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Spring arrived this week and it really is the most beautiful time of the year in Brisbane. While we do not get the wonderful colours that those residing in the cooler southern climes see each year, they really pay for the view with very cold winters. Enjoy the weather that we do have while we have it.

The Class Schedule and Social Calendar will be posted to all those who get a hard copy on Monday 7th September and will be available on-line from Sunday 6/09/15 .

Presidents News

from Marilyn Wagland



This month I wish to acknowledge some of those at the Brisbane campus who are not committee members, nor are they tutors whom we readily praise for their ongoing commitment and hard work, nor are they our very valuable office volunteers who just keep on turning up to help our office run so well.

These people have taken on particular projects and continue to give large chunks of their time to organise and contribute to U3A. They never seek praise, but they do deserve it.

In no particular order, they are - Helen Carberry who organises the monthly Saturday IT sessions complete with guest presenters, Helen Dubois who puts together the monthly Enews, David Gemmell who operates behind the scenes to undertake the technical side of the Enews and CSSC in order for it to reach you electronically. Another notable non committee member is Helen Davis who takes on the same level of responsibility as the committee members who manage the office. Ian Lipke is giving a lot of time to writing the 30 year history of U3A Brisbane due for publication next year as is its editor, Josephine Brown, who also edited "Jitterbugging at City Hall".

Without the input of these people, we couldn't communicate so easily with you or offer the services we do. On behalf of all those who enjoy U3A, I give a heartfelt thank you to those mentioned above for their ongoing efforts.

One very dedicated member is Anne Douglass who, for 10 years, has organised the Winter School. This has built up over time, to become a much prized event by our members who appreciate the organisation involved to offer such remarkable list of guest speakers over such a wide range of topics. Anne is retiring from this position and her remarkable service will be recognised with the presentation of Life Membership at a function later this year. Thank you, Anne, from every one of us who has attended a session at Winter School.

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BRISBANE CITY CAMPUS

from Gail Hawkins –

Contact: tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

As Term 3 is coming to an end, we have the following new classes to look forward to in Term 4. You will be able to view full details of these classes when the Class Schedule is posted to our website on 6th September.

- E23 - Climate Change, what is it and what should we do about it.
- E21 - Taking a look at World Affairs
- E22 - Politics of Other Countries 2015
- J149 - Italian for Beginners – 1
- J153 - Italian for Beginners – 2
- J154 - Spanish Intermediate and Advanced Conversation
- B77 - Yoga
- X89 - Community Development

The following classes were not run in Term 3 but will be returning to our Schedule in Term 4:

- M19 - Music – What is Music?
- J136 - English for Speakers of other Languages – 1
- J135 - English for Speakers of other Languages – 2
- T01 - Calligraphy
- E15 - Cultural Diversity
- S18 - Sustainable Environment
- X81 - Peace Education Program –
Discovering our own inner resources

The Winter School Videos were popular with members last year and will be run again in Term 4 on Monday afternoons. If you couldn't make the actual presentation, this video is a great opportunity.

We experienced a considerable number of "no shows" last year, so would ask if you enroll in a Presentation that you make a note of the date and if for any reason you can't attend, then let the office know so that someone else can be offered your place.

We will also be offering two very special presentations. The first is on Community Exchange Systems (CES) and Alternative Currencies. CES (BrisLETS) has an active association in Brisbane whose members buy and sell goods and services without money. Learn the important difference between LETS and conventional financial systems and Alternative Currencies.

The second presentation is an incredible life-changing compelling story on how to live well with dementia. I will go into more detail in next months E News. You will also be able to read more about this mans incredible

challenge and struggle to change his life from one of adversity to one of fulfillment and adventure on our Facebook page.

Tutors have received notification that they can now add a biography, promotional video and personal photo to their website class profile. This is a great initiative and will give prospective students more information on the classes they are considering to attend. If tutors are interested in providing this information but are not sure in how to go about it – please contact me and I will assist in getting the detail in place.

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IT Group News: from Helen Carberry

The next IT Group session will be held on Saturday 12th September at U3A 344 Queen Street premises, 10 am to 12 noon. Kathryn Jones will present a session on Buying and Selling Online with eBay and Gumtree. Please find flyer attached.

The Queen Street venue is a short walk from 97 Creek Street. Walk towards Queen Street, turn left at the ANZ Bank and 344 Queen Street is on the left just past the Subway shop. Take the escalators to the first floor. If the escalators are not working, the lift which will be operated by a volunteer with a security key until 10 am only. Please call 3162 8850 if you need assistance.

To attend this session, you can enrol online at the U3A website. All you need is your membership number and surname as follows

1. Go to the [IT Group page](#) on the U3A Brisbane website, or navigate from the top menu via Groups > IT Group
2. Click on the Next Meeting button near the bottom of the IT Group page.
3. On the Meeting Details page, click on Enrol for this Meeting. Enter your member number and surname when requested. Your enrolment will be confirmed and you will receive an email confirmation. If you have enrolled but can no longer attend this session please go through the above process again but click Withdraw Enrolment. You can also enrol by logging in to the website as previously. In this case you will not be asked for your Member Number. Let me know if you have any problems with this.

Winter School Wrap-up

from Anne Douglass



I'm not sure how we are going to top this year's Winter School however we are already looking for speakers for next year and we shall do our best. Attendance figures were around 1900 which is really pleasing.

The Keynote Speaker, Professor Ian Frazer, was a winner and there is no doubt that holding it at the State Library turns it into something special. We have decided to book this venue again next year despite the fact that the State Library has almost doubled their charges. Doubling the price of the Keynote was discussed but Winter School has now reached a level that allows us to carry this quite considerable extra cost and we believe our members deserve the best.

