



Customs House in earlier times:

from Helen Dubois

This very old picture of the Customs House has been shown before. Recently the University of Qld. lost a Planning and Environment Court appeal against an adjacent 47-story apartment development. We can only hope that the glut of inner city apartments will make the project unviable.



President's Notes:

From Marilyn Wagland

Have you pre-ordered your copy of **Forever Learning**, the history of U3A Brisbane's first 30 years? You can do this on our website or by visiting the office.



You only need to pay the \$20 cost per copy when the book become available in November. If you would like to sponsor the book and have your name printed in this anniversary edition, go to the office to pay your \$50.00 which includes a copy of the book. This gesture allows us to keep the price to a minimum to allow more members to be able to afford to purchase the book as well as allowing us to cover costs. Your generosity would be much appreciated. The September break is fast approaching which means we've had our first term in the new Adelaide St rooms. Thank you to all for adapting to the new facilities so well which has led to very few problems during our settling in period. Thank you to all our tutors and volunteers for another excellent term. Enjoy your break and return refreshed for the busy Christmas term.

BRISBANE CITY CAMPUS

from Gail Hawkins –

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In Term 3 we settled into our new premises at Adelaide Street, and in Term 4 we will look forward seeing the upgrade of our head office rooms at Creek Street. All of these positive improvements ensure that our tutors can offer their students a learning experience with state of the art equipment and an environment that encourages members to socialise and make new friends before or after classes with a cup of coffee in our reception areas.

With the additional class rooms available at Adelaide Street, we offer more classes and can accept more students, however we can only continue to improve our services with your assistance. If you have ever thought of becoming a tutor or would like to facilitate a class I would love to hear from you. As we increase the number of classes on offer, we would hope that we can encourage more people to join the classes, so please talk to your friends, show them a copy of the Class Schedule and I'm sure there will be classes on offer that would be of interest to them.

One of our new classes starting in Term 4 will not only give you the opportunity to see some of Australia's iconic movies, but will also give you the opportunity to get some insight on how the movies were made.

The Silver Screen – 6 Classic Australian Films, Commencing Mon 17th Oct at 12.30pm

The Australian Film Development Corporation was established by the Federal Government to re-start the ailing film industry. From 1974 to the late 1980's film making blossomed and became known as the Australian Film Renaissance. Our Presenter Jim Henry was part of that push. As the Australian Film Commission's first "Man in America" he worked in the US to introduce Australian Films and TV shows. Later he was head of world-wide distribution at the South Australian Film Corporation.

In this series of six lectures, Jim has chosen six favourite movies that he was personally involved with to show in their entirety and to tell the stories behind their production and world wide release. From "Picnic at Hanging Rock" to "Storm Boy" to "Caddie" Jim will talk about

these films and tell about their making and distribution with unique and previously little known insights.

Chess Class

from Robyn Mills

This U3A group of keen chess players is enjoying playing in the new premises in Adelaide Street. The class runs from 9-12 on Monday mornings. See the class list for further details.



Any U3A member who enjoys a game of chess is welcome to join the group and also join us for lunch afterwards. (Players of all standards are welcome but it is not a teaching class for people who do not know the basics of the game).

Logan District News

Logan Seniors Expo was an opportunity to spread the word about U3A, and many people were surprised at what is on offer. We even attracted some possible new tutors. Meanwhile, we have several new offerings in Term 4 that are likely to attract new and old members. Fancy yourself as an actor? 'Curtain Up – an Introduction to Acting' is something new and different. A professional drama teacher will help us explore drama through games, readings, play building and performing. A new Spanish tutor will start Intermediate and Advanced classes in Beenleigh; while other Spanish classes continue unchanged.

In Browns Plains we can do Water Aerobics and/or learn Cake Decorating.

Beginners will be welcomed at 'Introduction to Music' (previously 'Joy of Music'); 'Names and Lives – the

Basics of Family History' (Logan North); and 'Mah Jong - the Western Way' (Marsden).

Does science appeal? The 'Freethinkers Discussion Group' has morphed into 'Wonders of Science'. We'll watch and discuss documentaries by experts including Brian Cox.

We can confidently say there is something for everyone and we look forward to a wonderful new term with generous tutors and friendly classmates.

Helen Carberry U3A IT Group Coordinator

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The next IT Group session will be held on Saturday 17th September (please note this is the 3rd Saturday not the 2nd) at U3A premises on 5th floor 232 Adelaide St, 10 am to 12 noon (Creek Street rooms are being refurbished at this time and can't be used). Greg Taylor will present a session on *Online Privacy and Security*.

Entry to Adelaide Street at weekends requires a security key, so someone will be stationed at the Creek Street entrance (halfway between Adelaide and Ann Streets as circled in red on map) to let you in. It would be helpful if you aimed to get there a bit earlier than usual. If you are late and there is no one stationed at Creek Street entrance call 3172 3283 for assistance.

