

Editor's Notes:

from Jean Smith



On 5 August 2014, the art installation *Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red* reopened at the Tower of London to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War. At the end of the display, the poppies were made available to members of the public. The

accompanying photograph shows 'my' poppy, bought in memory of my father who fought in and survived the battle of the Somme. This afternoon I 'planted' my poppy on a digital map:

<https://www.wherethepoppiesnow.org.uk/the-poppy-map>, where it joins some 40,000 poppies planted worldwide. I cannot begin to imagine what my gentle, high-principled father would have seen, heard, said or done as a soldier. He never spoke about these things, except for one comment he made about being able to still smell the mud.

Armistice Day on 11 November marks 100 years since the end of the First World War. I, along with many others, will be remembering those who were part of the 'war to end all wars.'

Lest we forget.



President's Message:

from Greg Doolan

Term 4 is now well under way and, judging by all the happy faces I see when I come into either Adelaide or Creek Street, everyone appears to be enjoying themselves immensely.



I would like to take the opportunity of reminding those who use Facebook to access our page on a regular basis and encourage your friends to do likewise. You can keep abreast of what is happening in our U3A, and also view some really interesting material, such as photographs of old Brisbane to stir up some nostalgia, or the exploits of

our intrepid China travellers on the annual tour organised by Bryan Iles, our resident China expert. Bryan has been submitting photographs and stories along the way, so you can all be 'Armchair Tourists' and view this tour without leaving home. I would also encourage you to send in items which you think may be of interest to your fellow U3A members. Please send items to: publicity@u3abrisbane.org.au and view our page on: www.facebook.com/www.u3abrisbane.org.au Don't forget the U3A Network Queensland page on: www.facebook.com/www.u3aqld.org.au to discover what is happening in the wider U3A community.

U3A Brisbane recently hosted a one-day Age Friendly Communities Anti-Discrimination workshop conducted by a Queensland State Government representative to raise awareness of our obligations under the *Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*. The workshop, which comprised morning and afternoon sessions, was conducted in our Adelaide Street rooms, and attended by representatives from every U3A in South East Queensland. The sessions were both informative and, to a degree, sobering but the one message that came out of them was that everyone should be treated with the utmost respect at all times, regardless of their ethnic origins, religious beliefs or gender. All just common sense really.

For those who attend classes in the computer lab, you will have noticed that the old overhead projector has been replaced by a large new, state-of-the art monitor which has been warmly welcomed by the tutors who use this facility. The new monitor was installed over the recent term break under the guidance of long-time computer tutor, Keith Catts.

As I write this I have just realised it is now only two months to Christmas. They say time goes faster as you get older, but this year just seems to have been supersonic!

I hope you are continuing to enjoy your classes and the camaraderie of our wonderful U3A.

Membership Renewals:

from [Yvonne McGann](#)

Membership renewals for 2019 are now open, and are still only \$40.

Paying online is a great help in streamlining our administration. Our online payment system has been in operation for six years and is safe, secure and convenient. Just go to our website

www.u3abrisbane.org.au and click on *Membership Renewal* on the lower menu. You will be asked for your membership number, surname and credit card number. No password is required for this purpose. You can use only Visa or Mastercard as we cannot accept American Express. If you have a PayPal account you can also pay by PayPal.

If you prefer to pay by other means, please contact office Ph. 3236 3055.

If you know of anyone interested in joining U3A Brisbane, they can join now and their membership will be current to end of 2019. This easily done through our online system.

Computer Section News:

from [Gwenn Ball](#)

Volunteer Computer Tutors Required in the Computer Lab

We are looking for people with computer and program skills to help and inspire mature adults in our 'hands-on lab' to acquire the digital skills needed to survive in today's world. Formal qualifications are not necessary – just a desire to share your existing knowledge and expertise with others.

Members have shown interest in the following areas:
Google Docs / Uploading and syncing files to One Drive
Genealogy research
Blogging
Facebook Plain and Simple
LibreOffice
Gimp or Paint.NET (the free Image Manipulation Programs)
Understanding E-bay

U3A Brisbane's computer section has 10 modern computers, installed with MS Windows 10, MS Office 2016 and many other popular programs, and we aim is to keep up-to-date with the latest developments.

It is not just the students who benefit from the tutoring; many tutors speak of the satisfaction and boost to self-confidence that their volunteering brings. We would love you to come and join our happy and very supportive team. If your skills happen to lie in a program not listed above, don't hesitate to let us know. There is sure to be some U3A member who is just waiting for an opportunity to master it!

For more information, please contact:
Gwenn Ball

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IT Group News:

from Diane Arapovic

November meeting: Q&A session

Date: Saturday 24th November, 10am-12 noon.

Venue: U3A Brisbane, 5th floor 232 Adelaide St (on Saturdays enter from Creek St atrium)

For our last IT Group meeting for 2018, we will try to answer your various IT related questions, e.g. How do I do that? Why is it doing this? Did I do something wrong? Sound familiar? We all ask these questions, especially when we come across new technology — including a new mobile phone. Greg and Des Taylor and Chris (Nobby) Hobbs will attempt to answer your questions.

Ask your questions on the day but if it is a complex query, please send to: itgroup@u3abrisbane.org.au prior to the session to ensure we have answers on the day.

Before our Q&A Session begins, Des Taylor will provide a short demo about using an Apple TV for mirroring to a large screen in conjunction with mobile devices, e.g. iPad, iPhone, and Android devices.

Logan News:

from Deborah Dries

Do you have a subject you are passionate about? Do you long to share your knowledge with others? Then being a U3A tutor would be perfect for you, and we would love to hear from you. The 4th term of 2018 has seen several new classes begin, which is excellent, but many classes are full. This is great news that the Logan classes are so popular, however it means many people may be unable to take the class of their choice, which can be very vexing. Please contact Marg on 0409 596 438 to get more information on tutoring.

Logan District is having its annual Christmas Party on Tuesday December 11 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. It will be at the Community Hall, Jacaranda Street, Logan Central (near to the Art Gallery). Admission will be \$5, and there will be lots of fun, including raffles, a lucky door prize and at least one trivia quiz (not as hard as last year's). The party will be organised as a morning tea, with a long table full of food. To book:

logan@u3abrisbane.org.au

Social Committee News:

from Libby Eichmann

The Book of Mormon

The Book of Mormon is a musical comedy. First staged in 2011, the play makes light of various Mormon beliefs and practices, but ultimately endorses the positive power of love and service. The script, lyrics, and music were written by Trey Parker, Robert Lopez, and Matt Stone.

DATE: Sunday, May 5th, 2019

COST: \$120 - Tickets now on sale

CLOSING DATE: 30th November 2018

Margaret Olley Arts Centre

The Margaret Olley Arts Centre (MOAC) celebrates the career, life and legacy of its namesake, Margaret Olley – Australia's most celebrated painter of still life and interiors. The MOAC features an interactive multi-media drawing activity, research library and education workshop, and is complemented by the Nancy Fairfax Artist in Residence Studio. Central to the MOAC is the re-creation of areas of Olley's famous home studio, principally the Hat Factory and the Yellow Room.

DATE: 20th March 2019

COST: \$50 (Includes lunch at Murwillumbah Services Club)

PICK UP: Roma Street station opposite police station and Macgregor Park and Ride, Kessels Rd. at times to be announced.

CLOSING DATE: 13th March 2019

Book tickets from the U3A Brisbane office on 3236 3055.