

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the AGM held in April we farewelled two long serving committee members. May St. John had been a valuable member of the Committee for seven years and the Vice President and Membership Secretary for four of those years. May carried out her roles above and beyond her job description and her commitment and enthusiasm is certainly missed. On a personal level, I sincerely thank her for the way in which she supported me and made my job much more enjoyable. We also said farewell to Peter Bright. Peter had been on the committee for 10 years. He joined when I became president in 2011 and his contribution as Asset Manager and a dedicated and hard-working committee member is valued and is an example to all.

As we head into the second half of 2021 we are encouraged by the return of several classes that had been on hold due to COVID restrictions. You will recall that we were unable to hold our annual Open Morning in Toowoomba this past January. However as we are now able to gather in larger numbers (while still being mindful of social distancing rules), we feel confident that we can manage an Open Morning for our new and prospective new members. A big Thank You to the tutors who have agreed to come along and assist us with this. Your class may be full but you will still be able to share information about your

class that will benefit members in the future. Who better to chat to than the Tutors themselves.

We are still in negotiations with the University of Southern Queensland as to how our members will be able to participate with USQ into the future. Watch this space.

Several of our members attended the Queensland State Conference, recently held in Stanthorpe. Conferences are excellent opportunities for management to gather, and to share information on ways that we can learn and benefit from others' experiences. At this state conference, I was once again elected to the QLD Network Committee.

Rhonda Weston

**OPEN MORNING
TUESDAY 13th July 9am**

**For NEW AND
PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS
ONLY**

**Many of our tutors will be
available to discuss options**

**MEMBERSHIP
FOR REMAINDER
OF THE YEAR
ONLY \$25**

**PHILHARMONIC COMPLEX
7 MATTHEWS STREET
HARRISTOWN**

**WE WELCOMED
37
NEW MEMBERS**

In Term 2

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TERM DATES

**Term 3 - 19 July to 17 Sept
Term 4 - 11 October to 3 Dec
Showtime - To Be Advised**

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DATES

Term 4 - 10 Sept
(2022) Course Book - 5 Nov 2021

Rhonda Weston, AM

On behalf of the U3A in Toowoomba Management Committee and all the members of U3A in Toowoomba, Pittsworth and Crows Nest, congratulations to our President, Rhonda Weston, for the award she received in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Rhonda was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for her significant service to aged persons' education and to the community.

Among many messages of congratulations, Rhonda received a letter from Gail Bonser, President of U3A Network Queensland, which I feel expresses the feelings of all those people whose lives have been enriched by Rhonda's work in our community and beyond.

I quote from Gail's letter to Rhonda:

"You have joined an elite group of Australians who can call themselves Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

Your award is so very well deserved. It is a wonderful acknowledgement of the work that you have done and currently do in your community. It is also a fantastic acknowledgement of your commitment to U3A in Queensland, nationally and internationally.

While the award recognises your significant service to aged persons' education and to the community of Toowoomba, it is also an acknowledgement of your passionate application to the advancement of U3A in Australia and internationally. We who are members of U3A are very proud of your achievement."

As members of U3A in Toowoomba, we are so privileged to have Rhonda at the helm of our organisation. Our thanks to Rhonda for her passion and commitment - we are indeed extremely proud of you.

Anna Carson
Secretary

PPC (Please Park Correctly)

*Y'know, I had a startling dream just the other day
that there was a new course offering at our U3A
on "**How To Park Correctly**" (and that means you and me!)
and to **READ** the "**ONE WAY**" traffic signs at the PPC.*

*We may have come for yoga,
to learn a language, sing a song,
but if we don't drive in, then park correctly,
many things can go wrong.*

*Trish in the office has more than enough to do
without checking on the parking of the likes of me and you;
being parking warden is not on her CV,
and tracking down a driver tests her serenity.*

*So let's all pay attention - let's drive in and get it right;
the signs and parking markers are all clear and bright.
Yes, when arriving at the PPC, one needs to use one's head.
- and if we're not seeing those yellow markers, Trish could be seeing RED!*

Michael Rooke

AS THE CROW FLIES ...

What a great term with lots of U3A classes to attend. I have found the Computer Skills class lots of fun and amazingly helpful. There is just so much I need to learn! "You don't know what you don't know before you know."

