



### Editors Notes:

from Helen Duboi



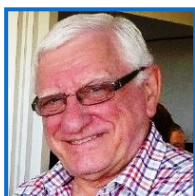
The Winter School is on next week, and once again, there are many wonderful speakers giving their time to U3A.

This photo was taken by my friend Barbara who had a wonderful trip around Europe and the UK to look at special gardens.

The tulips look just stunning. It's a pity that we rarely see them growing so well in this State.

### President's message:

from Greg Doolan



It's hard to believe that June is here already and we are nearly half way through the year. It seems like only yesterday that we were complaining about the heat and now it's gone quite cool. I have to confess that this is my favourite time of year with the crisp mornings and clear blue skies.

As we have now reached the end of term 2, we can all enjoy the great speakers on offer at Winter School which will run this year from Monday 3rd to Saturday 8th July. I guess most members would have made their choice of sessions to attend by now and, what a great range we have to choose from. There is the eminent Palaeontologist, Dr Steven Salisbury with his keynote address at the State library of Queensland entitled "Dream time, Dinosaurs & Drones". This should be an intriguing address taking us back in time 130 million years to the time of the Dinosaurs in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

This year, we will have a record number of 59 speakers presenting a huge range of subjects. Winter School just keeps getting better every year and this is through the

dedication and hard work of a small organising committee led by immediate Past President Marilyn Wagland. Marilyn is ably assisted by Kate O'Loughlin and advised by the previous long time coordinator, Anne Douglass who now acts in a mentoring role to the committee. I would like to take this opportunity of commending Anne for her dedication to Winter School over the last 10 years, growing this idea from its small beginnings to the well run, exciting event we enjoy today. If you have yet made your bookings for Winter School, I would suggest you don't delay as quite a few sessions are already fully booked.

I would also like to take this opportunity of encouraging all members to register their mobile phone numbers with the office. Why is this important? Following the recent implementation of an SMS alerts system, members can now be advised of class cancellations such as occurred during the last major weather event when the office was closed for the day due to safety considerations regarding travel. With the new system, all members with a registered mobile phone will receive a text message alerting them to any closures, cancellations or emergencies that may arise and therefore, save unnecessary travel.

## Brisbane City District:

from Gail Hawkins

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Each term after the CSSC is made available online, I get emails from members who advise they have been prompt in enrolling in a class only to be disappointed and feel they are being disadvantaged when advised the Class is Full. We are fortunate to have classes that are very popular and we also have members that are enthusiastic and are prepared to stay up until after midnight on the day when the classes become available to ensure they are first in line to get enrolled in the classes of their choice. Some tutors work with a waitlist, if the class you are interested in is full, check with the tutor to see if you can be waitlisted.

So many of us enjoy receiving the hard copy of the Class Schedule in the mail prior to the start of each term to see what's happening with U3A through the President's Message, and what exciting and interesting activities the Social Committee has organised that you can participate and get involved. Class schedules, descriptions and tutor information are all detailed, but after the Schedule has been printed, it is often necessary to make changes to the class details. Check out the online version of the class you may be interested in as the online version of the CSSC is always up to date.

Following are a few of the Term 3 classes that are still available to accept enrolments:

### Tuesday

**F67, Sudoku for Beginners** – Learn the simple logical principles that will enable you to tackle and solve Sudoku puzzles.

**X97, Public Speaking** – This course is designed to help people who may be required to speak at a function or special event or for those that may want to improve their communication skills in general.

**L71 Poets of Renown**— America's Got Talent There is some confusion about the time when this course will be offered. The correct day is Tuesday and correct time is 12.30 pm

**N14, The Silver Screen – Six Classic Australian Movies** - By popular demand Jim Henry who was an executive of the Australian Film Commission has agreed to return to offer us six classic Australian Movies which he will show

in entirety and talk about the people who made them and his involvement with the films and give some unique insights on stories that have not been told before. This class is available to take enrolments, it is not Full as was stated in the printed version of the CSSC.

**BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST**

*The Silver Screen*  
**SIX CLASSIC AUSTRALIAN MOVIES**

The entire series of 12 lectures on the classic Australian movies is being repeated in terms 3 and 4 by Jim Henry. Last time it was over subscribed. If you were not able to see it, or want to catch up on a few you missed, here is the chance to see it all or just some of the films. Space is limited, so enrol now for this very popular series.

