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May has been and gone, and we now look forward to Winter. The tree from May has been identified as a Swamp Bloodwood aka Eucalyptus Ptychocarpa or Corymbia Ptychocarpa. So - To this months... I found this very colourful tree in a garden at Clayfield.



Does anyone know the name of this tree please?

President's Message

from Marilyn Wagland:



The U3A Network South East Asia International Conference has been a great success. You can read more about it when the Class Schedule reaches you.

Currently we are looking for some volunteers to run a U3A Brisbane display at the Centenary Bowls Club on Monday 17 August. The Seniors Safety Expo will be held there and we have been asked to provide a display. If you can assist, please contact Greg Doolan - U3A Brisbane Advertising and Publicity. His email contact is publicity@u3abrisbane.org.au Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Winter School

from Anne Douglass

PROGRAM RELEASE ON WEBSITE 7TH JUNE

We have an excellent program for you this year. Early bookings are essential, and remember:

**Bring your friends and your relations –
Membership is not a prerequisite.**

We want to introduce the benefits of U3A to everyone. Keynote speaker is Ian Fraser. Other speakers include Helen Chenery on Deep Brain Stimulation, John Sinclair (of Fraser Island fame) on National Parks, Art Expert Philip Bacon and Professor Matt Cooper on Fighting Superbugs to name just a few. We will be profiling presenters on our website over the next few weeks so keep checking. Here is a sample of what is to come...



The Sinking of the Hospital Ship 'Centaur'

On the 12th May this year, it will be 72 years since the hospital ship *Centaur* was sunk by a Japanese submarine just off of Moreton Island killing 268 people in 1943. This atrocity brought the realities of the war home to Brisbane and foretold the brutality of the Japanese. Unknown to most Australians, the war was much closer to Australian shores with the sinking of

many ships along the east coast by the Japanese. The Japanese attacks on shipping were generally kept secret in order not to frighten the population but the news of the *Centaur* would enrage Australians and became a symbol of determination to defeat the Japanese. This seminar will look at records of the event, first-hand accounts of the survivors and the aftermath that was created. It is a story not fully told or fully understood in Australia and hopefully this seminar will expand our understanding of this momentous event. Greg Cope from the National Archives is an excellent presenter who really knows his subject.

Logan District News

From Jean Townsend

On 2nd July local committee members hope to meet with some members of the Brisbane Management Committee. A 'Meet & Greet' session for tutors will follow afterwards. The Trivia Competition will go ahead on 7th July. Several classes expect to form teams so have a word with your tutor if you want to participate. By the way, is anyone willing to teach basic computing? Many wish to learn the things everyone needs to know but usually find out too late.

We would also like to know if members want the local committee to organise social activities and, if so, what sort of events they want. Please contact Trevor to comment: coordinator-logan@u3abrisbane.org.au

Many members' paintings are brightening up Sunnybank Library. See a photo of some on the blog. There is also an invitation to join Bryan Iles's '*Experiencing China*' students on their visit to China in October: u3alogan.blogspot.com.au

In Term 3, in view of the long waiting list for Camera Club, Bill Bohlen will start a second group for new recruits. We are also starting two separate Photoshop classes for beginners - one on Elements and one on the full Photoshop used by professionals - always provided there is enough interest. Nick Bricknell will be welcomed back with his revised Mythology class.

The new 6 week Intermediate Watercolour class starts on 12th June.

The photo shows Diane Deshong's previous class.

Northside District News

from Rod McLary

Tutor required - A small group of people are in need of a tutor in conversational Italian. The group has been together for some time and would like to continue the class following the retirement of the previous tutor. Group organiser - a walking group has been operating with much success on the Northside. The group walks for about two hours with a break and concludes with coffee at a local coffee shop. There is an emerging need for a second group which will cater for those people who are not able to walk longer distances. In this second group, an hour-long walk with a social coffee at the conclusion would be ideal.

Any person who may be interested in organising either of these groups should contact the Northside District Coordinator - Rod McLary - by email - northside@u3abrisbane.org.au

Computer Lab

from Gwenn Ball

Wanted !

Volunteer Tutors in U3A Brisbane's Computer Section.

We are looking for people who have computer and /or programming skills and wish to put their existing knowledge and expertise to work helping others. Formal qualifications are not essential. What is really needed is a genuine interest in both working with mature adults and computers.

The topics in need are: Pixelmator, Video Making, Social Media Facebook/Twitter, Blogging, Google Docs, and Animation.

Our tutors are all volunteers and come from all walks of life. They share their skills to encourage and help others to use computers, the Internet, iPads, Tablets and Mobile Phones.

The computer section courses run from 3 to 10 weeks depending on the topic. Classes are 1½ hours, and one session per week. At present we have a number of 3 and 5 week timeslots available. Classes are run with



small groups of students in our Creek Street computer lab, in a non-formal learning setting. For students, the computer lab has 10 Toshiba 23in. touch-screen computers with keyboard and mouse attached, plus 1 Tutor computer. All systems are installed with MS Windows 8.1, MS/Office 2010 and MS/office 2013 with a virtual box running MS/Windows 7. There is also an Apple TV connected to the data projector.

