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Winter School News

from Anne Douglass

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN - WINTER SCHOOL 2014 July 7th to July 12th



We have pulled out all the stops this year in an endeavour to bring you a Winter School we can all be proud of. The sessions will be held to a comfortable size and we have hired the lecture theatre at the State Library of Queensland for our Keynote Speaker Professor Roly Sussex. This venue is first class with great audio/visual equipment and comfortable tiered theatre seating. There is wheelchair access.

The program encompasses a diverse range of topics; there are 49 sessions in all made up of 23 specially invited speakers and our own expert tutors. History, from Ancient Syria to the Blackbirders in Australia, Art, Mathematics, Literature, Travel, Publishing, Science, The Brain, Biology, Research, Foreign Affairs, Computers, Philosophy, Archaeology, Australian Constitution, Health, Living & Dying.

There is something for everyone and sessions are filling up fast so book early to avoid disappointment. Check the website for full program details.

Book online at: u3abrisbane.org.au or
Phone the office at: **3236 3055** or
Email: mail@u3abrisbane.org.au

Brisbane Planetarium excursion

from Martin Gellender

An Invitation to join the class excursion to Brisbane Planetarium:

U3A members are invited to join the class "Science and the Big Issues of Our Time" for an excursion to the Brisbane Planetarium (at Mt Coot-tha) on Tuesday morning, 15th July (1st week of Term 3). Those participating can travel to Mt Coot-tha by bus from the city (details to be provided), or meet the class at the Planetarium before 10.30 am. The cost is \$15.

For further information, please call Martin Gellender on 3857 4448 or email mgellend@bigpond.net.au

Tutor Liaison

from Mary Calder

The **Strategic Scrabble** class held every week in the Catholic Centre is open to new members. Even if you are not very experienced or can't come to every session, you are welcome to try this class.

Friday at 12 noon in the Catholic Centre 143 Edward St. Contact Sheila Ward on 38460210.

We are also looking for Tutors for possible new classes at Carindale Library and Wynnum District.

Contact Mary Calder
tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au



Logan News

from Diane Bolen

U3A lunches are well attended and enjoyed by the participants. Venues are varied, costs are kept to a minimum and parking is usually plentiful.

Join us for some good company and lively talk on the second Tuesday of the month.

Contact Judy George at
dijygeorge2@hotmail.com or 3843 6246



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The 'English Country Dancing' group is enjoying their new venue at Logan City Community Centre. They would love more members to go along and have lots of fun on the 1st and 3rd

Tuesday of each month at 1:30. Betty Bowdler is away for all this month and David Anderson is running the class until Betty returns.

David Anderson 3208 3489 or david_anderson8@bigpond.com

Betty Bowdler 3207 0389 or Chrisbetty@optusnet.com.au

The "Book Discussion Group" is keen to have more participants at the Beenleigh Library on Wednesdays at 10am.

Contact Dawn Davis 3807 3661

David's class the "Beginner's Guide to Philosophy" is happy for new members to join at any time.

Contact David Anderson 3208 3489 or

david_anderson8@bigpond.com

Nick Bricknell has been our most prolific tutor since the earliest days of U3A classes in Logan. His many appreciative students will remember Ideology, Philosophy, Cartooning, Mythology and Exploring English (3 levels). Sadly, Nick will be unavailable for a while.

We sincerely hope all goes well for him and that he will be back later on, perhaps in Term 4. In the meantime, some of Nick's previous students will be holding a discussion group at 9.30 on Tuesdays when they can catch up with each other and discuss interesting topics of their choice. Angela de Hennin is the facilitator with the help of Lois Greensill and Shirley Gow.

Social News

from Helen Dubois

The ABC Tours proved to be very popular and even after arranging to have 2 tours in both Terms 1 and 2, there were still people asking to go. John O'Connor (ABC tour manager) has advised that once a month, he arranges tours for people who are not with a group. Just contact John at brisbane.tourmanager@abc.net.au and



arrange to see the ABC whenever you wish to go.

Bus Trip to Robotic Dairy:



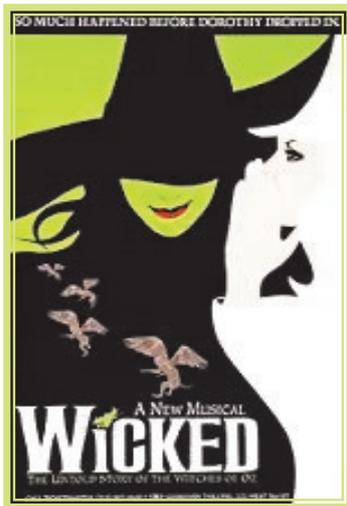
The picture above shows part of the Robot Dairy in action.

We have only 6 seats left for this excursion with Cross Country Tours on Friday June 20th. It is great value at \$50.00 for the visit, morning tea and lunch. See page 3 of the Term 2 class Schedule for more information. The bus leaves from Roma St (**outside**) the Transit Centre at 8:00am then picks up again at Kessels Rd Macgregor Park & Ride at 8:30am. It should be an interesting day.



The **Christmas Lunch** will be held this year at the Ithaca Room at the City Hall on Tuesday 25th November at 11:30 am for 12 noon cost \$60.00. The guest speaker will be Patrick Condren, the morning presenter on 4BC that has provided support for U3A over the years. Many of our members are listeners to 4BC. Patrick has been in the media for many years and is an interesting speaker. The booking sheets are available in the office. Get your class together and make a good party. Alternatively, if you don't come with a group, we will seat you at a table where you will soon make friends and have a great time.

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***The untold story of the
Witches of Oz.
Lyric Theatre – QPAC***

The most awarded new musical and Broadway's awe-inspiring and spectacular number one show will thrill Brisbane. **WICKED** is the untold story of the witches of Oz. Long before Dorothy dropped in, two other girls meet in the land of Oz.

One, born with emerald-green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. **WICKED** tells the enthralling story of two unlikely friends and how they became the WICKED Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

DATE: Wednesday March 11th 2015 at 1.00pm

COST: \$65.00

Please call the office to book and pay.

Grey Matters—New Issue

The April/May issue of *Grey Matters*, the newsletter of U3A Network Queensland is now available:

<http://www.u3aqld.org.au/events/newsletters>

U3A Network Queensland is the body representing U3As throughout the state. It's roles include making representations to government and assisting the development of new U3As.

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Term 2 finishes June 27th so enjoy the next 4 weeks and then you will have the Winter School to look forward to as well as a well earned break for all volunteers.

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