



Editor's Notes: from Jean Smith

I saw in the news recently that a school had decided to do away with sports day ribbons and trophies in the interests of shifting students' focus from competing against others to bettering the times and distances they recorded at the start of the year.

Sports days and prize-givings were significant events in the educational calendar, and many of us will have ribbons, certificates, medals and inscribed books lurking in our cupboards. I am not quite ready to succumb to the de-cluttering phenomenon and discard my ribbon for coming first in the egg-and-spoon race!

U3A is a unique learning environment. There are no entrance exams or assignments, and nobody is going to give you 100 lines if you haven't completed your homework! There is no speech day and no prizes – well, perhaps not in the traditional sense. There are many examples of U3A members winning their own prizes – whether it be a first-time author writing and publishing their memoirs, travellers enhancing their overseas holiday experiences by practising recently acquired language skills or a tutor enabling others to discover or rediscover the joys of a particular hobby. At the most basic level, for some of us the logistics of getting out of the house and dealing with the vagaries of public transport – and still getting to class on time – deserves a prize!

Congratulations to all of us!

Presidents' Notes: from Greg Doolan

I trust everyone had a great Easter break with family and friends. The AGM is over for another year and the Management Committee remains almost entirely intact, with only Yvonne McGann and Rod McClary stepping down. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them both for their great contributions during their tenure to the ongoing success of our U3A. The good news is that Yvonne will remain as Office Manager – a role she has carried out magnificently over many years, and Rod will remain Northside District Coordinator – a role he too has carried out very successfully over a number of years. We do have a new Treasurer however, with Lyndall Beattie taking over from Greg Williamson who has ably guided our finances for the past five years. Greg has agreed to remain on the committee and will assist Lyndall to settle into



this very important role.

Speaking of the Management Committee, at the end of this current 12-month term a number of committee members, myself included, will reach the end of their allowable tenure under our constitution and will be obliged to step down. To ensure continuity of management of our rather large U3A, it will be imperative we find new talent to step up to manage our affairs into the future. With this in mind, we would encourage anyone who feels they would like to be part of a future management team, to make themselves known to either myself or a committee member to discuss further.

The planning of our next Winter School in July is progressing apace and just about all speaker spots have now been allocated. We have some extremely entertaining and informative presenters this year and, as advertised in this newsletter, a very prominent keynote speaker in Alan MacSporran QC, Chairperson of the CCC (Crime and Corruption Commission of Queensland). This should be a very interesting presentation by one of the best legal minds in the state. Winter School bookings open 9th June so, please mark that date in your diary and book early as most sessions book out within days of the booking site going online.

It was good to see Term 2 kick off on Tuesday and I was particularly happy to be back in my Android & IT workshop on Wednesday. It really is a happy place to be, with a great group of people, lots of new ideas to come to grips with, and questions to keep us all on our toes. I hope everyone's choice of class is as informative and entertaining as mine, so please enjoy the upcoming term.

I and a number of other delegates from Brisbane will be attending the U3A State Conference in Bundaberg in May, and will report on that event in next month's eNews.

Winter School 8th July - 12th July from Anne Douglas

Winter School is open to everyone and non-members are welcomed

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We are very excited to introduce our Winter School Keynote Speaker for 2019. He is a prominent Australian with some interesting stories to tell and we are extremely grateful that he is prepared to give up his very valuable time to share these with us. As usual it will be held in Auditorium 1 at the State Library of Queensland, one of the best venues in Brisbane.

Crime and Corruption in the Sunshine State

Mr Alan MacSporran QC – Chairperson CCC - 1.30pm Monday 8th July



Alan MacSporran has the inside track on many of the major investigations that have both enthralled and appalled many of us, so this will be a most informative and interesting talk.

Mr MacSporran has a long history with the Law in Queensland and has been involved in many of this state's high-profile cases. He is currently Chairperson of the Crime and Corruption Commission and will give us an insight into some of these cases, and explain the powers and limitations of the CCC and of the law in general.

His personal history is impressive. Admitted as a Barrister-at-Law in 1978, he worked as a Crown Prosecutor until 1984 when he went to the private bar. He was then appointed Senior Counsel, followed by Queen's Counsel in 2013. During this time, he developed a broad practice in criminal law with specific reference to fraud and similar offences. He has prosecuted a range of matters

for the Commonwealth Director of Prosecutions, including large-scale tax frauds, insider trading and corporate crimes. Mr MacSporran also has extensive experience in inquests and commissions of inquiry. Between 2000 and 2006 he appeared for witnesses at the Shepherdson Inquiry into Electoral Fraud, was Counsel Assisting at the inquest into the Childers backpacker fire, and was Counsel Assisting at the inquest in a number of police shootings of mentally ill patients. He represented the State of Queensland at the 2011 Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry, the 2013 Queensland Health Payroll System Commission of Inquiry and was appointed to review the Queensland greyhound racing industry in 2015. From 2004 to 2009 he served as the part-time Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Commissioner, and has regularly provided legal advice to a number of other Commissions.



