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Spring has been really very generous with the early blossoms on our numerous Jacaranda trees. These trees have been spectacular this year. It has been a joy driving around the suburbs and seeing the really strong colors. With the G20 coming up how good would it be if all our seasonal trees were on show.

From the President

Marilyn Wagland



Following many years of dedicated and untiring service, Gwenn Ball has decided to retire from her position as Computer Coordinator. Hundreds of U3A students have gained the knowledge and confidence to embrace the digital world through Gwenn's classes and those of the tutors in that department that she has organised. There are many

who are grateful for her long years of service. Gwenn's amazing organisational skills, her expertise, her quiet but pleasant and patient manner, her humour and her long hours devoted to the continual improvement of this important aspect of U3A will sadly missed. She has done an amazing job and U3A has benefitted enormously from her hard work.

Thank you Gwenn. You will be missed but luckily not lost to us as you will continue to teach some classes. We are fortunate that Tony Curtis has agreed to take on the role of Computer Coordinator in 2015 and we look forward to working with him in the New Year.

Re the G20:

There will be a public holiday in the Brisbane local government area on Friday 14th November because of the G20 Leaders' Summit to be held 14-16th November. *There will be no classes at Creek St, Queen St or in other city or suburban venues on 14th November.* All other classes that week and the following week should run as usual, unless individual tutors have decided otherwise.

There is no holiday in Logan District so classes there will be unaffected.

Enquiries to Translink have assured us that transport timetables will run as normal in the week leading up to the G20 public holiday and follow their normal routes. **IT IS ONLY AFTER 7.00PM ON THURSDAY 13TH, AND ONLY FOR THE LONG WEEKEND, THAT SERVICES WILL BE DISRUPTED AND BUSES WILL STOP AT VARIOUS HUBS.** During the week, your usual transport options should be unchanged and readily available which will allow you to attend classes as normal.

Trains will not stop at South Brisbane during the week commencing 10th November which may affect travel to classes at the State Library. It will affect those attending *The Lion King* on November 12th. We have been advised by QPAC that the parking will be very difficult as only 200 car spaces are allocated for those who booked. QPAC has recommended that you use public transport.

2015 U3A NETWORK CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN BRISBANE



The [U3A Network Qld and U3A Asia Pacific Alliance International Conference](#) will be held in Brisbane from 28-30 May 2015. Information regarding this prestigious U3A event is now available on the [conference website](#) and will be updated as more details become available. You can subscribe to the conference mailing list on the website and automatic updates will be sent to you.

This is a wonderful opportunity for U3A Brisbane members to be involved in an international event featuring well-known speakers from the world U3A community. Please add this to your 2015 calendar.

Logan District News

from Diane Bolen

- **Lunches continue to be enjoyed.**

Baan Thai in November.

The Lunch group will have their Christmas lunch at Springwood Towers Bistro in December. (PLEASE NOTE: This is not to be confused with Logan District Christmas Party) All are welcome, but PLEASE let us know so that we can book. For bookings, contact **Judy George on 3841 6246.**

- **New Committee Members:**

We would like to welcome some new committee members who are keen to help Logan District to expand: Margaret Ancliff, Shirley Pugsley, Peter Attwood, Monika Picton, Brenda Shirley, Jan Burton and welcome back to Janet Palmer.

They, together with original members have worked hard to find new tutors for some new classes next year: Spanish, Japanese, Beading, Movie-Making, Adobe Photoshop Lightroom, Musify, and a new Cartooning

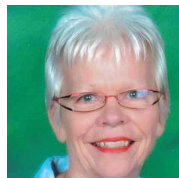
class are all confirmed for 2015, as well as new beginners' Watercolour and Art classes, beginners French and Photoshop Elements.

- **Logan District Christmas Party**

Wednesday 10th December at Logan Community Centre 10:30 till 1:00pm. Our guest artists are very entertaining bush poets from Jimboomba and we also have a few U3A Logan groups performing. There will be raffles and a light lunch. Cost \$2

- **Beading**

Beautiful, simple or complex, Beading is an art to be learned next year, if there is enough demand. Celia Kennedy will offer a class for beginners at John Paul College on Friday mornings. Celia says a basic beading pack can be supplied for \$5 to get students started in this absorbing and artistic hobby. Please phone Celia after 5pm on **3200 6570** for more information.



