

Editor's Notes

from Jean Smith



Two sharp-eyed ENews readers – and dear friends, I hasten to add – queried my use of *different to* rather than *different from* in last month's Notes. This is just the sort of question I should be asking at the Winter School presentation *Saving English*. Unfortunately, the session clashes with *Translating Saint Guthlac* and as the opportunities to revisit my 50-year-old love of Anglo-Saxon are very rare, Saint Guthlac has won the day! I had a similar dilemma choosing between the racial vilification provision in Australian federal law, and Ashley Hay's session on her work as a highly successful novelist. I am sure many of you will have found yourselves in the same position – we are indeed spoilt for choice. My thanks to the Winter School organisers for putting together such an interesting programme.

President's Notes

from Greg Doolan

July is nearly here which means Winter School is just around the corner and it looks as though a large proportion of members are really



looking forward to our premier event this year as the bookings have been nothing short of phenomenal. Bookings opened on the 10th June and by the end of the day, nearly 2000 places had been filled, beating last year's opening day record by nearly 500 bookings! I think we would all agree the booking process was very simple, with instant confirmation of a place in the presentation of your choice or advice that you had been placed on a waiting list. If you know anything at all about computer systems, you will know that such processes don't 'just happen'. The booking system, along with other parts of our IT, is testament to the hard work and expertise of our very own IT specialist and Management Committee member, Greg Taylor, who works tirelessly to ensure U3A Brisbane has a system which is state of the art in all respects. So, when you book or use any of the other systems on our website, say thanks to Greg for making the process so quick and easy. By the way, while many of the Winter School presentations are now at capacity, there are still some vacancies. Have a look, you just might be lucky.

And now for something completely different. Over the last 6 months the Management Committee has received a number of emails suggesting that, for environmental reasons, we dispense with paper cups for coffee and tea in both the Adelaide and Creek Street kitchens. I am pleased to advise we have taken notice of these requests. However, we didn't believe this could be implemented in one fell swoop, so we decided to phase out the paper cups over time. This process is now well under way. Some members have opted to bring their own cups and we are in the process of providing sufficient cups in both kitchens for general use. All we ask is that you rinse your cup after use and place it in the dishwasher provided. These are run daily to ensure cups are available for the next day's attendees. We hope that the paper cups can be totally eliminated in the not too distant future.

I hope everyone who has booked for this year's Winter School enjoys the presentations of their choice and I, for one, am eagerly looking forward to enjoying my selections.

Winter School 2018 Update

from Anne Douglass

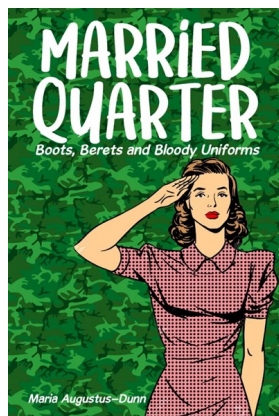
The Keynote Address is timed to start at **1.30pm sharp** and waiting lists will be released at this time if members are not present to get their tickets. If anyone is running late we suggest ringing Yvonne McGann on 0438 090 540 and she will reserve a place for you. As there are so many people on the waiting list we deemed this only fair to our members, so do ensure that you are on time. **Ticket sales will open at 12.45pm and doors to the auditorium will open at 1pm.**

Waiting Lists - Most of the sessions have waiting lists which are entered in order of date and time received. There are often cancellations in the week leading up to Winter School so, if you are on a waiting list and are prepared to wait until just before a session starts, you may be able to get a seat.

Spare places will be allocated at the designated start time. Once again, we urge members to be on time for their booked sessions or you will be in danger of losing them.

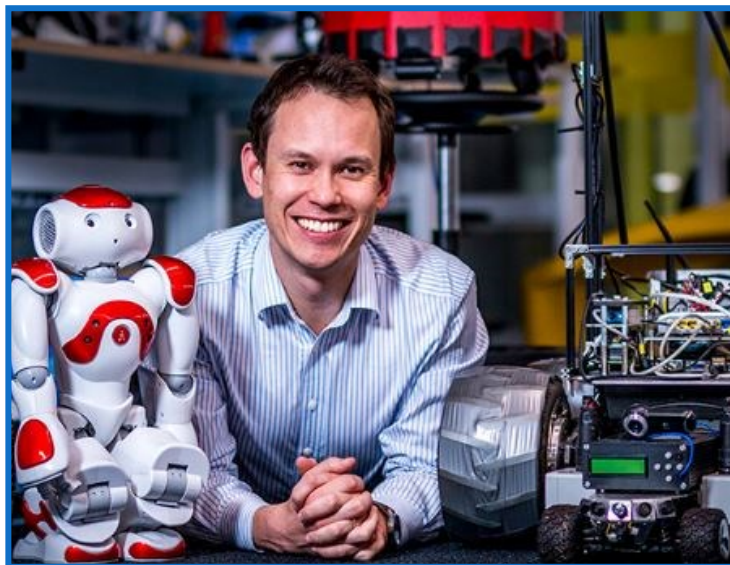
NEW PROGRAM ADDITIONS

**Married Quarter:
Boots, Berets and Bloody
Uniforms
Maria Augustus-Dunn
1pm Wednesday**



Married Quarter – Boots, Berets and Bloody Uniforms is a book about Maria's 21 years as a military spouse; a first-hand look at what life is like for spouses of soldiers. This is not a soldier's tale; this is a partner's story. The story is told through postings, deployments, promotions, overseas postings, illness, long service leave, and ultimately retirement. In 21 years they had 9 postings, including 2 states, 2 territories, and 1 international diplomatic gig.