He is patron of the Corruption Prevention Network Queensland, a member of the Queensland Law Society Legal Practitioners Admissions Board and a member of the Queensland Integrity Committee. We can think of no one better positioned to give us an overall picture of what is happening in our state and just how our justice system works and have no doubt that this will be a fascinating session.

PROFILES OF SOME OF OUR OTHER SPEAKERS:

The New Disruptors

Dr Karen Hands Associate Publisher - *Griffith Review* - 9am Monday

As the digital revolution continues to unleash radical changes on industries, economies, politics and institutions, what future will this disruption shape? Is the brave new world of Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Netflix, Google and Uber one of decentralisation, anti-elitism and individual freedom - or surveillance, monopoly and control? *Griffith Review* has devoted their next edition to this topic and Karen will take a wide-ranging look at the upheavals that come with our increasingly technological world.



About *Griffith Review*: Since 2003 *Griffith Review* has been the leading literary magazine in Australia with an uncanny ability to anticipate emerging trends. A quarterly publication, it presents fresh insights and analysis into the big issues from emerging and established Australian and international writers, featuring a mix of essays, memoir, reportage, short fiction and poetry. It plays an important role in supporting new and emerging writers, connecting them to a significant national audience and enriching public life. Scores of writers have had their first professional publication in *Griffith Review*, many of whom have subsequently secured publishing contracts, scholarships and awards. Dr Hands has worked as an arts manager at Queensland Writers Centre, Brisbane Powerhouse and Queensland Theatre Company and she has a Master of Arts in Cultural Leadership and a PhD from Griffin University.

Now for something really different: I love the concept of this next session. I can't count the number of times I have watched the news and thought 'What is wrong with the law? How is it possible that someone can do something so bad and get such a light sentence?' I know I'm not alone thinking along those lines, so it's time for us to sit on the other side of the bench with retired judge John Robertson and see how we would perform if faced with a real live case.

Sentencing in the Spotlight: Judge for Yourself **The Honourable John Robertson - 11am Wednesday**

Every week in Queensland our courts sentence people who have broken the law, but have you ever wondered how judges and magistrates decide what sentences to give? It's complex. Retired District Court Judge John Robertson presents this **interactive session** - providing a valuable and authentic insight into the criminal justice system and the complex task of sentencing offenders. Based on the facts of a real court case, this session will show you that there's more to sentencing than is shown on your favourite crime show or nightly news bulletin. It's your job to listen to the circumstances of the case and determine the sentence - **Judge for Yourself!**



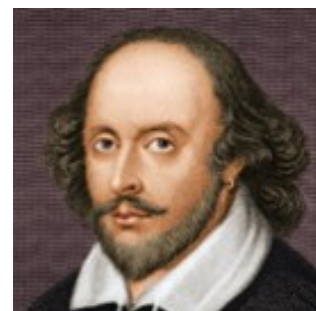
Music Inspired by Shakespeare

Gary Thorpe OAM - 4MBS Classic FM - 11am Wednesday



The works of Shakespeare have inspired more music than any other writer. In fact, over 20,000 compositions have been written for or been inspired by Shakespeare's plays and sonnets. We will explore some of this music – from songs included in the plays to music written for film adaptations such as Laurence Olivier's brilliant *Henry V*. Along the way we'll explore the amazing world of Elizabethan theatre.

Gary Thorpe is the General Manager of 4MBS Classic FM. He is Artistic Director of the Annual 4MBS Festival of Classics, the largest classical music festival in the country, and Producer of the 4MBS Brisbane Shakespeare Festival. He was awarded an OAM in 2009 for his services to music and community broadcasting and in 2011 a Churchill Fellowship to study the application of music for managing dementia.



What Makes a Whale Song Catchy?

Dr Jennifer Allen - Marine Science Lecturer GU – 1 pm Tuesday



What makes a hit song? We all know that humpback whales are famous for their intricate songs. Male whales in a population have been found to sing the same song at any one time, with this song ever-evolving and changing. This talk will explore this process, looking at which aspects of a whale's song may make it easier to learn, leading to the phenomenon of population-wide cultural song learning. Whales have captured our imagination like no other – they are magnificent mammals and this is going to be a really interesting and informative session.

Jenny began her love affair with whales at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS), where she obtained a dual Bachelor of Science in Biology and Marine Science in 2009. She followed this up in 2011 with a Masters of Research in Marine Mammal Science at the Sea Mammal Research Unit (SMRU), University of St Andrews, focusing on the cultural transmission of humpback whale foraging strategies seen off the coast of New England. Deciding that cultural transmission was pretty cool, she completed her PhD on its fine-scale role in the songs of humpback whales off east Australia and New Caledonia in 2017. She is now a postdoctoral fellow with the University of Queensland's Cetacean Ecology and Acoustics Laboratory, focusing on individual song learning in New Caledonian humpback whales, and lectures in Marine Science at Griffith University.



World's Top Ten Breakthroughs in Quantum Physics

Professor Andrew White UQ - 11am Monday.

Quantum physics is one of those subjects that puts fear of God into most of us, but Andrew White is an interesting and engaging speaker whose way of presenting his material allows those of us who are not quantum scientists to gain an understanding of his work.



