

E Newsletter October 2013

Classes with available places:

It looks like far too much fun was had during the term break and you haven't had a chance to look at the term 4 class schedule. You can find details on the web or you should have received the CSSC in hard copy if that is what you asked for.

There are some terrific courses still with places available.

Enjoying Classical Music at Hamilton Town Hall

with Stephen Baggaley



Enrolments are coming in for our course Enjoying Classical Music – Introduction to be held in the historic Hamilton Town Hall at 10.00–11.30am every Thursday for seven weeks commencing on 31 October.

The course explores music's development from the Medieval period to our own time in the context of our society's ongoing change through history. Participants are given preparatory reading for each session, and all the music played each week is made available for further listening on YouTube.

There is no cost for this course except for the photocopying fee of \$3.50 which is paid in full at the first session.

The Tutor is Stephen Baggaley, formerly a broadcaster with ABC Classic FM and a founding member of Brisbane's own 4MBS Classic FM. Stephen began buying LPs in his early teens and had over 10,000 recordings by the time CDs were released in Australia in 1983. His CD library is equally extensive and provides many music examples to illustrate this course. For more information or to enrol, call Stephen

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baggaley.u3a@gmail.com

Stephen has 2 other excellent classes at Creek St. See pages 13 & 14.

Logan District news: from Jean Townsend

In 2014 Logan District will need the help of one or more volunteers to help plan and organise an Introduction to Art group which will involve various media and techniques. All the necessary teaching resources are available and we expect to have several volunteer tutors. Classes will take place at the Logan Art Gallery workroom on Thursday mornings. We are also planning a class on how to load, organise and edit your digital photographs. We have an experienced tutor willing to take on the job if a minimum of 8 people say they will enroll. Please talk with Jean on 3801 1949 if you can help with these or any other volunteering jobs.

Logan Classes still seeking enrolments

B35 Tai Chi and Qigong in airconditioned comfort at the Beenleigh Sports Club

S15 Guns and Gear in our Defence Force with Robert Brunton

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Logan classes cont:

H29 The Victorian Age with Nick Bricknell B29 English Country Dance Group with Betty Bowdler

F05 Card Games for Everyone – currently 500 and Canasta

L08 Dawn's fortnightly Book Discussion Group in Beenleigh Library

E13 World Economics with David Anderson B33 Hypnosis for Relaxation with Ruth Savage P06 Photoshop Elements for Photographers- information session

L29 Shakespeare and his World

Don't forget the Lunch and Dinner groups are still going strong. Sharon is away at present but Alan and Pam Brown will take enquiries.

Contact Logan on 3801 1949

Computer courses still have a few vacancies at Creek Street

APPLE MACBOOK COURSE

with Keith Catts

Email: keithcu3a@gmail.com

This Apple MacBook computer course will take you through all the basic skills needed to get started on your Mac.

This 9 week course will show you how to use your software better, faster and more efficiently. You will learn to save documents, surf the web, use email, work with CD's and flash drives, also learn about storage, and how to access new features. Students with Apple Laptops can bring them along for hands – on participation. No Apple Mac experience is needed. Forget spending hundreds of hours watching videos. Come and learn from a real person!

Enrol online.

Monday 12:30-2:00pm Cost \$45

HOW TO USE MICROSOFT POWERPOINT 2010

with **Greg Doolan** (Level 2 Computing)

Email: publicity@u3abrisbane.org.au

In this 9 week course on Microsoft PowerPoint, you will learn how to navigate the ribbon, explore the menu bar, and understand the different tasks that can be performed with it. You will learn how to create, manage, and collaborate on presentations with other people; and how to enrich your show with video, pictures, and animations including how to embed, edit, and play a video in your display. This course will be of great interest to any presenters of groups who need to present their work or activity either informally or formally in a professional manner. Being able to present your ideas professionally is a core skill-set to have in any position. It is an advantage to have PP2010 or 2013 installed on your computer.