I asked other U3A members for comments and here are a few of those.

*"Crows Nest Community and RSL Hall is home to many of U3A's classes and, with the recent addition of WiFi dedicated to U3A use, it provides an excellent venue to conduct computer classes. The Computer Skills classes continue with the informal, almost ad-hoc, format with each class responding to the needs of participants on the day. I am encouraged by attendees to continue this format and am assured it continues to meet the needs of all members. **I encourage everyone with an interest in, or challenges with, the on-line world to attend these classes.** I hope to see you in the Hall to join our entertaining and informative sessions –ready with questions and a willingness to participate."* - Graham Moore

"I heard about U3A many years ago. I joined at Crows Nest in 2017. At one stage I was travelling to Toowoomba to do three classes in the one day—archery and two music classes! This became a bit much, so I had to drop one of these classes! There were just too many classes that interested me! I was one of the first participants in the Crows Nest computer class, and I still go regularly. There is always something I learn or relearn. Apart from the above classes I have also tried Art, Mosaics and German. Currently, I am involved also in the bird watching and writing classes. I have met so many new people and renewed old friendships and have made new friends who have similar interests." - Lyn Kruger

Comments from members of the 'Planning to Write' group led by Lexia Mackin. "Really helpful. Brilliant teacher, good class." – Liz; "Helpful, useful and supportive. I was in another group and just stopped writing!" – Norma; "A novel way to learn writing skills and meet fellow writers." – Romana



The very popular "Birding Group" led by Mick Atzeni recently visited Crows Nest National Park. They saw 35 species including Peregrine Falcon, Golden Whistler, Rose Robin and Spotted Pardalote.

"I'm in Bird watching and the Australian History class at Crows Nest!! I can hardly wait, each fortnight and every Wednesday for class!! Love how these 'Tutors' know their stuff!! I am always a bit sorry when the session is over because I could listen to Australian History all afternoon!" Pauline Bridge

"I joined U3A when it commenced in Crows Nest. My first choice was Ukulele and I am still enjoying attending the group run by Marita and David Rayner. It is wonderful meeting and communicating with like-minded folk. This year I am also going to Plein Air Drawing & Painting, Food & Herbs as Medicine and Australian History." – Dorothy Kanowski



A big thank you once again to Anne-Marie and David Villiers for their support and help.

Penny Protheroe

Crows Nest Coordinator

CLASS INFORMATION

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, class arrangements have been modified to fall in line with social distancing.
Some classes unfortunately will be unable to restart.

**Only classes that are RESTARTING
or have a MAJOR CHANGE
are listed below.**

Ask your Tutor for specific requirements.

CHANGES and RESTARTING CLASSES in TOOWOOMBA

Monday 11:30 – 1:30 PPC Lab	AUSTRALIAN HISTORY & ITS EXCEPTIONALISM Change of Day, Room and Time.	Graham Blackman
Monday 2:00 – 4:00 PPC Lab	COMPUTER WORKSHOP New Tutor.	Rob Barnes
Tuesday 2:00 – 4:00 PPC Lab	FRENCH – BEGINNERS Change of room.	Sheila Scott-Power
Friday 10:00 – 12:00 SDA Hall	FRIDAY GUITAR JAM CLASS New 2IC, Sue Byrne	Joy Farquharson
Monday 11:00 – 1:00 PPC Playhouse	iPAD BEGINNERS Learn how to use your iPad for the things you want to do. Send photos in emails and keep photos sent to you in emails. How to use your iPad camera and edit the photos you take. No previous iPad knowledge needed.	Liz Kennedy
Monday 9:00 – 10:30 PPC Playhouse	iPAD FORUM A class for the little more experienced iPad/iPhone user who would like to keep up to date while Colin is on a well-deserved break. Everyone welcome.	Liz Kennedy
Monday Mornings St Pauls Lutheran Phillip Street	LINE DANCING Due to imminent closure of our current hall, our class is transferring.	Bev English 0409 482 542 Liz Watson 0422 132 735

