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Happy New Year !

A very happy New Year to all of you. I am sure many of you have already decided on the classes that you will attend when U3A reopens for Term 1 2014 on Tuesday January 28th. However if you are still kicked back and chilling out and have yet to consider your program, please check out the web page on www.u3abrisbane.org.au or consult your excellent Class Schedule and Social Calendar in hard copy. There are many new classes in all areas that should engage your attention.

New Classrooms at 344 Queen St

344 Queen St is an additional address we now have for U3A. Two large rooms have been rented on the first floor of these premises. During the week I went into the City to check out where the building is and the various facilities that are available in the immediate vicinity.



The building number is shown prominently at street level.



From street level, escalators take you up to the first floor entrance to the U3A rooms.



While I was checking things out, I found Gwen Bolger and Joan Trotzman, two very long term members from Wendy Gemmell's History Class doing the same thing.



Gwen and Joan also checked out the Sip Café. This is just down the corridor to the right of the escalators and is run by this very cheerful

French couple. They open from 6:30am to 1:00pm but will make lunch for you if you need it after that time. There's also a great newsagent just up Queen St and other eating places nearby. I'm sure you will be pleased with the new location.

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From the Social Committee

We have arranged two social events during Term 1

ABC Studios Tours:

On 18-FEB, we have two tours of the ABC

On Thursday 27 March, we have a bus trip to Woodford. Details of these trips are available on the website at www.u3abrisbane.org.au or in the hard copy of the Class Schedule & Social Calendar on pages 3&4.

The bookings do not open until 28th January and no earlier bookings will be acted on. It is unfair on other members to book early.

The King and I:

Tickets are available to the well known musical featuring

Lisa McCune and

Teddy Tahu Rhodes.

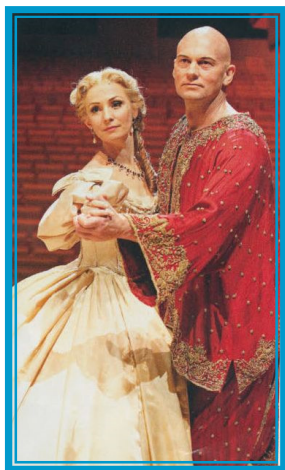
When: 14th May 2014

Where: QPAC

Time: 1:30pm

Cost: \$73.00

Bookings can be made through the office by calling 3236 3055. Bookings close 19th February 2014.



Northside - From Sally Pritchard

We have some wonderful new classes starting in the Northside for Term 1 and as we are able to acquire space in libraries, they are all free.

- We have an Introduction to Photography class at **Ashgrove library** on Monday afternoons, a great location as you can just step outside into the area around the park to take some beautiful pictures, Peter Hardie is tutoring this class. Be quick to register.
- Also at **Ashgrove Library** we have a class on Thursday mornings on Art History, reading and discussing Art History.
- At **New Farm Library**, starting [Friday, January 31st at 10:30 to 11:45am](#), and then once a month on the third Friday, we have a new class named "Financial Security in Retirement".

Darren Titmus will be presenting this class, he is a qualified and experienced Financial planner.

- The Samsung Galaxy class will run at **Chermside Library** from [February 19th](#) on Wednesday mornings with Martyn Butler.
- All our other Language Classes, History through the Ages, Mahjong, Croquet, Walking, Movie, Book and Dinner Group classes will be continuing thanks to our wonderful tutors.
- I still have space available in Hamilton, Chermside and New Farm, if anyone would put their hand up to tutor or work with another person to share the tutoring. All these spaces have running water for Art or anything else. They have facilities for computer presentations, or even a get together doing sewing, craft. etc. or yoga or stretch or something like that, Please contact Sally Pritchard at [0415 748 927](tel:0415748927) or northside@u3abrisbane.org.au

From Wynnum:

SPANISH for BEGINNERS

Chris (Nobby) Hobbs 3396 0872

(Call at any time, evening safest)

Email: chris1@choose-your-life.net

This course is a continuing one for total beginners and there will not be another "new" course so if you want to learn Spanish you will need to start this first term. We will work progressively through a study of grammar, using listening and speaking, with Latin-American emphasis. You will learn to speak aloud simple phrases, and gradually, sentences, which are developed from the grammar as we study. It is essential that you contact me before attending.

Wynnum Library Community Room

Tuesday 1.00-2.30

Classes: free

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Office Opening Hours

From Monday 13th January until Friday 24th January the office at 97 Creek St will be open from 9:00am until 12 noon. Classes will resume from Tuesday 28th January both at 97 Creek St and 344 Queen St. Enjoy the balance of the holidays.

Logan News

The new Logan Coordinator, Trevor Scott, and his committee wish all our members a happy New Year and look forward to a fruitful time for everyone.

Logan will have a huge variety of classes, groups and activities in Term 1. Not including Lunch and Dinner groups, we have 41 on offer and more enrolments will be welcomed in nearly all of them. We particularly want more members in Tai Chi, Photoshop, Ted Talks and Creative Art. More are needed to join the English Country Dancing class which will be in air conditioned comfort next term. We have persuaded Chris Easton to lead a class on organising and editing digital photos. Unfortunately, the Quilling class has been cancelled as the tutor will be recovering from surgery at the time the class was scheduled. We wish Sheila a speedy recovery and hope to offer the class later in the year.

Our Tutors and Committee members will meet on 5th February at Logan North Library. Mayor Pam Parker will also be there. It will be an opportunity to get to know each and gather ideas on how to continue building in the Logan area. We wish all U3A members a really successful 2014 and hope you can all take part in the various activities on offer in the City and in all the Districts.

