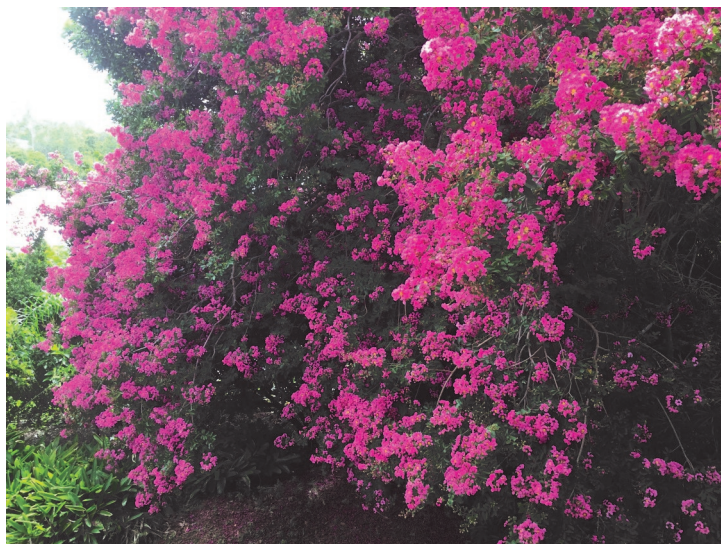


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A very happy New Year to you all.

I hope that your Christmas was pleasant that you are that the break is interesting and restful for you. The usual flower for this season is the Frangipani however they did not like the season's run up to flowering and have been very sparse. The Crepe Myrtle has thrived on the rain and heat and are very beautiful this year. This tree is in my son's back garden and is magnificent. Enjoy the many trees that are in flower at the present time.

From the President

Marilyn Wagland



Happy New Year. I hope our members have enjoyed a good rest and, like me, are now keen to return to a new term at U3A. I have to admit to being a little lax last year with my learning but taking on the presidency, an extended overseas holiday and moving house will do that. With those things behind me now, I am really looking forward to the two subjects I'm enrolled in and hope that you are contemplating the future with equal enthusiasm.

If you didn't manage to get into the course (s) you wanted, don't opt out. Choose something different. It's good for our ageing brains to be stretched by trying something new. And if you missed joining a class with friends in it, again, don't despair. A new friend is someone you are yet to meet.

U3A offers us all the opportunity to learn and laugh together. As well as our many classes, we have much to look forward to this year with the various social events on offer and the Asia Pacific Conference in May which I hope many of you will attend.

In just a couple of weeks, we'll be back together in the happy environment that is U3A - meeting and greeting old acquaintances and welcoming newcomers. Classes re-commence on Tuesday 27 January. See you there.

Date claimer: *U3A Network Qld and U3A Asia Pacific Alliance International Conference* is on at the City Hall from 28-30 May 2015. You will enjoy meeting other local, interstate and overseas U3A members present and the high quality speakers already engaged. As the host city, we need your involvement as conference delegates and volunteers. Do join us. Registration is now open. Full information is available at:
www.u3aqldconference.org

Logan District News

from Jean Townsend

We had an excellent Christmas party - good food, companionship and entertainment. Thanks to all those members who attended and to the workers and entertainers who made it so enjoyable. Mainly due to the raffles and some excellent planning, we very nearly covered the cost of the lunch while charging only \$2.

U3A Brisbane's Logan District is gearing up for an exciting year. Some classes are full or nearly full. Several new classes will be definitely going ahead but most would like more enrolments and a couple are at risk of being cancelled due to low numbers so far:

Japanese - Unless at least four more people enrol the class will be cancelled;

Beading - low numbers too;

Cartooning - numbers officially enrolled are very low;

Musicality - one not to miss, enrol now as numbers are low;

Spanish - room for a few more;

Drawing and Painting in Beenleigh - room for more;

Diane's Beginners Watercolour could manage a couple more;

Topical Discussion - more members needed, men and women, for this sociable group;

Light room is nearly full - get in soon;

Movie-Making is now full;

French for Travellers and French Year 1 are nearly full;

Ukulele Beginners is nearly full;

Photoshop for Beginners will be held on both Thursday and Friday afternoons due to high demand so there is room for more;

Of the older ongoing classes, nearly all would be glad of new members, especially Economics, Dawn's Book Group, Tai Chi, Experiencing China, and Beginners Philosophy.

