



HAPPY New Year 2017

Editor's Notes:

from Helen Dubois

A very happy 2017 to you all. Having reached the 13th of January I am sure you are starting to gear-up for the commencement of classes in 10 days time. Time is passing quickly. Enjoy the last few days of the break and try to get that book you are reading finished.



seeing many familiar faces as well as many newcomers'.
Happy learning!

President's Notes:

from Marilyn Wagland:

Welcome back to another year. I hope you enjoyed your break. Let's hope 2017 at U3A provides us with lots of new learning and new acquaintances. A large number of classes are on offer and, as in all institutions, some will fill early but others will remain with vacancies available. If you can't get your first choice, why not try something new? You might develop a passion for a previously unknown subject.

It's not long now until we restart and I look forward to



Office Schedule:

from Office Manager Yvonne McGann

- The office at 97 Creek Street will be open from 9 am until 12 noon each day from 16th to 20th January.
- Classes and the office will both resume normal hours on Monday 23rd January.
- Please note that there will be no classes on Australia Day, Thursday 26th January.
- 2017 membership fees (still only \$40) are now due. In order to attend a class, a member must be financial.
- You can renew online or contact the office from 16th January. Alternatively, you can send a cheque (U3A Brisbane) to 97 Creek Street, Brisbane or make a direct bank transfer. If you make a bank transfer, **please ensure that you give your name and member number** to allow identification of the payment.



Judging by the number of enrolments in our Term 1 classes, it appears members are over the holidays and now keen and eager to get back into the "U3A learning experience".

We have many new tutors starting classes this term. While some have had an excellent response to their classes, others need more enrolments if they are to continue. I am aware that many of our classes show "Class Full", but there are other classes in a similar category that may be available, I have listed some classes below that still have availability, so check them out and enrol if you are interested.

Languages continue to be our most popular subjects. Prior to starting, a new tutor needs to decide on what type of class it will be i.e. beginners, intermediate or advanced levels? Will it be a pronunciation, spelling and grammar class or a traveller's guide to speaking the language? The more detail a tutor can provide will ensure that members enrol in the class that best suits their requirements. Please contact me if you would like to find out more on how you can become a language (or any other) tutor with U3A.

Available Classes - MONDAY

T04 – Unlocking Our Stories

"No people are uninteresting" said my favourite Russian poet, and I believe it. Our six or so decades on this planet are chock-a-block with experiences big and small, and I am looking forward to tease out some of these whimsical, exciting and hilarious moments for us to share with each other.

T02 – Human Nature (What Makes us Tick)

Learn how to attempt to evaluate and translate our personal everyday situations; to understand stress and learn why we feel good or bad.

J160 & J166 – Chinese (Mandarin) Intermediate and Advanced

Basic conversation using phonetic (pin yin) system that is widely used in China.

J89 – Italian, Advanced Conversation

Not an Italian lesson, a class structured for participants to practise the Italian they have already learnt.

L62 – How to Read & Write a Biography

This class will be in the form of a book club to explore how you can write an interesting biography of your family or friends.

TUESDAY CLASSES

L67 – Carl Gusav Jung Reading & Discussion Group, Man and His Symbols

Term 1 will commence with Part 1 "Approaching the Unconscious" and continue with the subsequent parts.

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

T05 – Sustainable Environment

Make positive improvements in your home and garden, learn more about becoming environmentally smarter and save money in the process.

J177 – Spanish Advanced Conversation

Ideal class for those who have a good knowledge of the language and wish to improve their conversation, the course does not include grammar or spelling.

J178 – Spanish – Latin American Literature

For those that are proficient in the language and have a keen interest in literature from the Continent. All discussions will be in Spanish.

THURSDAY CLASSES

E30 – Climate Change Solutions 2017

Different subject discussed each week, Sceptics, Believers, Polluters, Fuels, Renewables and solutions for Industry and Political Solutions.

A74 – Creative Drawing

Creative drawing explores the fantasies of our mind. Draw as you would like life to be, in any medium you choose ie pencil, pastels, charcoal etc.

H39 – The Battle for Australia 1942-43

This course offers an analysis of the causes, course and consequences of the Kokoda track campaign, including an evaluation of the controversies about personalities.

H41 – The Burma Railway

Discuss details of the circumstances in which Australians came to be prisoners of war from 1942-45.

X97 – Public Speaking

This course is designed to help people who may have to speak at a conference, a wedding a special event or any other occasion or just to improve your speaking skills.

FRIDAY CLASSES

D04 – Financial Security in Retirement

Leading Retirement planning expert will look at key financial issues that face retirees, dispel myths and

provide some understandings that will assist you in retirement.

E29 - Climate Change—

What is it and what should we do about it ?

An interactive course, enquiring into the problem of human induced climate change, using basic scientific concepts.

Logan District News:

The Christmas party was once again a huge success thanks to all those who took time out to help. A special thanks to Monika for providing a wonderful array of food again. It's with some sadness that we said goodbye to two of our committee members, Bill Bohlen and Jan Kazakoff at the end of last year. Please note that Bill will still be running his Camera Club classes as usual this year. If anyone is interested in becoming a committee member, helping the Logan District U3A grow, please contact either Jean Townsend or Monika Picton who will be delighted to chat to you.

