



Editor's Notes:

from Jean Smith



Bag is packed. Clothes ironed and laid out ready. Bus pass checked and in wallet. Pencils are sharpened. I am all set to go. Excitement is mixed with slight trepidation. Will any of my former classmates be with me? Hope the teachers aren't boring. Will I be able to keep up with the rest of the class? This was me, about to start high school in 1959. I remembered this as I prepared to attend my first U3A class of 2019. Some things don't change, but after my first session, I can assure you that my tutor isn't boring! I can't wait until next week.

President's Notes:

from Greg Doolan



Welcome to 2019, I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas with your family and friends and that the new year has been kind to you so far.

Here we go on another great year for U3A Brisbane. It appears to have started rather well. Every day there are new members are joining us, and renewals are flowing in. This tells me we must be doing something right to make all these people want to join or re-join our ranks for another great year of learning, camaraderie and, of course, plenty of fun.

As we grow, it is essential we have as many classes as possible to satisfy the demand and I'm pleased to advise that as of Term 1 this year, across all districts, we now have in excess of 290 classes per week. Many subjects have proven to be extremely popular with some classes filling almost immediately the class schedule was published. As always, my advice to members is to make your class choices as early as possible to avoid disappointment. We are always looking to add more classes to fill the ever-growing demand but for this we need more tutors. So, if there is a subject you are passionate about and would like to share your knowledge with others, please contact our tutor liaison officer, Gail Hawkins on: tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au to express your interest.

On a sad note, I have to report that over the Christmas break we lost two very well-respected tutors from our Logan District - Howard Newell and Kevin Ross, both of whom taught music classes in that district. These popular tutors will be sorely missed by all who knew them, but they will be remembered for their kindness and dedication to their subjects.

On a happier note, I'm pleased to advise that one of our members, Ron Baker, has been recently honoured in the Lord Mayor's Australia Day Awards. Ron is a retired architect, with a particular interest in heritage properties. His

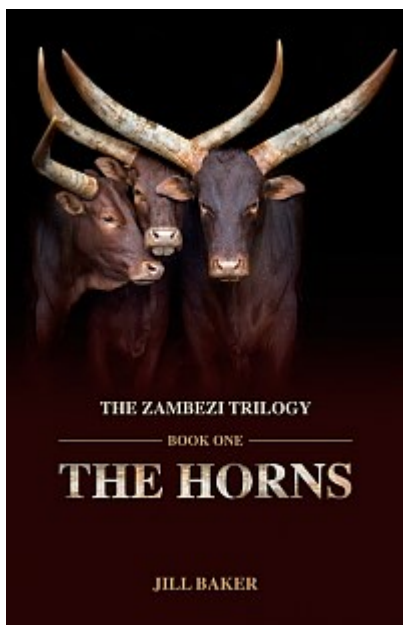
story is included in this edition of E News. Well done Ron, an honour justly deserved.

Although we have all been on a welcome break over the Christmas/New Year period, we haven't all been idle. A number of technical upgrades have occurred during the break: the replacement of the old overhead projector in Room 3 with a new, state-of-the-art digital screen, an upgrade of the computer systems, and improvements to the Wi-Fi system at Creek Street. These were carried out by our IT specialist, Greg Taylor, assisted by his wife Deslyn. The annual Tutor Information Day was held on Thursday 24th January, with about 40 tutors attending. This was conducted by Marilyn Wagland with Greg and Deslyn Taylor looking after the IT side of things. Our hard-working office volunteers also did not rest and they have been busy since early January processing memberships and preparing U3A for another year.

Enjoy your classes for Term 1 and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces around our many venues.

Date Claimer: Wednesday 27th March:

from Marilyn Wagland



Put a note in your diary to come along to our first one-off presentation for 2019 on Wednesday 27 March at 2.00 pm., when Jill Elford (formerly Baker) will be talking about *The Horns*, the first volume of her Zambesi Trilogy. Jill uses her research tracing the history of the Matabele kings through Cecil Rhodes to Ian Smith's Unilateral Declaration of Independence in 1965 as the foundation to this work of historical fiction which describes the early lives of four playmates – the author and her three best African friends.

Jill is a captivating public speaker with intelligent and well-informed knowledge of modern Zimbabwe. Some of you may recall her talk a few years ago on *Beloved African*, her biography of John Hammond, who developed a program of education to provide schooling for both blacks and whites and eventually produced many of Zimbabwe's founding black nationalists.

Bookings for this presentation may be made [through the U3A website](#), or by phoning the office on 3236 3055.