Brisbane City Campus

from Gail Hawkins

It can be a daunting experience for a new tutor to start a class at U3A, and in most instances our members have supported them to make it a rewarding experience. However, some classes fail to get the enrolments and don't proceed. Thankfully in most instances the tutors are prepared to "try again" for the following term and hope for a better response. I will continue to advertise all of our new classes and the classes that need your support to proceed. We will continue to grow and improve by encouraging new tutors with new subject matters to get involved, so please look at these classes with interest. A more detailed list of new classes for Term 1 will be advertised in next months E News and in the Class Schedule.

X71 – The Art of Ageing:

How do we manage our lives as we age, and how to navigate the health care system for ourselves and our family and look at treatment choices and pain management. We discuss mindful self compassion in coming to an acceptance of health issues that are part of life. Term 4 bookings still available.

F45 – Rummy Tiles (Rummikub):

Played by millions of people world wide, Rummikub combines elements of Rummy, Dominoes, Mahjong and Chess. It's easy to learn and fun to play. More than just a board game, it provides a workout for the brain by helping boost memory and cognitive functions, with a combination of chance and skill. Make a note to book this class for next term.

S16 – Sustainable Environment:

An open discussion on Climate Change, Global Warming, Air Pollution, Water Waste & Energy Sources. We establish how we can manage to make changes to improve our homes and gardens to take better care of our environment. Class available next term.

Winter School Videos:

Every Friday this term (not 14 Nov due to G20) we have a special class of video recordings taken from this years Winter School presentations. The feedback from members who have attended these video sessions to

date has been excellent. If you have booked into a presentation and can't make it, we would appreciate if you could let the office know so that others can take your place. Check the Class Schedule for details of future presentations or contact our office for assistance.

Italian Masterpieces:

Members were disappointed when the *Italian Masterpieces* presentation was cancelled at the last moment due to unforeseen circumstances. We are pleased to advise that this will be rescheduled in February, with details in the next Class Schedule.

Anyone for Bridge?

We have a very serious bridge player who is prepared to start a bridge class next year, but before we can schedule this course I need your feedback on what level of bridge would best suit your requirements i.e. Beginners, Intermediate or Advanced.

Please email me at tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

UQ PhD Students

Sarah Grainger, a PhD student from the School of Psychology at UQ needs your help! She is investigating how social and emotional functioning is affected by healthy ageing. She is looking for people aged 65 years or older with 20/20 or corrected vision and no history of serious neurological or psychiatric illness.

Participation involves viewing a series of images and videos and making ratings. You will also be asked to fill in some questionnaires that assess how you feel in certain emotional and social situations. The study is being held at UQ in St Lucia and takes approx. 2 hours to complete. As a thank-you and to cover any travel costs, Sarah is compensating each participant \$30. For more information or to arrange a time to participate, contact Sarah: 0423 734 605 or email: sarah.grainger@uqconnect.edu.au

Maryam Ziaei, also a PhD student from the School of Psychology at UQ, is conducting a separate study to look at emotional processes among people over 65 years old. She is looking for healthy RIGHT HANDED individuals aged 65 and over. This study takes about 4 hours and participants will be reimbursed \$60 for their time and effort. More information is available here:

[UQ Research Study](#)

Have you booked for the U3A Christmas Lunch?

Date: Tuesday 25th November

Time: 11:30 for 12 noon

Cost: \$ 60 (drinks available at your own expense)

Location: Brisbane City Hall , Ithaca Room Level 2

Entrance: Via the main front door of City Hall.

