



*Happy
New Year!*
2018

Editor's Notes:

from Helen Dubois

A little late but we hope you have a wonderful 2018. It has been a very busy start to the year and there have been many full classes. This makes all the Tutors very pleased. We hope you have a really happy and fruitful 2018.



our office volunteers on Saturday 3rd February at our Creek Street rooms, organised by Office Manager, Yvonne McGann. Yvonne reported the training went very well and those who attended are now more confident they can handle an emergency situation when it occurs.

President's Notes:

from Greg Doolan:

Welcome to Term 1, 2018. I hope you all had a great break over the Christmas, New Year period with your families and are now sufficiently refreshed to handle another year of learning and socialising at U3A Brisbane. Unfortunately, we are all in that age group where health is a major consideration and your Management Committee are very aware that at an emergency can occur at any time so, with this in mind, two things have been implemented to better prepare our volunteer workers for any such eventuality.



Secondly, the Management Committee has approved the purchase of two automated external defibrillators, one each for both Creek and Adelaide street premises. The acquisition of these defibrillators was made possible by U3A Brisbane receiving a generous grant from Community Underwriting, our insurance brokers. It is anticipated the installation and subsequent training will be organised by the end of February to enable our volunteers to confidently use this important, lifesaving equipment if required.

Of course, our main wish is that this training and equipment are never put to the test, but members can now be assured that, if an emergency should occur, our volunteers are able to quickly and efficiently put their training into effect and possibly save a life.

On a more pleasant subject, term 1 certainly started off with a bang with record numbers attending classes

Firstly, a CPR refresher course was conducted for 20 of

during the first week. As you can appreciate, the first week of term can be rather hectic with some room changes necessary to accommodate class requirements. Thank you for your patience during this busy time.

I'm pleased to announce that our newly expanded room 18, which incorporates the old rooms 18 and 19, worked very well and tutors and students alike appear to be very pleased with the increased space and layout. The room is now named "The Mark Kapper room" to acknowledge Mark's generous donation which made this renovation possible. Thanks also to our now retired Property Manager, Peter O'Loughlin for overseeing this project and handling the paperwork required when working on a heritage listed building.

I hope you all continue to enjoy your class choices during term 1.

Greg Doolan
President

Special Presentation

Ordinary People, Extraordinary Acts

From Marilyn Wagland



Courage to Care is a celebration of people who chose to stand up and confront discrimination and injustice – ordinary people who were extraordinary in their bravery and impact. It is a positive program

which uses examples from the past to plant the seeds of awareness, understanding and empathy for others. The program focusses on the legacy of some of the heroes of the Holocaust during the rise to power of the Nazi Party in Germany and during WW11. We honour people like the Australian Aborigine William Cooper, the Bosnian Moslem Dervis Kurkut, the Englishman Sir Nicolas Winton, the Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg and the Danish Nation. History comes alive with deeper meaning through listening to the testimony of a Holocaust Survivor who tells us about the bravery of the people

who played a role in her/his rescue and survival. Participants then get an opportunity to reflect on what the courage of these heroes can teach us today about standing up to discrimination and injustice - not to be bystanders, but to make a difference whenever possible.

This is your opportunity to learn an aspect of history you probably haven't encountered before as well as learning how to become a better, more empathetic human being.

We are holding a one off session on Monday 19 February at 2.00pm. Please [book online](#) or by notifying the office staff. The normal class fee of \$5 applies for this session.

[Book Online Here](#)

Members Paying by Bank Transfer

From Yvonne McGann

We have received a few membership subscriptions by bank transfer with no identification of the sender. Please contact the office if you have paid by bank transfer recently but have not received an email acknowledgement.

If you do pay by bank transfer, please ensure that you put your member number and name as reference, otherwise we can't identify your payment.

Thank you,

Yvonne McGann (office@u3abrisbane.org.au)

Maintenance Supervisor Needed

From Greg Doolan

U3A Brisbane needs a volunteer to handle any necessary maintenance on our Brisbane CBD properties situated at 97 Creek Street & 5th floor, 232 Adelaide Street. If you are handy with tools and are familiar with general building maintenance, you just might be the person for the job.

Interested? Please contact Greg Doolan on: president@u3abrisbane.org.au

Brisbane City News

from Gail Hawkins



tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

Our New Year has started on a very positive note. We welcomed many new tutors to our group who are now looking forward to the challenge ahead and meeting new friends. All tutors are an important part of our operation, but we will always need new tutors to increase our choice of class subjects and to replace those tutors that each term take a break from tutoring. Class enrolments for the start of Term 1 have been strong, with many tutors advising "Class Full" and not being able to accept all enrolments or have placed people on a waiting list. I appreciate the frustration this causes, and our goal is to find even more tutors to establish classes in subjects that are currently closed. Hopefully, this will give all members a better chance of enrolling in the class of their choice.

Language classes continue to be very popular in Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced levels. **I would be very interested in talking to anyone who would be available to tutor in any of the following languages at any level:**

Spanish, French, Italian, or German

We are not limited to the above languages and would be keen to offer our members languages from our near neighbours i.e. Bahasa Indonesia, Thai or Filipino – Please send me an email or contact the office on 3236 3055 and leave a message for me to call you back if you would be available to become a language tutor.

