



E Newsletter

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Final Week: Christmas is now upon us whether we like it or not. If your shopping is not yet done, then like me, you're facing a quick dash through the shops. For U3A Brisbane Inc it has been a very good year with an increase in numbers of members, the office has been sorted out and there are now 35 volunteers working various hours between Monday and Friday giving you service on the phone and face to face at the counter. They are wonderfully patient with your inquiries and excellent *Directors of First Impression*. When you have to wait to be served on a busy day, please be patient and kind.

The Management Committee has developed a Strategic Plan to enable U3A to be a more inclusive place . If you have not read the Plan, you will find it on our wonderful website at www.u3abrisbane.org.au . The website has been totally re-engineered by Greg Taylor. We are lucky to have such talent at our beck and call. All our volunteers give us such valuable skills and we thank all of you for what you do.

Christmas Party: We had a wonderful turnout of members and partners and the best thing was that many more males attended than have done so in the past. Everyone seemed to enjoy the company of friends and the speakers. Now for the elephant in the room: the Social Committee is mortified about the lack of any semblance to a buffet in the strange food that was served so we sent a 2 page letter to the Events Manager at the Hilton and we had a meeting with him last Monday. He was very apologetic and has gone off to investigate what occurred. We will keep you all apprised of the outcome.



Daphne Wilkinson, Glenda Clifford, Desley Revell, Glenda Crowther. (photos by Wendy Gemmell)



Elizabeth Bull,

Barbara Scott



Sallyanne Atkinson - Patron



Social Committee: Jann Olsson, Mary Calder, Helen Dubois, Prue Jenkins, June Gemmell, Barbara Scott. (photos by David Gemmell)

CSSC (Class Schedule): It was decided to get the CSSC out early this year which is a very good thought and our thanks go to those who compiled all the information, edited the information and then arranged the printing. The books were posted on Monday and if you have not received your copy please call the office. All the information is available on our web page and it is important that if you require a hard copy you need to advise the office. We have a new mailout team who organised the labeling and the sticking together of the booklet. Yvonne McGann and Marianne Jones were ably assisted by some new members and supported by a number of “old hands”. The work was carried out very efficiently. Thanks to you all.

Computer Lab Raffle: Gwenn Ball has asked that I thank everyone who contributed to the contents of the hamper and those people in the office who sold the tickets. The winners are as follows: **1st Prize - Ness Claus Blue ticket C82**

2nd Prize - Pamela Barker Red ticket F47

3rd Prize - Mary Calder Orange ticket D055

Gwenn wishes you all a Safe, Wonderful Christmas and prosperity for the incoming 2013 new year



A very happy Christmas to you and may you stay healthy and safe. I hope that 2013 brings all that you wish. Thanks to all for your support.

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