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Spring has really sprung with the flowers being more vibrant than ever. An old Bougainvillea which I transplanted from a pot has finally blossomed. Very pleasing. The Term break has just flown past and Term 4 begins on October 7th. I hope you have all had a restful time during the last 2 weeks and that you are all ready for all the classes that are on offer for Term 4.

President's Message From the acting President Greg Taylor

It is great to see so many enrolments coming in for Term 4 classes. If you haven't already enrolled, there are still classes with vacancies, so check the website or your printed Class Schedule. We have a number of interesting new classes on offer this term, and we hope you appreciate the efforts of the Class and District

Coordinators, and the new tutors, in making these topics available. Remember you need to enrol either online or by contacting the tutor directly.

This term we are trying something new in running video sessions of some of the more popular topics from our Winter School in July. If you missed some of these excellent presentations you can enjoy them at 12.30pm Fridays at Queen St or 9am Tuesdays at Logan North Library. We hope you enjoy your involvement with U3A Brisbane during the coming term.

New City Classes

From Gail Hawkins—Tutor Liaison officer

With the start of term 4, I would like to welcome all of our new tutors and hope that this is the beginning of a long and fruitful association. Our aim is to continue offering new and exciting subjects to our Class Schedule, but for classes to succeed the tutors need your support – if classes don't get adequate enrolments then unfortunately they will not proceed. The following classes need your support to proceed in Term 4.

• J124 – Spanish 101 for beginners

No previous experience required for those that enroll in Term 4 – this will be a progressive course continuing into 2015 and will study grammar, involve speaking, reading and listening.

• J122 – French Conversation for Mid-Beginners
This course offers an opportunity to develop basic
French skills and to work on dialogues, tasks and
activities in French. Tutor works on maps and authentic
materials from France.

• J123 – Japanese for Beginners

No previous experience required. An introduction to the Japanese language, learn basic conversation, pronunciation, comprehension and Japanese writing.

X71 – The Art of Ageing

How do we manage our lives as we age, how to navigate the health care system and look at treatment choices and pain management.

• F45 – Rummy Tiles

Played by millions of people world wide, it combines

elements of Rummy, Dominoes, Mahjong and Chess. Easy to learn and fun to play, it's a workout for the brain with a combination of chance and skill.

S16 - Sustainable Environment

Discuss the climate, air, water, energy and waste and then establish how these elements influence our life and how we can improve our daily existence in home and garden to better care for our environment.

X60 – Financial Security in Retirement

Will look at the key issues that face retirees, dispel some myths and provide understandings that will assist members financially in retirement.

P10 - Enjoy Digital Camera for Beginners

Learn how your camera works, and discuss and solve simple problems. A little theory will be mixed with activities and field work to put into practice on how your camera works.

• B45 – Tai-Chi for Seniors

The class will follow a Tai-Chi video with exercises to improve balance, strength, flexibility and mobility. Exercises are specially designed for Seniors.

B46 – Traditional Chinese Exercise

Low impact exercises and facial massage, loosen up muscle and joints in an exercise program to keep the mind and body tuned. It's easy to follow and will suit all ages.

One-off Presentations each Friday of Term 4

17th Oct, Italian Masterpieces from Spain's Royal Court.

Weekly from 10th Oct through to 12th Dec (not 14 Nov G20 holiday) video recordings from 2014 Winter School Presentations, check our Class Schedule for subjects. One-off Presentations can be booked online or through our Creek Street office.

We would also like to thank the following tutors who are having a well earned break and will not be taking classes in Term 4, we appreciate their dedication and hope to see them return in the New Year:

Nora Castillo — Spanish

Susan Der Kinderen — Researching Family History

John Bunnett — Geometry challenges

Miriam Davis — Exercise & Dance

Brandon Chemello — Body Systems

Tom Pommerel — Astrology

We are always on the lookout for new tutors and

subject matter, and our volunteer tutors are the backbone of our organization. If you are passionate about, or have a strong interest in a particular subject, an interest that you think others might share, then I would love to hear from you, my contact is tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

Computer Lab

From Gwenn Ball

Adobe Photoshop Elements 12 is now in residence at Creek Street. The much anticipated Adobe Photoshop Elements 12 program is now installed on the U3A Lab computers and is now up and ready for a 'hands on' Term 4 2014 course.

