

## How we once "Played Online"

### Editors Notes:

from Helen Duboi



My friend

Barbara has a book entitled "Lost Brisbane".

The Hills Hoist as shown here is hard to find these days. That is surely a pity as much fun was had with the rotary hoist.

Ah well... Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Now that we are officially into Autumn, I do hope that the Summer heat is on its way out.



### President's Notes:

from Marilyn Wagland:



Those of us on the organising committee for the Winter School are hard at work filling the session slots with a wide variety of well-credentialled and interesting speakers. The week is already looking great!

Existing U3A Brisbane members are well aware of Winter School and look forward to it every year but new members are probably asking, "What is Winter School?"

The current model of Winter School started from small beginnings about 11 years ago, the brainchild of Anne Douglass, who grew it from those small beginnings to the wonderfully stimulating and interesting week that it is now. In 2016, we offered 50 sessions. Anne has now retired as coordinator but is still hard at work as a committee member.

It is held during the June/July school holidays during 3 timeslots in 4 rooms from Monday to Friday. On the Monday, sessions are held in the morning followed by our keynote speaker at 2pm. This takes place in the Qld State Library Auditorium, a venue which holds almost 300 people.

This year the cost of attending the session of the

keynote speaker has been raised to \$10. We always lost money on the keynote session, despite the high profile speakers, because of the cost of hiring the facility. This seems not to be sensible when the aim of Winter School is to raise money which directly benefits members.

Attendance otherwise is \$5 per session. Sessions run for around an hour at 9.00am, 11.00am and 1.00pm. **This year, Winter School runs from Monday 3 July to Friday 7 July.** The speakers and their topics are advertised in the weeks leading up to this date. Read your E-news and check out our Facebook site. Non U3A members may also attend.

The program is released online on an advertised date to all members who have supplied an email address and places, which can be applied for online, fill very quickly. It's a busy, bustling, fabulous week. Make sure you are part of it.

Mark the week of Winter School in your diaries now.

### BREAKING NEWS

At Friday's meeting the Management Committee voted to provide the tutors working out of Adelaide and Creek

Streets with FREE photocopying up to the value of \$50 per subject per term beginning immediately.. With the office volunteers willing to assist the tutors with their photocopying, this is a fabulous service for our tutors and a bonus to our students. This means that no student at our City Campus will have to pay for photocopying until this amount has been exceeded. Our records show that the great majority of tutors use under this amount each term. We continue to strive to provide the best possible services for our tutors and members and this is, yet another improvement.

### Logan District News:

Great news - Logan District will soon have a choir. Members have wanted to warble together since we first started classes here seven years ago. Term 2 will also see new beginners' classes in Spanish and Italian. Gentle Water Exercise will happen in Springwood as well as in Browns Plains and all fifty Term 1 classes will continue into Term 2. A few filled up this term and cannot take new recruits, but tutors will keep waiting lists. Quilting and Handicrafts have morphed into one class, run by Dawn Noe at Browns Plains Library. Meanwhile tutors are reporting good attendances and some of the new classes are doing exceptionally well. History and German at Elements Living have proved popular with residents and others, while Birds Up Close is so well-liked that it draws people away from their Mah Jong games.

We all know that U3A has some very different and very interesting classes. I came across one that is useful and practical recently. Let me introduce Jocelyn from the Organic Garden group, a hard-working and happy group of people.



## U3A Network Qld State Conference 2017

From Greg Doolan



Dear Network Queensland member,

We, at Network Queensland, hope your year has started well with plenty of new members and full classes.

Did you know it's now less than 3 months to the State Conference at Twin Towns on the beautiful Gold Coast? Time has this habit of sneaking up on us all so, while it's fresh in your mind, register today for this great event and don't forget to advise your members, I'm sure some of them would like to attend the conference and combine the visit with a few relaxing days in one of Australia's top tourist destinations.

We would encourage as many people as possible to attend what is the showcase of the U3A movement in Queensland and, as a special incentive, Network have decided to fully subsidise the registration fees of Presidents (Vice Presidents or authorised representatives in their absence) so we can have as many representatives as possible attend the scheduled President's Council meeting which is to be held in conjunction with the conference. It will work this way – registration fees are to be paid in advance, advise Network immediately of the registration so we are aware of who is attending and, on arrival at the President's Council meeting, your full registration fee of \$100 will be returned to you in cash – very handy if you happen to be staying on for a few days of fun in the sun. Please note, there is a limit of one authorised representative per U3A to this offer.

A new, professionally designed A4 poster has been produced to promote the conference in your region so, we would encourage all U3As to print and distribute the attached poster as widely as possible. All members need to be aware of this event so please, mention the conference on your website, newsletter, Facebook page or whatever form of publicity your U3A employs to help spread the word as it is important that an event such as this be supported by as many delegates as possible.

Personally, I'm looking forward to catching up with as many of you as possible at the conference in May.