**Robotics, Autonomous Vehicles and AI.
A Behind-the-Scenes Tour of What's Hot -
and What's Not
Professor Michael Milford QUT
11am Friday**



Michael will take you on an exciting, provocative journey through the state of play in robotics, artificial intelligence and autonomous vehicles. He will show you how they work, what they can do, and what's likely to happen in the future, and talk about some of the many challenging ethical, moral and practical issues that they raise. He will introduce some inspiring examples of young men and women working in the field - some from QUT and some generally - and touch on the mind-bending talent wars that are playing out around the world.

Professor Milford conducts interdisciplinary research at the boundary between robotics, neuroscience, machine learning and computer vision and is a multi-award winning educational entrepreneur. His research models the neural mechanisms in the brain underlying tasks like navigation and perception in order to develop new robotics and computer vision-related technologies, with a particular emphasis on challenging application domains where current techniques fail, such as all-weather and anytime positioning for autonomous vehicles.

There are a few spots still available in:

**History and Film: The War Film
Gordon Kidd MA -**

Retired Lecturer in History UQ -1pm Friday

A chronological history of the *war film*, particularly in the English-speaking cinema – Hollywood and British studios productions – and Australia’s small output of war films will also be touched on. The main themes will concentrate on WW1 and WW2, with some reference to the Vietnam War and more recent films revisiting WW2. A secondary theme will address films of an anti-war character, such as *All Quiet on the Western Front* and *Paths of Glory*. Excerpts of these and others such as *Casablanca* and *Breaker Morant* will be shown on video. The *war film* will be discussed in the context of the production of particular examples of the film genre, which is a convenient way for filmmakers to target their output to a particular market. By varying the standard formula, many of these films have achieved a high quality and offer insights into the human condition under extreme stress.

Dad and Dave -

**A Re-creation of their Radio Show -
“Dad Buys a Car”**

**Penny Everingham and Penny Murphy with U3A
Drama Class - 9am Monday**

Our Drama Class is going to have a bit of fun with the old radio show I’m sure you all remember – the much loved *Dad and Dave*. They will recreate one of their shows from the dim, dark distant past, just as it was done then – in front of a live audience. *Dad and Dave* was the first truly all-Australian radio show – designed by Australians for Australians and there wasn’t a British accent to be heard. There will be a brief talk on Grace Gibson Radio who kindly waived their copyright fees for this production, as well as an explanation of the work carried out by a “Foley”, the sound effects technician. It’s an entertaining start to our Winter School.



**History of the Northern Territory - Part II
Gregory Cope - National Archives -
9am Wednesday**

Last year Greg gave us a particularly interesting session on the history of the Northern Territory and we learned lots of things we didn’t know. We heard about the four failed attempts at British settlement; that people living in the Northern Territory were the only people to lose their right to vote; that Darwin has been almost destroyed four times in its history. The subject is so vast and Greg’s research so detailed, it was not possible to cover it all in one session, so this is a continuation of last year’s talk. He will briefly recap the early history and then go on to more recent events. Greg is a regular presenter at Winter School and his talks are always very well researched and very popular.

Bush Poetry

**Anita Reed and John Best and Ron Liekefett
11am Thursday**

Bush poetry is embedded deeply in the Australia psyche - it makes us laugh, it makes us cry and, most importantly, it entertains us. Join Anita and John and Ron for an hour of light entertainment which will start with a brief definition of what bush poetry is, followed by a discussion on the relevance of bush poetry today. Finally they will recite some of their own traditional poems, a mixture of humorous and serious as well as original poems by other poets. The three bush poets



presenting poems today all started with bush poetry in their retirement, both writing and performing. They are long-term members of the North Pine Bush Poets and have won various awards in competitions. This will be an interesting and fun-filled session where you can sit back and give your brain a welcome rest from some of our more cerebral sessions.

Extreme Environments: Gravity and Black Holes

Dr Janie Hoormann UQ - 9am Friday

Black holes, which can form when massive stars die, provide the strangest gravitational fields that we know of. During this session Janie will discuss how black holes are formed, how they were discovered, and how astronomers observe them. She will also talk about how gravity behaves in these extreme environments and why you don't want to get too close to a black hole. There is so much happening out in space at the moment, with new and exciting discoveries being made all the time. Janie will give us a peek into some of these marvels, so book early for this one.

Office News

from Yvonne McGann

Term 2 classes finish on Friday 29th June; Term 3 classes begin on Monday 16th July.

Office hours during the holidays are:

Week 1. 2nd – 6th July. The Creek Street office will be open each day from 8.30 until 11 a.m. Phone messages and emails will be attended to during that time. Our Adelaide St rooms will be closed.

