



KMVU3A Inc Newsletter

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Welcome to 2026 in U3A

Thanks to all our members for a great 2025 and despite a few difficulties eg the flood - KMVU3A survived. Below are some memories from 2025 and information for 2026.

For a list of 2026 classes go to: www.kempseymacleayu3a.com.au > Classes & Events > Current Classes.



2026 Calendar

- Term 1:** Monday 2 February to Sunday 29 March
- Term 2:** Monday 27 April to Friday 19 June
- Term 3:** Monday 20 July to Friday 11 September
- Term 4:** Monday 12 October to Friday 4 December

KMVU3A acknowledges the Thunggutti/ Dunghutti people being the traditional custodians of the Macleay Valley. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Members badges coming in 2026!

In February 2026 all members will be given a pin-on name badge like that in the picture. This is a more permanent option than the printed cards previously distributed and hopefully will last many years. We have sourced these from Affordable Trophies - a local supplier. This first badge is part of a member's joining fee.

If people join through the year – badges can be ordered for them. If a badge is lost or destroyed etc members can purchase a replacement badge.

We hope you like this new format. Please wear your badge - if appropriate – to your class or a KMVU3A event.



2026 enrolment days & details

Classes for 2026 will be available on our website from early January. [Click here](#) or go to our **website** > click on **Classes and Events** > **Current classes**.

Online enrolment available from January 12 on our website as above.

Enrolment online is like shopping online – the system will guide you and instructions are on our website. You can pay online, or later by direct deposit – details will be provided when you enrol. Your membership fee will be added to your enrolment if due. Online enrolment saves manual processing and is preferred.

You can practise enrolling online using the TEST class on our website – read the information first.

Enrol by email or delivery of the forms: See the Noticeboard page of our website for info and the forms

ENROLMENT DAYS will be held as below. Times for all locations: 10 am – 12 noon.

Note the new locations (*due to the renovations at the RSL*).

Many tutors will be available on Friday in Kempsey and in SWR so you can discuss classes with them.

Kempsey:	Monday	January 12	46a Tozer St West Kempsey
SWR:	Thursday	January 15	CWA Hall Landsborough St SWR
Kempsey:	Friday	January 16	Macleay Presbyterian Church Rudder St Kempsey

If a class runs for the full year, you are automatically enrolled for the full year and do not need to enrol each term or in the mid-year. You will need to pay in the middle of the year if you did not pay for the full year either at the mid-year enrolment day or online. You will be sent information about paying if necessary.

2026 class fees

To simplify management of classes we do NOT now collect fees every term.

- Membership is \$40 for the full year and allows you to enrol in as many classes as you want
- Class fees are **\$10 for half year or \$20 for full year**
 - Occasionally if a class only runs for 1 term \$5 will be charged
 - Members must pay the \$10 or \$20 even if they enrol mid-way through a semester or year
 - **This is less than \$1 per week.**

2026 Payment options: Pay online, by direct deposit or by cash or credit card at an enrolment day. **Cheques are no longer accepted. Do NOT put Cash in our letterbox** – go to a Coastline Bank and make a direct deposit, or deposit from your bank. Account details are on our website, on the forms and in emailed invoices.

After the flood

Like many in the area, our office in Tozer St and other premises we rent were flooded in in the May flood. Thanks to the many members who helped with the clean-up and recovery and Kempsey Shire Council for a very quick repair of the damage to Tozer St as shown in the photos below.

Most classes were only disrupted for 2 weeks after which we were back in operation. A great effort.



Keep up to date on our website or Facebook page

Visit our website here: www.macleayvalleyu3a.com.au or search in Google for Kempsey U3A.

Our website has the most up to date information about KMOVU3A. You can view the site on a computer, phone or tablet – or even a smart TV. You can enrol and join online or just use it for information.

The following are useful pages:

- **Notice Board:** Information on the latest enrolment days and current events/ dates etc
- **Classes & Events:** Information and photos of Current Classes and Events and enrolment info
- **About Us:** All about KMOVU3A

Visit our Facebook page here: www.facebook.com/KMOVU3A for regular updates and photos from classes.

AGM 2026

To be held: Tuesday 10 March 2026, 4pm at 46a Tozer Street, West Kempsey.
Refreshments will be provided.

Meeting documents, nomination forms for the committee and executive positions will be emailed to all members approximately 3 weeks prior to the AGM. Please consider nominating for the committee to help manage KMOVU3A.

Tutor Information Day 2026

A Tutor update / Information Day will be held on **Wednesday 28 January – 10 for 10.30 at the Pensioners Hall, Clyde St Kempsey.** Morning tea and a light lunch will be served. Tutors will be emailed details. The new Tutor Handbook will be handed out. Please bring your old Tutor Handbook with you to hand in (or arrange to have it delivered back to KMOVU3A.)

How can you help KMOVU3A?

Contact a committee member or email info@kempseymacleay3a.com.au if you would like to volunteer to help manage U3A. **There are many things you could do including being the editor for this newsletter.** In addition, we are always happy to answer any questions and welcome suggestions as to how to improve KMOVU3A.

Classes in 2026

Most of your favourite classes will be returning with a new class Art Making for Beginners in term 1 and several more in the pipeline for Term 2. See our website for the updated list.

Tutors with ideas for new classes are always welcome.

Please contact Joanna Hughes-Hallett via the info@kempseymacleay3a.com.au email to discuss.

Snippets about some 2026 classes

Art Making for Beginners: A new art class teaching the basics of art making is being finalised. Check our website for details.

Swimming: Introduced in term 4 2025 and will return on Tuesday mornings at Kempsey pool co-ordinated by Margaret Jopling. Astrid one of the 2025 members said: "Tuesday mornings have been so much fun for me. Water exercise is a wonderful and painless activity and has many positive health effects."



Kayaking: Many local waterways will again be explored. Christa said: "My favourite paddle though is Saltwater Creek at South West Rocks. It has many surprises and much wildlife once you venture past the pedestrian bridge near the Surf Club. Koalas, ospreys, water dragons, wallabies and even tawny frogmouths have all been spotted."

Gardening: The popular gardening class will as usual have guest speakers giving members insights into the secrets of their gardening life, trading days, excursions to nurseries and gardens in the area and much shared expertise and friendship.



Meanders: Will again wander through a wide variety of local areas from the bush to the beach with much wildlife and flora discovered and fitness increased.

Computers Basics: Learn how to manage your files, transfer photos from your phones to the computer, use OneDrive and many other tasks to ensure you work safely on your computer and on the Internet.