The lab has a large table in the centre suitable for iPad and Apple Mac users which helps accommodate students who prefer to use their own devices in the Window courses as well.

U3A is enthusiastic about making a significant and positive difference in every student's life.

Come and join our very happy supportive team of tutors.

Japanese Calligraphy

From Madeleine Buckley

Beginners, Level 1 and Level 2 Japanese classes have recently enjoyed a tutorial on Japanese Calligraphy from guest tutor, Keiko Sakai.



IT Group

From Helen Carberry

The U3A IT Group meets at U3A Queen Street premises on the second Saturday most months of the year, for approximately 2 hours, 10 am to 12 noon. The cost per session is \$5 and this includes morning tea.

The IT Group sessions provide opportunities for U3A members to learn about developments in computing and communications technologies. The topics covered are many and varied, reflecting the wide ranging

interests of members of the group. The session topics are not usually offered in Creek Street Computer Classes, although sometimes serve to promote computer classes at an introductory level and to attract recruits. Suggestions for topics are welcome and will be considered providing a suitable presenter can be found. All U3A members are welcome to attend no matter what level of computing skills they might have, however the sessions are usually more worthwhile for people with computing experience. The next IT Group session will be held on Saturday 13th June, 10-12 noon, at U3A 344 Queen Street premises.

In the June session, Chris Hobbs will present on the topic "Keep Your Computer Running Safely & Smoothly."

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

Contact: tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

I find it hard to believe that we are now working on getting classes organized for Term 3, which promises to offer a record number of new classes to choose from. You will be able to view all of our classes in the Term 3 Class Schedule when it is released in mid June and I will highlight all of our new classes in the next E News.

Just a reminder that the Class Schedule that is posted to members prior to the start of each term, is current at the time of printing – however, as tutors or class details change we update the Schedule, so it is always recommended that you check the online version of the Class Schedule to ensure you get the latest details.

I am a relative newcomer to U3A, and am constantly amazed at the services that are offered to our members. We should all take the time to thank our dedicated team of tutors, who provide us with a wealth of knowledge in the variety of classes they offer. Their dedication and commitment is appreciated and for many of our members attending class is both a learning and social interaction experience that highlights their day.

Office News

From Yvonne McGann - Office Manager

During the holidays the office times are as follows:

1st week of the holidays:

29th June to 3rd July - open from 9 am till 12 noon

2nd week of the holidays: WINTER SCHOOL -

6th July to 11th July - office open during the times of the Winter School sessions.

U3A Brisbane History

From Ian Lipke, Les Smith, June Morris, Greg Doolan:

In November 2016 U3A Brisbane will have its 30th birthday. In celebration of this event a small group of U3A members has been beavering away preparing a history of this Association.

It is to be called "*U3A Brisbane: Thirty Years On*".

To be a true history, it needs input from as many of our members as possible. Anecdotes, incidents from our past, poems, photographs, drawings that can be readily reproduced in the book, studies of remarkable people... the list just goes on and on.

It takes a long time to gather this material together – a long time for you to produce it, and a long time to assemble it in book form. We would expect to be compiling all the bits and pieces that go to make up the book in Term One next year. We would like your contributions by the end of December 2015.

It would be a good idea to begin collecting your thoughts and submitting something to the book now. We can give no guarantees that your submission will be published but we will try to include as much as possible.

All material should be sent electronically to Greg Doolan at gregdoolan@netspace.net.au

Social Committee News:

from Helen Dubois

A number of members and friends went to *Dirty Dancing* last Wednesday.

It was the first show for the Brisbane season, and a very enthusiastic

company put on a great show, with the dancing and music being top class. We had a very enjoyable afternoon. Our next theatre outing will be August 19th for *Anything Goes* which has a very well known cast and music. There are tickets to *Strictly Ballroom* for October 7th at 1:00pm at QPAC Lyric Theatre costing \$65. This will be very well done with Baz Luhrmann directing the



show. Following that, there will be tickets for sale for a return of *Les Miserables* for December 2nd 2015.

Christmas Lunch:

This function will be held at the Ithaca Room at City Hall on Thursday 26th November. The cost will be \$55. Our guest speaker will be Professor Roly Sussex OAM. Many of you will have heard him last year at the Winter School and also frequently on the ABC. He is a very engaging speaker and will make an enjoyable guest.

There will be booking sheets in the Office next month and while there are a number of months before 26th November, I would ask you to consider booking your table early as we have to make periodic payments to Epicure, the caterers. \$3000 needs to be paid in August. Please try to get your table arranged as soon as possible.

Helen Dubois

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28-29 May 2015

U3A NETWORK QUEENSLAND AND U3A ASIA PACIFIC ALLIANCE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

u3aqlldconference.org




This week end has seen the close of a very successful International Conference held mostly at the City Hall but winding down at 344 Queen St on Saturday morning.

The delegates seemed suitably weary from 2 days of talks, a cocktail party and a formal dinner at the City Hall on Thursday.





2015 U3A China Trip



Interested in visiting China?

There are still vacancies for October 2015

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