The registration process is as follows:

1. Go to the [IT Group page](#) on the U3A Brisbane 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.

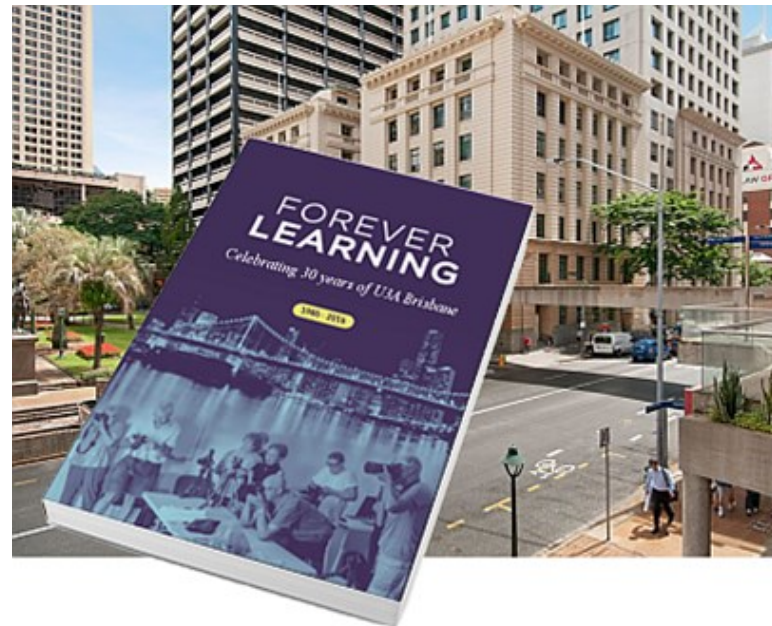
If you have enrolled but can no longer attend this session please go through the above process again but click *Withdraw Enrolment*.

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

ber Number. Let me know if you have any problems with this.

Celebrate U3A Brisbane's 30-year Anniversary

Reserve your copy of our History



It is important for any organisation to record its history before it is forgotten. U3A Brisbane was formed in November 1986 and we will be celebrating the occasion of our 30th birthday by releasing a book covering the history of the last 30 years.

The book, "**FOREVER LEARNING** – *Celebrating 30 years of U3A Brisbane*" is in the final stages of production and will be available for sale in November. To help us determine demand, please pre-order as soon as possible. The cost has been kept at a very reasonable \$20 so as many members as possible can obtain a copy.

Would you like to be a Sponsor?

For only \$50, which includes one copy of the book, you can become a Sponsor and help offset the production cost of this publication. You will be acknowledged in the book as a Sponsor. Please contact U3A office if you wish to support the project in this way.

About the book

The book is over 200 pages, with 18 chapters covering 30 years' history from the founding of U3A Brisbane in November 1986 up to the present day. It contains many

colour photographs, artworks and illustrations gathered from the archives. This book should take pride of place on your bookshelf.

Ordering

To reserve your copy, please go to our website:

<https://www.u3abrisbane.org.au/index.php/book-reservation>

or contact the office by email:

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You only pay on delivery of your copy.

How U3A Brisbane began...

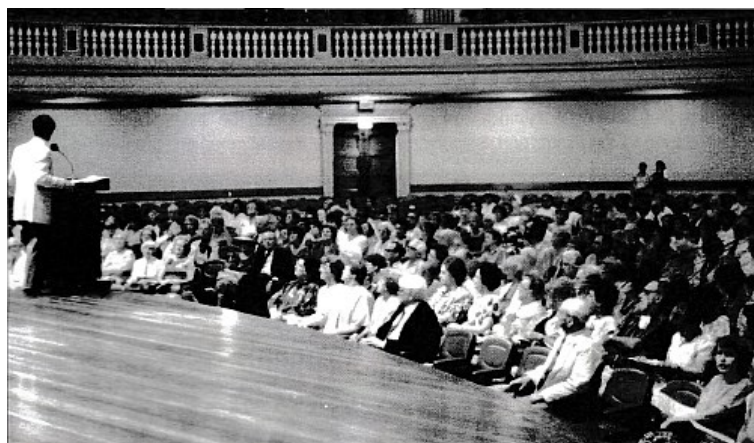
In 1986 Dr Rick Swindell, who had a lifelong interest in positive ageing, canvassed the idea that a U3A would be effective in the Brisbane region. The Courier Mail took up his idea and wrote an article about a plan for a "university exclusively for older people in Brisbane." In the meantime Frayda Myers Cooper in Caloundra on Queensland's Sunshine Coast was behind the development of a U3A on the Sunshine Coast so she and Rick immediately agreed to join each other's planning groups. COTA Qld was also a strong supporter of this venture.

Dr Peter Botsman, Director of Brisbane College of Advanced Education recognised the implications for education in the city and saw the need for such an organisation and for an appropriate level of funding. It was Botsman's decision to free up funds to advertise and promote the concept. Irena McKavanagh was contracted as executive officer with BCAE to carry out preliminary organisational tasks in preparation for a November 1986 launch. Irena worked efficiently and effectively for many hours outside her contract times and quickly developed personal friendships with a foundation group of older volunteers.

Seed money of \$5000 was provided by BCAE and a launch was planned for November 1986. There was an astonishing response. Approximately 400 enthusiastic people attended that initial meeting in City Hall on 6th November 1986, many joining up on the spot even though there were no classes as yet.

U3A Brisbane was born!

(Notes derived from the book *Forever Learning*)



*The Inaugural Meeting of U3A Brisbane.
City Hall. 6th November 1986*

Social Committee News:

from Helen Dubois

Term 3 is coming to an end which means that the Christmas Lunch is closer.

Many of you have put your name against a table but we are very short on numbers to date.



Details of the function:

Date: Thurs. 24th Nov. 2016

Time: 11:30 for 12 noon

Location: Ithaca Room, Level 2
Brisbane City Hall

Cost: \$60.00

Guest Speaker: Rupert McCall,
the renowned speaker & writer

Get your class together and arrange a table. If you are coming with a few friends or by yourself we will arrange for you to sit with compatible people.

Tickets for *Matilda* have mostly all been sold. I will try to get the tickets to you prior to the end of the Term. If that proves to be impossible please pick them up when you return for Term 4.

If you have booked for the Wellcamp trip don't forget to go. It should be a great day

Departs 7:30am from Roma St and 8:00am from Kessells Rd. Please arrive at the pick up point 15 to 20 minutes prior to departure. The bus will not be held while you go off to get a coffee or run late.

Helen Dubois, Editor

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