We have so many wonderful researchers at the University of Queensland and they are held in very high regard internationally. Professor White and his team are a case in point. Their paper on Events Happening in Indefinite Order was picked up by *Physics World* as one of the Top Ten Breakthroughs for 2018. To be included in this list is a great honour and we are fortunate indeed to have him talk to us about these very important moments in science. Magic-angle graphene, propeller- and combustion-free flight and quasicrystal superconductivity are just some of the topics he will touch on.

Andrew was raised in Queensland and studied Chemistry, Maths and Physics at the University of Queensland. Following completion of his PhD in quantum physics in Germany,

he spent some time as a Post-doctoral scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. He is currently a Professor of Physics at the University of Queensland where his current research aims to explore and exploit the full range of quantum behaviours—notably entanglement—with an eye to engineering new technologies and scientific applications.



Come along and begin to understand why Andrew says he likes quantum weirdness for its own sake.

Family Property Issues Brian Herd - 11am Monday



Disputes about financial dealings between ageing parents and their adult children are on the rise. Issues include parents ‘helping out’ their children, lending/gifting money to children, parents becoming involved in their children’s family law disputes, children financing parents into aged care, granny flat arrangements, changing Wills to take account for the unequal advances made to children during the parents’ lives, and on it goes. It can be disruptive and distressing, if not disastrous, for parents. Brian will look at what is happening, why it’s happening and what can go wrong, as well as steps to avoid family implosion.

We are delighted to have Brian Herd back again. He has so much practical advice to impart and his subject is something that we should all give serious thought to. As they say ‘Prevention is better than cure’.

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Northside District News: from Rod McLary

Term 2 has started with most of our regular classes back in swing. Two are in abeyance this term, but will be returning in Term 3.

Unfortunately, one class has had to be cancelled at short notice due to sudden illness. We hope that the tutor – Christine Heath – recovers quickly and well and in the meantime send her our best wishes.

Even though we are now in week three of the term, some classes are still open to new members. If you are still looking for a new activity, have a look through the Northside classes for some ideas. The tutors would welcome you, I’m sure.

As always, we appreciate the work of the tutors in offering their classes – and would encourage anyone with a passion for a particular subject or activity to consider offering a class. Just contact me in the first instance and we can discuss all the details.

Logan District News: from Marg Ancliff

Hello, and welcome to Term 2.

Logan District is thrilled to be offering 55 classes this term, including five new ones: Camfoto Group, Digital Moviemaking, Canasta, Walking for Pleasure and Golf Croquet. There are still vacancies in a number of our other classes as well; look online and see if any appeal to you.

Are you interested in making music? Jean Townsend is interested in starting a 'Sing and Play for Pleasure' music group in Logan as follows:

'Do you play an instrument or enjoy singing? Let's start a Sing and Play for Pleasure music group in Logan. People with any instrument and any level of singing or playing ability would be welcome. If there is enough interest, this will start in Term 3 and will be a relaxed group rather than a class, probably held in a private home in Rochedale South where there is already a keyboard. We can arrange day and time to suit participants, possibly having evening sessions. If you are interested, please call Jean on 0400 787298.'

IT Group News: from Diane Arapovic

May meeting: Windows 10 Tips & Tricks

Presenter: Chris (Nobby) Hobbs

Date: Saturday 11 May, 10am-12noon

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

This month we will be looking at various tips to help all users of Windows 10 make the most of this very useful operating system. It is in no way intended to replace the excellent hands-on classes held each term in our computer lab.

To enrol, go to the [IT Group page](#) on the U3A Brisbane website.
(or navigate from the top menu via *Groups > IT Group*)

Social Committee News: from Libby Eichmann

New Chairperson for Social Committee

Marianne Jones has kindly agreed to take on the role of Chairperson for the Social Committee. Welcome Marianne! We look forward to benefitting from her ideas and guidance.

Upcoming Events

To book for the following events: Ph: U3A office 32363055

Booked-out events are advertised as a reminder of dates and times. Note that you can ask to be put onto a wait list so that, should a member cancel their booking, the ticket can be offered to someone on the list. However, this does not apply to QPAC events.

The Book of Mormon. Date: 1 pm Sunday May 5th 2019.

Senior Moments. Date: 1pm, Friday 10th May 2019.

Please collect tickets for this event from the U3A Office at 97 Creek Street. This show is sold out.

New Events

Beenleigh Artisan Distillery. Date: June 28th 2019. Closing date June 21st 2019.

Cost: \$55

Bus departs 8.45 am from Roma St and 9.15 from Kessels Rd.

Includes visit to the Kingston Butter Factory and buffet lunch. Enclosed shoes are to be worn for the distillery site visit.

Xmas in July. Date: July 31st 2019.

Cost: \$57

Bus departs 8.30 am from Roma St and 9.00 am from Kessels Rd

Enjoy a four-course meal and delicious wines at St Bernards Hotel, Tamborine Mountain. This event is always popular, so book early. A 49 seat bus has been booked for this event.