

# U3A

## E Newsletter

### January 2011

Term 1 for 2011 commenced on Monday 24th of January bringing a sense of normalcy to what, for many people, has been a terrible month. We are not aware of just how many of you were involved in the loss of your home and possessions or your livelihood but if there is anything we can do to assist you please let us know.

**U3A Office** : The office at U3A experiences it's busiest time of the year in the first week of Term 1. The phone never stops ringing and the members flock in to pay their membership fees. It can be very trying especially if you are new to the experience. U3A has a new Office Manager, Lesley Cook who was Assistant Manager for a number of months in 2010. Lesley is being ably assisted by her best friend Pauline Moriarty, and also by Lorraine Kenealy. Some long term members and a number of newcomers to the Office are also helping. Our thanks go to Lesley for taking on this task and our thanks to those who for many years have turned up to do the necessary work in the office. A big welcome to the newcomers to this job and thank you for agreeing to assist. With around 2,500 members it is very important that the office is run efficiently as it is a vital part of U3A.

The following photos were taken in the office and show that the office bunch are very cheerful in spite of the heavy work load.



**Lesley Cook**



**Lesley Cook & Pauline Moriarty**



**Judy Gow (new)**



**June Morris (long term)**



**Judy Ransley (new)**

Lesley is seeking more willing members who are prepared to work in the office and she would be pleased to hear from you if you feel you are able to work for a day or a half day a week or whatever you can give. Lesley is contactable by email: [freemanlesley.cook@bigpond.com](mailto:freemanlesley.cook@bigpond.com)

Christopher Greenacre is also looking for members to work at the front desk for one day per week or a half day per week whatever you are able and willing to do. Christopher is contactable by email: [krystaka@gmail.com](mailto:krystaka@gmail.com) Working in either the office or the front desk will give you a very good knowledge of U3A Brisbane and you will meet new friends. Please give these requests some serious consideration.

**Monthly Lunch at COTAH:** Due to the floods, Southbank TAFE has postponed the start of their classes and other activities until February 7th. The February Lunch will not be held. The first Lunch for 2011 will be held on Wednesday March 9th commencing at 11:30am. After consultation with COTAH it has been decided to limit the numbers to 25 to retain the format that was used successfully last year which allows those attending to order the meal they want. It will be necessary to book with Pam or Maureen **each month** as follows:

**To make your booking:**

**Call the Coordinators:**

**Pam Morton:** email [pamelamorton48@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pamelamorton48@optusnet.com.au) or call 3849 2153

**Maureen Krenn:** email [maureen.krenn@virginbroadband.com.au](mailto:maureen.krenn@virginbroadband.com.au) or call 3399 8497

**Social Committee:** The bus trip to Tamborine Mountain is filling up and we have 19 seats available. The cost is \$25.00 and covers a trip to Aussie Vineyards followed by a trip to Tamborine Brewery where we will have lunch. Check details on page 8 of the Newsletter and the booking slip on p 31. Do come along and let us know as soon as possible. The March Boat Trip is hopefully still a possibility and we will follow up with the operators next month. As you all know none of the Southbank pontoons survived the flood.

**Newsletter:** A big thanks goes to the editors of the Newsletter for the wonderful work they put into this production. Olwyn Hodge and Barbara Scott spend endless hours in getting all the information together and last week started on the Term 2 Newsletter. Please take the time to read through the information available in the book. There is everything you need to know for the term from the upcoming AGM to the phone numbers for the Management Committee and the District Conveners and the different Social Activities. It is worthy of your attention.

**Classes New and Old:** Once again Griffith University has given us Students who will present classes for U3A members as part of their course. They added greatly to our community last year and I am sure they will do so again this year. They are **Freya White (Creative Writing - Tuesday 1.30), Kelly Ashbolt (Documentary & Discussion - Tuesday 1.30), Sam Neill (Plays for Newcomers - Monday 1.30), Sarah Chin (Music Appreciation - Friday 11.30).**

And a mention of another class - **Photography: Learn how to use your camera and take good photographs. Tuesday 1:30 - 3:00pm. RING Robin Hall 3273 3475.** Beginners helped. Field trips involved.

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