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## Term 2 Ends

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Term 2 has finished in a flurry of winter winds, brilliant Brisbane winter days and the excitement of the Winter School and all the excellent sessions that will be available between July 7th and July 12th. There are subjects to suit all tastes. If you haven't booked yourself in yet, do go and look at the web site on

[www.u3abrisbane.org.au](http://www.u3abrisbane.org.au)

## President's Comments

From the President, Marilyn Wagland



I hope to get two new initiatives in place next term. Firstly, members of the Committee will be in the lounge at Creek St on Tuesday 22nd July to have a cup of coffee with you at 10:30 am to 11:00am and in the lounge at Queen St between noon and 12:30 am. The idea is to meet for a friendly chat and to hear from you if you have any ideas which might lead to an improvement in what we offer or how we operate. Do join us!

I also hope to initiate a data bank of volunteers whom we can call on at short notice to assist us with numerous jobs. We will be heavily involved in the organization of an international U3A conference being held in Brisbane in May 2015. It would be wonderful to have people who can assist us with the small tasks we will be responsible for. More on this later but please think about how you might be able to help.

Enjoy your winter break and the many wonderful speakers at this year's Winter School.

## WINTER SCHOOL 2014 BOOKINGS OPEN

From Anne Douglass  
Winter School Convenor



We have pulled out all the stops this year in an endeavor to bring you a Winter School we can all be proud of. The sessions will be held to a comfortable size and we have hired the State Library of Queensland for our Keynote Speaker Professor Roly Sussex. This venue is first class with great audio/visual equipment, comfortable tiered theatre seating, and wheelchair access.

The program encompasses a diverse range of topics; there are 49 sessions in all made up of 23 specially invited speakers plus our own expert tutors.

History: From Ancient Syria to the  
Blackbirders in Australia  
Art – Mathematics – Literature – Travel –  
Publishing  
Science – The Brain – Biology – Research –  
Foreign Affairs  
Computers – Philosophy – Archaeology –  
Australian Constitution  
Health – Living – Dying

There is something for everyone and sessions are filling up fast so book now to avoid disappointment. Check the website for full program details.

Book online at: [u3abrisbane.org.au](http://u3abrisbane.org.au) or  
Phone the office at: **3236 3055** or  
Email: [mail@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:mail@u3abrisbane.org.au)

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## Winter School News (continued)

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Here is a quick sample of sessions from the program...

### Kieran Aland, Queensland Museum

**Reptiles and their important place in our Eco System, Friday 11th July 9:00am to 10:30am 97 Creek St**



The Queensland Museum is a wonderful institution, constantly changing and doing excellent work both in-house and out in the field. We are fortunate to have Zoologist

Kieran Aland from the Museum to give us an insight into the fascinating world of reptiles and the great work that is being done in our Museum. Kieran can either be found in the Discovery Centre at the Queensland Museum or in the field. He consults privately as a field biologist and ecologist and this role regularly takes him into the bush. Working with fauna on an intimate basis provides for some interesting perspectives on the other creatures with which we share our landscape. Kieran's spare time is devoted to his daughter and a private Botanical Engineering project on the Darling Downs.

### Dr Leon Hugo QIMR

**Biting Back—Dengue in the Tropics, Wednesday 9th July 11:00am to 12:30am 97 Creek St**



The most dangerous creature on the planet is the mosquito and the war against mosquito-borne viruses is a fascinating scientific story of invasive blood-suckers, biological warfare, quad bikes, helicopters and pot plants in your backyard. Dr Hugo is a

Research Officer with the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute where he researches the transmission of mosquito-borne viruses and malaria parasites by mosquitoes. He will discuss current approaches in the fight against dengue, including biological control using natural bacterial infections of insects that block the subsequent infection of mosquitoes by the dengue virus. Dr Hugo will put these dangerous little insects under the microscope and take you on a journey of discovery into the war being waged in Queensland and all over the world.

### Dr Ian Muirhead

**PLANTS – BUGS – BIOLOGY – BORDERS  
Wednesday 9th July 11:00am to 12:30pm**



**Dr Ian Muirhead**, Retired Director of Plant Pathology at the Department of Primary Industries, has prepared an interesting presentation on a range of Australian plants and the dangers they face from pathogens – just like us. The story of how these problems are solved unravels like a giant puzzle and our

scientists are pretty good at it. Then there is the continual battle to keep our borders safe from invasive insects and pathogens that can come from overseas. Decades of experience with the scientific aspects of plant disease ensure that Dr Muirhead is well placed to speak on this subject and you will find his talk as entertaining as it is informative.

## Odyssey Travel

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Getting Odyssey Travel as a sponsor for Winter School was a real coup for us and as they are supporting us so generously it is up to us as members to support them. So next time you travel make Odyssey your first port of call. They are a not-for-profit organization specializing in travel for Seniors. Travelling with them is worry-free travel designed to suit our lifestyles and the groups are small with a team leader. There is something for everyone and all fitness levels are catered for. If you want walking tours they can oblige. If you want a gentler form of travel they will provide that also. Check out their newsletter and have a browse through their current brochure. There are cruises and tours all over the world to choose from. There will be a representative from Odyssey manning a table at Queen Street for the duration of the Winter School if you have any travel questions you would like answered.

