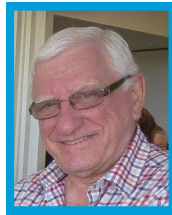


President's Notes:

from Greg Doolan:



It's certainly been a very busy month for the Management Committee since the AGM in April. Two events deserve special mention here. Firstly, our premier event of the year, Winter School, is now just around the corner. It runs from Monday 3rd July to Friday 7th July. This event was the launching pad of our new premises at 232 Adelaide Street last year and the new venue came through with flying colours by seamlessly handling the record crowds. The speaker list for Winter School is almost complete with over 50 speakers now guaranteed covering the usual wide range of subjects this event has become famous for. To discover the variety of presentations on offer, the Brisbane Facebook page will regularly promote various speaker profiles up to the date of the event. Booking for Winter School will open online on 4th June. I would suggest you don't delay in making your selections as most presentations fill very rapidly:

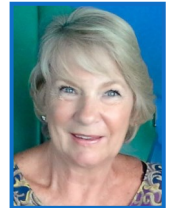
The second important event is the U3A Network Queensland State conference which is actually on next week, 18/19 May at Tweed Heads. There is still time to register if you wish to attend this important event on the U3A calendar. As a matter of fact, U3A Brisbane will subsidise the registration fee for up to 5 members of U3A Brisbane who would like to attend but hurry, this offer closes Monday 15th May.

For more information on this offer, [please refer to the advertisement on Page 6](#). I would encourage as many members as possible to take up this offer to experience, not only a great group of speakers, but to network with other U3As to see how our great organisation works. I hope all members are enjoying their classes this term. With over 280 classes a week on offer, I would be very surprised if there wasn't something in the class list that didn't appeal.

Greg Doolan, President

Brisbane City News:

from Gail Hawkins



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In Term 2 we had a record number of new tutors offering subjects as diverse as Art, Languages, History, Climate Change, Music, Literature, Games, Writing, Current Affairs, Science & many others and I'm pleased that in most instances the classes were well received with high enrolments.

We did however have several classes that had to cancel due to lack of member enrolments, fortunately the tutors involved are prepared to give it another try and schedule their classes again in Term 3. Tutors generally put a lot of time and effort into preparation for their classes and it's disappointing when they don't attract any interest. For us to continue growing and offering a wide variety of class content, we need to support our new tutors as well as the established tutors. To our many members that enjoy the social interaction and learning experience at U3A, why not talk to your family or friends and encourage them to become members, as new members they just may be interested in enrolling in a class that needs the support to continue.

Language classes continue to be very popular and we are always looking for people that are prepared to tutor any language classes. We have so many members that are keen to learn a language so beginners' classes fill up quickly and unfortunately leave those that miss out disappointed. If you know of anyone that would be interested in tutoring a language class, please ask them to contact me.

U3A has many classes to suit the various desires of our many members. Last Term we had the Organic Garden with Jocelyn. This Term we have a Percussion Class with equipment loaned by UQ and Tutors from UQ. Here are some of the U3A students having a good time. (see pics on next page)



Percussion class, Creek St. Mondays



Percussion tutors Gabrielle and Mary

Winter School News: from Anne Douglass

3rd - 8th July

**PROGRAM ON WEBSITE 4TH JUNE.
BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR
THROUGH OFFICE FROM THAT DATE**

Our Winter School program for 2017 is looking good with around 50 speakers confirmed already and to start the ball rolling we would like to introduce a few of these very generous people to you.

Featured Presentation



Margaret Cleland - 9am Tuesday
The Life and Works of Jane Austen

Who doesn't love Jane Austen - most of us ladies do and I suspect even some of you gentlemen. Margaret will

take us on a butterfly journey through the works of Jane Austen and at the same time attempt to round out the character of this very talented lady.

Jane Austen has been famous since the early 19th century for having written six well-loved novels. Living quietly in the country with her mother and sister Jane was a private person who was known as an author only to her immediate family. Her life is not highly documented in interviews, Face book posts, and public gossip the way the life of a contemporary author might be.