History classes are also very popular, as they are so informative and interesting with a multitude of topics you can choose from; Modern, Ancient, Australian, British, American, Military History to name but a few. If you have an interest in History, I'm sure our members would appreciate a few more classes in this fascinating category.

Do you or any of your friends have a passion for a subject that you would like to share, if the subject matter is important to you then that interest is generally transferred to others who would be

interested by joining your class – so please, contact me and we can discuss the possibilities of the fun and excitement that can be achieved by becoming a tutor.

WINTER SCHOOL 2018

from Anne Douglass

Planning for Winter School is now well underway and we have some speakers lined up already. This year Winter School will run from 9th July until 13th July so put those dates in your diary.

Here is a little taste of what we have in store for you:



Our first speaker was recruited months ago and we are excited to have Ashley Hay doing a session for us. Ashley is the author of *The Railwayman's Wife* and her latest book *A Hundred Small Lessons* is based in and around Brisbane. She has written four novels and her essays, short stories and

journalism have appeared in *Griffith Review*, *The Bulletin*, *Best Australian Essays*, *Australian Geographic* and her work has been highly praised by the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *New York Times*. She is a very sought after speaker and I have heard her speak several times. She is a delight.



We are also pleased to have John Quinn back to speak about his inspirational journey with Early Onset Dementia. This time we are going to have a forum style session starting with someone from the Brain Institute to give us the medical view, John will follow with the personal view and his wife Glenys will speak from a carer's point of

view. John has never let Dementia get in the way of having a good time and with Glenys at his side he has accomplished so much. He is another very popular speaker and travels the world giving talks at

International conferences as well as National ones. This is a story of hope, determination and a love of life.

We also have Professor Peter Gresshoff speaking on Biofuels and Dr Lavinia Codd speaking on Neurogenesis so watch this space - there will be more in the next E-News.

For those of you who are new to U3A and would like to learn more about Winter School please go to the U3A website and click on Winter School. You can access last year's program which will give you an idea of the scope of this wonderful week of talks.

Logan District News

From Deborah Dries

The Logan District Open Day on Wednesday 17th January, was a great success. Tutors staffed tables at the Logan Community Centre and prospective members were able to speak directly to the tutor of any course in which they were interested. Ten new members signed up, a wonderful result. The room was busy and buzzing for the whole time.



The Monday History group will have a new tutor, as Mike Wilmer is not well. The guitar class will also have a new tutor for this term only.

Howard Newell's Recorder Ensemble gave a short concert on 24th January in Logan North Library. Despite nerves, the four students did well, playing soprano and alto recorders while Howard added the tenor voice and his wife Kim played cello backing and sang the delightful Korean song, Arirang. The audience particularly enjoyed the quartet, Ave Verum, and jolly renderings of Bath Carnival and Star of the County Down, along with music by Mozart and other composers dating back to the 17th century. The group would welcome new students, whether beginners or more experienced players. Phone Jean on 0400 787298 for more information.



The U3A students are: Marian Elcock, Jean Townsend, Maxine Murphy and Dorothy Court.

U3A China Tour 2018

from Brian Isles

The Silk Road Tour Register your Interest

Date: 12 October 2018 to 27 October 2018

Silk Road Tour: the tour will include visits to:
Urumqi, capital of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region;
Turpan to visit Karez and the Jiaohe Ruins;
Dunhuang to the amazing 7th C Mogao Grottes;
Jiayuguan to visit the west origin of the Great Wall and Jiayuguan Gate Tower;
Zhangye to be fascinated by colours of the Danxia Landform
Xining, capital of Qinghai Province and visit Lake Qinghai;
Lanzhou, capital of Gansu Province on the Yellow River

Xian to marvel at the Terracotta Warriors .

Cost: Share accommodation: \$3,350 per person (land content only)

Single accommodation: \$3,950 per person (land content only)

To register your interest in the China Tour and receive the final itinerary, please contact:

BRYAN ILES, Tutor- Experiencing China, U3A Brisbane
City - Wednesday 12.30pm, Adelaide Street

Logan – Friday 11.00am, Logan North Library,
Springwood or **Email:** bryaniles@bigpond.com

Social Committee News:

from Helen Dubois



We have plenty of seats on the bus for our trip to Canungra so come with us and enjoy a day out in the fresh air.

Date: Tuesday February 27th 2018

Cost : \$44 which includes Morning Tea and lunch. of homemade pies at the Outpost Café Canungra.
(Please advise any dietary needs).

Time: 8:30am outside Transmit Centre (Bus Stop 125)

9:00am from Stop 59 Kessels Rd Macgregor
(south side of the road.)

If you purchased tickets for Aladdin, they are available to be picked up from the office at 97 Creek St.

For safety it would be good if you could get the Tickets as soon as possible.



This is the last E news that I will do as I am going to live down south later this year. It has been an interesting exercise over the years and I received great help from Kay Anderson, David Gemmell and Greg Taylor. Thank you for your support over the last 9 years. Jean Smith will take over editing E-News so do support her.

Best wishes to you all.

Thank you for your support for the Social Committee.

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