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Term 2 (Already ??)

The return to U3A for the term has had a difficult start with the Easter Monday off, and then Anzac Day a few days later. The following are items from various tutors who have space in their classes for more students.

Computer Class with Nobby Hobbs

Are you terrified of the dangers of using the internet for financial matters? Never used eBay? What about Amazon? Are you frightened to buy computer programs or other products on-line? Won't they steal my credit card? Let me calm your shaking nerves. I'll show you how to be a confident user of the internet in matters financial. All you need is a computer, an internet connection and a credit card (and a touch of common sense). It's a 3 week course commencing 21st May.

Contact Chris (Nobby) Hobbs, 3396 0872

Tutors needed !!

from Gwenn Ball

The U3A computer section requires volunteer tutors for the following courses:

- Email/Internet,
- Libre Office, and
- Gimp the Image Manipulation Program.

The Computer Lab in Creek Street now has the latest up-to-date equipment, with 10 all-in-one 23" touch-screen Toshiba computers, using MS Windows 8.1. There is also room should students prefer to use their own devices.

Tutoring is an essential component of the learning

process. It provides opportunities for people to enhance existing skills, learn new skills, build self-esteem, gain confidence to enter the workforce, reduces isolation, and helps to meet new people. Volunteers are recognised for their support and their contribution towards building a better local community.

Please Contact Gwenn Ball

Computer Section Co-ordinator.

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Winter School is coming... 7 to 12 JULY

This year's Winter School is already well into the planning stage and we have some very interesting speakers lined up for you. To give you a taste of what is to come, we will be profiling a number of them over the coming months, two each week, so be sure to check our Facebook regularly and keep up to date with the latest news.

Our Keynote Speaker is Emeritus Professor Roly Sussex. For his presentation, we have hired the main auditorium at the State Library of Qld which is a truly beautiful venue, with tiered theatre seats and top of the range audio/visual equipment. It holds 264 people. A detailed map of how to get from Creek Street to the Cultural Centre Bus Station will be available closer to the time. It will show bus stops, lifts and there will be a timetable. It is a flat walk of around 400 meters using the lifts so no steps to negotiate.

Bookings do not open until early June but this will give you a heads-up as to what you can expect from Winter School 2014. Check out details on U3A website by just clicking on the Facebook icon. You do not need to have a Facebook page. **Bookings open 1st June**

Northside News

from Sally Pritchard

We have two new craft classes which have been very well received, one at Hamilton Town Hall on Thursday

mornings and the other at Ashgrove Library on Monday afternoons. Both classes are looking for more members to bring along their knitting, tatting, crocheting, sewing or whatever for a social get-together. These are all free to attend.

Stephanie Quattrini's class, **Fibre Art/Mixed Media** can take a few more members. It is on Wednesday at Chermside Library, a double class with lunch in the middle and of course is free.

Financial Security in Retirement with Darren Titmus at New Farm Library:

First class this term will be held on Friday, 9th May. This class was very well received in Term 1.

Our monthly **Northside Dinner Group** and **Movie Group** are both open to more members. We saw "The Budapest Hotel" this past Sunday and all thought it was a great movie.

We have **Croquet for Beginners** tutored by Carmel Donley at Nundah Croquet Club should there be some members who would like to try their hand at croquet.

Our other weekly classes which have been running for some time include **Italian Beginning, Italian Continuing** and **French** together with our **Digital Photography, Mahjong,** and **Northside Walking Group**. These are mostly full, however you can contact the tutor for information regarding an opening.

We do have more space available for classes, should there be any tutors out there able to assist us in any way.

Please contact me.

Sally Pritchard. 0415 748 927. spritchard8@me.com

Social News

from Helen Dubois

Wicked:

Jann Olsson and I will be attending the promotion for the show at the end of May. The show is returning to Brisbane early in 2015. Would you like to see this show? This is an expression of interest only and we have no idea about the cost at this stage. If you are interested, please let me know at hellsbells21@optusnet.com.au

The Lion King:

All tickets have been sold. I will be collecting the tickets from QPAC in the near future and will let you all know when they are available to be picked up.

Robotic Dairy:

There are still seats available on the bus for the trip to the Robotic Dairy for Friday June 20th leaving Roma St

at 8:00am and Kessels Rd McGregor Park & Ride at 8:30am. Cost \$50.00

Call the office at U3A 3236 3055. Lunch is included, and will be at the Beaudesert RSL. Please advise the office if you have any dietary special needs.



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

Positive Ageing Journey 2014



**Monday 19th May,
Easts Leagues Club
Coorparoo,
8:50am to 4:15pm**

LifeTec's 2014 Positive Ageing Journey Event and Exhibition will build on the success of the previous event and will provide an interactive and fun educational event for baby boomers and beyond and include expert advice on getting the most out of your life. Register early as places are limited. More information and program available at:

[Positive Ageing Journey - 2014](#)

U3A Brisbane members are invited to attend the U3A Queensland 2014 State Conference at Redland Performing Arts Centre on 17/18 June 2014.

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

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