Enrol online

Monday 9:00- 10:30am Cost: \$64 - Includes Notes

COMPUTER KINDY

with Julie Marsden (Wednesday)
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and Sue Howe (Thursday)

Phone: 3395 6634

"But, wait," you say, "I don't know ANYTHING about computers!" No problem! This 10 week course includes resources, activities, example exercises, and lessons that will be fun ways for you to become more confident in your computer skills. Learning to use a computer with Windows 7 installed will be a great boost to your confidence and self-esteem. So, whether you've used a computer before or not, you'll find an appropriate level within these lessons to jump in and begin. A few of the resources begin by teaching what all the keyboard keys actually do. Plus, you'll learn to effectively manipulate computer windows and dialogue boxes using the all-important mouse. So ... ready to get started? Let's go!

Wednesday 9:00-10:30am Cost: \$70

Includes Notes.

Thursday 9:00-10:30am Cost: \$70

Includes Notes.

HOW TO USE MICROSOFT WORD

2010 (2007)

Tony Curtis 3353 3604 (Level 2 Computing)

Email: curtis@powerup.com.au

MS Word explained from start to finish in simple terms. This 10 week course lets people of any technical level learn exactly what they need to know at their own pace. The course starts with Word fundamentals (Screen & Ribbons) and then moves on to advanced topics like Tables, Table of Content, Templates, Mail Merge, Bookmarking and Cross Referencing, etc. **Enrol online**.

Friday 10:45-12:15pm Cost \$70 - includes notes

NOBBY'S ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS

Level 2 Computing

Chris (Nobby) Hobbs 3899 3282 (anytime, evening safest)

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Find out about over 20 fabulous free programs that make your computer do what you want! Get videos from YouTube, best music players and editors, burn CD's easily, and clean up & speed up your computer. Which is the best browser? Ignore Microsoft and save hundreds of \$'s. Just ask Nobby. I will be absent on Monday 4th Nov so the last class for this course has to be put back a week and the course will now finish on 11th Nov.

Monday 10:45am - 12:15pm 4 weeks. Course starts 14th October - 4th Nov No class - 11th November Cost: \$25 - Includes Handouts

International Politics

From Colin Kennard

The politics of less well known countries/areas eg Middle East, Turkey, Arabian Peninsula, Silk Route states, North and South Korea, Burma, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, Failed States and Successful States. This is the second group of talks covering current International Politics. Discussions will involve around

- 1. Will Turkey be accepted as a member of the European Union?
- 2. Some Arabian countries are extremely wealthy from Oil. What are their problems and have they a longterm future?
- 3. The old silk route is becoming more important for transfer of minerals and oil either from/to Russia and China. These states have developed from the break up of the Soviet Union.
- 4. North and South Korea, although once the same country, they now represent the opposite ends of the economic spectrum. Has North Korea a future?
- 5. Myanmar or Burma has been re-vitalised. Problems facing this "new" country will be discussed.
- 6. The old French Indochina suffered from the French and US wars in Vietnam. It is now supplying cheap goods to the world.
- 7. The middle rim of African nations are all said to be failed states. Why?
- 8. Scandinavian states are the most successful of nations and have high income and GST (VAT), but they offer a lot of free services to their citizens. Can they compete in a modern world with cheap labour?

Colin Kennard 3371 2454 (anytime)

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Thursday 9:00am - 10:15am Room 2.

U3A Brisbane District Groups

U3A Brisbane offers classes in 6 districts in addition to those in our Creek Street premises. There are 6 districts, and any financial member of U3A Brisbane can attend any district class. The majority of district classes are free, as they are held in venues that come at no cost to us e.g. libraries, other council rooms, church and scout halls. When there is a cost, it will be no more than the Creek Street classes, and the fees charged belong entirely to the venue. Each district has a coordinator:

City Mary Driscoll city@u3abrisbane.org.au (classes other than Creek Street) Logan Jean Townsend logan@u3abrisbane.org.au Northside Sally Pritchard northside@u3abirsbane.org.au Southside Robvn Grimaldi southside@u3abrisbane.org.au Westside Caroline Bell westside@u3abrisbane.org.au Wynnum Kay Andersen wynnum@u3abrisbane.org.au

We are working on expanding these districts, and are seeking tutors and expressions of interest from students. Any information re possible venues is also welcomed. Send an email to your coordinator or to Mary Calder groups@u3abrisbane.org.au