Unfortunately Barbara Holland's new class *For the Love of Paint* has been cancelled but some of her previous students are getting together on Thursday afternoons to paint together.

Best wishes to all our students and volunteers for a productive and pleasurable year.

Brisbane City Campus

from Gail Hawkins

Below is a list of the new courses proposed to commence in Term 1, the class descriptions are detailed in the Class Schedule which many of you have mailed, or it can be viewed on line from our home page at u3abrisbane.org.au. For ease of reference I have added the page where you will find each course in the Term 1 Schedule. A number of these classes still need student enrolments if they are to proceed, so please check out the classes and if you are interested contact the tutor to get involved.

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J135 – English for Speakers of Other Languages, Level 1, Page 21

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M17 – Intermediate Recorder Ensemble, Page 27

F46 – Rummi tiles (Rummikubs), double class, Page 20

A50 – Jewellery Making, double class, Page 29

Have you ever thought you would like to be a U3A tutor but didn't know what that entailed, then come along to our Workshop on 22nd January. The morning session will be an office orientation for new or prospective tutors. The afternoon session will be an open forum for all tutors and will discuss effective planning, technology, class promotion and with input from tutors on how to best deliver informative and entertaining courses to attract maximum student numbers.

We acknowledge that Tutors are vital to our organisation and that without them U3A would not exist. We also believe that to enhance our course planning and development we need constructive feedback from our Tutors on their ideas and suggestions on how we can improve the U3A learning experience.

If you are interested in becoming a tutor and would like to attend our Workshop, please RSVP via email at tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

Radio 4RPH Project

Earlier in the year our tutors were invited to get involved with an exciting joint venture between U3A and 4RPH, the radio station for the print handicapped. The goal is for our tutors to pre-record an interview that would showcase the diversity, talent and interesting topics offered by U3A, and be broadcast as a 10 minute weekly program for the 4RPH listeners. A number of interviews have already been recorded, but for the program “The Pleasure of Learning” to continue in the New Year we need additional tutors to volunteer their service. If you would be interested in getting involved in this unique opportunity or would like more information on what is involved, please contact me at tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

From Judith Talbot Wynnum District



Our Calligraphy Group held a Christmas Lunch at the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club at Manly. We had eighteen members of our class who attended plus four extra guests. We started the day at the Wynnum Library where we exchanged “Secret Santa” gifts and we all brought along a photo of ourselves as teenagers or young adults – a lot of fun. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and all are looking forward to continuing Calligraphy in 2015.

Membership Renewal Due

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership for 2015 as soon as possible. It greatly assists our office staff if you renew before the rush in week 1. Fees are still only \$40 for the year and you can renew online via the website, or by contacting the office. The office is open next week from 9am till 12 noon each day.

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Vale Chris Hayward (1932– 2014)

Chris was born in 1932 in the north of Birmingham UK. Son of a school teacher he went to Birmingham University, obtained his BSc Hons in microbiology in 1953 and PhD in 1956. Gordon and Nour Davis knew and worked with him at that time. He worked for a few years on research in Trinidad and then at Kew in London. He met and married Sirkka there. Recruited to UQ in 1964, he had a very successful teaching and research career, with many publications on bacterial diseases of important food crops such as potato and banana. In retirement he continued with some consultation work and joined U3A, both teaching and learning. Chris was a big benevolent man who greatly enjoyed life, especially soccer and good writing. He will be sorely missed by family and friends.

Computer Section from Tony Curtis



The photo above is from our *Welcome to 2015* morning tea, where a delicious spread tempted everyone along. We met the newbies, and took on board the innovations with notes and procedures. It looks to be a good year, lots of interest from students.

(Computer Section, cont.)

We invite you to join in learning how to use computers and tablets. In the computer section we have 10 student computers setup to teach you many different ways to use your computers. We can take 10 students in the computer courses and more in the iPad and Android Tablet courses. As you can see on page 5 following, there are positions left in most courses, so consult the U3A Class Schedule for contact details and costs as soon as possible so Tutor can get your notes ready where applicable.



