

### DYNAMIC LIFE LECTURE SERIES

Are you open to new ideas, a new way of looking at life, or even hearing about a topic that would normally not cross your thought process? If you like to be challenged by a new idea or a new slant on an opinion already formed, come along to hear these interesting speakers.

During Term 3 we enjoyed hearing from Emeritus Professor Peter Swannell, Dr Helen Farley USQ, Tegan DeClark, Historian Peter Cullen, Sara Hales Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport, Ryan Williams NBN Rollout, Susan Van Sluys Public Trustee, Garry Humphries Sport & Recreation Services SW Qld, and ended the term by visiting the Corporate Records and Historical Archives at USQ.



Already on the program for Term 4, the ever delightful Peter Rookas (pictured left) Kerry Shine on the role of the Attorney General, Professor Michael Cuthill USQ, Dr Aidan J Burke, Director Corporate Communication, USQ, Dr Andrew Hickey Cultural Studies USQ and more.

If you are free on Mondays 9am to 11am and wish to join this group for Term 4 please phone Rhonda Weston 46136559.



### REGENTS ON THE LAKE and CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Over the years many of our U3A groups have held their *End of Year/Christmas Parties* at Regents on the Lake. Colin and Laureen always give U3A an excellent meal and equally importantly an excellent price.

I was asked recently to negotiate with Colin a special U3A price for 2014 Christmas Parties. Colin has kept the price per head at \$25, for groups of 30 and over. The heavily discounted room hire is \$70 per event. Arrangements can be made if bar service is required. Colin also provides table decorations which are included in this cost.

Regents on the Lake is a popular venue; if you wish to take advantage of this special offer please ring him and book as soon as possible.

Phone 46325226

*Rhonda Weston*

WE EXTEND  
A WARM WELCOME TO THE

**92 NEW MEMBERS**

WHO ENROLLED  
DURING TERM 3

### 2014 CALENDAR

Term 4 Oct 13 - Dec 5

Art Show & Concert

December 9

Deadlines for  
Newsletter Copy are:

**2015 Course Book  
November 21**

Please respect these deadlines so our hard working volunteers can enjoy the term breaks too!

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recently I was attending a meeting of organisations who offer services to seniors and I was asked "Do you have trouble recruiting volunteers at U3A?" My immediate answer was a resounding "No trouble at all." You only had to attend the Seniors' Information Expo to see the large group of happy volunteers working away in so many different roles, or read that we had a member who had suitable qualifications and the generosity to offer her time to take up the challenge of the much needed additional Swimming Supervisor, or stop and count how many thousands of volunteer hours our Tutors, 2ICs, and Office Volunteers, contribute each week to agree with me that our members are wonderful willing and happy volunteers. Hundreds of hours are contributed in the many small tasks that make up the whole - volunteering that goes unnoticed but definitely not unappreciated. This is why U3A Toowoomba is continuing to grow at an unprecedented rate and now has 1450 members.

Planning is well under way for new classes and activities for 2015 and the Tutor Coordinator is busy working with many new Tutors to bring a wider dimension, yet again, to our program into the future. It is not an easy task to continually find new Tutors, however each lead/offer/suggestion is diligently followed up by the Tutor Coordinator and insider information allows me to confidently say that there will be interesting additions to our program next year.

Your Management Committee continues to manage the financial affairs efficiently and I am happy to announce that once again there will be a 20% Early Bird discount for renewing memberships for 2015.

Enjoy the last term for 2014.

*Rhonda Weston*

## CANCER DONATION

The Cancer Donation container that sits on the office desk has yielded a total of \$50 which I have presented to the Cancer Council from the U3A members.

(Receipt is on the notice board).

A thank you to all who contributed.

*Helen Fitzgerald*

## COMPUTER TUTOR LEADER

Meryl is having a break during Term 4, back in 2015.