We are getting bigger and better and this is due to the people who put so much time and effort into the recruiting and the organisation so vital to ensure the smooth running of this event. The Winter School

committee sources the speakers and Greg Taylor sets up the database and the on-line booking system that are essential for keeping track of 50 speakers. His contribution cannot be over estimated. It is his input that has streamlined the procedure and turned it into a slick and professional operation. Thank you Greg. Over the year things are refined and confirmed and when it comes to the actual kick off for Winter School, the office take over. What a wonderful job they do! Yvonne McGann, Mary Calder and Helen Davis were there every day from 7am till 4pm and that is a labour of love. I salute them and their wonderful group of helpers – we simply could not do it without them. Thank you – every one of you.

I would also like to thank my committee who do so much work behind the scenes and our own tutors for their contribution to the success of this event. U3A is a wonderful organisation but it is only as good as the people who are prepared to give up their time and put their hearts and souls into organising an event of this size.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS



Walking Group News from Dulcie and Carey Haydon

U3A Let's Walk Group Camp just occurred for 5 days from August 24 to 28. Sadly, it's over again for 2015. Rainbow Beach was an excellent place. The walks, planned by Mike Sherman, worked out well once again for the 28 members who attended. We stayed at the Rainbow Beach Caravan Park. There was always an 8am to drive to the Great Sandy NP walk trails. The final day was along the beach up to the beautiful Coloured Sands. Only 6 of our group made it all the way. After 3.5 days of solid walking, we were surprised any of us made it. There were celebrations in the Surf Life Saving Club on Thursday night. It was a great reminder of our 20+ years of annual camps. Thanks to all members who made the camp enjoyable.

Logan District News

from Jean Townsend:

Term 3 is continuing well, with sufficient members enrolled in all classes and activities. Many classes would welcome more students in the current term, especially the 500 Cards group. Diane Deshong's 6 week Intermediate Watercolour class starts on 3rd September.

The committee are negotiating with several prospective tutors and hope to have as many as 9 new classes in 2016. Meanwhile, we are looking for someone to facilitate another discussion group. The Philosophical Discussion group is now full, with people on a waiting list. There is still a need for a Latin tutor and we are always on the lookout for new tutors in general. Please contact Margaret Ancliff (Phone 3341 1154 or jancliff@bigpond.net.au) if you know anyone who might consider starting a new class or group of any kind.

The Logan District Christmas Party will be on 8th December, 10am at the same venue as last year, Logan Community Centre. Our annual parties are a lot of fun and a great opportunity to meet people and learn more about U3A activities in Logan. Monika Picton and Jan Burton are in charge of the arrangements. A light buffet lunch will be provided at a cost of \$5. Class groups are invited to provide some form of entertainment or to exhibit their work at the party. For more information contact Monika at gmgpicton@gmail.com

Bill Bohlen is starting a Videographers group in Term 4 for his past students and also anyone who wants to know more on the subject. Congratulations are due to Bill on his stunning movie on the u3a website and on the Facebook page. His blogs are well worth a look too:

u3alogan.blogspot.com.au

u3acameraclub.blogspot.com.au

u3avideographers-workshop.blogspot.com.au

Social Committee News

from Helen Dubois:



Thank you to all those who sent their good wishes for the recovery of what I was told was the most painful thing I could do. I am repairing and getting around.

Your response to the Christmas Lunch poster has been very helpful and we have 20 tables which is as many as the room will take. There are still places at a number of those tables so if you have a small group for your class we can seat you at a few of these tables. Thank you for your cooperation.

Diary Items:

- **Les Miserables** tickets can now be picked up. The session starts at 1:00pm.
- **Strictly Ballroom** is on the 7th October.
- **Stradbroke Island trip** is Wed. 16th Sept. Ring the office or me if you cant come for any reason as we have a lot of people on the waiting list.
- Tickets for **Sound of Music** for Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 1:30 pm Cost \$72.00. There are 30 tickets available for sale. Booking sheets will be in the office by Wednesday 9th Sept. If you wish to sit with anyone special please book and pay together.

U3A 30-year History Project

from Ian Lipke & Josephine Brown

Your input is needed for the U3A 30-year History Project.

Did you know? U3A's past President Ian Lipke is collating a history of U3A in Brisbane to mark its 30th anniversary next year.

This is not only a record of an important part of Brisbane's history, but it will also show how far we've come since 1986, and will recognise the achievements of the amazing people who have performed low-cost (or no-cost) miracles along the way.

To make this history as complete as possible, we need your help in two areas to:

1: Acknowledge your contribution -

Unfortunately, all minutes of monthly Management Committee meetings during the years 1986 to 2008 have disappeared. Other records of any significance, if there were any, have not been found either. The information we seek—who tutored and who did support work during those years? You might have volunteered in the office, assisted in a computer lab...there are many possibilities.

We want to acknowledge your contribution. If you can help, please tell us:

What you did and where

What year/s

Names of those tutors and support people you remember from this period

Anything else you think might help.

2: Focus on inspiring tutors

Part of this history project will be a series of vignettes about outstanding tutors. That's where you come in. Would YOU like to write a very short story (250–300 words) about your most unforgettable tutor?

Yes? Then tell us:

When you joined U3A Brisbane and why

What were you like before you joined your special tutor's class?

What did you learn from that tutor?

How did this inspire you?

Afterwards, what were you able to do that you couldn't do before?

Action!

Please send your story and/or information

(plus a high-resolution headshot image of yourself, if you have one) to —

Ian Lipke, U3A 30-year history project coordinator

ian.lipke@gmail.com OR mail@u3abrisbane.org.au

Deadline: Friday 16 October 2015

