

COFFS HARBOUR U3A INC

2017 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At this time on the close of my first year as the president of Coffs Harbour U3A I want to acknowledge and commend the performance and commitment of the volunteers in our committee and course coordinators. Together we have been able to maintain a high standard and numbers of courses whilst achieving a sensible fiscal balance of our finances. The adaption of the “myu3a” computer program system has been a valuable tool to aid us to have tighter budget control and planning

This year the membership numbers are down by 10% compared to last year (2016) which had negatively affected our cash flow. The membership fees being our only means of income. However, we anticipate that we will finish the 2017 calendar year within budget. This was achieved by sourcing some more economic venues and, in some cases reducing class time periods and schedules.

On behalf of the membership I thank the volunteer course facilitators for their continued commitment in presenting high quality courses and look forward to a repeat performance in 2018. If there is any member or some one known to a member who would like to present a course, please let the committee know. We will endeavour to give any assistance. We welcome new ideas.

During this year we organised a number of social events. One being the French Festival event at the Jetty Theatre in which we are currently involved. Coffs Harbour U3A contributed to the Seniors Week this year by presenting our popular forum “Dangerous Ideas For Seniors” which we plan to present again next year. The end of year 2016 social was enjoyed by many, however this year we are planning a different format for this event, a “Trivia Quiz Afternoon” and social get together (Final details will be publicised later).

Coffs Harbour U3A had a special recognition recently due to a generous donation to the University Campus made by a founding member of our U3A. The late Joan Duncan in her will pledged funds to the university to build “study rooms” onto the library providing that a room is made available to Coffs Harbour U3A. Our secretary and class coordinator attend the opening ceremony and dedication.

We look forward a challenging year next year anticipating that with judicious planning, we will be able to maintain the presentation of the current popular courses. We hope some new courses can be offered. Membership numbers and membership fees will determine the outcome of the number and schedules of classes.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who help to make Coffs Harbour U3A a continued success and I encourage all members to take full advantage of being a part of such a diverse group as the University of the Third Age. We all enhance our life the more we participate and continue to strive to learn about the world about us.

Thank you

John Clingan

President Coffs Harbour U3A