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My thanks again for the knowledgeable people who give us the name of the last tree we featured.

Pat Brown provided a very full description.

*"The plant on the front page is a Mussaenda or Queen Sirikit Plant or Bangkok Rose. "*

This month's tree is one of a row along the footpath of a Coorparoo street. It is quite beautiful with very hardy flowers surviving both wind and rain.

Has anyone an idea of the name of the tree?

## Brisbane City Campus News

From Gail Hawkins Tutor Liaison:

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

Term 3 gives our members a number of new classes to choose from and we also welcome back tutors who have had a break and are returning this term.

Following is a list of the new classes that are available. You can view the class descriptions either online through our Home Page or from the hard copy that has been mailed to members. Please support our tutors and enroll in any class that is of interest to you.

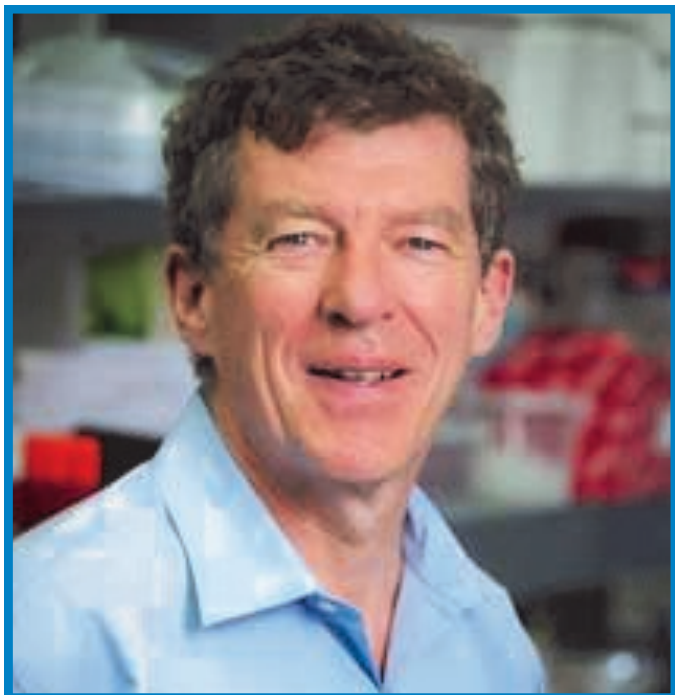
- B72 Health & Medical Topics
- B73 Know What You Eat
- B75 Mindful Self Compassion for Elders
- B76 Diet & Healthy Study Group
- J150 Russian Beginners
- J147 French Intermediate
- J148 French Intermediate
- L52 Book Discussion
- L53 Development of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Australian Literature
- F51 Cryptic Crosswords for Absolute Beginners
- Y19 Thinking About Issues
- A60 Creating a Mixed-Media Artist Book
- E20 Politics of Major Countries 2015
- D01 Are you Paying Too Much Tax?

The following courses are returning to our Schedule in Term 3 after a brief break:

- P17 Enjoy your Digital Camera
- P18 The Photography Group
- X58 Vietnamese Cuisine & Culture
- J106 French Read a Novel
- S18 Sustainable Environment
- B74 Traditional Chinese Exercise
- Y03 Early Buddha Dhamma
- H03 Ancient Civilization

## Winter School:

The Winter School was very well attended and had really interesting classes. The Keynote speaker on Monday 6th July was **Professor Ian Frazer AC, FRS, FAA**, the highly acclaimed scientist from the QIMR. He was charming, very articulate and kept the large audience well amused and interested in his subject.



Professor Ian Frazer AC, FRS, FAA.



A full house for Professor Frazer's Keynote address.



Stewart Wilson who spoke about Angel Flight organisation. More about that next month



Front desk workers at State Library.  
Helen, Mary, Sue, Mary, Yvonne.



## Keynote Speakers at State Library

From Nour Davis

- 17 JULY Dr. Colin Kennard  
**RARE EARTH METALS IN AUSTRALIA**
- 31 JULY Frank Callinan  
**EARLY AUSTRALIAN CINEMA**
- 14 AUG Prof. Shawn Somerset  
Catholic University  
**SUGAR... HOW MUCH? HOW LITTLE?**
- 1 SEP Allison Van Nie Kerk & Jana Vukovic QBI  
**THE AGEING BRAIN**
- 11 SEP Prof. Jonathan Roberts QUT  
**THE LATEST IN ROBOTICS**

All Lectures at State Library 4th Floor Rm 4D.  
Call Nour on 0468 378 416 to advise of attendance.

## U3A Brisbane History

From Ian Lipke:

### A MESSAGE TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

In November 2016 U3A Brisbane will have its thirtieth 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](mailto:gregdoolan@netspace.net.au).

## Australian "Royalty"

From Ian Lipke

Do we have any members who can trace their ancestry back to the first convicts or militia in 1789?

That's a question whose answer Ian Lipke would like to know. Contact Ian at [ian.lipke@gmail.com](mailto:ian.lipke@gmail.com), please.

