



Editors Notes:

from Helen Dubois



Happy Spring.

It was a really good time to find things to do during the Spring Break with the Carnival of Flowers In full beautiful bloom.

The trip to Toowoomba has improved with the upgrade of the main road. It is wonderful that people can come up with new designs every year.

I hope you enjoyed the term break.

President's Notes:

from Greg Doolan:

Spring has certainly arrived and it's now coming into that wonderful time of the year when the temperature is not too hot and the jacarandas are just starting to come into bloom. I ask you, why would you live anywhere else?

I'm happy to report that your Management Committee has been very busy of late. One of our recent major projects was a strategy planning meeting which put all facets of our organisation "under the microscope" to identify those areas where we can improve our service delivery to you, our members. The Management Committee wishes to assure members that it is fully committed to a continuing process of improvement in making U3A Brisbane an even better place for ongoing

learning in a relaxed and supportive environment whilst enhancing the opportunities for socialising with old friends and making new ones.

Another subject I'd like to touch on is to remind all members that everyone participating in the management, tutoring and operations of U3A Brisbane is a volunteer. They take on these roles, not because they have to, but because they choose to be involved. With this in mind, I believe it is incumbent upon all of us to treat one another with the utmost respect. The committee has received some reports of students engaging in inappropriate behaviour and, although this happens infrequently, it is totally alien to the philosophy which underpins our organisation. So, please be mindful of how you treat each other and take the opportunity of coming to U3A to leave the frustrations of the daily routine behind you, even if only for an hour or two! We have a very happy and friendly organisation and I'm sure we would all like it to remain that way.

Best wishes to all for an enjoyable and productive Term 4.

Unfortunately, we recently lost Isobel Millar, a most enthusiastic tutor of two subjects at the City campus and assistant in another. We shall miss Isobel's infectious smile and vibrant outlook as we mourn her sudden passing.

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from Gail Hawkins

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Following are some Term 4 classes that still have vacancies. Please check them out and if interested contact the tutor to confirm your enrolment:

Monday

- J150 - Russian Beginners
- J35 - Russian Advanced
- T04 - Unlocking our Stories
- Y03 - Early Buddha Dhamma
- K24 - "New" How to Read & Write a Biography
- A71 - Exploring drama

Tuesday

- B101 - Mindfulness & Metta for Elders (Beginners)
This is a "New" class that was not advertised in the printed version of the Class Schedule.
- F67 - Sudoku for Beginners
- X97 - Public Speaking

Thursday

- R09 - What the bible is about -An informed appreciation of the Bible
- H48 - "New" Investigating Australian History
- H45 - Military History – A Battlefield Perspective
- T06 - Effective & Mutually rewarding Communication
- E15 - Global Cultural Diversity
- N13 - Film Storytelling – Hitchcock's Legacy
- H41 - The Burma Railway
- H39 - The Battle for Australia 1942-43

Friday

- D04 - Financial Security in Retirement

Logan District News

Welcome to the last term of 2017.

First some very sad news. Judy George, well known as the organiser and hostess of our lunch group from 2011 until 2016 passed away recently. She is sadly missed by her many friends. Judy was a lover of learning, of ideas, and of life. She will be long remembered in U3A.

This year, instead of a lunch, the Christmas Party will be a morning tea with raffles and entertainment to be held at Elements Village in Dennis Road at 10am on 29th November. Everyone will be welcome to come along and bring a friend or partner. More details later.

Most Term 3 classes continue in Term 4, but there are a couple of changes. Marcel is back teaching Tai Chi again. Miriam will not be holding the Israeli Folk dancing classes this term but she and her keen dancers will resume in 2018 when we may have a more suitable venue and time spot for them. Eileen Sullivan is continuing to teach her popular Creative Writing classes.

As mentioned last month, she resigned from the district working committee, but not from her tutoring role. Eileen's classes are still going strong. Howard is hoping for new students in his Recorder and Ensemble Playing class and Marian needs more for Hand Bell Ringing as bell-ringing does not work without enough ringers. Anyone who is interested in Economics and Finance and how it affects overseas events and our daily lives, such as electricity prices, is invited to join David's fortnightly Economics class. The group discuss papers on current issues and topics such as taxation and superannuation. A background in economics is not required, just an interest in current events. Please contact David on 3396 9036 for further information.

New classes are lining up for 2018. Among others, we expect a native Spanish speaker from Chile to teach a beginners Spanish class. We also hope to line up a new Photography class, Mini Gardening, and Games including Sudoku. Meanwhile, the Logan district organisers under the leadership of Martin Bridgstock send their best wishes to tutors and students for another good term of "*Learning for Pleasure*".

Special Events in October

from Marilyn Wagland

We have two special one-off talks for you in October— ***Charlie's Journey*** on 18th October and ***3D Printing— a Personal Perspective*** on 23rd. You can easily book for either of these events on the website, or at the link below (you will need your member number). Bookings will be limited to room capacity, so it's first come, first served. You can also book by contacting the office, but online booking saves our busy office staff a lot of work, particularly at the start of a new term.

[Make a Booking](#)

Charlie's Journey

We have organised an entertaining session for our members which will be held on Wednesday 18 October at 2.00pm in Room 16.



Charlie Cacciola, a retired banker and trustee advisor, will give a light hearted talk on his journey from his home town in Sicily to Brisbane and rural Queensland. He shares many

funny moments such as how it took 6 weeks to get from Brisbane to Stanthorpe - because he went via Sydney.

Now he writes and performs country music and writes children's books.

Join Charlie as he takes you on his unexpected journey from humble beginnings as a migrant child who could not speak English to, in later life, becoming an award winning songwriter and published author.

3D Printing - A Personal Perspective

Fred Stratford, a retired electronics expert and experienced 3D Printer user, will present a talk on 3D Printing on Monday 23rd October at 2pm at 232 Adelaide St.

- the history
- pitfalls
- making an object
- fabrication materials
- common problems

Fred will also show some objects he has made. This talk will appeal to the makers (craft folk and hobbyists) as well as those interested in technology.

Remember, you can book for either event via the website, but get in early.

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IT Group Coordinator Wanted

The U3A IT Group is a special interest group that has existed within U3A Brisbane for 20 years. It meets monthly on Saturday mornings for presentations by various speakers on IT-related topics. The group has its own mailing list of 180 members and the meetings usually attract an audience of 30-40 people. Helen Carberry has coordinated the group for the last 10 years but is unable to continue after this year.

The Management Committee would like to thank Helen for her great contribution during this time and also express appreciation to the many speakers who have made the IT Group possible.

It is time to pass the baton to someone else. Helen says that coordinating the IT Group has been a very worthwhile and rewarding role and she hopes there is an enthusiastic person amongst our membership willing to nominate for the role and perhaps bring some fresh ideas about how the IT Group might continue.

Please email enquiries to Helen at:

itgroup@u3abrisbane.org.au

Social Committee News

from Helen Dubois

This has been a very busy year with trips to new and interesting locations arranged by June Gemmell.

Also notable was that changing the Christmas lunch to the "Christmas in July" drew feedback from just 1 person. We will stick with the change again next year with another venue.

The Social Committee are looking to change some of the people on the Committee. Barbara Scott who is the Secretary and Helen Dubois the Chairman would like to have people to take over as soon as possible and we would like you to give a lot of thought to giving some time to being a member of the Committee. It is really not an onerous job and we have a lot of fun.

Please call me if you want any information. 3398 9668 or 0407 734 337.

I hope you enjoyed the break and do consider the classes that are available for you in Term 4.

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