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President's comments

from Marilyn Wagland



The committee has developed a list of topics that we would like to develop as projects which would lead to improvements at U3A. We would love to harness the talents that many of our students possess. If you think you have the enthusiasm and energy to take on one of these projects, pick up the list from the Creek St office and discuss your choice with Vice-President Greg Taylor as I shall be overseas until near the end of October: vp@u3abrisbane.org.au

Another call for volunteers - On Thursday 23 and Friday 24 October, a very large Seniors Expo is being held at Taigum Square Shopping Centre (near Boondal). We feel that our presence at this could prove very worthwhile and are looking for members to do 2 hour rosters to represent us. If you like to assist, please contact Mary Calder at groups@u3abrisbane.org.au

Tutor Liaison—City

From Gail Hawkins :

We have a number of Tutors that will not be returning in Term 4 - we understand that Tutors need to go on holidays or just need a break, but we hope they can be enticed into doing another class in the New Year. We appreciate the dedication, time and effort that goes into putting a weekly class together and we thank all of our tutors for their past and future support.

We are constantly striving to add new classes to what is already a broad and diversified list of subjects and would love to hear from anyone that is prepared to volunteer their services to tutor a class on a subject that they have a passion for – no previous academic experience required, just the enthusiasm to share your knowledge.

Tutors are important to our operation, however tutors need our members support to enroll in classes, without that support classes will not succeed. I am listing below new tutors and classes we have starting next term to



“Spring is sprung,
The grass is ris...”

Spring has arrived and the flowers are starting to look wonderful as they do at this time. The Term has flown by and we have all been busy.

This is my first rose of Spring and it looks lovely.

We are really lucky to live in such a great city at this time so we can enjoy the weather that comes with Spring.

give you plenty of time to plan ahead. The term 4 Schedule will be published on the 15th September and you can book online or with your tutor to enroll in Term 4 classes from that date.

NEW TUTORS AND CLASSES

Commencing TERM 4

FINANCIAL SECURITY IN RETIREMENT, X60

Our tutor is a qualified and experienced financial planner who specializes in retirement planning. Classes will be in an "open forum" and will discuss key issues and dispel myths that face retirees.

VIETNAMESE CUISINE AND CULTURE, X55

This course will include cooking demonstrations by ex Chef/Owner of a well known Vietnamese restaurant and a visit to local Vietnamese markets. The class will also learn the cultural background and diversity of this popular holiday destination.

RUMMIKUB, F45

An easy to learn board game providing more than entertainment, it's a work out for the brain, helping to boost memory and cognitive functions. The game incorporates elements of mahjong and dominoes. Beginners and experienced players all welcome.

LOCAL HISTORY, H35

Our Tutor is the author of five books that are all currently available based on the History of the Brisbane Area. This class will be a fascinating insight into many aspects of our local history that will include visits to local historical sites.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, S16

The class investigates our climate, air, water, energy and waste, then establishes how these elements influence our life and how we can make improvements to become more sustainable.

DIGITAL CAMERA FOR BEGINNERS, P10

Learn how to operate your camera and understand what each button represents, a little theory will be mixed with activities and off site field work to put into practice what you have learnt.

TAI-CHI FOR SENIORS, B45

Exercises to improve balance, strength, flexibility and

mobility especially designed for seniors. All members welcome.

TRADITIONAL CHINESE EXERCISE, B46

Low impact exercises and facial massage. Loosen up muscles and joints, easy movement of arms and hands and gentle stretches. The Chinese start their day with an exercise program, it's easy to follow and will suit all ages.

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS, J121

No previous language experience required, come along and learn basic conversation, grammar and pronunciation.

Wynnum Class Change

From Anne Douglass

The Jewelry Class at Wynnum has now morphed into an Art and Craft Class. This class will encompass water colours, acrylic and pencil and charcoal drawing. Designed for beginners and for masters alike, the idea is to learn or do your own thing. Beginners learn and the masters help the beginners. Your tutor, De Meyjes, is an accomplished artist who can guide you in the basics. Have fun and learn how to bring out the inner artist in you with a great group of people. Bring your own art equipment or talk to De about what you will need. Classes free at Wynnum Library - Wednesdays 9am – 11am. Free parking.

Tutor: De Meyjes 0425 282 690. Email: smeyjes@hotmail.com

Logan City News

from Jean Townsend

- Our stall at the Logan Seniors Expo attracted much interest, and was a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. An estimated 2000 people turned up and many were amazed at the number of activities in Logan. More recruits can be expected in the aftermath.
- Good news, Ed Peachey will soon be back as tutor of the History class.
- Professor Alastair Blanshard Chair of Classical History at the University Of Queensland has arranged to talk to the group on "*The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World*" on Monday 3rd November.