## Shingles

From Janet Rogers

I was in Ian Frazer's presentation at the Winter School today (very good!) and the topic of shingles vaccine came up. Most of the audience members were surprised that the vaccine already existed. I thought it might warrant a mention in the U3A newsletter. Here is the fact sheet:

<http://www.ncirs.edu.au/immunisation/fact-sheets/herpes-zoster-vaccine-fact-sheet.pdf>

This press release mentions the name of the vaccine and the fact that it will be on the PBS for people 70-79 (us youngsters have to pay about \$200 for it):

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/ministers/publishing.nsf/Content/health-mediarel-yr2015-ley048.htm>

There is also a newer vaccine with greater efficacy, but it has not yet been made available. Some people may prefer to wait for this one:

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/glaxosmithkline-develop-shingles-vaccine-that-is-97-per-cent-effective-in-adults-20150428-1mvp7y.html>

## Logan District News

From Jean Townsend

We are sorry to say that Janet Palmer and Peter Attwood have resigned from the district committee. Their valuable contribution over the years was much appreciated and they will be sorely missed. Janet has been Assistant Coordinator and was the organiser of our Christmas party, a huge undertaking. Luckily we have a new recruit, Les Kirmsse, who will take over distribution of the class lists and other publicity material which is displayed in local libraries and public places. Starting in Term 3, Logan has a new card-playing group. Lois Beedie, well known from her "Speak with Confidence" courses, will welcome those who want to

play 500, said to be Australia's favourite card game, at the Hyperdome Library 9.30 on Tuesday mornings. Call Lois on 3206 6359 to enquire. Learners and experienced players are invited.

Meanwhile, Bill Bohlen's new Camera Club starts on 27th July. The other new additions, Mythology, Photoshop Elements, and Photoshop CC have plenty of room for more enrolments, as do nearly all the ongoing classes and activities. Nick Bricknell's Mythology course is brand new and will provide fascinating insights into the beliefs of ancient cultures.

U3A will hold a book sale on Saturday 1 August from 9am to 2pm at Logan Central Library. We cannot accept donations from members, but the libraries provide heaps of books and CDs for sale at rock-bottom prices. Funds raised go towards the Christmas party. Unfortunately there were not enough entries to make the Trivia session worthwhile, and it has been cancelled. Please tell anyone who might not know of the cancellation.

The exhibit of U3A groups' paintings at Sunnybank Hills library is now finished. Librarians were very happy with the selection which was much enjoyed and they have invited us to show our work another time.

Please check out the blog at [u3alogan@blogspot.com.au](mailto:u3alogan@blogspot.com.au) for news, photos, and information about U3A's activities in Logan. Bill Bohlen would welcome suggestions on additional content you would like included.

Michael Willmer (History tutor) is soon to undergo treatment for cancer. We join in wishing him all the best during his ordeal and a quick return to full health. During his absence Bryan Hoar and Shirley Gow will be running the History group.

## Social Committee News

From Helen Dubois



### Port of Brisbane bus trip:

Monday 3rd August, cost \$45.00, closing date 27th July. This is a good opportunity to have an up-close view of how our major port is run. Brisbane Port adds greatly to the state economy. There are approximately 12 seats still available on the bus for this interesting trip.

### Stradbroke Island bus trip:

Wednesday 16th September, cost \$55.00. We chose this time to go on this visit as it should be an opportuni-

ty to see the whales. The weather is usually really wonderful and there are seats still available on the bus. Do join us. Call the office 3236 3055 and book.

### Strictly Ballroom

Your tickets for Strictly Ballroom are available to be collected in the office. Please do not leave them there as the office staff do not wish to be responsible for them. We will post those who requested that.

### Anything Goes

The new tickets for Anything Goes will be available next week. I will pick them up today from QPAC.

### Les Miserables

Tickets are on sale for Les Miserables. Call the office to book; 3236 3055.

### 2015 Christmas Lunch:

Brisbane City Hall Thursday 26th November : Cost \$55.00. See page 6 of the Class schedule. Do come and join us. Make a table with your class or just come along by yourself and we will seat you at a table. Bookings are open through the office. We have to pay in advance so we would love it if you can get together asap. Call the office on 3236 3055 or visit when you are in for a class. We look forward to seeing you there

## Ray Kelley

### Convenor of two book Groups

A story of one of our long-term Tutors:

Ray is a living legend. Phillip Adams has called him "...a clever bugger" and Bruce Dawe says he is "...our finest poet of light verse." But who is this Ray Kelley? Ray is the highly-respected convenor of two U3A Book Discussion Groups, having taken over from Judy Burns on 10 August 1989 – that is an amazing 24 years.

Current long-term members are Stephanie Comino (joined in July 1994), Dorothy McLeod (October 94), Carolyn Bush (March 95), Lenore Black (June 95), and Sybil Wyatt (February 98). There have been two groups since March 1994.

Meeting places have included a downstairs room of St Andrews Uniting Church hall, the former headquarters

of the Queensland Writers Centre in Brisbane CBD's only remaining convict-built structure, the Commissariat Building overlooking the Brisbane River, the State Library of Queensland, Metro Arts in Edward Street, Brunswick Street, Travel House and the June Dally-Watkins Building both in Edward Street, South Bank, U3A Brisbane's 97 Creek Street premises, and to date the Catholic Centre's cafe boardroom again in Edward Street.

From 10 August 1989 until now there have been 265 meetings discussing almost that number of books - only a few books, e.g. Lucky Jim and Persuasion, have cropped up twice. Every meeting commences with the reading of a few poems – Ray's records show that the groups have read 800 poems or more, some, like limericks, being short ones.

In addition, each December members discuss a book of their own choice and Ray delights with reading some of his own poems.

For those who don't know, he is a published poet with two books to his credit,

**"Flight to the Chookhouse Roof"**

(C.Q. University Press, Rockhampton 1998) and

**"Go, Lovely Nose"**

(Five Islands Press, Carlton 2005).

Many of his poems have also been published in The Spectator.

Members of the two groups are constantly amazed at the depth of Ray's memory, always able to quote a poem or refer to a movie – all out of the blue.



Ray is shown here with long-term class members Sybil Wyatt (L) and Dorothy McLeod (R)