We however want to know: What relationship did she really have with the sister and mother she lived in small houses and cottages with all her life?

Did she come from a happy family supportive of her writing?

What contact did she have with the wider world outside the social activities of the middle classes and minor aristocracy of rural England?

Did she have her own Mr Darcy?

Was she content with her life?

In the absence of an interview with Margaret Throsby or Tom Keneally, the answers will have to come from the piecing together of the known facts of her life with what she reveals in letters and what we can surmise from the insight and understanding of human nature we find in her novels. Margaret Cleland has been a member of the Jane Austen Society of Australia for many years, currently attending regular meetings of the Brisbane chapter of the Jane Austen Society. There she participates in panel discussions, and researches and delivers talks on particular aspects of the novels so her knowledge is prodigious.

Featured Presentation



Dr Janie Hoormann Cracking the Mysteries of our Universe 1pm Thursday

There is so much happening in space right now - there are new and exciting discoveries popping up everywhere so this one should be really interesting. Cosmology is a very active field trying to understand the past, present, and future of the universe in which we live. Over the years numerous questions have been raised including the discovery of dark matter showing us we only understand a small fraction of the matter making up the universe and the discovery that not only is the universe expanding but its rate of expansion is accelerating. This has led to researchers around the world teaming up to try and solve these puzzles. This talk will overview the big questions being studied by cosmologists as well as describe the tools which they use to do so from supernova observations with ground and space based telescopes to the first detection of gravitational waves from merging black holes. Dr. Janie Hoormann is a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Queensland. Her current research involves measuring the masses of the supermassive black holes found in the centres of galaxies and using that data to study how these objects have evolved over time. She received her PhD from Washington University in St. Louis in August 2016 where she studied how X-rays originating in extreme gravitational fields such as those found around black holes could be used to test Einstein's theory of general relativity.

Featured Presentation



Culture clash – **Taking Australian Film Industry to** **America**

Jim Henry - Wednesday - 11am

In 1970 Jim was handed a dream project when he was recruited by the Australian Federal Government to open the market for Australian films and television programmes in the United States of America, Canada and Mexico.

Jim spent a decade in New York and Los Angeles as the representative of the Australian Film Industry. He was responsible for introducing feature films like *Picnic at Hanging Rock* and *Breaker Morant* and Television series like *The Shiralee* and *A Town Like Alice* and many, many more. He was responsible for Australia's *Academy Award for Leisure* and the *International Emmy Award for Alice*.



Uncharted territory, no one had done this before to this extent. He and his family moved to New York where they lived for 7 years before relocating to Los Angeles

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for 3 additional years. For a family of 4 this was a great adventure both personally and professionally. The task was to be on the front line of cultural marketing bringing Australian stories to a vast population that knew little about “the land down under”.

He also lectured at Bond University in film finance, marketing and distribution for eight years and he is now a consultant and mentor to emerging talents in the Australian film industry. A lot has changed since then, but the fundamentals still apply. Jim Henry reflects on what he has learned, and the adventures he and his family had.

Featured Presentation



Robots and the environment

There are increasing natural and anthropogenic pressures that threaten Australia’s coastal environments. We urgently need new and efficient means to help facilitate upscaling the monitoring and management of these systems. This is where robots can play a significant role.

While robots have been used for decades to collect data in very specific and challenging environments, today’s unprecedented rate of development of new robotic systems, particularly consumer robots, is revealing their potential to transform the way we observe and monitor the wider environment..

In this talk, Dr Dunbabin will discuss existing and emerging robot technologies for their potential application to environmental monitoring, and provide examples of his own research into “environmental robotics” including the development of robots for Crown

-of-Thorns Starfish management, seagrass mapping and water quality monitoring. He will also highlight some challenges for the wider adoption and integration of robotic systems into long-term environmental monitoring and management programs.