Enquiries for computer courses for Term 4 should be directed to Trudy Graham, 4630 5084 or email [trudyg@iinet.net.au](mailto:trudyg@iinet.net.au)

## PROPOSED CALENDAR DATES FOR 2015

Course Book Mailing	Jan 5
Office Open	Jan 14-16
Office Open	Jan 19-23
Early Bird Discount Ends	Jan 23
Open Morning, Tmba	Jan 27
Open Morning, Pittsworth	Jan 28
Term 1 Commences	Feb 2
AGM	Wednesday, Feb 25
Term 1 Ends	Apr 2

## RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2015

Your Course Book, to be mailed on 5 January, will include your **renewal form**.

**You will find your renewal form behind the cover sheet. Please look for it before discarding the plastic sleeve and cover sheet.**

Payment options for renewing your membership will be on page one of the Course Book. (We cannot accept payments before 1 January.)

Please fill in and bring the Renewal Form with you if you are paying at the office, or return it by mail with your payment. Alternatively, if you are paying by direct deposit, scan and email it to us ([u3atoowoomba@bigpond.com](mailto:u3atoowoomba@bigpond.com))

We are seeking additional information from you for our database so please fill in that section on the form before you return it to us.

An early bird discount will be offered; the cut-off date for this is 23 January. **Payments received after that date must be for the full renewal amount.**



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**VALE MARGARET BALL**

Margaret was an inaugural member of U3A serving in an active capacity for many years.



Many of you will remember Margaret from her years, some 23 on the Social committee; others will remember her as a member of the Management Committee and others as the well-respected tutor/organiser of Pencil Drawing, Ten Pin Bowling and the Lunch Club, as a fellow member of Tai Chi, and as an office volunteer. Was there anything that Margaret didn't contribute to?

An inspiration to all who shared time with her, Margaret was a generous giver and yet she also acknowledged the many ways that being a serving member of U3A benefited her and complimented her life experiences.

We extend to Bill, her fiancée and her family our deepest sympathy and offer our grateful thanks for the contribution that Margaret made to U3A.

**VALE TERRY ZROPF**

Swimming and Table Tennis will never be quite the same without the effervescent presence of Terry. His cheeky smile, his willingness to help and his outgoing and friendly manner will long be remembered.



Terry Zropf was a foundation member of U3A Toowoomba and for many years has been the organiser of the Tuesday & Friday swimming groups, joined in other classes, particularly enjoying table tennis and willingly assisted wherever possible.

Terry's ability to appreciate the efforts of others, while greatly contributing himself is the ethos that helps make U3A the great community organisation that it is.

To Lochie and your family, our sympathy. Terry you will be missed.

**VALE BARRIE WALLIS**

U3A in Toowoomba has innumerable wonderful volunteers. We were proud to have known Barrie Wallis, enriched by his sharing of his talent and encouraged by his positive and ever helpful personality. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Barrie and we are saddened to hear of his passing.

Barrie was a skilled and talented Lead Light Tutor. A lifelong passion that commenced at the young age of 15 and one he happily offered to U3A. Only a few days prior to his death, Barrie was planning, with his 2IC, for the work his class would undertake in Term 4. It is a testament to Barrie and his skill at his craft that others can now enjoy the benefits of this interesting and creative activity.

Our deepest sympathy to Meryl and family and our sincere thanks for Barrie's contribution to U3A Toowoomba.

**TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP**

Rhonda and David Weston and Trudy Graham travelled to Roma in August, to deliver training to U3A Roma tutors, committee members, and members who were considering becoming tutors. The feedback we have received indicates that it was a fun experience, with participants taking away some ideas to help them with their classes.

Similar workshops are to be held in Toowoomba, with the first scheduled for 7 October. This is fully subscribed but more will be held in 2015.

If you would like to attend a workshop, please contact David Weston (4613 6559) to have your name added to the waiting list.

**SENIORS' INFORMATION EXPO**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Seniors' Expo has come and gone. Each year they get bigger and better. The cumulative hours of volunteering that goes into making the day so successful is immeasurable.

U3A in Toowoomba offer this event to our community to assist our seniors and retirees to gather information that will help them make decisions to achieve positive outcomes for their retirement.

