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Last 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.

Trish Scott wrote:

The tree in your photo looks like a Tabebuia Rosea or Pink Trumpet tree. There are many of these planted as street trees around Brisbane and are currently in flower. There is also an avenue of this and different varieties planted in the Old Botanical gardens by the gardens' curators. We have some growing in our own garden too.

Mary Okello wrote:

The tree you featured in the July e-news is Tabebuia rosea. I first knew it in Uganda, where it flourished brilliantly as a street tree in Kampala, and there was a huge, glorious specimen that I loved in Lira, in the north of the country. Quite a few out my way, Keperra; here in Brisbane it doesn't flower quite so well, but it's still very beautiful, and reminds me of another time and place. It's a native of Central America, Colombia, Venezuela.

and Jennie O'Brien-Lutton also wrote:

The tree in the photo is Tabebuia rosea which is native to central America. If you have a close look at the flowers you will see the resemblance to Jacarandas as they are closely related. The tree has

many traditional medicinal uses. It is an excellent tree for Brisbane and deserves to be grown more widely because of its long and spectacular flowering period. One in Annerley Rd, just north of where the railway line crosses near Dutton Park School, is just finishing flowering after several weeks. There are also bright yellow ones Tabebuia aurea native to the northern parts of South America planted as street trees in Brisbane. They wouldn't catch your eye except when they are in flower but there are several further along Annerley Rd not far past the PA Hospital.

Thank you all for your feedback.

Would anyone like to provide e-news with a "mystery tree" pic for next month?

President's News

from Marilyn Wagland



Many of you will remember Mary Leonard who was still tutoring in Latin aged 100. She and her husband, Carl, were enthusiastic long-term tutors and members of U3A Brisbane. They settled in Brisbane following an adventurous life yachting around the world. Carl wrote four entertaining articles in the U3A published book 'Jitterbugging at City Hall'. Carl died, aged 98, on Mary's 100th birthday and Mary passed away last April. We have been surprised and delighted to learn that she left a substantial bequest to U3A in her will. This, of course, is most appreciated as we are a totally self-funded organization. The money will be put to very good use.



Carl and Mary Leonard

Have you considered a bequest to U3A Brisbane ? The office has details of the correct wording for your will.

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We have been reminded by the Body Corporate at Queen St that bicycles must not be taken into the building. Bike racks are available in the basement which can be accessed from Ely Lane which is in Adelaide St between Creek and Wharf Sts. You can then catch the lift to the mezzanine level.

Our very successful Winter School and Art Exhibition are over for another year. I will write about both in more detail in the next Class Schedule. Needless to say, we are extremely grateful to the many members who worked so hard to make this event an outstanding success.

Logan District News

Classes in term 3 are running successfully with ample enrolments in nearly all courses and activities.

The 500 Cards group would welcome more participants, so telephone Lois on 3206 6359 if you are interested. Sadly, Dr Nick Bricknell is not well enough to continue with his Mythology class, so it has been cancelled. We sincerely hope Nick's health will improve enough to enable him to resume teaching next year. He is an inspiring educator, and many students have enjoyed his classes in the five years our district has been operating. Monika Picton has agreed to take on the role of Asst. Coordinator and we are very happy to welcome Les Kirmsse to the local committee.

Several of the Management Committee met with the Logan Committee and tutors on 2nd July. It was an excellent opportunity to exchange notes companionably over afternoon tea. Monika provided a superb cake which was enjoyed by all. There are several photos of the occasion on the blog: u3alogan.blogspot.com.au. Also on the blog is a preview of a movie that the latest Movie-Making class are working on. Do have a look, it is such a pleasure to see what our students can achieve with the help of modern technology and expert guidance from Bill Bohlen.

The committee organized a book sale at Logan Central Library on 1st August. We will be on show at the 'Logan Loves Seniors Expo' at the Entertainment Centre on Thursday 20th August, in the hope of recruiting new members - and tutors.

U3A has much to offer but many locals who would

benefit are still unaware. We are keen to offer new classes and would appreciate in particular a tutor for Tai Chi and for Latin but almost any subject likely to attract students would be welcome.

IT Group News: from Helen Carberry

The next IT Group session will be held on Saturday 8th August at U3A 344 Queen Street premises, 10 am to 12 noon. Angela Butler will present a session on *Digital Reading: e-books, e-magazines, e-newspapers*.

The Queen Street venue is a short walk from 97 Creek Street. Walk towards Queen Street, turn left at the ANZ Bank and 344 Queen Street is on the left just past the Subway shop. Take the escalators to the first floor. If the escalators are not working, the lift which will be operated by a volunteer with a security key until 10 am only. If the operator is not in attendance and/or if late, please call 3162 8850 for assistance.