See the Odyssey website at

<https://www.odysseytraveller.com/>

## GREY MATTERS

Greg Doolan has advised that the current issue of 'Grey Matters', the newsletter of U3A Queensland Network, is available from the following:

[Grey Matters June/July](#)

## CITY CLASSES

from GAIL HAWKINS

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In the management committee elections held recently Marilyn Wagland was elected as our new President. Subsequently, I was offered the role of Tutor Liaison. Attempting to replace Marilyn has been a daunting task as she had given so much to the position and developed a good working relationship with our professional team of tutors. I am looking forward to the challenge and the opportunity to meet our City Tutors when classes resume.

Most of you would have received the Term 3 Class Schedule in the mail. When checking for classes that you may be interested in, it is a good idea to check the Schedule online at [www.u3abrisbane.org.au](http://www.u3abrisbane.org.au). The online version is updated daily and there may be just the class that interests you that was included after the printed version of the Schedule was released.

I would like to welcome the following new tutors that will be commencing with us from Term 3. We hope that you give them your support.

- Lucy Skadins - ***Contemporary World Cinema***
- Susan Der Kinderen - ***Beginners Guide to Researching Family History***
- Mozart Sovierzoski - ***Brazilian Portuguese for Beginner***
- Laurence Salmon - ***Cultural Diversity***

Bruce Holdsworth, ***"Political Economy"*** -

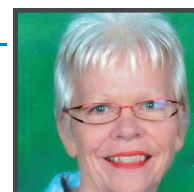
Bruce was a lecturer in Economics and Politics at ANU and he will discuss how the two subjects interact in current events i.e. the recent budget or developments in the Middle East. Join Bruce on a Friday afternoon for a topical and interactive discussion on current events.

So many of our members have the knowledge and work history or expertise in areas that would be of interest to others. We are always looking for new tutors and would love to talk to any member who would be interested in setting up a class and becoming a U3A Tutor. We are currently trying to source tutors in Italian, Bahasa Indonesian, painting and other forms of art, music, bridge, rummy tiles or other popular games, tai chi, yoga etc. Our members have varied backgrounds and it is our aim to offer a diverse choice of class topics to challenge the mind or to entertain and a great opportunity to meet like-minded friends. I can be contacted on [tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au).

## LOGAN NEWS

from Diane Bolen

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Nearly all tutors will be happy to have new students in Term 3 and everyone is invited (with a friend or two) to the lunch and dinner groups. During Nick Bricknell's absence this term, at the request of his past students, Angela DeHennin will run a new **Discussion Group** on Tuesday mornings. Chris Easton will repeat her very practical class on **Working with Digital Photographs** on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays each month. Meanwhile on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays Wendy Allan returns with **How to Create a Digital Photobook**. Magnificent examples have been produced by previous students and the books are much cheaper than you would expect. New members will be welcome to the Camera Club as there is no longer a waiting list. **Science and Technology in the Australian Defence Forces** will be a most interesting class. Rob Brunton, a metallurgist, draws on a wealth of knowledge from his personal experience. Barbara Holland will welcome beginners and more experienced painters in her new class, **How to Paint with Acrylics**. The **Creative Art** weekly painting sessions have been cancelled, but a U3A workshop with Don Waterman takes place at the Art Gallery on 31<sup>st</sup> July. The **Tai Chi** group who meet on Mondays at Alexander Clark park have all voted to continue their class throughout the two week break. Sue writes "Kudos to them. We are all enjoying our classes and it is gratifying as instructor to hear. It is wonderful to see all my students progressing so well in such a short time. We have been invited to attend a



Tai chi class and vegetarian luncheon on Saturday 28th being held by *Ozmonk*. Weather permitting, it will be a great experience for us to train with 30 to 40 other students. We are a happy group and would welcome more members. Tai chi is a beautiful, gentle exercise, beneficial for body and mind".

## **NORTHSIDE NEWS**

from Sally Pritchard

We have our usual programs running at Northside for Term 3. Italian, French, Mahjong, Croquet, Craft Classes, Fibre/Mixed Media, Financial Security, Walking Group, Dining Group, Movie Group.

We have a New program "Bowls at Ashgrove Bowling Club" kindly being offered free by the Bowling Club on Saturday morning. Check the Class Schedule for Term 3. Any person wishing to start a class on the Northside? We have space available and would love to have someone use it. Contact Sally Pritchard: U3A Brisbane Northside coordinator : [northside@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:northside@u3abrisbane.org.au)

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

from Helen Dubois



### **RACQ Careflight Coolangatta Bus Trip**

Wednesday 30th July cost \$46.00

There are still plenty of seats available for this interesting trip. I would hate to have to cancel the trip but they need to have our numbers together very soon. RACQ Careflight is a great organisation and none of us know if we will need them some day. On our last visit, we were shown the helicopters and the Jets they use for international retrieval. We met some of the pilots who told us some great stories of their work. Book soon and look forward to a good day out. Call the office on 3236 3055 or use the Social Event Payment Form page 4 of the Class Schedule.



### **U3A Brisbane Christmas Lunch:**

The booking sheets are already in the office and now is a good time to start getting your classes organised to book a table. The details are available on page 5 of the Class Schedule and we are looking forward to a good function.

I met the Guest Speaker Patrick Condren the other day. He is very pleasant and speaks well. Do come and join us



Enjoy the break and do look at the wonderful classes for the Winter School next week.

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