This year, over 1500 attended the Expo which showcased 78 exhibitors, offered interesting guest speakers and the enjoyment of the melodious voices of our *Singing for Fun Group*. The day offers something for everyone and I hope you didn't miss it.

A great big THANK YOU to all who volunteered.

## ART & CRAFT SHOW AND CONCERT

**Yes, it's on again!** The U3A traditional end of year Art & Craft Show and Concert is being organised and run this year by a Sub-Committee of U3A.

**DATE:** Tuesday 9 December 2014  
**VENUE:** Philharmonic Performance Complex (PPC)  
**TIMES:** Art & Craft Displays, 11am to 1pm  
 Free Sausage Sizzle, tea and coffee, 11:30am to 12:30pm  
 Concert, 1pm to 3pm

Helpers required on the day to assist with stacking chairs and tables, the BBQ and in the kitchen. Helpers will need to be there an hour and a half early, and to stay a little later to clean up.

**Come join the fun - show us all what you can do!**



Bang your drum



Sing your songs



Strut your stuff



Play your tunes

If you are not participating please come along, catch up with old friends while enjoying a cuppa. Invite a friend or a family member. Be amazed at the variety and high standard of art & craft and at the many & varied talents of U3A members.

See for yourself the wide range of artistic activities offered in U3A classes.

### CONTACTS

<b>Andy Yates</b>	(Art & Craft)	<b>4635 5435</b>
<b>Marie Cameron</b>	(Concert)	<b>4634 4839</b>
<b>Joan Daly, Chair of Sub-Committee</b>	(BBQ, kitchen)	<b>4635 0636</b>

***It's holiday time -  
parking will not  
be a problem!***

### FRIDAY LUNCH CLUB

**October 17**

**November 21**

#### **GROUP A**

Barbara Jonsson

*Sizzlers*

Cnr James & Hume

*Two Birds Café*

2 Duggan Street

#### **GROUP B**

Bev Frizzell

*Highfields Bowls*

Highfields Road

*Café Valetta*

96 Margaret Street

#### **GROUP C**

Shirley Dornbusch

*Woggies*

200 Hume St

*Delaceys*

224 Ruthven Street

#### **GROUP D**

Lorna Hopgood

*The Angel Café*

Southtown

*Angelo's House*

Herries Street

#### **GROUP E (12:30)**

Lina Pervan

*City Golf Club*

254 South Street

*The Cube Hotel*

169 Margaret Street

Diann O'Mara

### **COMPUTER HELP— MetaWebIT**

Carl Kruck is our IT Consultant, managing Computer problems in consultation with the Computer Tutors.

Carl offers his expertise to our members, at a special U3A hourly rate.

Please ring Carl if you need any assistance at home with your computer  
4635 5595 or 0449 156 580

Like MetaWebIT at

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## EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST

### to start Term 1 2015

**The following classes are ready to commence - so if you are interested or would like some additional information contact the Tutors. Talk to your fellow members with similar interests and make a group!**

#### **ASSESSING the VALUE to SOCIETY of LARGE PROJECTS**

**Ian Whan**

Learn how large projects are assessed in terms of their expected economic, social and environmental consequences. Find out how to clarify and quantify the public interest in large projects and much more.

#### **CREATIVE WRITING**

**Aileen Dunkley**

This subject deals with style and content; we aim to improve the way we write as well as what we write.

#### **GUITAR for BEGINNERS**

**Len Harding**

Learn the basic chords and strumming techniques and apply these to suitable songs so you can accompany yourself and friends in sing-alongs. This is a practical course with limited theory, also learn how to tune your guitar.

#### **ITALIAN CONVERSATIONAL**

**Frank Borg**

A basic knowledge of Italian required. Class is conducted solely in Italian – simple, everyday Italian. We will encourage each other to speak – without fear of incorrect grammar. A fun class with lots of laughter and mistakes.

#### **SPEAK EASY**

**Betty McGoffin**

Learning and enjoying how to speak publically to a group in a confident manner. Anyone may volunteer – no one required to give a talk.

