes has done extensive family research and she will give a five week course on Tasmanian history as revealed through the family involvement. Elizabeth Ritchard has considerable experience in computer teaching, and she will assist Pieter Buining with the computer course, "An Office on your Lap". This course is designed for people with a lap-top computer. Members who intend to enrol are asked to email Pieter before term starts:
pieter@buining.org

Are you a supporter of the Hobart City Eisteddfod? Were you perhaps a performer in years gone by? The Eisteddfod has recently included a section for maturer performers, with a minimum age of 40 years? These classes are for vocal/choral, instrumental, speech and drama and original compositions. I know our membership includes many gifted people, who may be tempted to participate. The syllabus with full details will be available free of charge at U3A in March. Hard copies are available in music shops and suburban libraries from mid-February. Or download on www.hobarteisteddfod.com.au

I hope you enjoy the term, meeting with friends in the stimulating environment of U3A.

Leone Scrivener

Enrolment Procedures
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Tribute to Gwyneth Dixon



Last month we were saddened to hear of the death of Gwyneth Dixon, a lady of many talents who contributed greatly to the musical life of our state. An excellent soprano, she was conductor of the Devonport Music Society in the 1950s, during which time she visited Hobart on many occasions to perform in ABC broadcasts and musical productions, such as the 1952 production of *The Gondoliers*, with Lyall Beven and Mavis Brinkman, which people remember to this day.

A tireless organisor, Gwyneth was the founding Musical Director of the Theatre Royal Light Opera Company (TRLOC) in Hobart, and many years later, the founding conductor of the Hobart U3A Choir, which met for the first time in April 1991 in her home in Derwentwater Avenue, Sandy Bay. Graeme and Mary Thompson recall the Committee's early effort to rally numbers for the choir, and Mary was a choir member from the beginning. At the end of that year the choir sang for the first time at the U3A Christmas Luncheon, and over the years gave a great variety of Christmas and charity concerts. Gwyneth's fifteen-year association with U3A came to an end in 2005 when she retired from the music scene because of failing eyesight. She was awarded an OAM for her contribution to the cultural life of Hobart as a singer, singing teacher and founder of the Hobart Casting Service. She is remembered with great affection by the many members who shared with her the joy of music making.

Leone Scrivener