- The Creative Art group enjoyed a demonstration by the famous artist Doug Waters using charcoal and acrylics in vivid colours.
- Three Term 3 classes were cancelled due to lack of enrolments, showing we need more members down here. Please pass the word around about U3A. We need tutors too, of course. Arrangements for 2015 need to be finalised early in November, so please seek out anyone who might facilitate or teach a class next year.
- In Term 4 two new classes will be held at Logan North Library. On Monday afternoons Janice Cooper starts Names and Lives – Basics of Family History.
- On Tuesday mornings, Chris Simpson will be showing a selection of the Winter School talks given in the city premises in July including the riveting keynote address by Roly Sussex.
- At the Expo Tracy Francis approached us about tutoring and the upshot is that she will run a class called Musicality next year. She is well known locally, having played the drums for Beenleigh Theatre in Music Man, Oliver, and Secret Garden. Tracy plays piano, drums and guitar as well as singing.
- Old hands on the committee look forward to seeing what the new recruits can offer. Watch this space.
- Keep December 10th free for our Christmas party.



Diane Bohlen and Kathy Roman who set up and manned the Expo stand

Sudden passing of Pam Mathers and Judy Walker

Wednesday History group

Judy Walker was born in 1935 in Brisbane. She went to Brisbane Girls Grammar and was dux of her graduating year. She then went to the University of Queensland to study dietetics and soon after graduating got a job in Fiji as a dietician. Here she met my father, Eric, who was working as a surveyor. My sister Sue and I were born in Fiji but the family moved back to Brisbane in the early seventies. Judy continued working in dietetics and received an Order of Australia Medal for services to nutrition following her retirement. Just this year a lecture was given in her honour at the Dietetics Association of Australia conference. Judy was a keen traveller and loved to learn new things. In recent years she had travelled to Japan, on the Trans-Siberian railway through Mongolia and Russia and to Turkey. She was a feisty and independent woman who was very much loved by her family.

Pam Mathers

Pam Mathers, who attended the U3A History group for the past 18 years and was a leader for many of them, died in early August aged 83. She was a primary school teacher during her working career and had also had a love of all things historical. She, along with her late husband, Ken, travelled widely, from adventures through post war Europe in the early '50s in an old Austin Seven and followed on with many overseas trips after their children had left home. China, India, Pakistan and Burma were the regular haunts and always on a shoe string budget, that in turn made great adventures. After Ken died, the adventures started with a shipping theme and trips on large container ships through the Panama to the US, through the Suez Canal to Germany provided a good start to several Trans-Siberian adventures, which included a stay in the famed Ice Hotel and then later trips to the depths of northern mid-Russia via Vladivostok to the permafrost lands. Following these great holidays, she started writing books that placed the reader in the midst of her experiences. These were published by Zeus and are often found on Council Library shelves. She inspired a new generation of travellers, with her family taking on out of the way trips. Always of a generous nature, she loved her Wednesday History group and often told her family about her History 'assignments', along with the many other talks she encouraged others to do as well as the end of term quizzes and prizes. I'm sure she will be much missed by all the wonderful friends she made through U3A.

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2014 BRISBANE SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

All Events are free

Welcome to our new partner 4MBS Classic FM.

They are the organizers of this year's
Brisbane Shakespeare Festival.

There are plays, music, food, film and kids events.

Full program at 4mbs.com.au/Shakespeare-festivals

Or phone 4MBS on 3847 1717

Caring for Fellow Members

From Helen Davis

One of our members who is a hospital chaplain approached me to ask if there was any means of communicating with associates whom they have noticed as missing from the classes/coffee room etc. Being aware of the privacy rules, she thought that maybe we could send a general request out to our members suggesting that they let the office know if they are laid up at home or in hospital and in need of some friendly visits. Many of us live alone and understand where she is coming from.

Winter School Revisited

from Gail Hawkins

Nine sessions from this year's successful Winter School, including the fabulous Keynote Address by Prof. Roly Sussex, were recorded on video and will be shown at Queen St at 12.30pm on Fridays in Term 4. They will also be shown at Logan North Library at 9am on Tuesday mornings. If you missed these talks at Winter School look for them in the Term 4 Class Schedule due out on Monday 15th September.

Social Committee News

from Helen Dubois

With the fast moving year that we appear to be experiencing, the Christmas Lunch is fast coming up on us. Many of you have yet to organise your class table and pay. We need to know shortly as the caterers ask us "how many tables do you have?"

Date Tuesday 25th November ;
11:30 for 12 noon; \$60.00 at the
Ithaca Room, City Hall Adelaide
St. entrance. This location is fairly
easy for most people to access.
There are a large number of lucky
door prizes so do come and join us.



Margaret Olley Art Gallery bus trip October 1st:

This trip is sold out but I would like to see a number of names on the reserve list. It is very rare that everyone is able to come for one reason or another so we then call on someone from the reserve list. When the office closes on September 19th please call me and let me know and I can get someone to take your place.

Helen Dubois

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