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From President Ian Lipke - U3A Brisbane Needs You !

U3A Brisbane is growing rapidly and there are exciting challenges ahead. We need more volunteers who are prepared to join the Management Committee or participate in other senior roles.

Some of the present Committee are retiring this year after several years of service and our rapid growth means that there are also other senior roles we need to fill.

There are no particular qualifications required, but past involvement in a leadership role would be helpful, e.g. in Property, Finance, Education, Office Management, IT or any other relevant field. We can probably find a role for you commensurate with the time you have available.

If you are interested, please contact President Ian Lipke for more information: president@u3abrisbane.org.au or leave a message at the office on 3236 3055 and Ian will return your call.

From Marilyn Wagland, Tutor Liaison Officer Tutor News

Tutors - It is most important that you open the email you will receive shortly giving the details and description of your subject/s as they will appear in the Term 2 Class Schedule and Social Calendar.

I have recently been hospitalised which has made the completion of Term 2 's timetable tricky.

There may well be errors. Open the email and read the details . Tutors can make their own changes or can email me to make them but it must be done soon.

From Diane Bohlen - Logan District News



Logan Committee member Sheila Radcliffe
with Mayor Pam Parker

The committee had a successful meeting on 5 Feb. First we had a discussion with Pam Parker, the Mayor of Logan City. She gave us some suggestions on how we could find venues for classes, which are free of charge and how the council could possibly provide some funds to help. Following the meeting, the tutors and committee members had afternoon tea. The Mayor stayed and met the tutors also.

At the end of the meeting, a Logan North Library staff member gave a talk on how tutors and students could access a whole new range of resources to help with our classes.

As a result of this meeting, we have been able to secure a room at John Paul College for classes. Peter's French Class has started using this new venue already. We are appreciative of Pam Parker suggesting this and JPC for happily providing the space.

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We also received permission from the council to use any of the Logan Parks for classes. Susan now holds Tai Chi classes at Alexander Clark Park on Mondays between 9:00 and 10:00am.

Staff from Logan North Library brought it to our attention that we could hold a book sale at Logan Central Library to raise funds from selling books donated by the libraries.

We are holding a book sale on the 29 March at Logan Central Library. Book prices range from 50c to \$2.

From David Hains Practical Movie Makers

Have a video camera (some modern 'still' cameras and mobile phones also take video) and video clips of family, holidays or favorite places, and wondering how to put them together in a polished result your friends might like or for you to remember with?

The U3A C47 Practical Movie Makers class teaches you how to use a video editor program to assemble and edit video clips, mix them with still photos, add some music and voice commentary, and edit with any relevant special effects (like zoom, marching text sub-titles or sepia image toning from the large variety of choices the program supplies). Along the way there are class materials (handouts) on related subjects like music, camera tips, copyright, how to access tutorials, information such as capacities of DVD versus Blu-ray disks, and "how-to" for a number of operations, e.g. getting and using a copyright symbol.

We learn by doing, and have a lot of fun while doing it. Skill in use doesn't happen overnight. Our initial efforts are usually humble but improve rapidly, everyone has had the same experience. The old hands have been saying 'how did I do that again?' for years, so new comers should feel quite at home when it happens to them.

The class makes a short movie each term, either as a joint project with other pupils, or a topic of your own choosing within a common project umbrella. Class activity includes choose a project topic, research it, write a story-line, use some camera/shooting tips to collect image and sound material, then edit your project by computer and present to the class for review. Incorporate the improvements and suggestions, save the result to a video file usable on a memory stick, or create ("burn") a menu-based DVD. At the end of each term, the collected results from each

student is distributed on DVD.
Contact David Hains, 3273 2482,
dkhains@iprimus.com.au

Social Committee

There are 2 Tickets available for *The King and I* for May 14th at QPAC at 1:30pm cost \$73.00 each. Should you wish to purchase either or both of these tickets you need to call the office and pay for the ticket/s and I will send it to you.



The recent Tour of the ABC Studios were very quickly sold out. As there were a number of members who missed out, we have arranged for a repeat of this activity for Wednesday May 21st at either 9:45am or 11:15am. Cost is still \$5.00. and there are a total of 30 places available. There will be an ad for this in Term 2 Class Schedule but the booking sheets are available now..



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Date Claimer for Winter School

During our mid-year term break there will be a Winter School offering our members a selection of special talks over a one week period.

This year it runs from 7th July until 11th July.

Please note these dates in your diary. There will be more news about it in the next E-Newsletter.

2014 U3A China Trip

(incorporating Nanjing U3A)

Tour Outline: Fly into Nanjing to enjoy an exciting time with Nanjing U3A who again will set up a program providing the opportunity for mixing with the students and experiencing Chinese calligraphy, Chinese music, Chinese art and Chinese culture.

Then a fast train to Wuhan, Hubei Province, and then onto Three Gorges Dam and the Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture before travelling to the World Heritage site of Fenghuang area.

Finish with 3 days in the World Heritage listed National Area of Zhangjiajie where the background scenes used in the film Avatar were shot. Then onto Changsha before returning to Brisbane

Dates: 19 October – 2 November 2014

Price: Land content

\$2,600 twin share, single supplement \$600.

The cost of international flights, visa, etc are NOT included in this price.

Also, the same tour as last year's is available. The Land Content price is \$2460 twin share, single supplement \$500. Dates of travel are 12 October – 26 October 2014. The 2 groups will meet in Nanjing.

Register: For more information contact BRYAN ILES, tutor of "Experiencing China" class at Creek St., Wednesday 12.30PM, or Logan, Springwood North Library, Friday 11.30 am. Other contact information: email:

office@acves.com.au; or

Tel: 33433141

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QLD Brain Institute Study

A group of researchers in the cognitive neuroscience department at the Queensland Brain Institute, The University of Queensland is investigating how advancing age influences neuroplasticity in motor regions of the adult human brain. They are looking to recruit older adults over the age of 65 years to participate in these studies.

Results obtained from this research are expected to add to understanding of how the brain normally works, and to assist in the development of more effective forms of management and rehabilitation for elderly individuals who have experienced brain injury.

If you are interested in participating in this study, further information is available here: <http://www.qbi.uq.edu.au/human-study-participants>

Grey Matters

The latest edition of Grey Matters, the newsletter of U3A Qld Network, is now available from the Network website:

<http://www.u3aqlld.org.au/events/newsletters>

U3A Brisbane members are welcome to attend the Network conference at Redland Performing Arts Centre on 17/18 June 2014.

More details at:

<http://www.u3aredlands.com.au/conference/>

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