Elements 12 is the less expensive version of Photoshop and is ideal for all photographers, who want to achieve awesome results. Master your skills in Learning Adobe Photoshop Elements 12 and see all the amazing things you can do with your photos.

Ben Lindeboom is ready to help both new and experienced Elements users get the most out of their digital photos.

General Computer Q&A's Class

C118 TALKING COMPUTERS.

Answers to all the common questions, and more. What is read-only memory (ROM)? How do you install a software program Standard or Custom? What are computer viruses, spyware, phishing, and spam? How do I know if I have an integrated or onboard video card? Backing up... Why is it so important? Perhaps you would just like to know more about how computers work? All of this technical jargon can confuse those newly introduced to the computer.

If you have any computer related questions, this class will provide the answers!

C121 Understanding Skype

Skype is a fantastic free tool for online instant communication with friends, family and colleagues around the world. It is free to start using Skype - to speak, see and instant message others on Skype. In this Skype course you will learn how to create a Skype account, it is a simple set up process, then how to find and add friends /family, and then to voice call, video call and message them.

Whether you're traveling internationally or want to

save money when calling others, Skype has become a great option because it's accessible through computers, smart phones, tablets, and home land line phones.

C119 eBay is Back!

Welcome to the eBay course! Kate Jones will help you learn how to get started, explain how you're protected, and how to get help when you need it.

eBay is the place to buy what you want, sell what you have, and make a few friends while learning to use it. eBay is for buyers and sellers to come together and trade almost anything!

eBay has both new and used goods, from jewellery to rare auto parts, placing your item here means that there is a much higher possibility of people finding out about it.

• C08 Basic Email and Internet Course

This course is for people who have not yet ventured into the world of electronic communication with family, friends or business and need to understand the basics of email. Gain the skills to send, reply and forward emails, as well as adding attachments such as documents or your photos to share with others.

Learn how to effectively use the Internet and how to search for information on any topic you can imagine, visit popular pages and places around the world. The class is run in a very friendly and relaxed environment. Course starts Wednesday 8th October. For more information contact Gwenn Ball Phone 3870 5493 after 5pm

• C125 Facebook

This is a very useful app on your **iPad**. You can keep in touch with family and friends, share photos and track your favorite organisations and businesses such as U3A, ABC news, BCC etc. This course will demonstrate how to use both the Facebook app and website on your iPad. New 4 week class starting on Friday 7th November. Visit U3A website for more info.

• C116 Microsoft Photo Gallery

Improve a photo's composition, exposure, detail, and color. This **FREE** program adds a new collage feature and the ability to upload slideshows directly to the Vimeo video sharing site. These join the program's several standout features, such as panorama joining, photo fuse, face recognition, and all the basic photo fixes you'd expect—crop, straighten, retouch, red-eye, along with exposure, noise, and color correction. More

course details on the U3A Brisbane website. The 5 week course starts Thursday 9th October just in time for the Christmas snaps!

Facebook Messenger Arrives for the iPads. Learn how to use the Facebook app. Messenger allows users to send messages, voice recordings, and media to their Facebook friends for free via the tool, forgoing text messaging. Updates to the app include bug fixes and the ability to save videos within the app directly to your phone's camera roll. New 4 week Class starting Friday 7th November. More course details on the U3A Brisbane website.

Chess Class at Catholic Centre with Sue Copeland

The Chess group meets on Monday mornings at the Catholic Centre, Edward St for friendly games of chess. New members are very welcome. U3A members who are new to chess are also welcome but need to learn the pieces and the moves first. Information is available from books or the Internet. Members will be pleased to help them after that.