**NEW DAY & TIME!**  
Commences Tuesday 11th July at 9.00am in Room 19 for 12 weeks  
Reserve your place now.

### Thursday

**H45, Military History – A Battlefield Perspective** – This course adopts a structured approach to review the sweep of history as experienced on the battlefield. The tutor held senior Military positions and graduated from US Army Command and General Staff College.

**R09, What the Bible is About – An Informed Appreciation of the Bible** – This is a non-religious course, 2017 is an appropriate time to re-examine the Bible with fresh eyes and updated information including recent historical and scientific evidence. The tutor is currently completing a Doctorate in theology focusing on the 2,000-year history of Christianity

### Friday

**J200, French Conversation for Mid-Beginners** – This class did not appear in the printed version of the Class Schedule, but can be viewed online. As language classes are so popular our tutor Dr Maily Giber is prepared to see if she can get enough enrolments to start her class in Term 3. The class will work on dialogues, tasks and activities and will work on maps and authentic materials from France.

## L68 Book Reviewing

This course looks at the decisions writers make when they decide to write an extended piece of work such as a novel or biography or an academic treatise. The course then focuses on what makes a good review, followed by the writing of a review, using as source material, books that are soon to be published. Reviews are posted on the site:

<https://queenslandreviewerscollective.wordpress.com> and are sourced by publishing companies looking for review material. Reviewers keep the book they have worked on.

## Logan District News

Monika Picton, the District Coordinator, resigned on June 1<sup>st</sup> due to ill health and family concerns. Monika has been a dynamo of energy and will be greatly missed in the district, especially by the local committee. Everyone here knows how much effort Monika put into promoting U3A and overseeing the growth in membership and class numbers during the past two years, not to mention organising functions, advertising and manning displays. Students and volunteers alike owe her a debt of gratitude for all her work on our behalf. Monika will have to take it easy and avoid stress for a long time, but we hope that she will regain her energy and make a full recovery. Martin Bridgstock has agreed to stand in until a new Coordinator is appointed.

Two new classes start in Term 3. Jean Townsend will offer a weekly photo and image-enhancing course using Gimp, the free software alternative to Photoshop. There will be a demonstration and information session at 1pm on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Gimp can improve photos out of sight ready for canvas or photobook prints. It can restore damaged photos, turn scowls into smiles, add text, take inches off waistlines, remove wrinkles, or turn a photo into a sketch or faux painting. Have a look online to see the amazing images created using Gimp. This course is for beginners, but Trish Dixon will teach a fortnightly course on digital scrapbooking and photobooks for people already competent in Photoshop. You can learn techniques for creating complex and beautiful photobook pages on Tuesday mornings at Logan North Library.

The Art of Bonsai is on again for two weeks, this time at the Hyperdome Library. Marcel is taking a break from

Tai Chi, and the singing group and Photoshop advanced are discontinued. All other classes will proceed as in Term 2. Many Logan students have booked for the Winter School, and will enjoy the wide range of subjects and expert presentations. Travel to the city is seldom more worthwhile.

A group of Camera Club members returned from a photography holiday in Hawaii with glowing reports and thousands of photos. The Indonesian students are carrying on without a formal tutor, but helping each other. They will have a different person responsible for the group each term, and Greg Taylor, the U3A Website creator, has adjusted the database so that this can be arranged. A big thank you to Greg for that. The website and database get better and better.

## Anna Blake - City Precinct

### M33 King of Instruments

How a pipe organ works, examples of organ music through the ages, and techniques of playing the organ, illustrated with organ music which I would play.

Commencing on 11/07/17 and then 08/08/17, 22/08/17 and final on 05/09/17.

St Andrews Uniting Church

Tuesday 10.00am - 11.15am 4 weeks. Classes start 11th July. Cost: \$2.

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## Social Committee News:

from Helen Dubois

### The Wizard of OZ at QPAC

#### Lyric Theatre

Tickets are available for sale from the office.

Date : Wednesday 15th November 2017 1:00 pm

Cost: \$75 concession otherwise \$85

Closing: 24th August

The cast for this is wonderful with Anthony Warlow as the Wizard . The show is described as a bevy of visual splendour. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice have written new music for this show but you still find the well-remembered old songs.



Enjoy the Winter School.

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### Christmas In July: Fox and Hounds Country Inn:

This function is at the moment fully booked but there will be people who are unable to attend. If you are interested please put your name down.

Date Wednesday, 26th July

Cost \$54 includes morning tea & lunch

Depart 9:00am outside Roma St Transit Centre

Bus Stop 125

9:30am from stop59 Kessels Rd Mt Gravatt Southern side of the road.