Social Committee

from Helen Dubois

The ever popular bus trip to the Margaret Olley Art Centre is filled though we are happy to take your name for the reserve list. Please don't send any money if you just wish to go on the reserve list.

We have 16 seats still available on the bus trip to the Brisbane Airport. So do make up your mind if you wish to go as there is a lot of interest in this trip.

I have 2 single tickets for *Wicked* cost \$65.00, date Wednesday March 11th at 1:00pm at QPAC Lyric Theatre. Call the office on 3236 3055 and pay and I will send you the ticket. It should be great fun.

We have plenty of tickets for *Dirty Dancing*, date 27th May at 1:00pm, cost \$70.00. Please use the Social Event Payment Form on p.4 of the Class Schedule and Social Calendar or call the office on 3236 3055 to book and pay. This musical is currently playing in Sydney to big crowds and it is doing well.

Office holiday hours: This coming week the office will be staffed by some wonderful people between 9:00am and 12 noon. The classes will resume on Tuesday 27th for Term 1 2015. Enjoy the last week of the holiday break and return rested and ready to resume.

Helen Dubois

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City Campus Computer Class Enrolments as at 17-Jan-2015.

Monday	Starting Date	Tutor	No. In Class 17 Jan 15
C121 Introduction To Skype	2-Feb-15	Bernhard Lindeboom	6
C121 Introduction To Skype	9-Mar-15	Bernhard Lindeboom	4
C18 Nobby's Alternative Programs	2-Feb-15	Chris (Nobby) Hobbs	12
C19 Nobby's Computer Class	23-Feb-15	Chris (Nobby) Hobbs	12
C38 Apple Computer	2-Feb-15	Keith Catts	4
C120 Adobe Photoshop Elements	2-Feb-15	Bernhard Lindeboom	11
C126 Adobe Photoshop Elements_Advanced	2-Mar-15	Bernhard Lindeboom	8
Tuesday			
C123 Ipad For Beginners	27-Jan-15	Sheryl Marland	10
C46 Intro To Basic Windows 7, Computer Management	27-Jan-15	Gvann Ball	11
C100 Ms Publisher 2010 / 2013 (Part 2)	27-Jan-15	Kay Herington	7
C84 Get Started With Ms Windows 8.1	27-Jan-15	Gvann Ball	12
C85 Mastering Ms Windows 8.1 (Part 2)	3-Mar-15	Gvann Ball	4
C55 Introduction To The Android World	27-Jan-15	Deslyn Taylor	12
C127 Travelling With Your Ipad	3-Mar-15	Barbara Eastoe	12
Wednesday			
C08 Email Essentials And Discover The Internet	28-Jan-15	Emanuela Heaton	3
C64 Internet Banking & Online Purchasing	28-Jan-15	Chris (Nobby) Hobbs	7
C126 Adobe Photoshop Elements_Advanced	4-Mar-15	Bernhard Lindeboom	1
C105 Get Started With Ms Windows 8.1	28-Jan-15	Gvann Ball	10
C85 Mastering Ms Windows 8.1 (Part 2)	4-Mar-15	Gvann Ball	3
C101 Photobooks For Beginners	28-Jan-15	Cecelia Woodhouse	11
C101 Photobooks For Beginners	4-Mar-15	Cecelia Woodhouse	5
Thursday			
C04 Computer Kindy	29-Jan-15	Sue Howe/ Joan Bovey	5
C30 Introduction To Ipad	29-Jan-15	Deslyn Taylor	16
C116 Photo Editing & Sharing Using Windows 8.1 Photo Gallery & Moviemaker	29-Jan-15	Kathryn Jones	6
C119 Ebay Explored, Buying And Selling	29-Jan-15	Kathryn Jones	10
C30 Introduction To Ipad	29-Jan-15	Deslyn Taylor	12
C55 Introduction To The Android World	5-Mar-15	Deslyn Taylor	10
Friday			
C24 Powerpoint For Beginners	30-Jan-15	Judith Sneyd	5
C16 Ms Excel 2013, 2010 & 2007	30-Jan-15	Tony Curtis	6
C17 Ms Word 2013, 2010 & 2007	30-Jan-15	Tony Curtis	3