Classes start at 9:43am and the length of time is flexible. Details are available from the Class Schedule the U3A Website.

Logan District News

From Diane Bohlen

Most Term 3 activities continue in Term 4, but those previously held at Tall Trees have now been relocated.



<u>The Ukulele sing-a-long</u> class MO8 has now moved from Tall Trees to Arcare in Janice Street, Slacks Creek. It is still held on a Thursday at 10.00 a.m.

Hypnotherapy for Health B33 venue has changed for term 4. It will be held at the Logan North Library 1.30-3pm. on Fridays. This class will not be continuing next year. So enroll now and don't miss this great opportunity to learn how to relax.

<u>Mah Jong F18</u> is now at Logan Hyperdome Library on Wednesday 1:00pm-3:00pm

The new Winter School Video Highlights X57 sessions in Logan will match the program in the city except that ours will be weekly on Tuesdays starting 9am at Logan North Library. These are the sessions that generated huge audiences at the City's Winter School in July and

include, first off on 7th October, Roly Sussex's keynote address which they say was fascinating so don't miss it! You can read details and dates of each session on our blog; u3alogan.blogspot.com.au

Another new class is called Names and Lives GO5 - The Basics of Family History. Janice Cooper will explain the exciting process of researching your ancestors' past to discover their secrets. The course starts on Monday 13th October at Logan North Library, 12.45 pm and will run for 5 weeks.

An exciting new social group called Logan District's

Movie Goers group gets going in Term 4. The plan is to meet at Logan North Library in Springwood at 11.15 am on the third Tuesday of each month and carpool to Victoria Point Cineplex to see one of the better kind of movies that do not show at any of the Logan cinemas. If the movie time fits, the group may have lunch or morning tea together at one of the pleasant lakeside restaurants. Non-member friends may come

Another new group is the Topical Discussion Group X72 where members have friendly discussions about interesting topics of the day. Contact Ela Gibson 3806 2010.

too of course.

<u>Barbara Holland's art class A32</u> in Logan on Thursdays 1:15pm to 3:15pm at the Logan North Library has been suspended for the rest of this year. Her class is expected to resume in Term One 2015 same place same time.

The Logan District Christmas party is on Wednesday 10th December at 10.30 till 1pm at Logan Community Hall. There will be a Lucky door prize and raffle, food and a guest performer. \$2:00 entry. We need to know numbers by end of November. An invitation and RSVP will be sent out later. Enquiries to Janet 3200 5108

Social Committee News

from Helen Dubois

The postponed bus trip to the Margaret Olley Art Centre at Tumbulgum was finally carried out October 1st. It was really a wonderful day. The Art Gallery is very extensive and has many other works in addition to the Margaret Olley collection. The bus company ran a very good, comfortable bus and the driver was pleasant and helpful. We are currently arranging another trip down there in March 2015 for all those who could not get on the last trip. Watch this space.

The <u>Wicked Tickets</u> were posted at the end of last Term so please advise if you have not received them.

We have obtained tickets for <u>Dirty Dancing</u> and <u>Anything Goes</u> and these will be on sale at the end of the year and in Term 1 2015

U3A Christmas Lunch

Now is the time to get your table organised for the Christmas Lunch which will be held at the Ithaca Room in the City Hall. This is a very central location and the function last year went very well.

Date: Tuesday 25th November 2014

Time: 11:30am for 12 noon

Cost: \$60.00

Location: Ithaca Room at Brisbane City Hall, enter via

the Adelaide St entrance and take the lift.

Speaker:

Popular 4BC Mornings broadcaster Patrick Condren **Booking information:** See Page 4 of the Class Schedule Booking sheets are available in the Office - 97 Creek St.

Have a great Term 4.

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Photos by Mike and Ann Bryan: Getting out the morning tea from the bus, 2 different views of Margaret Olley's room