Matthew joined Queensland University of Technology’s Science and Engineering Faculty as a Principal Research Fellow (Autonomous Systems) in 2013. He is also a Chief Investigator in the ARC Centre of Excellence for Robotic Vision. Matthew is known internationally for his research into field robotics, particularly environmental robots, and their application to large-scale marine habitat, aquatic, and greenhouse gas monitoring. He has wide research interests including adaptive sampling and path planning, vision-based navigation, cooperative robotics, and robot and sensor network interactions. A strong advocate of robotic

Logan District News

Term 3 classes in Logan are going well, with plenty of space for more in Singing, Handicrafts and the Recorder class, among others. However, we have very sad news for all those who knew Ray Jenkins, the charismatic and well-loved Indonesian tutor. Ray passed away on the 16th April. Edie Kelly, one of Ray’s students writes on behalf of all the class about him

Ray’s presentations to our class were always interesting, surprising and entertaining. Apart from the textbook “stuff” like grammar, vocabulary and comprehension, we never knew what treat he would have in store for us - one week it would be music - dangdut, gamelin, classical - next it could be dance or the benefits of Medical Qigong, for example - all instructed in Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian) and accompanied by copious notes lovingly prepared by Ray. On the Sunday that he went into hospital Ray sent us an e-mail. Attached to that e-mail were three songs, all meticulously translated into Indonesian - this Semester’s cultural treat. It became quickly obvious to us - his Indonesian students - that Ray was a very special and unique individual - but mostly what shone ever so brightly was his love of his family, followed closely by his love of all things Indonesian and of course, his music. Ray was also a very keen walker, walking with the U3A’s “Walking for Fitness Group” until very recently. He was 100% committed to all his U3A activities until the very end. Ray will be sadly

missed, never forgotten, and will always have a special place in our hearts. May he rest in peace.

Ray's daughter, Kuji says that the family celebrated Ray's life together with his friends at a Memorial Service on Monday 8th May. Ray had left a request for colourful clothing and laughter. The photo shows Ray in 2011 at one of Bev Ross's Spanish classes. He was interested in everything, and always ready for some fun.



Social Committee

News:

from Helen Dubois



Kinky Boots Tickets are on sale now. Friends went to Sydney recently to see the show and have said that it is just great.

There are plenty of tickets available.

Cost: Concession \$60, Adults \$80

Date: 13th September Time 1:00pm

Ticket sales closing date: 19th June.

Fort Lytton: There are 3 seats available for this trip. It should be an interesting as it is part of Queensland's history and so close to our commemoration of ANZAC last month. The boat trip on the Brisbane River alone is very pleasant as it is great viewing the suburbs from the river.

Date: 7th June 9:30am depart from Boat Ramp at Southbank under the Big Wheel

Cost: \$50

Closing date : 31st May 2017

Christmas in July: This function is fully booked but we have no reserves, which are necessary at this time of the year with people getting colds and many other ailments. So with no reserves at this time, it will be first cab/cabs off the rank. I would like to see some reserves very soon please.

Date: 26th July depart from Roma St at 9:00am and from Kessells Rd at 9:30am.

Cost: \$54

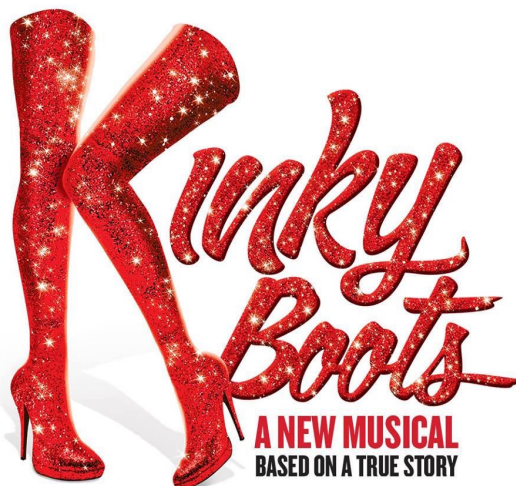
Call the office at 3236 3055 to book and pay for all the bookings.

Helen Dubois

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The first 5 U3A Brisbane members to register between now and the closing date of 15th May will have their registration fee refunded.

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