

### HOW DID MILTON/ULLADULLA U3A START?

On 14 April 1988, a meeting was held in the Ulladulla High School, attended by the Mayor, Max Atkins, Clr. Paul Bland and about 20 people, to consider setting up a local Branch of the Shoalhaven U3A, which had been formed in Nowra the year before. A small committee was formed with Dave Parsons as Chairman and Joan Wonnacott as Secretary.

A class in English Literature was already being conducted by Eric Barker. This was held in the Civic Library and was attended by Nan Wright, Jan Anderson and a few others.

In response to an appeal in the local press for tutors, I volunteered to teach French and Pauline Kates to teach Calligraphy. A class in Egyptology given by Jo Polkington had already started. The first French class was held in my house in Mollymook on 12 July 1988. Pauline Kates began in her house but, as her class grew, more space was needed and the Mollymook Bowling Club kindly allowed her to use their downstairs room.

On 9 August 1988, at a meeting in the Burrill Lake Community Hall, attended by the President of the Shoalhaven U3A (Jan Hopkins) and Secretary (Jocelyn Ward), a Committee of three was formed, with Harry Higgs as Chairman, Joan Wonnacott as Secretary/Treasurer and George Moorhouse as Courses Coordinator.

Committee meetings were held at Joan's house at Burrill Lake and later, after Joan resigned, at 16 Lockhart Avenue Mollymook. Joan was replaced by Ted Gordon as Registrar and George by Marcia Higgs. During this period, Harry Higgs was elected Vice President of Shoalhaven U3A and attended monthly Committee meetings at Nowra.

We separated from Nowra in 1989. The new Milton/Ulladulla Branch had Harry Higgs as President, John Leighton-Jones as Secretary and Helen Cohen as Treasurer. Committee meetings were held at the Higgs house in Lockhart Avenue, as were many courses, although some were held in tutors' own homes. Marcia Higgs continued as Courses Coordinator until replaced by Keith Stevens in 1994.