



Connecting Seniors to Lifelong Learning

Editor's Notes

Jane Elliott



Welcome to U3A in 2023. Hopefully, new and existing members will find plenty to occupy, entertain and perhaps inspire them in the offerings this year. Once again, our featured volunteer highlights the dual benefits of U3A membership: intellectual stimulation and companionship.

As philosopher Bertrand Russell said, "the good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge...Knowledge and love are both indefinitely extensible; therefore, however good a life may be, a better life can be imagined. Neither love without knowledge, nor knowledge without love can produce a good life."

President's Report

Des Taylor

Hello all.

Welcome back for 2023.

For the first time since COVID began, the government has eased restrictions further. Unlike 2022, we can begin Term 1 with less of a cloud over us. Masks are no longer mandatory although they are still recommended, particularly in congested situations.

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to coming back to classes either face-to-face or on Zoom. It is always exciting to catch up with old friends and challenge your mind with new ideas. I would also like to acknowledge our Office Manager, Yvonne McGann, who ran the office seamlessly from home throughout this period. It is much appreciated, Yvonne.



A special welcome to the 245 new members who have joined us over the holidays, and a big thank you to all members who have renewed their membership for 2023, and to all those who have paid their fees for Term 1. We rely totally on money received to meet our financial commitments. We could not continue without you.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023 please do so and remain in our U3A community. Being a U3A Brisbane member gives you access to our monthly Zoom presentations and any special event or presentation organised this year. Encourage your friends to join us in 2023.

Did you know ... that you can be a member of U3A Brisbane even if you live elsewhere in Queensland or interstate? This allows you to access our Zoom classes and our monthly Zoom presentations. Normal membership is \$45. However, if you join a local U3A in your area then you can apply for affiliate membership which gives you full access to our online courses and presentations in addition to the offerings from your local U3A. Affiliate membership is \$15 and all Zoom classes are \$25 per term.

If you really enjoy your current Zoom classes but are moving away from Brisbane then you can continue to enjoy them from anywhere in Australia. Note: Individual class fees still apply.

Stay well. Enjoy your classes.

Regards
Des

Special Online Presentation

Friday 10 February 11am-12.30pm (via Zoom).

Art for the Movies – Trish Stott



This month's presentation is about the movie making process and the very many talented artists who are involved. These range from storyboard artists, set design, costume design, and production design to many others, bringing the concept of the director to the screen. We rarely see this underlying work and quite often take the movies we see for granted. Trish will be going into detail about these aspects of movie-making, even though we would still be just scratching the surface.

Trish Stott is a U3A Brisbane member who has been doing the U3A Art Appreciation class with Sheila Mackay for several years and had the opportunity to present this to the class last year. The presentation is of high quality and was very well received by class members. Trish has a son who lives in the USA and is a graduate of the Film and Television school at QUT. He has worked in the movie industry now for 20 years and, during his time as a student, Trish had a firsthand look at what he was doing. He is currently a producer with a company called *Alcon Entertainment* in the US.

This presentation will be of interest to anyone who is fascinated by movies and the art and science behind making them.

[Book Here](#)

City Campus News

Gail Hawkins



I would like to wish tutors and members a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and hope you are relaxed after the holiday period and ready to get back into classes again. Slowly we are getting more face-to-face classes returning to our Creek and Adelaide Street rooms, which is very encouraging. This term we are fortunate in welcoming three new tutors to our group offering the following classes: Jennifer Bopp – **X04 Architecture and Urban Design**, John Sullivan – **X01 Become Socially Clever, Guile Without Guilt** and Cheryl Hayden – **H05 An Introduction to Cornish History and Culture**. If you are interested, please contact the tutors of these classes to see if there is still availability. We also welcome back tutors returning to class after a break who are offering a variety of new classes. The enrolment numbers in Term 1 classes have been good, but we need to ensure that we support our new tutors and tutors who take on the challenge of offering additional classes. If the class of your

choice is marked 'Full', ask the tutor if you can go on a waitlist as the number of enrolments can fluctuate early in the term.

Listed below is a selection of classes (not limited to all those available) that are still open. Remember you must contact the tutor for confirmation:

- Monday
C126 – Adobe Photoshop Elements – Advanced
F64 – Canasta Card Game Variations
- Tuesday
J62 – German for Beginners
B34 – Healthy Living
F72 – Sudoku Intermediate
- Wednesday
J09 – Arabic Elementary
K06 – Getting Started on your Memoir – Support Group
H16 – Australia, you're standing in it
- Thursday
F20 – Scrabble
H39 – Battle of Australia
J61 – Auslan Intermediate
- Friday
M04 – How Music Works

From the Office

Yvonne McGann

Thank you to all of you who have paid your membership and class fees promptly. Members can readily see what is owing by clicking on [Member Dashboard](#), and inserting your membership number and surname. If you are making a bank transfer it is imperative that you put your member number and surname as reference. Please note that membership has increased this year to **\$45**.

