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## E-News April 2015

In my hunt for a tree that is in season, this one is among many planted on the footpaths where I live. It is very striking and a magnet for the bees.

Do you know it's name?

I do hope you enjoyed the Easter break.

### From the President

Marilyn Wagland



Once again we've had a great term with attendances up, due partly to additional classes on offer and to the larger capacity of our rooms. New topics continue to be added to the timetable so Term 2 is looking very inviting.

Thank you to our many, many volunteers who work so enthusiastically to ensure the success of U3A and to all members who support us by attending classes. I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful term break and I look forward to seeing you again next term.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 8th April the new Management Committee elected. I thank you for the opportunity to serve U3A as President for another year and would like to introduce the new Committee members to you.

Most of them come with a previous very successful track record - Greg Taylor, Greg Williamson, Yvonne McGann, Mary Calder, Greg Doolan all manage their portfolios with distinction and I am thrilled that they are continuing this year

Returning to the Committee this year is Rob Hill. Rob has been a committee member in the recent past and has remained as Chair of the Property Committee doing most of the discovery of and negotiating for our new premises. He will be a most welcome member

Simon Wood is joining us for the first time to undertake the position of Secretary. With his background in

accountancy, he will also serve as Assistant Treasurer, a position we now felt was now needed.

Peter O'Loughlin has been volunteering for the last year, performing repairs to our rooms. There is a real need to manage our buildings as they constitute such a big part of our responsibilities. Peter has agreed to come onto the Committee to do just this. He ran his own construction company for many years and it will be invaluable to have someone to attend to all matters Body Corporate and when issues arise with air conditioning or repairs to have someone who will understand the problem.

I have great confidence in my new team as we face the many issues confronting our organisation, the largest being the decision making required around our future direction with our burgeoning numbers and inner city facilities.

Ian Lipke has retired from the Committee and I thank him for his time as President and Secretary. Gail Hawkins has chosen not to be on the Committee but will continue with the Tutor Liaison job which she does so well.



New committee, l to r:

Peter O'Loughlin, Mary Calder, Greg Williamson (Treasurer), Greg Doolan, Marilyn Wagland (President), Rob Hill, Greg Taylor (Vice-President), Simon Wood (Secretary), (inset) Yvonne McGann.

## From the Office Manager

Yvonne McGann

Classes for Term 2 will commence on Monday 20th April. From Monday 13th April to Friday 17th April, the office will be attended from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. We, in the office, hope all members have a very pleasant Easter holiday.

## Major U3A Conference in Brisbane 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](http://www.u3aqldconference.org)

## Brisbane City Campus

from Gail Hawkins

Contact: [tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au)

Term 2 starts on 20th April and we have a number of new courses to offer, so please check out the list below and if you are interested, show your support to our tutors by enrolling in their classes. To see course details go to the [Term 2 Class Schedule](#).

- X78 Share Investing in a Low Interest Rate World
- X81 Peace Education Program – Discovering our own inner resources
- X82 World Cinema
- E19 Controversies in Political economy
- E18 Chemistry
- A58 Fibre Art
- A59 Learn Art as an Artist
- M19 Music – What is Music
- F48 Bridge for Beginners
- K10 Creative Writing
- P16 Camera Club
- L52 Book Discussion Group
- J141 German Language for Beginners
- J142 Japanese Language – How it is Written
- J144 French Advanced

Now that we have obtained an additional class room at Queen Street, we have moved some classes around, and from this term a number of courses that have been hard to enroll in have been allocated larger rooms to enable the tutors to enroll additional students. Unfortunately, there will still be some classes that are "Full", but you should check with the tutor before the term starts to get an updated status.

If you have ever thought of becoming a tutor with U3A, but not sure what is involved – come along to the Orientation morning on 15th April that we are organizing for our new term 2 tutors. If you are interested, send me an email and you will receive an invitation to attend.

## Winter School 2015

from Anne Douglass

### Keynote Speaker — Professor Ian Frazer



We have an exciting program for this year's Winter School starting with our Keynote Speaker **Professor Ian Frazer**. His achievements are too numerous to mention here, however he is best known as the man who developed a vaccine for cervical cancer. Thousands of young lives will be saved as a result of his research and this research does not stop here. The papilloma virus is responsible for numerous genital cancers as well as throat cancers and he and his team at UQ are focusing on these and on a possible connection to skin cancer. His many awards include Queenslander of the Year and Australian of the Year and we believe you will find his story as inspiring as it is interesting.

Next month we shall start showcasing some of our other speakers on our [Facebook page](#) and on our website under the [Winter School link](#) so keep checking and keep up to date with the latest news.

**Remember: Winter School is for everyone so we would encourage you to bring your friends and relatives – Everyone is welcome.**

## Logan District News

from Jean Townsend

Do you think your U3A class is the smartest? If so, you will get a chance to prove it! Logan District students are invited to join the fun of an inter-class Trivia Competition in June. Each team should have no more than 8 members but classes can form more than one team. Tutors will be asked to name their teams (the more inventive the better). It will be during the break, but the exact date has not been set. Tutors will be given full details to pass on to students early next term and entries should be in by the end of May. There will be prizes for the best group, SO GET THINKING. Entry is only \$2 to cover costs, and tea and coffee will be provided.

Our Latin class which has been going for four years now is in urgent need of a tutor. Do you know anyone who could help?

We have two brand new classes in Term 2. Beading begins at Marsden library on Thursdays 9 am. Celia Kennedy is an expert at the art and is looking forward to teaching U3A members. She can be contacted after 5.30 on 3200 6570, or email Monika at: [tutors-logan@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:tutors-logan@u3abrisbane.org.au)

Angela de Hennin will host a new Mah Jong class, also aimed at beginners at Logan North Library on Monday afternoons. Bill Bohlen starts another Movie-Making course in Term 2 as well. Enrol soon if you want to join any of these classes.

At present the Camera Club has a long waiting list, and Bill plans to start an extra Camera Club in Term 3 called Club 2, from 1pm to 2.15pm in the Meeting Room of the Logan North Library. You can read more about it on the [Camera Club 2 blog](#).

By the way, don't miss the great photos on the [Camera Club blog](#) and also on the [Logan District blog](#).

The Musicality class did not attract many members in Term 1 and the tutor has decided not to repeat it in Term 2.

## Social Committee

from Helen Dubois



You all should have read or seen the Class Schedule & Social Calendar by now and know the activities that are available for all. There are not many spaces remaining on the **QPAC visit**. This will cover the technical aspects of the theatres and will entail climbing stairs and a good deal of walking so wear comfortable shoes. You will be expected to keep up as the tour only lasts for about 90 minutes.

Date: Tuesday 12th May

Cost: \$10.00

Time: 9:30am

There are lots of restaurants and other eateries to have lunch at Southbank and QPAC.

### Return Visit to Margaret Olley Art Centre

Date: Wednesday 10th June

Cost: \$48.00

The cost covers the bus trip, morning tea and lunch. Details are available on Page 3 of the Class Schedule and on [Social Committee page](#) on the U3A website. This will be our last visit to this gallery in 2015.

### Anything Goes:

This show has a great cast and the music will be familiar to most of you. You will walk out humming one the songs and wishing you had learnt to tap dance.

Cost: \$75.00

Date Wednesday 19th August 2015 at 1:30pm

**Closing date 15th April** so you can book up to then.

Helen Dubois

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