Office Reminder:

Members attending City Campus classes are reminded that they need to pay \$5 for each session they attend. These funds pay the rent and other property costs, and without this income we are unable to provide the modern facilities in which we hold our city classes.

Members who pay their annual subscriptions by Bank Transfer are reminded that you need to positively identify your payment by membership number and name when you do the transfer. Each month we have several payments that we can't trace, and we need to wait till members contact us further. It is preferable that you pay online by credit card if possible, since this automatically assigns you payment to your membership.

City Campus News:

from Gail Hawkins



tutors@u3abrisbane.org.au

U3A has made a very strong start to the New Year, with a record number of classes on offer adding even more variety of subjects for members to choose from. Members are obviously aware that they need to enrol in their preferred classes as soon as possible after the Class Schedule has been released. Even then, some members have missed out as many classes filled quickly. If you couldn't get into a class, it would be worth asking the Tutor if you could be put on a waitlist. If a member decides against attending a course they have enrolled in, it would be appreciated if you could advise the tutor immediately to allow another person to take that place.

As the class numbers increase, it is important that Tutors take the responsibility to manage their class sizes. In the past some tutors have overbooked their class on the assumption that they would be allocated a larger room. We now have a situation where all classrooms are occupied, so it is unlikely that a room change would be available. Tutors need to be aware of the classroom they have been allocated and to understand the maximum number of students that room will comfortably accommodate. Overcrowding is uncomfortable for students and does not align with U3A's Health and Safety responsibilities. If Tutors have any queries or need clarification, they should contact me to discuss.

Fortunately, there are still a number of classes you can enrol in. A list of these follows, and you can find more details online or in the printed Term 1 Class Schedule.

Monday

J35 – Russian Advanced
J160 – Mandarin Advanced
K04 – Writing Short Fiction
A87 – Ballet – History from the 16th Century
F67 – Sudoku

Tuesday

J19 – Spanish Book Reading
M40 – Beethoven's Piano Sonatas
X19 – Public Speaking

Wednesday

J38 – Spanish – Beginners Conversation
T10 – Quality of Life – Improvements for Sustainable Environment
L01 – Book Review

Thursday

J101 – Japanese Intermediate
K01 – Japanese Calligraphy or Brush Writing
M35 – Music (How to Enjoy and Listen to the Many Ingredients of Music)
E15 – Global Cultural Diversity
H39 – The Battle for Australia 1942-43
E36 – Peace Studies – Is Peace Possible?

Friday

J03 – German for Absolute Beginners

A83 – Art: Pencil and Charcoal Portraiture

Computer Section News:

from Gwenn Ball

Another new exciting hands-on course in the Computer Lab!

Learn how Wikipedia works and how you can contribute to it.

Not only is Wikipedia the fifth most accessed website in Australia, it is the fifth most accessed website in the world. This course will teach you about the major policies and processes of Wikipedia.

Thursdays at 2.15pm

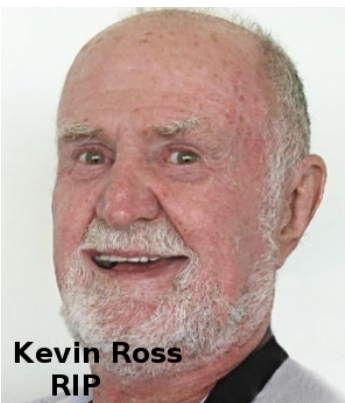
Logan District News:

from Marg Ancliffe

Welcome to a new year of classes

Many thanks to all tutors who attended our Open Day on 15th January 20, 2019. Although numbers were down on last year, a number of new people signed up to be members and enrolled in one or more classes.

We already have two new classes planned for Term 2: Canasta and Golf Croquet, the latter to be run by the Twin Rivers Mallet Sports Club. Further details will be included in the next Class Schedule.



Tributes

Logan students are saddened by the loss of two much loved tutors during the Christmas break, Kevin Ross and Howard Newell.

Howard, the beloved tutor of the Recorder and Ensemble Playing class, died of a heart attack before Christmas. Skilled in many instruments, his life was devoted to music. He composed and arranged many pieces for the delight (and challenge) of his Logan students, and some were adopted by the City Intermediate class. Numbers in Logan were never high, perhaps because too many of us remember our children's shrill attempts at the instrument, but Howard's group was different. From the beginning we learned baroque and Renaissance choral pieces of great beauty. One student says that playing *Ave Verum* in particular gave her goose bumps, and rattling through the fast pieces was great fun. To their great delight, Howard's wife, Kim, on occasion accompanied them with her cello, notably at their public performance in January 2018. Marian Elwood and Jean Townsend will continue to offer the subject for beginners, as Howard would have wished. All his students over the past four years are grateful for the effort he put into helping us appreciate and play this lovely music, for his warmth and friendship, and for his effort in travelling weekly from Capalaba to Rochedale South.

