



## Editor's Notes:

from Jean Smith

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October – a month of arrivals.  
Spring is upon us.

My tropical silver birch is showing a delicate tracery of new green leaves, there is more than a hint of purple on the jacarandas, and the koels are letting me know at 3.00 am they are back. (I have kept a record for years of when I hear the season's first koel - this year's was September 24.) I find myself looking at familiar surroundings with fresh eyes – and perhaps seeing our city as visitors see it. I will be doing a bit of this over the coming weeks as my sister is visiting us from Scotland. She has been here before, so no long 'must tick things off the bucket list' trips, more a revisiting of favourite haunts. Sandgate foreshore on a sunny weekday morning takes a lot of beating.

So, welcome to Spring and welcome to Brisbane.

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## President's Message:

from Greg Doolan

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Welcome to Term 4. We are now into the final lap before Christmas but there are still plenty of opportunities for you to join the class of your choice, whether it be to learn something new to keep your brain active, or to continue your study of an old favourite, supported by the camaraderie of our great organisation.

U3A Brisbane continues to offer more than ever in class choices and this term is no exception, with in excess of 280 classes on offer across our city and district locations. Languages, covering just about every popular language, make up a massive 83 of the class offerings. Current classes cover French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Indonesian, Japanese, Mandarin and Russian. Nor are ancient languages forgotten — there are nine Latin classes and an Ancient Greek class. The



level of study encompasses Beginners to Advanced and, obviously, to participate in the latter you do need some expertise before you can enrol and participate in the class meaningfully. This is all great but we do need to keep in mind we are only as good as the tutors we can recruit. Last year our membership increased by some 12%. The Management Committee and our tutor liaison officer, Gail Hawkins, are always on the lookout for new tutors in all subjects so we can keep pace with the exceptional growth our organisation is experiencing. Members, we are asking for your assistance. If you or someone you know has expertise/interest in a subject you feel would be an addition to our class offerings, please encourage them to contact Gail Hawkins on: [tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au](mailto:tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au). Unlike other educational institutions, U3A doesn't require formal teaching qualifications or a long list of publications – a desire to share your interest and knowledge is what matters. An important facet of U3A Brisbane that is often overlooked is its social aspect. I cannot stress enough how important this is to us all, especially those who may find themselves isolated in the community with no family support. Interaction with U3A may be the only social contact some people experience through the week. If you know someone like this, give them a little of your time and have a chat over a cuppa. It may not mean a lot to you, but it just might make their day. In earlier newsletters, I have mentioned the target we set at the beginning of the year to phase out disposable coffee cups as soon as practicable. Reusable cups have been steadily donated over the last couple of months for use in both city locations and this has now been achieved. So, fantastic effort everyone, it has been great to see members so supportive of this project. Term 4 kicks off on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October so, enjoy your class choices and, most importantly, enjoy each other's company.

**City News:**  
from Gail Hawkins

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We have listened to members when they advised that language classes filled up very quickly and more classes were required to accommodate the demand. This year we have been successful in introducing numerous new language classes, and in Term 4 we have several classes that you can still enrol in. Check the Term 4 Class Schedule for details and either enrol online or contact the tutor directly.



Some of the classes still available in Term 4 are:

### Monday

J150 – Russian Beginners  
J35 – Russian Advanced  
J190 – Portuguese Elementary  
J202 – Portuguese Intermediate  
J166 – Mandarin Intermediate  
J160 – Mandarin Advanced  
J89 – Italian Advanced Conversation  
J99 – Greek, classical Greek  
E02 – Current Events  
Y03 – Early Bhudda Dhamma  
F51 – Cryptic Crosswords, Absolute Beginners  
F30 – Cryptic Crosswords  
F60 – Cryptic Crosswords Intermediate  
F28 – Cryptic Crosswords Advanced  
F67 – Sudoku for Beginners  
F59 – Chess  
F01 – 500 Cards  
F70 – 500 Cards for Beginners

### Tuesday

H07 – British History  
Y20 – History of Ideas  
Y21 – Carl Gustav Jung  
M40 – Beethoven's Piano Sonatas  
M35 – Music Is? (Active Listening)  
X01 – War of the Worldviews  
B77 – Yoga  
F58 – Bridge, Social Bridge  
F72 – Sudoku, Intermediate  
F38 – Mahjong

### Wednesday

J25 – Italian, Intermediate  
K22 – Creative Writing, Basic Level  
M41 – Beethoven, Introducing Beethoven's Sonatas

### Thursday

J24 – Italian, Intermediate  
J225 – Brazilian Portuguese for Beginners  
L42 – Modern English Literature  
H41 – The Burma Railway  
H39 – The Battle for Australia 1942-43

X130 – Concept Mapping  
T06 – Effective & Mutually Rewarding Communication  
N13 – Film, Storytelling, John Wayne & John Ford  
F14 – Mahjong, western Style  
F20 – Scrabble

### Friday

J63 – Latin, Advanced  
J30 – Latin, Advanced  
J98 – French, Advanced Conversation  
H15 – History Review  
B105 – What to Eat to Stay Healthy

## Logan News:

from Deborah Dries

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Fourth term is nearly upon us and Logan has several new classes for our members to enjoy.

### **Tai Chi For Seniors** Tutor: **Dennis O'Brien** 0466 954

646 (9 - 5) Email: [dennisobrien@exemail.com.au](mailto:dennisobrien@exemail.com.au)

Explore the health benefits of this ancient art in a gentle form of exercise combined with movement.

Monday 10.00am - 11.00am Classes start 8th October.

### **Preparing for Tai Chi for New Students** Tutor:

**Marcel Miltenburg** Email:

[marcel108@outlook.com](mailto:marcel108@outlook.com)

This class comprises Yang style Tai Chi warm-ups and other foundation exercises. Wednesday 9.00am - 10.00am. Classes start 10th October.

### **Videography Basics** Tutor: 0418 784 557

Email: [u3aphotoman@gmail.com](mailto:u3aphotoman@gmail.com)

The class is geared to teach everything you need to know to create interesting videos with your smartphones or cameras. Wednesday 10.00am - 11.30am 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. Classes start 10th October.

### **Floristry & Floral Art for Beginners**

Tutor: **Edwina Tam** 0419 388 838

(Call between 8:00am-8:00pm)

Email: [edwina838@gmail.com](mailto:edwina838@gmail.com)

Learning the art of using fresh, dried and silk flowers to create gifts. Materials supplied from \$5 to \$10. Thursdays from 10.30am -12.30pm. Classes start 11th October.

Logan Lunch Group gets together every month to enjoy lunch together at various venues around Logan on the

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. The aim is relatively inexpensive but good food, disability access and good parking, and of course great company and a good chat. Please call Valerie on 0415867033 for more details. Don't forget the Logan Xmas Party. It will be at the Logan Community Centre in Jacaranda Ave, Logan Central on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. A delicious morning tea, some fantastic door prizes, a raffle, and trivia quiz (the quiz master promises it will be a little easier this year). All this for only \$5.00. A great chance to catch up with your friends and have some fun too. If you can, please bring your own coffee cup to minimise the use of disposable cups.