To attend this session, you can enrol online at the U3A website. All you need is your membership number and surname as follows:

1. Go to the [IT Group page](#) on the U3A Bris. website. (or navigate from the top menu via *Groups > IT Group*)
2. Click on the Next Meeting button near the bottom of the IT Group page.
3. On the Meeting Details page, click on Enrol for this Meeting. Enter your member number and surname when requested. Your enrolment will be confirmed and you will receive an email confirmation.

If you have enrolled but can no longer attend this session please go through the above process again but click Withdraw Enrolment.

You can also enrol by logging in to the website as previously. In this case you will not be asked for your Member Number.

Let me know if you have any problems with this.

Con Simmons retires

Constance Simmons, (or “Con” as her students call her) has been conducting cryptic crossword classes at U3A for many years. She has recently decided to retire from tutoring, so by way of appreciation of all that she has done, her students wish to thank her via enews,

Here are their comments...

“Con was dedicated to Cryptic Crossword classes at U3A. She hardly ever missed a class.

She was inspirational and encouraging.

She had wonderful sense of humor.

Con often had an anecdote for us that was stirred by a clue.

Her patience is amazing.

She was very enthusiastic about exercising the mind (with all sorts of word plays not only Cryptics) and participated in studies on mental ability and encouraged us to participate too.

Her interests (that I know about) are writing poetry, walking (she's in a local walking club - or was), reading, movies and music.

She was born in Wales and studied music -in London I think. Her knowledge of music was a great help in solving the crossword.

She likes Indian food and red wine.

Con started doing Cryptic Crosswords with her husband-to-be when he was courting her. Is that close to 70 years that she has been doing Cryptic Crosswords? “

Lecture on Russian Icons

from Margaret Moore

The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group (COSSAG) invites you to a free public lecture on Thursday 13 August at 6pm at the Cathedral's Francis Rush Centre in Elizabeth Street CBD Brisbane. Distinguished Emeritus Professor Sasha Grishin will visit from Canberra to discuss with images The Spirituality of the Russian Icon including its influence on contemporary art. Charlotte Street carpark will be open from 5.30. Refreshments. Margaret Moore for COSSAG 3870 9427.

Dying to Know Day 2015

from Georgia Cummings

As part of my class B71, The Art and Science of Ageing – Being Mindful, we will be participating in own 'Dying to Know Day' activity on 10 August. Dying to Know Day is a

national movement or day of action developed by The Groundswell Project, a not for profit arts group based in Sydney. Their stated mission is ' To develop innovative arts and health programs that create cultural change about death and dying, while championing others to do the same.'

This seems to present us with a useful and practical way of stimulating national conversations around death and dying in a friendly and compassionate setting of our own choosing. There are posters on the noticeboard at U3A Creek St and Queen St about this national event. Some of the activities both in Queensland and other states are very interesting and thought-provoking.

<http://www.thegroundswellproject.com/2015-events/>

There are a number of planned activities in Brisbane and beyond, and I thought these could be of interest to U3A members who may wish to participate in some way.

Enquiries

(For those who would like to hold an event such as a Death Café among friends),

Georgia Cummings

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Georgia gives two courses: "Mindful Self Compassion for Elders" and "The Art and Science of Aging- Being Mindful."

BRISBANE CITY CAMPUS

from Gail Hawkins –

Contact: tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

GOAL SETTING – Goal setting is the strength force for human motivation. Set a goal and make it come true.

Dormei Leung has sent me a number of her life experience quotes, which I will share with you each month. Dormei is the facilitator of Traditional Chinese Exercise and Self Facial Massage class held each Monday morning. The class was originally going to run for 4 weeks but will now run for the full term. She can accept new members and would love to hear from you. A great way to start your day is with a facial massage and a low impact exercise routine.

Unfortunately, due to business commitments our Bridge tutor had to cancel Term 3 classes, but he will be ready to recommence classes in Term 4. Malcolm is

opening his class for Term 4 to the absolute beginners through to the more experienced bridge players.

I've heard on numerous occasions that members haven't been able to enroll in a particular class as it is booked out. If this happens, why not take another look at the Class Schedule and contact one of our new tutors and enroll in their class? The first term of a new class and subject matter generally have vacancies and can accept new members throughout the term.

Our "Jewellery Making" tutor had to cancel her class due to other commitments and I have been trying to find a suitable replacement ever since. If you know of anyone that could set up a jewellery making class, I would appreciate if you could pass contact details through to me. This was a popular course and I'm sure there are many members who would appreciate having this course back in the schedule.

Social Committee News

Helen Dubois, your regular editor and chair of the social committee, is recuperating in hospital at the moment from knee surgery.

We wish her a speedy recovery.

Stradbroke Island bus trip:

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

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.