



E Newsletter April 2012

Term 2 started Monday 16th April in a great flurry of activity in the office with new memberships and getting reorganized after the renovations carried out over the holiday break. These alterations were made to provide more space in the room behind the office and required a great deal of planning to compensate for loss of storage for the office and a general reassessment of items no longer required. It was the cleanout that we all do following any removal but required the attention of a number of people to help. Our thanks go to Ian Lipke, Anne Douglass, Mary Calder and all the other helpers.

The AGM was held on April 4th and was very well attended. Alan Biggs, the immediate Past President, pointed out that the meeting was an historic occasion as it was the first one in our own premises. We are the only U3A to own our own headquarters. This is a credit to the dream that Ray Bricknell had a few years ago and to the strong support of Rob Hill, Alan Biggs and the management committee members plus all the members who invested in the dream and all the members who thought it was a great idea. Now all we have to do is keep up the membership in U3A Brisbane Inc. The guest speaker, Madonna King, was the best one we have ever had. She gave a wonderful description of many “famous people” and showed us their public and private faces. It was most informative and very funny. Madonna is an excellent speaker. After morning tea the AGM took place and Alan Biggs, the outgoing President, handed over proceedings to our new president Ian Lipke. By now you should have that excellent letter Ian sent to introduce himself to you all.



Ric Swindell, Madonna King, Ray Bricknell



A view of the members at the AGM

On Wednesday April 18th U3A had an unexpected visit from the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, who was accompanied by Everal Compton and the ABC Television reporter and their camera man. They interviewed a number of the students in the computer lab and after the reporter had gone with the camera man the Minister spent a lot of time with the class discussing various subjects raised by the class. What comes out of the visit will be seen or not in time to come. It was an interesting experience.



Ian Lipke (President U3A) Mark Butler (Minister) Ian Lipke, Mark Butler , Everald Compton



Everald Compton, Gwenn Ball (computer Tutor)



Judy Sneyd being interviewed by ABC

Easter Raffle: Gwenn Ball wishes to thank all the members who so generously donated the wonderful goods for the baskets, to the receptionists who so patiently sold the tickets and to all those who supported the raffle. It was a great success. Winners were: First Carmel Raven, Second Edris Schenk.

Social Committee visit to Karoomba Vineyard & Lavender Farm: This should be an interesting outing and we will be able to have a good look around both the lavender farm and the winery. There are plenty of seats left on the bus. Cost \$27.00. Date May 30th. Come and join us and enjoy the day.

The Pomona Bus trip has been rescheduled for September 11th and details will be in the next Class Schedule. Most people left their previous booking stand and we will be in touch closer to the event.

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