

From the President

Welcome back to Term 3. Coming up we have the AGM, our Annual Luncheon and the long-awaited excursion to the Rainforest Gardens in Lismore.

Tuesday Forum speakers – July

July 24 - Wendy Bithell



The first speaker for our new term is Wendy Bithell. Wendy has run local nature tourism business Vision Walks for the last ten years. Wendy has a Bachelor of Science degree and a Masters degree in e-learning and she has become an expert in the natural history of our region and the application of new technologies to the study of nature. Wendy's specialty is the use of night vision technology which allows viewing of native fauna in their natural environment with minimal impact and disturbance. She will also talk about the enhanced viewing of the heavens that her technology provides. Wendy is an experienced and enthusiastic presenter.

July 31 - Gary Opit



Gary will join us with a talk entitled Citizen Science & Cryptozoology. He will talk about the results of 21 years of wildlife identification broadcasts for ABC North Coast Radio. He has published a paper in the Australian Zoologist, the oldest and most prestigious scientific zoological journal in Australia. This paper is based on descriptions and illustrations of large animals (otherwise completely unknown) that farmers, rural workers, national park rangers and local zoologists have described to him live-to-air on ABC radio. From the hundreds of

phone calls and emails it would appear that we have yet to discover the largest and most spectacular mammal species for NSW.

Tuesday Forum - August

August 14 - Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on August 14 at 10:00 am so there will be no Tuesday Forum on that day.

Dot Andrews has just advised that Barrington Pheloung (who had to travel overseas when he was scheduled to speak to us earlier this year) is back in Australia and hopefully will be our Tuesday Forum presenter some time in August. We will hold off on confirming our August program while Dot negotiates a new date with him. Barrington Pheloung is an Australian composer, now living in England. He is one of the most prolific television and movie composers in the UK (think Endeavour, Inspector Morse, Lewis, Dalziel & Pascoe amongst others). We eagerly look forward to his visit if Dot can secure it.

2018 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for all club members to come together and see the range of activities that your club provides to its 120 members.



We have displays and performances and a wonderful morning tea as well as the usual reports and elections of club officers and committee.

The Annual Report booklet will be printed and course leaders are requested to provide a brief update on their course status and member numbers for inclusion in the report.

While we are preparing our Annual Report, there will be an opportunity to include written compositions or photos of members or their work. Speak to me at Tuesday Forum or phone me on 0413 060 010 if you have something to contribute.

Writing for Posterity

Dot Andrews advises that, after many years, the Writing for Posterity group has been deferred for a while. Dot hopes some more members may be interested in writing stories from their lives with the motivation, feedback and support of the group. The group was set up to relive and record for posterity the times we lived through. It is also a nice way to get to know other members who sit beside us each week at the Forum. Everyone has a Life Story and it can be made part of history if it is put down on paper.

Promotion Materials



A promotional poster has been finalised and printed. We would love members to suggest notice boards where we can attract the attention of prospective members.

The poster design is also used for A6 flyers that will be handed out at local shopping centres and markets. Look for the bright flyers at various other locations around town.

You might like to have a handful to put into your neighbours' letterboxes to help build our U3A club. Just ask Roger or Denise at Tuesday Forum or [Contact Us](#) if you would like a bundle to distribute.