From the President - Ian Lipke

Welcome to all members of U3A Brisbane with a particularly warm 'hello' to those who have become members for the first time. We hope you will form new friendships and acquire new knowledge and skills while you are with us. Most of all we hope you will share your enthusiasm with us.

We also welcome our new tutors who are taking classes for the first time, as well as those continuing from last year. Tutors are the backbone of U3A, so please show them your appreciation at every opportunity.

First term begins on the Tuesday, 28th January and ends on Friday 4th April 2014. The office re-opens on Monday 13th January.

Reminder: Subscriptions, still only \$40, are now due.

It will greatly assist in reducing the heavy workload at the office at the beginning of the year if members renew online. Just go to our website and click on Membership Renewal on the left-hand menu. The website address is: www.u3abrisbane.org.au

You will be asked for your membership number, surname and credit card number. No password is required for this purpose and payments are processed via a secure gateway.

If you prefer to pay by other means, we also offer the following options:

1. By bank transfer to:
BSB: 484-799
Account: 053 114 430 U3A Brisbane.
Please quote Member No. and name as reference when making payment.
2. By credit card over the phone to 3236 3055.
We advise against sending credit card details by email.
3. By cheque in the mail to:
U3A Brisbane, 97 Creek St, Brisbane 4000.
4. By cash, credit card or cheque in person at the Creek St office.

Queen Street premises

Our sleek new venue at Level 1, 344 Queen St is rapidly nearing completion, with only a few finishing touches yet to be completed. The rooms are ready, complete with modern audiovisual equipment and fast Internet access. The chairs have arrived, with comfortable padded seats which have been given the thumbs-up by our testing panel. We are confident that both tutors and students will enjoy the new facilities. If you aren't scheduled to attend classes there, you are most welcome to visit your new premises at any time.

If you are attending classes at the City Campus venues (Creek St or Queen St) and you aren't sure of the venue, the Class Details page on the website will show you. Classes to be held at Creek St are designated as rooms 1-7 or Computer Lab. Classes at Queen St are designated as rooms 11 or 12. If you

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come to Creek St by mistake, it is only a short 100m walk around the corner to 344 Queen St (just past the Subway shop). Take the escalator to Level 1 and you will see U3A straight ahead of you.

Open Day

Reminder: On Saturday 1st February from 9.00am - 1.00 pm there will be an Open Day and Book Launch at our Level 1, 344 Queen Street premises.

Rhonda Weston, President of the U3A Network (Queensland) will open the day at 11.00 am and launch Ian Lipke's novel, *Nargun*. (20% of the book sales will be donated to U3A Brisbane). Please come to this very important milestone in U3A Brisbane's development, and bring along any friends who would like to know more about U3A.

New Computers - from Gwenn Ball

I am pleased to advise that over the break we have purchased and installed new computers throughout the Computer Lab.

The Computer Section has over many years raised the funds required for this replacement programme. Our past and present students and tutors will well remember the various "fund raising ventures"; yearly raffles, class levy, donation to the "jar" on the table for that loose change. Due to those activities we are able to fund this replacement with high quality computers and do so without using the U3A's general funds.

The new computers are All-In-One units from Toshiba, with 23" touch screens and power "under the bonnet". From the image here you will see they have a very pleasant presentation with clean and simple lines.



With fewer cables they provide clear and more usable

bench space.

The computers have Windows 8.1 installed and MS Office 2013 as the basic setup. We have installed all the programs needed in the various classes for students' use. We are still able to teach the older Windows 7 and MS Office 2007 and 2010.

With the touch screens we are able to now teach the use of touch and gestures to navigate through those programs with that feature.

So when you book your next computer class at Creek St you are in for a treat using these computers.

'Happy New Year to All'

City Classes - from Marilyn Wagland

We have many new classes at the City Campus this year and I know, for a fact, that there are many places still available in several of these classes. If you can't get into your subject of choice, remember we do have 3500 members, don't despair! New people are always approaching me with ideas for totally new subjects, of which there is an abundance this time, or to undertake additional classes in subjects already taking place, so new and different classes are added every term. In the meantime, you could participate in a class that opens your mind to new ideas. It's a legitimate learning experience and you have the added benefit of meeting new friends.

I am always keen to hear from people who would like to tutor. We are especially in need of tutors in Beginning and Intermediate Italian, chess, bridge, writing family history, acting, painting and other forms of art and exercise such as tai chi, yoga, etc. If you are willing to undertake a class in any of the above subjects, or have ideas of your own, contact me on tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

Tutors, our Open Day is being held on Saturday 1 - FEB from 9.00 - 1.00. I desperately need input from you to showcase your subjects. Please contact me with ideas for displays for your subject area and let me know what items you can supply. If you can conduct a mini workshop eg, art, that would be brilliant. Let me know your requirements. It will also be a very useful opportunity to advertise your subject, if your enrolments are down, to encourage new members to know where they can immediately find a class to participate in so we would love you to be present.

Marilyn Wagland
Tutor Liaison
City Campus

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Colin Kennard: Climate Change

With the variable weather and excessive heat here, and the cold in the USA, this class will discuss Climate Change by looking at: sceptics, believers, polluters, fuels, design for living, design for transport, solutions for industry, and political solutions.

Colin Kennard ph 3371 2454 or email

c.kennard@uq.edu.au

Creek St Thursday 9:00am—10:15am

Any Questions ?

If you have any questions about classes, please consult the website under Class Details, or contact the tutor.

For membership queries, contact the office:

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