Week 2. 9th – 13th July. U3A will be holding our annual Winter School in our Adelaide St premises. Please note that the Keynote Address will be held at the State Library at 1.30 p.m. on Monday 9th July.

The Creek St office will be open each day from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., except on Monday 9th July when it will close at 12 noon.

Membership number

When enrolling in a class via the tutor, please quote your membership number. Your membership number is on your white membership card. If you have mislaid your card, you can ring (3236 3055) or email (mail@u3abrisbane.org.au) the office to ask for a replacement. You retain this member number for the duration of your membership of U3A Brisbane.

City News

from Gail Hawkins



tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

Language classes continue to be extremely popular. I feel elated when we introduce new language tutors but as soon as the Class Schedule is released, the new classes fill up quickly and unfortunately some people again miss out on enrolments. We just can't seem to get enough tutors to service the demands of our members, especially for Beginners' classes. If anyone is currently in an Advanced language class who would be interested in starting up a Beginners class I would love to talk to you.

Following are some of the Term 3 Classes that may still have vacancies. You can look up details of the class and tutor contacts online or in the printed version of the Class Schedule:

Monday

J150 – Russian for Beginners
J035 – Russian Advanced
J190 – Portuguese Elementary
J202 – Portuguese Intermediate
J160 – Mandarin Advanced
J136 – English for Speakers of Other Languages
F030 - Cryptic Crosswords
F067 – Sudoku for beginners
F001 – Cards, 500
M035 – Music Is (Active Listening 1)

Tuesday

Y020 – History of Ideas
Y019 – Thinking About Issues
Y007 – Matters Arising
E031 – Dangerous Ideas to Challenge Us
X131 – War of the Worldviews
N015 – Digitising Media & Memories on a Budget
A071 – Exploring Drama Workshops
F072 – Sudoku Intermediate

Wednesday

B106 – Organic Gardening
T009 – Home Renovations
L078 – The Power of Poetry

Thursday

R009 – What the Bible is About – An Informed Appreciation of the Bible
H045 – Military History – A Battlefield Perspective
H041 – The Burma Railway
H039 – The Battle for Australia 1942-43
E015 – Global Cultural Diversity
U011 – Psychological Perspectives on Contemporary Social Issues
X130 – Concept Mapping for Memorising, Planning & Creative Fun
N013 – Film Storytelling – Australian Indigenous Cinema
M038 – Choral Speaking

Friday

H052 – History of Religion in Australia
B105 - What to Eat to Stay Healthy, the History & Science behind Nutrition

Northside News

from Rod McLary

Term Three will be an exciting term for U3A members on the Northside and for those who can travel to one of our classes.

There is a brand-new class starting – **How to Play Lawn Bowls**. This class offers an opportunity to learn from experienced players at a well-established club and at the same increase your fitness and meet new people. Please contact Thea for information as to where the class will be held.

A very popular class – **Conversational Italian for Beginners** with Emma Spina – will be starting afresh this term. The class has run for two terms and now is ready to begin again. New members are encouraged to join the class soon as it fills very quickly.

As well, the class **Art Expression – Enjoy the Freedom of Expression** with Christine Heath returns in Term 3. This class will be held on two days only – 24 August and 14 September. Christine offers an opportunity to express your inner-being through art and ‘draw from within’.

The other – all 12 of them – classes will continue into Term 3 and all continue to be popular and well-attended. There are two other Italian classes, a French class, two walking groups, a discussion group, a dinner group, Croquet, iPad and Digital Photography, Creative Writing, and financial assistance.

I would enjoy being able to offer additional classes on

the Northside, and would encourage new tutors to come forward. If you would like to offer a class in your chosen field or in an area you are passionate about, please contact me by phone or email. I am always pleased to meet potential tutors to discuss what you can offer.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all the Northside tutors for their work and what they offer to their class members. Their contribution is very much valued and appreciated.

Logan News

from Martin Bridgestock

According to recent statistics, U3A Brisbane membership is growing at something over 9%. That may sound pretty modest, but it means that we are adding – net of losses – about 360 members to our total every year. Those members, quite reasonably, want to attend classes and activities. So the provision of classes and activities needs to grow at roughly the same rate as the membership. Indications are that it isn't. We are short of tutors, and this leads to the exasperating situation where many classes are being labelled as ‘Full.’ So if you know of anyone who might be interested in tutoring, or you might consider doing it yourself, please contact someone in the administration. You will be welcomed with open arms.

Social Committee News

from Helen Dubois

Tickets for Priscilla 2nd Group:

This has been a very popular show with only 2 tickets left for sale. I will arrange for the tickets for both groups to be available for collection after July 23rd.

Christmas In July:

It is very important that you arrive at least 15 minutes before the departure time shown in the Class schedule as we do not wait for late arrivals.

Roma St departure : 7:30am Transit Centre Bus Stop 125,
Kessels Rd Macgregor 8:00am Bus stop 59 on the Garden City side.

At this time in the morning, there will be space available at the Kessels Rd Park and Ride. It should be a very pleasant outing. Enjoy your break and Winter School, and return fresh for Term 3.