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28-29 May 2015

U3A NETWORK QUEENSLAND AND U3A ASIA PACIFIC ALLIANCE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

BRISBANE

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March has arrived and with it comes Autumn and while the temperature is still very steamy, the colourful plants will shortly disappear. I found this Tibouchina along with about four others in a lovely garden just up from where I live. They are part of the garden along the front of the property. The owners also have a lovely neat garden behind the front display. I hope the Indian summer goes away soon.

U3A Conference in May

The 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 attending, as well as a high quality speakers program. As the host city, we need your involvement as conference delegates and volunteers. Registration is now open, and full information is available at www.u3aqldconference.org

From the President

Marilyn Wagland:



As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we are once again struggling for space for our increasing number of students and classes. I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Management Committee has decided to lease another room at Queen St. It is to the right as you come up to the mezzanine floor via the escalators and will be known as Room 13. Timetabled classes will commence there from the start of Term 2. Our Tutor Liaison, Gail Hawkins, is working hard to ensure that the larger classes have adequate space and many classes, both at Creek St and Queen St, will benefit from this move. We are also hoping that this will enable more students to attend existing classes to meet the demand.

Your regular attendance at classes in which you have enrolled is essential if we are to continue to provide all members with first class facilities. Commercial space in the city is expensive and the \$5.00 per class that you pay at these venues is our means of funding them. If you enrol in a class but only attend sporadically, you may be denying someone else a place in that class and you are also making our planning difficult as we cannot rely on regular figures each week. At our age and stage in life, we have earned the right to holiday and undertake other ventures dear to our hearts. No one wants to deny you that right. I just ask that if you do enrol in a class you treat it as a commitment for that term and do your best to attend.

While this short term solution is in place, the Committee will be looking at our long term future needs and making decisions based on expert professional advice. This will see us consolidate our position as a vibrant and positive provider of social contact and education for the increasing number of people entering their "third age" intent on enjoying themselves while living meaningful lives.

Logan District

From Jean Townsend:

Classes and groups in Logan are welcoming many new members. The new classes are recording good attendances. Lack of space in some venues is a bit of a problem, as in the city, but students generally cope well.

The Cec Munns Sports Centre at John Paul College is proving a pleasant venue. Latin resumes this week at Logan North Library. As always we all owe our gratitude to the tutors who offer so much of their time and effort for members' benefit.

Plans for next term are well under way. Beading has been arranged for Thursday afternoons at the Beenleigh Neighbourhood Centre. Michael Yip and Carol Shaw are taking over organising the Travellers group. Thanks go to Sheila for her excellent work for the group over the past two years. Trish Dixon joins the Advanced Photoshop group as co-tutor and, if there is enough interest, she will teach Photoshop CC in Term 3. The popular Movie-Making class will be repeated next term but this time at Bill and Diana Bohlen's home in Daisy Hill.

IT Group

From Helen Carberry

U3A IT Group, Saturday 14th March, 10-12 noon, Queen Street premises.

Topic: Understanding Copyright

Graphic Designer Rachael Mulliss will share her knowledge and experience of the correct use of images in documents, brochures, flyers etc. This session will cover copyright laws, where to find royalty free materials, where to find cheap materials and more.

For further details, and to register for this session, and/or be placed on the IT Group email list, please contact Helen Carberry at ITgroup@u3abrisbane.org.au

BRISBANE CITY CAMPUS

from Gail Hawkins

Following is a list of the new courses starting next term. You will be able to view a description of all of our classes when the Term 2 Class Schedule is released towards the end of March. We welcome our first time tutors and hope that you enjoy the new subjects they add to our diverse Schedule.

Share Investing in a Low Interest Rate World
Music - What is Music
Bridge for Beginners
Chemistry
Philosophy
Fibre Art
Learn Art as an Artist
Creative Writing
German Language for Beginners
Japanese Language—How it is Written
French Revision

We are aware that some classes are difficult to get into, mainly due to the restriction on the size of some classrooms. Next term we have moved a number of classes into larger or different rooms in the hope that our tutors will now be able to enroll additional members into their courses.

We are always looking for new tutors, so if you have an interest or passion for a subject and would like to share

that knowledge, I would love to hear from you. My contact is tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au A couple of courses that I am looking for tutors are:

**Bahasa Indonesian or
Any language classes for beginners.
Book Discussion group**

We would love to hear from anyone that would be interested in starting up a Choir group - or any other subject that you believe would be of interest to our members.

On Wednesday, 1st April we have a special one-off Presentation that unfortunately wasn't advertised in the Term 1 Class Schedule when it was first released. You can however go to our homepage and view the presentation in our Term 1 Schedule.

"Wales - Land of Beauty, Music & Song, Rugby, Myths & Legends" is being presented by a member of FU3A our affiliate group in Flintshire, Wales and promises to be a very entertaining presentation.

To make a booking, go to mail@u3abrisbane.org.au

Northside District from Rod McLary:

I have had a request for classes in Italian in the Northside area. So I am looking for a Tutor who is prepared to hold classes in conversational Italian. Please contact.

Rod McLary
0413 741 284

U3A Brisbane History From Ian Lipke

Regarding U3A history over the past 30 years... Could you please contact Ian if you have any information about the early years of U3A and if you have any photos or documents for the book that Ian is writing about our history.

ian.lipke@gmail.com

Social Committee News

From Helen Dubois



Lady looking for a teacher of the Welsh language:

Miss Brenda Buckley has emailed me looking for someone to help her learn the Welsh language. If you can help her please contact her at brenda.buckley@uqconnect.edu.au

The Margaret Olley trip will be re advertised in the Class Schedule for Term 2. There are a large number of members who have tried to book for the upcoming trip next week. It is in your own interest to book early if you wish to go as this activity has been very popular since last year.. The next one we arrange might be the last for this year as there are other activities we would like to arrange.

Tickets to Anything Goes are now available in the office .

When: Wednesday 19th August

Time 1:30 pm

Where: Lyric Theatre QPAC

Cost: \$75:00

Call the office on 3236 3055 or go to the office at 97 Creek St.

This show has a wonderful cast and the music will be very recognisable

The bookings will close 8th April 2015.

The trip to the Airport was very interesting and there was a large number of men came along. Obviously the attendance was good and I asked some of the men on board to give us some suggestions of interesting places to go. In Term 3 we will go to the Port of Brisbane which was one of the wish list items.

Helen Dubois

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