Speaker: Patrick Condren, popular 4BC morning host

We have a large number of members who have put their names down but have failed to pay. It has now become urgent that you pay so that we know that you are attending the Lunch. The caterers are now wanting the numbers so it is important that you let us know by early next week of your intentions. We look forward to seeing you there. We have lots of lucky door prizes. Come along and bring your friends. (**Entrance will now be via the main front door only.**)

Best wishes,
Helen Dubois,
eNews Editor



U3A China Trip 2015



Tour Outline:

Start in Nanjing where Nanjing U3A arrange an exciting time for us mixing with the students and experiencing Chinese calligraphy, Chinese music, Chinese art and Chinese culture.

Then we will visit Hubei Province to see Wuhan, Three Gorges Dam and Enshi mountainous area before travelling to Hunan Province. There we will visit the ancient city of Fenghuang and Zhangjiajie (made famous by the film Avatar). The tour will finish in Changsha before travelling back to Brisbane. Dates: 11 October – 25 October 2015

Price: Land content the estimated land content cost is \$2700 share and \$3200 individual.

The cost of international flights, visa, etc are NOT included in this price.

Register: For more information contact BRYAN ILES, tutor of Experiencing China class:

Queen Street, Wednesday 12:30pm

Logan (North Logan Library), Friday 11:30am

Email: office@acves.com.au Tel: 3343 3141

This tour is open to anyone who is a member of U3A and their spouse.

Book Launch

Dutch Treat

for all those who left their history behind them

By Theodora Biesheuvel

A land of peat and mists is in the author's heart, but not her eyes. She documents her ancestors and the context in which they lived. These stories about various ancestors are the treats, but as in any 'Dutch Treat' the reader is also asked to view the disconnect suffered by migration in a general sense. This is for all those who have visited the Netherlands and wondered why people felt they needed to migrate.

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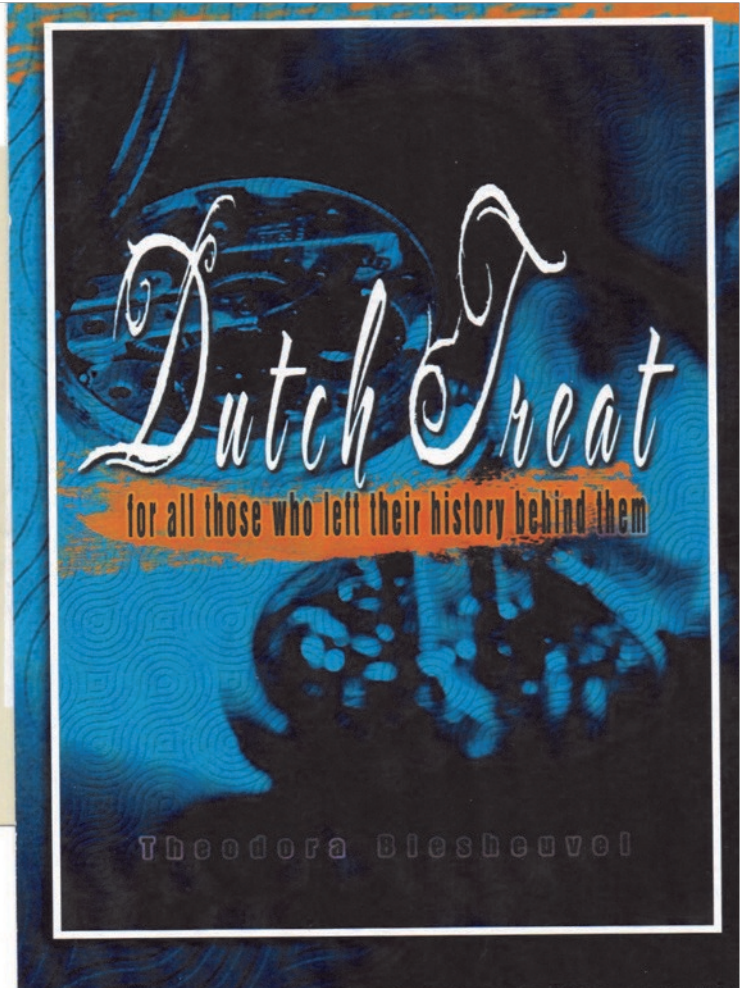
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