

COFFS HARBOUR U3A INC

2018 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been another successful year for Coffs Harbour U3A. It has been a year with a number of challenges that the committee has successfully managed so as to ensure members can continue to enjoy the activities of Coffs Harbour U3A.

This year will be the last year of service for a number of the current, long serving committee members who have decided not to stand again. I want to acknowledge and thank these dedicated people, and those have decided to continue with the committee, for their hard work and commitment over the years to ensure that our U3A has grown in strength. Although I will miss my former colleagues, I look forward to working with the incoming new volunteer committee members to continue to serve the membership of Coffs Harbour U3A.

We have welcomed a number of new tutors and courses this year with success and wish to thank all these tutors for their dedication and hard work to present the wide range of courses offered.

This year there are 503 members registered attending 40 courses between them. Due the efforts put in this year to maintain our budget, the fees paid by members this year will the same for 2019. This was achieved by continuing to source some more economic venues and, in some cases reducing class time periods and schedules.

On behalf of the membership I thank all the volunteer course facilitators for their continued commitment in presenting high quality courses and look forward to a repeat performance in 2019. 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 end of year "Trivia Quiz Afternoon", which proved to be very popular and is planned to be put on this year. Coffs Harbour U3A contributed to the Seniors Week this year by again presenting our popular forum "Dangerous Ideas For Seniors" which we plan to present again next year.

We look forward to 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. As usual 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