The start of the New Year has been a busy one with the introduction of ten new and varied classes, from Israeli Folk Dancing, Guitar Lessons, Bonsai to Gentle Water Exercises, adding to the already growing number of courses on offer. In term 2, Italian for Beginners will commence, so there really is something for everyone.

On the 18th January from 10 until 2pm U3A will be holding an Open Day at the Logan Central Community Centre in Jacaranda Street which will be open to the public as well as members. An opportunity to learn what is available here in Logan and a chance to chat to the tutors directly. So please come along and don't forget to bring family and friends, its free and refreshments will be served.

Tatiana is no longer able to teach the Painting and Drawing class in Beenleigh. We are sorry to lose this hard-working and enthusiastic tutor. Luckily one of Tatiana's students, Julie Parkinson, will continue running the group. Details are on the website. Past and new students who want to work together and help each other in a relaxed atmosphere are welcome to join the group at Beenleigh Neighbourhood Centre on Mondays from 12noon to 2 pm.

Northside District News:

from Rod Mclary, District Coordinator

2017 is shaping up to be an exciting year for the Northside. There has been considerable interest from people to tutor in classes on the Northside and most are ready to proceed from term 1.

The tutors who offered classes in 2016 are all continuing into 2017 with their classes. Thank you very much to those tutors and welcome to our new tutors.

There are now 17 U3A classes available for those members who live in this district or those who wish to travel.

Whether you are interested in learning a language [Italian and French], a new sport [Bowls and Croquet], a game [Bridge], gentle exercise [two walking groups], dinner group, health and wellbeing, creative writing, challenging ideas, financial information, family history, iPad and digital photography or art – there is a class for you.

The classes are in different venues across the district with a number specifically in the Sandgate/Brighton area to respond to the expressed need for classes in that area.

The new classes starting in term 1 in 2017 are –
Creative Writing – Specific
A Lifetime of Questions [family history]
Creative Writing
Relaxation Meditation
Art Expression.

Unfortunately, these could not be included in the hard copy class schedule which was mailed out to members late last year but full details of the classes and venues can be found on the U3A website. Just click on 'class search', then 'Northside' – and these new classes and all the continuing classes will come up. Most of the continuing classes will accept new members – just check on the website or with the tutor.

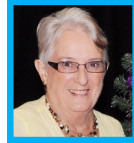
There may be some further additional classes starting later in the year. These will be included in the term 2 or 3 class schedules [depending on when the tutors can start]. I am looking forward to a successful and

enjoyable 2017 with the U3A classes, members and tutors.

Rod McLary
Northside Coordinator

Social Committee News:

from Helen Dubois



Here's something different for you...
How about an afternoon of live theatre, in air-conditioned comfort, with afternoon tea at interval ?

Sunnybank Theatre Group presents the comedy...

SECRET BRIDESMAIDS BUSINESS

It's the night before Meg Bacon's wedding. She's waited thirty-three years for this and she knows she's going to love every moment! She's gathered her mum and her bridesmaids together for one last night of girlie fun ... or so she thinks.

While the bride prepares for the biggest day of her life and her mum Colleen fusses over ribbons and shoe fabrics, Meg's bridesmaids, Lucy and Angela, stumble upon some information that has the potential to shatter Meg's dream. Should they tell or not tell?

In the hilarious yet painful push and pull that follows, Lucy and Angela discover that sometimes there is no right answer when it comes to doing what's best for your friend?

In true Australian style, Elizabeth Coleman's play **Secret Bridesmaids Business** is a funny look at some serious issues like truth, loyalty, denial, sex, love, the meaning of marriage, female friendship and the plight of Modern Woman with a biological clock that just won't keep up with the times!

Our Performance Date

Saturday 18 Feb 2pm

(see [website](#) for other performance dates)

Tickets just \$22 !

(Includes afternoon Tea at interval.)

Sunnybank Theatre Group
Cnr Mains and Beenleigh Rds,
Sunnybank

There are only 21 tickets available, and they will be on sale in the U3A office from 30th January 2017.

SUNNYBANK THEATRE GROUP
cnr Mains & Beenleigh Rds, Sunnybank

in association with The Cameron Creswell Agency Pty Ltd

SECRET BRIDESMAIDS BUSINESS
ELIZABETH COLEMAN

director **LEONIE WALSH** box office
Feb 3 - Feb 18 Jan 7

performances 8pm evening 2pm matinee
to book phone: 3345 3964
online at www.stg.org.au

Tickets for My Fair Lady :

Your tickets will be available to be picked up from the U3A office anytime after the 6th February 2017. Please make sure that you pick them up. Those needing to be posted will be sent out at the same time.

Enjoy Term 1 of 2017.

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COME TO THE OPEN DAY

18th JANUARY 10AM TO 2 PM

**LOGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
JACARANDA AVE**

**MEET THE TUTORS, FIND OUT
WHAT U3A BRISBANE CAN
OFFER YOU IN LOGAN**

