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Classes have resumed after the winter break and everyone is settling in to the normal activities of U3A. The cold nights and warm days prevail so it should be very pleasant coming and going to wherever you are attending class.

President's Comments

from Marilyn Wagland



Congratulations to Anne Douglas and her Winter School committee for a wonderfully well organised week of high quality and interesting sessions. Both our U3A tutors and those presenters from outside deserve commendation for their excellent and popular presentations. It was a terrific social and intellectually stimulating week.

Please note that Friday 14 November will be a public holiday because of the G20. U3A will not operate on this day.

Computer Lab News

from Gwenn Ball

The U3A computer section is looking for volunteer IT tutors or lecturers. Tutoring is an essential component of the personal learning process. It provides opportunities for people to enhance existing skills, learn new skills, build self-esteem, reduce isolation, and gain confidence. Many great friendships have been made over the years between like-minded people either during courses or catching up in the coffee lounge.

Volunteers are recognised for their support and their contribution towards building better local communities. Sharing your knowledge can be personally fulfilling and our venue would make a great place to start. For example, you may have a particular computer program that you enjoy using.

Topics we would like to add to our curriculum include:

- Facebook
- Genealogy
- Photoshop Elements
- Photoshop Lightroom
- How to use Skype

Our U3A Computer lab in Creek Street caters for 10 students per class. Our up-to-date equipment includes All-in-one 23" touch Toshiba computers, with MS Windows 7 and 8.1 installed, a data projector and large wall screen. There is also space for more students who prefer to bring along their own devices.

For more information about becoming a Volunteer IT Tutor or Lecturer, please contact:

Gwenn Ball

U3A Computer Section Co-ordinator.

Phone: 3870 5493 after 5pm.

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City Classes

from Gail Hawkins

We welcome our new tutors who had classes commencing in Term 3 and hope this will be a long-lasting and fulfilling experience for you and your class participants.

Tutors are an integral part of our organization and their professional dedication in providing our members with a broad spectrum of class topics is appreciated by all. If you have a wealth of knowledge or just feel passionate about a particular subject, we would love to talk to you about becoming a tutor. No previous experience is required, just the desire to share your

expertise with a group of like-minded members. We are always striving to improve our services and offer the widest selection of classes to choose from, not just lecture type courses but also discussion groups, entertainment, card games and recreation activities to name a few. However, for a class to succeed the tutor needs the support and involvement of our members. Classes will not operate if they don't have sufficient attendees.

To ensure members are informed in advance of new classes, they will be advertised in the monthly E-news Newsletter and on our Facebook Page. Just go to our website home page and click on the facebook logo in the top right-hand corner.

I can be contacted via email at tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

Logan News

from Diane Bolen:



1: Unfortunately, four classes have been cancelled due to lack of students. The classes were

- How to Create a Photobook,
- English Country Dance Group,
- Science and Technology in the ADF and
- Financial Security in Retirement.

2: We are looking for more tutors in any areas but especially for Spanish and Italian.

3: We have booked a stall and printed thousands of flyers for 'Logan Loves Seniors Expo' put on by Logan City Council. It is on 19 August and everyone is welcome.

4: Logan District Christmas Party is on 10 Dec.

5: The Ukulele Class will be joined by Salli Chmura, the Ukulele tutor from Canberra U3A for the next month.

6: Tony Hunter is investigating the possibility of displaying students paintings in the Logan Art space in Loganlea. He would like to hear from any other Tutors/Facilitators in U3A who are interested in taking part. Contact Tony on 3103 1609 or 0403 775 996.

Northside News

from Sally Pritchard

All our classes are filling up nicely however some places are still available for Term 3.

There is space available in Term 4 at the Grange Library which will require a new Tutor.

Is there anyone out there who would like to run any class at the newly refurbished Grange Library ?

The meeting room is very large and fitted out with the latest in electronic equipment.

School of Optometry & Vision Science at QUT

from Janessa Kimlin

I am conducting a survey that investigates night vision difficulties among older adults. I am looking for people aged 50 years or older who experience difficulties with their vision in low light environments, with glare, or when adjusting to changes in light levels. I am particularly interested in people who have night driving difficulties such as problems with headlight glare or with seeing in dark, poorly lit streets.

If anyone is interested in taking part in this study, please check the U3A Brisbane website at www.u3abrisbane.org.au or our Facebook site.

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Social Committee News

from Helen Dubois

The trip to RACQ Careflight on Wednesday was most enjoyable. They carry out vital community work moving people out of danger, taking sick people to hospital and retrieving tourists from foreign countries who have been hurt or become ill. One of the helicopter pilots and a winch man told us about their activities and Abe the volunteer who is a retired pilot told about the service.



Margaret Olley Art Gallery

We have just been advised by the Margaret Olley Art Gallery that our tour date must be changed to October 1st.

If you have booked, and **1-OCT is NOT suitable**, please call the office on 3236 3055 and your payment will be refunded.

If you have booked for the tour, and **1-OCT is OK**, please email your confirmation to Helen Dubois at hellsbells21@optusnet.com.au

Please accept our apologies for this date change, but it was out of our control.

We have also decided to do a second trip in Term 1 2015 so watch this space for further information.

U3A Christmas Lunch



The **Christmas Lunch** will be held this year at the Ithaca Room at the City Hall on Tuesday 25th November at 11:30 am for 12 noon cost \$60.00. The guest speaker will be Patrick Condren, the morning presenter on 4BC that has provided support for U3A over the years. Many of our members are listeners to 4BC. Patrick has been in the media for many years and is an interesting speaker. The booking sheets are available in

the office. Get your class together and make a good party. Alternatively, if you don't come with a group, we will seat you at a table where you will soon make friends and have a great time.



Tickets to **Wicked the Musical** are available for another 2 weeks. The date for this really fun musical is Wednesday March 11th 2015; cost \$65.00

Details are available in the Class Schedule on page 5, with the booking details on page 4. Call the office on 3236 3055.

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