Kind regards,

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## U3A NETWORK QUEENSLAND STATE CONFERENCE

[u3aqlconference.org](http://u3aqlconference.org)



### State Conference News:

From Greg Doolan



U3A Network Qld  
State Conference 2017

This year's conference will be hosted by U3A Twin Towns on 18-19 May at the Tweed Civic Centre. All U3A members are encouraged to attend to participate in the many informative sessions. It's a great way to network with U3As from all over Queensland, renewing friendships and sharing ideas

Registration is now open and information on the speakers and programs is posted on the Conference website :

[www.u3aqlconference.org](http://www.u3aqlconference.org)

These conferences are relaxed and friendly and worthwhile event. Enjoy the Gold Coast as part of the experience for an enjoyable few days.

### Call For Nominations

from President Marilyn Wagland

The AGM is approaching. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact me at

[president@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:president@u3abrisbane.org.au)



### Brisbane City News:

from Gail Hawkins



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We are fortunate to have so many talented members that are happy to share their knowledge and become new tutors with U3A. In Term 2 we have a multitude of new classes on offer in the following categories:

- History
- Languages
- Music
- Art
- Games
- Health & Wellbeing
- Science
- Current Affairs
- Creative Writing
- Literature

It is important that Tutors be aware of the classroom that they have been allocated and know the maximum number of students their room will comfortably handle. Avoid disappointment for students. Don't accept more students than the room can take on the expectation

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you will be allocated a larger room. For tutors who are not sure what classroom they have been allocated, all class detail can be viewed by going into the U3A Home Page. After logging in, your Tutors Menu will appear in the 4<sup>th</sup> menu section on the left-hand side of the page. Click on that and then go to Classes Taught and your class information will appear. Please contact me if you don't know the maximum seating capacity in your allocated classroom. Our classrooms are set up with the number of chairs to fit in each room. If a tutor needs to "borrow" chairs from another room, then at the end of the class they need to return the "borrowed" chairs back to the classroom they came from. It is not the job of the Administration Staff to be moving chairs from room to room, so it would be appreciated if Tutors show consideration and leave their classroom as they found it.

If tutors would like to promote their classes outside of the online Schedule, our Facebook page is available and has been successful in highlighting a class and attracting members to enrol in those classes – email [publicity@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:publicity@u3abrisbane.org.au) to find out more about our Facebook page, or to get your class promoted. We also have a Noticeboard in the Reception area at Adelaide Street where classes can be promoted for a one month period. To promote your class on the noticeboard, the add needs to be dated and submitted to the Admin Staff who will manage the process of placing the notice on the board and removing it when the time elapses.

We still have some Term 1 classes that can accept new members. Simply check the Schedule online and contact the tutor to enrol. On Tuesdays at 12.30pm, Dormer has a Traditional Chinese Exercise and Self Facial Massage class which has vacancies. This is a great way to slow down with some low impact exercise which is fun and simple to follow.

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## Keynote Speakers Program

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As convenors of the Keynote Speakers programme for term 2, 2017, we have prepared a list of five speakers who will deliver their talks from 12:00 - 1:30pm on every second Friday commencing on the 28/4/17 at the Brisbane Square Library, 266 George St Brisbane. The attached list contains the dates and a brief description of each speaker's subject for inclusion in your programme. The library's community meeting room is free of charge and has been arranged for the year. Our contact details for interested U3A members is as follows:

### **U3A Programme Term 2 2017**

**28/4/17** - Professor ROY RICKSON. Roy will provide an overview of the political system of the United States and how it relates nationally and globally to contemporary politics in a Trump-led government.

**12/5/17** - Dr GORDON DAVIS. Gordon will discuss the literature of Charles Dickens and Victor Hugo

**26/5/17** - Professor PAT BUCKRIDGE. Pat will speak on "Appreciating Literature" with a particular focus on poetry and some fiction examples. He has previously spoken on the authorship of Shakespeare's works and will update his research findings for the U3A audience later in the year.

**9/6/17** - Ms JACKI HUESTIS. As a registered nurse, Jacki has been a volunteer with Mercy Ships since 2006. It is a global Christian charity that has operated hospital ships since 1978 with highly skilled doctors and nurses bringing hope and healing to the world's most poor in developing nations.

**23/6/17** - Mrs ANN SWAIN. An expert in family history and member of the Queensland Family History Society, Ann will provide "An Introduction to Family History Research" for all those interested in finding out how and where to begin, the location of available resources, as well as creating one's family tree etc.

## Social Committee News:

from Helen Dubois

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Our visit to the Robotic Laboratory was most enjoyable. Professor Corke is a very generous host, giving us extra time from his busy schedule, and arranging for afternoon tea. As you know we had 20 people on the reserve list which was useful as 6 people had to pull out 24 hrs prior to the visit.

I have arranged with the Robotic Lab for a 2nd visit between December 1st and December 8th. Again only 20 people can attend.

Would those people who registered to attend last time please confirm their wish to stay on the list. This includes those who missed out last time. We will need to get extras to cover replacements. I will arrange to set a firm date later in the year.

**Christmas:** We have decided not to have a Christmas Lunch at the Ithaca Room this year. Instead we will have Christmas in July at the Fox and Hound and we will have a bus that will take 49 people. This means "first in best dressed" We will see how this works. Details of Term 2 activities will be available in the Class Schedule. We will be interested to see how the change of Christmas lunch works.

**My Fair Lady:** Have you picked up your tickets yet? If not, please do so as we do not like having to be responsible for expensive items that belong to members. Have a happy Autumn and we can only hope that it will be cooler.

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