We hope you enjoy your term 1 classes.

Meet our Volunteers

Gail Hawkins (Tutor Liaison Officer)



Before retiring I spent close to 30 years working as Administration Manager for numerous multinational companies in the construction mining industry in Papua New Guinea, Asia and the Middle East. I retired in 2013 and have been involved with U3A from that time.

When I retired I had no idea what I was going to do or what my options were. I had spent most of my time overseas, only home for short stints for R&R. When the local paper had an article that advertised a meeting to discuss what my district had to offer seniors, I attended, and was placed at a table with Mary Calder and some U3A people. I had never heard of U3A but was keen to hear how the organisation worked. I was impressed that U3A was run wholly with volunteer staff and left that meeting with the intention of contacting U3A to offer my services in the office.

Everything that I saw and heard about U3A sparked my interest. I was particularly taken by the fact that people were prepared to give their time to ensure the smooth operation of what appeared to be a very professional and well run organisation. Tutors are prepared to put time and effort into taking weekly classes; many, in fact, have multiple classes. Tutors are often retired professionals keen to share their knowledge, while others are people who have a story they want to share or a passion for a subject and the enthusiasm to pass it on. The benefits for members are endless: not only does it give people the opportunity to learn a language, take art lessons or be fascinated by history, but also it gives many the social interaction and friendships that are so important in their lives, all at a very reasonable cost.

Now, as Tutor Liaison officer, I can use my years of administrative experience to assist U3A. I follow up to find new tutors for the City Campus rooms, coordinate with tutors on how to best promote their class, and work with other volunteers to schedule classes, explain how our system works, and respond to any queries. I schedule all classes in the Creek and Adelaide Street rooms. I work with tutors to assist them when they have issues relating to their class or wish to change their schedule. Scheduling classes is like an ever changing puzzle and you need to be patient and keep your cool when you have spent hours trying to accommodate a tutor's request to change the day or time of their class and feel a sense of achievement when done, only to receive a call to say they no longer want to change. You also need to have reasonable people skills and hopefully have a good relationship with the people you are dealing with.

I have lived on the Gold Coast for the past seven years so don't get the opportunity to spend time in the Brisbane office, but prior to the move I attended classes in History, Current Affairs, Mahjong, Finance, Family History and Philosophy.

Vale Joan Bovey

Joan Bovey passed away 30 December 2022, and her funeral was held in January. Joan was a long time member and, apart from attending many classes, was a tutor in the computer lab for a long time, especially for *Computer Kindy*. Joan was a dedicated and supportive Tutor and will be remembered by all those students who were struggling to come to grips with computers for the first time.

Queensland Communities Hub (QC Hub)

Queensland Communities Hub is managed by the *Department of Seniors, Disability Services, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships*. The QC Hub is one of the tools that the government uses to consult Queenslanders about important issues. The Government is seeking the views of older Queenslanders to inform the development of a new state-wide strategy for Seniors.

If you would like to participate, this link has been provided: <https://qchub.dsdatsip.qld.gov.au/seniors-strategy>

U3A Social Events

The Social Committee has been severely restricted over the past two years because of Covid regulations. Marianne Jones (Chair) and Angela Butler will not be continuing with the committee in 2023. Anyone interested in helping to be part of the new committee, please contact Des Taylor: president@u3abrisbane.org.au

U3A Network Qld Art Competition

U3A Network Qld is conducting an Art Competition in conjunction with the Annual Conference in Rockhampton in May. Conference Registrations open 1st February. More information here:

<https://u3aqlld.au/conference2023/>

U3A ART Network Queensland COMPETITION



ENTRY CATEGORY: ART COLLAGE

THEME: 'U3A YESTERDAY, TODAY & TOMORROW'

Collages may be in any materials to depict an artist's interpretation of the life experiences of *'U3A Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow'*

**First Prize: \$200 | Runner Up: \$150
People's Choice Award: \$50**

Competition opens 1 February 2023, closes 21 April 2023

Winners announced at U3A Network State Conference

Art Competition Entry Forms, Conditions and other details are available at:

u3aqlld.au/arts-competition2023