#### **TATTING**

**Ted Siebuhr**

Tatting is lace making using a shuttle and thread. We will learn to make rings and chains, techniques to expand the range of possible objects, and how to translate instructions into actions.

#### **THEATRE GAMES**

**Betty McGoffin**

All ad lib – lots of fun for drama enthusiasts – a bit like 'Thank God You're Here' TV, but unstructured.

#### **WACKY HISTORY**

**Aileen Dunkley**

More of a workshop than a class, members prepare a short article on an interesting subject and read it aloud. Topics put flesh on the bones of history and often include scandal, religion and politics.

### LOOK, LOOK, LOOK!

#### **FRIDAY LUNCH GROUP ON TUESDAY**

**Irene Earsman**

Many members have asked for a lunch group on a different day because of other commitments. Irene has graciously agreed to run one on a Tuesday.

	28 <sup>th</sup> October	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Irene Earsman	Ridges Bistro Middle Ridge Golf Club 235-323 Rowbotham St	Thai On High High Street Shopping Centre

### COMING AND GOING

I'd like to know why people say  
 "You're GOING bald! You're GOING grey!"  
 Though I might have lost some hair,  
 I myself have GONE nowhere.  
 And though my hair isn't quite so brown,  
 I'm still very much around!  
 "GOING bald" and "GOING grey"  
 sounds like it's time to say "Hooray!"  
 But I'm not about to disappear -  
 most of me is still right here!  
 While it's sunny, I'm making hay -  
 and I'm BECOMING bald, and BECOMING grey!

*Michael Rooke*

## CLASS CHANGES, UPDATES and AMENDMENTS

### **3D SKETCHUP**

**Lee Brittain**

**Fridays 1:00pm to 3:30pm**

A fun Computer-Aided Design Program. Take any flat drawing and turn it into 3 dimensional art work. Free software. Used to make Google Earth. This program is suitable for people with average computer skills, you don't need to be a guru. PLAN YOUR DREAM HOUSE, ADD AN EXTENSION, DESIGN FURNITURE. IT WILL TRULY AMAZE, BETTER THAN MAGIC.

### **APPLE MAC HANDS-ON HELP**

**Michael Jefferies**

**Wednesdays PPC Computer Lab 2:00pm to 3:30pm**

Bring your Mac and solve your problems as you work on your favourite software.

### **APPLE PAGES**

**Tom Fusae**

Tom is having a break during Term 4 and will possibly be back Term 1 2015.

### **ART NUTS & BOLTS**

**Judy Ross**

**Fridays 9:30am - 11:30am at Art Society, Godsall Steet**

We look at basic principles of art, colour, perspective and composition using water media and pastel. A look at the various kinds of water media, some experience needed, come and join us.

### **BASIC IPHONE**

**Colin McGuire**

Have an iPhone? About to buy one? Interested in learning how the iPhone can help you and how to make better use of the iPhone? The class will be held Monday morning, most likely 9 a.m.

### **BIRD BIOLOGY & IDENTIFICATION**

**Neil McKilligan**

Neil is again running this interesting and fascinating subject.

### **DIGITAL COMPACT CAMERAS**

**Gordon Baildon**

New course commencing on the 23rd October, then fortnightly until 4th December, small group, limited spaces – get to know how to use your camera effectively.

### **DISCUSSION GROUP(S)**

**John W. D. Humphreys,**

**Monday AM 9:30am to 11:30am PPC Austral Room**

**Monday PM 1:30pm to 3:30pm St. James Anglican Church on Mort at Russell Streets**

**Tuesday AM 9:30am to 11:30am, group to be formed based on interest**

Each of our enthusiastic mixed discussion groups come together at the weekly start, (even between terms) and expect to leave - better informed. That's over a multitude of listed and non-listed topics from local through to the world. Some in our group take notes, and respectful 'banter' moves along, hoping everyone has actively participated. Guess our motto is, "Name it - we'll discuss it".

