

## From the President

We are on the eve of the Brunswick Valley U3A Annual General Meeting and I hope as many members as possible will join us on Tuesday morning to greet fellow members, see what other groups are doing, enjoy a special morning tea and participate albeit briefly in the governance of the club.



Most of your committee and other office bearers, including myself, will be renominating for our positions. Dot Andrews will be retiring from the committee after 15 years of service. I am grateful for Dot's service as Vice-President during my years as President. Dot has previously been awarded life-membership of the club for service which included her own multi-year term as President. We will have a special presentation on Tuesday for Dot. Pat Irvine has organised a lunch for 21 August at the Bruns Bowlo.

If it appears to you that the club management is a tightly controlled clique and that positions are jealously guarded by the incumbents, please consider that perhaps we are simply not overwhelmed with volunteers. If you have skills or vision that you wish to contribute we will find a place for you.



Yes, many of us seem glued to our roles but change always comes upon us sooner or later. Our tutors and activity group leaders often appear well-entrenched and so it is with sadness that we face the departure of Bev Sweeny who is moving north to live closer to family in Brisbane. Bev has already picked her next U3A club at Cleveland. Bev has been a member of the club ever since I can remember and her service has been loyal and commendable but particularly meritorious for her contribution to Tai Chi and Shibashi. Bev took over the leadership of Shibashi when Terry Trivett

stepped back and has maintained this as our most popular activity for many years. Thanks, Bev, we also have special presentation for you on Tuesday.



We have another excursion lined up for the end of August. We are off to the Rainforest Botanic Gardens at Lismore. We had guest speakers from the Gardens in 2017, and they raised a lot of interest in their project. We

understand that this is the best time of the year for flowering plants. The walk around the gardens is not demanding and Denise and I can take up to three members each in our cars. There will be tea and scones at no cost. Sounds good, eh?

## The Blue Book



Want to know more about U3A? Well, for starters there is a network of autonomous clubs in New South Wales and the ACT called U3A Network NSW. Brunswick Valley U3A, as you might suppose, is in the Far North Region of this network. The network

maintains a website with a modest store of useful resources, including the Blue Book. The Blue Book is a compendium of policies and general information for clubs that answers a lot of questions about why we do things the way we do. Go to [this page](#) on their website to download the book.

### Webmaster Training



The network is running a Webmaster Course at Port Macquarie on 20 September. At present, the BVU3A Webmaster is Denise Curran. Anyone interested in taking on the role in the near future should look at attending this session. The club will contribute reasonable expenses.

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## Term 3 Tuesday Forum

### August 14 - AGM



The Annual General Meeting is an opportunity for all club members to come together and see the range of activities that the club provides to its 120 members. We will have reports from the small groups and elections of club officers and committee followed by displays and performances by a selection of our small groups. A new addition to the static displays is the Orchid Growing group.

Bring along some extra cash in case you are tempted by the beautiful array of orchids that Ken will have. We finish the meeting with a special festive morning tea.

### August 21 - Barrington Pheloung



Barry grew up in Sydney's northern beaches. He began playing R&B guitar in clubs, but his discovery of Bach in his late teens drew him to the classical repertoire.. At the age of 18, he moved to London where he studied guitar,

composition and conducting at the Royal College of Music. Now he is best known for the theme and incidental music to the *Inspector Morse* television series, its sequel *Lewis*, and the prequel *Endeavour* (amongst others). Barry's other work includes music for the Sydney Opera House's twentieth birthday celebrations, films such as *Truly, Madly, Deeply*, dance companies such as the London Contemporary Dance Theatre, and for events including the opening night of the Millennium Dome. Barry is now back in the Northern Rivers with lots of stories to tell of his time in London.

### August 28 - Marie Matthews - Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens visit



Marie visited us last year to tell us about the beautiful gardens that she and other volunteers have established on waste land on the southern outskirts of Lismore. Now we have the opportunity to visit the gardens while the weather is favourable and the plants are in their spring flowering season. The volunteers grow only native plants – mostly rainforest - which are endemic to an area within 200kms of Lismore. There are colourful information signs,

individual tree labels and a superb collection of local rainforest plants. Marie and her friends will guide us on one of the easy forest walks.

## September 11 - Don Hennessy



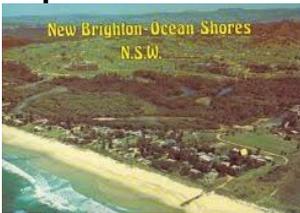
# ARE YOU READY?

*NBN – Making Informed Choices.*

Don has been providing advice to a number of our members about computers and the internet for many years, using non-technical language that they can understand and relate to. NBN is now being rolled out in the northern part of the shire with Brunswick Heads, Ocean Shores and New Brighton due to be

delivered in October. Don's presentation is designed to help members make an informed choice regarding the right provider and package to suit their particular needs and budget.

## September 18 Russell Siwicki



*Brief history of local real estate.*

Russell, a well known local identity, has been involved in Brunswick Valley real estate for 37 years. He was here when Ocean Shores and Bayside were being developed, building one of the first homes in Bayside. He has seen many changes over the years and has many stories to tell us about the politics, the planning and the

personalities involved.

## September 25 - Annual Luncheon



Following the success of last year's annual luncheon at the Brunswick Heads Bowlo the committee has decided to return again this year. We will meet at 11:30 for a 12 noon meal. More details closer to the day.