Life goes on, but students of U3A Brisbane in Logan District are poorer for the loss of these two exceptional tutors, and we send our sincere condolences to Kevin's wife Judy, and Howard's wife Kim.

Wynnum District News:

from Anne Douglass



Mah Jong

The Mah Jong Class at Wynnum has an interesting history, with the first U3A class started by Mabel Laing over twenty years ago. Mabel learned Mah Jong at her mother's knee during the Japanese occupation of Singapore in WW2. At that time, it was forbidden for more than two people to fraternise - the only exception being Mah Jong, so six-year-old Mabel was co-opted to make up the requisite four players. Over the years Mabel introduced the game to hundreds of U3A members and is fondly remembered by the tight-knit Wynnum Community. Sadly, she passed away late last year and she is greatly missed.

In 2014 the inaugural class which had now morphed into two very large classes decided to break away from U3A and form their own group, so a new U3A class started up with only five or six players. Barbara Cochrane and June Anderson took on the role of running this, with Barbara the mother hen and very efficient organiser, and June the main tutor. We are happy to say this class now boasts over forty members and they are a wonderful, welcoming bunch of people.

During the festive season June very generously invited members to a morning tea at her charming cottage at Lota to view her quite amazing collection of Christmas memorabilia. It was a lovely morning with a lot of laughs. They say if you need a job done give it to a busy person and both June and Barbara are not only busy people but are dealing with a number of personal issues as well. Despite this they give unstintingly of their time and are the beating heart of our Mah Jong Class so we are very lucky to have them. We really do appreciate what you do ladies - thank you.

New Spanish Class for Beginners at Wynnum Library

from Chris (Nobby) Hobbs

Learning a new language is the one of the best ways of keeping our brains active and there is still room in this class if you are interested. This is a basic course for total beginners. Pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar will be taught using a variety of speaking and listening devices. Chris will try to develop speaking and pronunciation skills rather than concentrating on correct grammar. Emphasis will be Latin American and he has a range of printed and audio material which he will make available. For further information and to enrol please contact Chris.

Tutor: **Chris (Nobby) Hobbs** 0439 094 148 (anytime, evening best)

Email: chris1@choose-your-life.net

Wynnum Library, Bay Terrace, Wynnum.

Tuesday 12.00pm - 2.00pm Classes start 5th February.

Westside District News:

from Anna Blake

Do you want to Learn Arabic? **Shirley Johnson-Abdelmalik** is providing an Arabic Conversation for beginners class at Mt Ommaney Library at 3.00pm. Classes will be free but, of course, attendees will need to be members of U3A. This course provides an introduction to the Arabic language for beginners. Learning greetings and simple phrases will be taught through a range of speaking and listening devices. Emphasis will be on communication skills

and class participation will be encouraged. Class Start Date is Wednesday 6th February and will then be held on 6th March and 3rd April 2019 . If you are interested, please contact Shirley ASAP on mobile 0434 330 742 or enrol on line, Class code J21

Also returning for Term 1:

L73 Literature (What's the Big Idea): Tutor **Elizabeth Woolaston** 3374 0610 or 0402 431 929 (5 -7 pm) Email: ejwoolaston@hotmail.com

This course will explore a 'surprise packet' range of short-form world literature through the lens of significant textual concepts such as context, intertextuality, narrative structure, genre, point of view, character, style, symbolism and theme. Texts studied will include classic and contemporary play excerpts, prose fiction and poetry. All texts are provided in print form. There is no charge for this course or for materials. Just come along and enjoy! Participants may choose to extend opportunities for friendship and discussion by joining me and others for coffee in a nearby coffee lounge.

Kenmore Library, Kenmore Village Shopping Centre, Kenmore.

Monday 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm Classes start 4th February.

A04 Art Group: Tutor **John Findlay** Email: jfi71567@optusnet.com.au

This happy group of artists meets once a week at the Moggill Uniting Church to paint their own subjects and learn from each other. We occasionally have visiting tutors. Water-based paints – no oils please. Cost for the meeting facilities: \$10 per term plus \$2 each week you attend. Newcomers welcomed.

Moggill Uniting Church, 3451 Moggill Road, Moggill.

Monday 9.30am – 11.30am Classes start 4th February.