### **INTERNET BASICS and BEYOND**

**Trudy Graham**

**Tuesday 1:30pm to 3:30pm PPC Computer Lab**

This class will continue to work through navigating the internet and emailing and will introduce class members to Google Chrome. Limited Vacancies.

### **INTRODUCTION to INVESTING**

**Pauline Gordon**

Pauline is having a break during Term 4. Next year should see a revamped class run for the entire year.

### **iPAD**

**Colin McGuire**

Monday 9am (Beginners); 11am (Refreshers) and Friday 1.30pm (Advanced) re-commence. It is likely the two Monday classes will be combined to allow for a possible iPhone class.

### **MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS**

**Kathy Howell**

**Extra course in Term 4** available for new participants, Friday afternoons 2 to 3.30 starting 24 October. Several places available; course not suited to the hearing impaired. As I will be away and un-contactable during some of the holidays and first week of term, please phone to book before 27 September or during 20 to 22 October. It is essential you attend the first four Fridays, especially the start on 24 October.

### **PASTEL DRAWING**

**Stephen Jones**

Continuing in Term 4 and will accept new participants in Term 1 2015.

### **PicMONKEY IMIKIMI**

**Don Bysouth**

Not sure what this is about? Call Don, he has a few vacancies available for this easy-to-use computer programme.

**SILVERCRAFT****Aileen Flood**

There will be no new intake to the Silvercraft class in Term 4 . All previous students from Silvercraft or Silverwirework with beads may apply as they will be combined. Please note: New intake for basic Silvercraft and More will be in Term 1 2015

**SUDOKU**

Vacancies exist in this mind stimulating class.

**Peter Sheridan****WOOD TURNING**

Returning in Term 4 after a winter break.

**Keith Gwynne****HEALTH & FITNESS WITH VEGIES & CHICKENS**

AVOID the DARK SIDE - Reduce Climate Change & Achieve

**Rodney Mason**

Many U3A members plant a few vegetable seeds or seedlings each year and hope for the best. There are other members, I believe, who devote considerable skill and effort to achieving part or full self sufficiency in eggs and vegetables each year. This group probably includes some very knowledgeable commercial Market Gardeners. These people are always noticed; they are cheerful, fit, healthy, and are never overweight.

The garden space and resources that many of us have allows utilization of this individual and communally beneficial, health and fitness activity. Membership of the Toowoomba Community Organic Garden Group provides resource, guidance and a convenient meeting place.

I would like to hear from any members who would like to set up a weekly meeting in 2015 to share seeds, seedlings and produce and to discuss our successes and failures.

**LATE CHANGES****DRAWING (previously Pencil Drawing)**

New Tutor,

**Yvonne Winer**

This course introduces interesting ways of drawing, experimenting with many materials and explaining a wide variety of drawing techniques. We enjoy sharing and discussing our work & ideas.

**LINE DANCING****Bev English**

**Monday, Lutheran Church Hall Cnr West & Alderley**

New times 9:30-12:30 Vacancies for new beginners.

9:30-10:30 new & existing beginners.

Commencing with easy steps. **Vacancies available.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR TUTORS FOR THE FOLLOWING:****Piano****Tap dance****Clogging**

Further information on clogging at [www.cloggingaustralia.com](http://www.cloggingaustralia.com)

(There was a group in Toowoomba which discontinued in early 2014)

Please contact Tutor Coordinator, David Weston, on

**Bon Voyage Barbara Ashton**

In the true spirit of international U3A friendship we say Farewell and Thank You to Barbara who is heading back to her home in Berwick-upon-Tweed, England.

U3A Toowoomba has been very happy to have welcomed Barbara to our membership and to have had the benefit of her Tap Dance Tutoring.

Barbara joined us two years ago when she came to Toowoomba to be with family and we always knew she would go back to the UK. We are nevertheless sorry to lose her contribution and the enjoyment of her happy friendly attitude in the many classes that she joined.

Barbara, we wish you every happiness as you settle back into your home town. Thank you, it has been a pleasure to share with you.

*Rhonda Weston*



## *New Interests - New Friends*

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