U01 Palmistry: Tutor **Lloyd Hamilton** Email: l.h.hamilton@bigpond.com

This course introduces you to the person who owns your hand. You will have the opportunity to learn more about yourself, and you will be more able to help other people.

Indooroopilly Library Mtg Rm.

Monday 1.00pm – 3.00pm 1st 2nd and 3rd Monday of Month only. Classes start 4th February.

A54 Westside Art Group: Tutor **Suzanne Bones** 0417 729 002 (After 6 pm) Email: sandlbones82@bigpond.com

These friendly Westside artists meet every Tuesday morning to paint, share ideas and support each other. Each artist brings his/her own subject to paint. Mediums used are watercolour and acrylic paints, pencil, coloured pencils, pastel pencils, pen or charcoal (any medium except oils). This is an UNTUTORED GROUP, however if you have always hoped to encourage your creative side to grow, please come along. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided; you only need bring along milk if required. James Ommaney Retirement Village, 146 Capitol Drive, Mt Ommaney.

Tuesday 9.30am - 12.00pm Classes start 29th January.

L05 Book Discussion: Tutor **Marie Scott** Email: mfleisch@netspace.net.au Assistant Tutor: Coral McKillop

Designed to stimulate interest and enhance reading pleasure. Contact Convenor for the venue.

Toowong, Toowong.

Tuesday 10.00am - 12.00pm. First Tuesday of the month. Classes start 29th January.

Y04 Philosophy (Renaissance): Tutor **Ross Blinco** Email: rossandchase@bigpond.com Venue changed from Toowong to Indooroopilly

For each class a philosopher or philosophy from the 16th or 17th century is nominated. The group will read and discuss their lives and beliefs. The group will meet for two hours at the Indooroopilly Public Library, Indooroopilly Shopping-town on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of each month, starting at 1.00pm, 1.30pm, and 1.30pm Indooroopilly Library Mtg Rm. Respectively. Wednesday 1.00 pm -3.00 pm. Classes started 30th January.

E04 Emerging Contemporary Issues: Tutor: **Lloyd Hamilton** Email: l.h.hamilton@bigpond.com

A variety of topical issues. Presentation then discussion. Indooroopilly Library Mtg Rm. Thursday 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. Every 2nd and 4th Thursday. Classes started 31st January. An optional donation of \$2 is asked to cover class costs. Refreshments provided.

X03 Cinema Group: Tutor **Carolyn Gartner** 0408 796 260 (afternoon) Email: cmgartner1@gmail.com

Group viewing, light lunch and/or coffee. 3rd Sunday in month, 9.45am onwards. The Regal Theatre is situated at 381 Honour Ave., Graceville. Please email, text convener or ring after 4.00pm to advise if attending. Classes start 3rd February.

Social Committee News:

from Libby Eichmann

Helen Dubois has retired from the position of Chairperson for the Social Committee and we are looking for someone to take on this role in 2019. If you are interested, please phone the Creek Street office on 3236 3055 and ask that your details be passed on to either Alannah Gaffney or Angela Butler.

To book for the following events: Ph: U3A office 3236 3055

Senior Moments: With hilarious comedy sketches and brilliantly witty songs, *Senior Moments* is a comedy revue with fun and laughs and performers who are old enough to know better, all making merry fun of the trials and tribulations of growing old disgracefully. *Senior Moments* is a seriously funny revue for slightly “old people”. (That’s you. Be honest!)

DATE: Friday 10th May, 2019 at 1pm.

COST: \$55

CLOSING DATE: 27th February, 2019

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 at 1pm.

COST: \$120 - Tickets on sale from Monday 10th September 2018

CLOSING DATE: 1st February, 2019



2019 U3A China Tour

China's Cradle of Civilisation

Tour Outline: Fly into Nanjing to enjoy an exciting time with Nanjing U3A before taking a fast train to Kaifeng, one of the ancient capitals of China, then onto Anyang to visit the 1000BC tomb and Luoyang to see famous Buddhist caves and Shaolin Temple (at right)

Then visit the site of the cave dwellers in western Henan Province (above left) before returning to Zhengzhou to complete the tour



Dates: 13 October to 27 October 2019

Price: Land content price is \$3350 twin share, single accommodation \$3900, (includes meals)
The cost of international flights, visa, travel insurance, etc **NOT** included.

In addition: The 2018 U3A Silk Road tour can be repeated if enough people are interested. Please contact me for details.

Register: For a detailed itinerary contact BRYAN ILES, tutor of Experiencing China Brisbane U3A
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