CHANGES and RESTARTING CLASSES in TOOWOOMBA Cont'd

Tuesday 2:00 – 4:00 PPC Austral Room	MAHJONG Change of room.	Jan Fox
Tuesday 9:30 – 11:00 PPC Studio Room	MINDFUL LIVING	Janine Hills
Friday 1 st of each month	MOVIE GROUP After the movie you may join us for lunch, an optional extra. No limit on numbers.	Dianne Turner
Wednesday 1:30 – 3:00 St Patricks Neil St	ORIGINS of the BIBLE Terms 3 and 4 will see us explore John's Gospel beginning with the Book of Signs. Course notes contain the latest information on this fascinating book, concentrating on books published this century. Two places are available. Please note this is a history course, not theology or spirituality.	Ted Hanlon
Wednesday 11:30 – 1:00 PPC Studio Room	POETRY READING Do you have favourite poems that you would be happy to read aloud and comment on if you wish, in a small group of like-minded people? Listening to others in the group will be as important as reading. Numbers are limited.	Michael Rooke
Tuesday 11:30 - 1:30 PPC Austral Room	REGAIN YOUR BRAIN	Eileen Munro
Tuesday 2:00 – 4:00 PPC Playhouse	SINGING FOR FUN All current and former members welcome.	Barry Lotz
Thursday 2:00 – 4:00 PPC Studio Room Terms 3 & 4	TOPICS in GEOLOGY First class (each term) 'Wild rocks – Pet rocks'. Then continuing a series on Coal – Its geology and utilization.	Edwin Willey
Tuesday	TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB New contact.	Gloria Lee

NEW CLASSES FOR TOOWOOMBA

Friday 2:00 – 3:30 PPC Playhouse	<p>CIRCLE DANCING for BEGINNERS Circle Dancing – a blend of folk and meditative dance – is great for the body, mind and spirit. Reasonable fitness is required. Women and men welcome. No partner is required.</p>	Michael Rooke
Monday 11:30 – 1:30 PPC Studio Room	<p>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS – INTERMEDIATE Practice and revision class for people who have completed the beginners class this year or in previous years. Also suitable for those who can do cryptic crosswords in magazines and would like to consolidate their skills.</p>	Lorna Hopgood
Thursday 11:30 – 1:30 PPC Studio Room Terms 3 & 4	<p>RISE and FALL of SPAIN'S EMPIRE A historical study of Spain's conquest and organisation of its American colonies and their break-up to create the diverse Hispanic-America's nations of today.</p>	Edwin Willey
Thursday 9:00 – 11:00 PPC Austral Room Terms 3 & 4	<p>WORLD'S GREATEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES From 'Otzi' The Ice Man in the Swiss Alps to the Irish Bog Man, to the Chinese Terracotta Warriors, Israel Dead Sea Scrolls, Lost Harappans of Mohenjo Daro, to the search for Richard III, take a journey back in time. What were some of the world's greatest archaeological frauds?</p>	Bruce Arthur

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Term 4	<p>SUDOKU – EASY I will require anyone interested to book in early in third term, so the books can be ordered.</p>	Dianne Turner
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TOOWOOMBA CLASSES IN RECESS

	<p>FAMILY HISTORY - BEGINNERS</p>	Karen Rowe
	<p>iPAD / iPHONE REFRESHER Returning in Term 4</p>	Colin McGuire

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2021

PHILHARMONIC COMPLEX

7 MATTHEWS STREET HARRISTOWN

Purpose of meeting

Vote "to appoint new auditor for year ending 31 December 2021"

CROWS NEST CLASSES

Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 Community Centre meeting room	AUSTRALIAN HISTORY and its EXCEPTIONALISM Change of Day and Room.	Graham Blackman
Monday 9:00 – 11:30 Community Centre	COMPUTER SKILLS To commence 16 th August.	Graham Moore
Tuesday 9:00 – 12:00 Community Centre	CROCHET and AMIGURUMI for FUN This class is for beginner Amigurumi (crochet toys) and for anyone who wishes to come along and crochet, with a bunch of lovely ladies. Pick up some handy hints and swap patterns. This is a fun class not to be missed.	Kristine Willoughby
Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00 Community Centre	FOOD, HERBS and USEFUL WEEDS Four classes utilizing Food, Herbs and other useful plants as medicine. Includes a couple of workshops.	Lyn Wetzig
Monday 1:00 – 3:00 Centenary Park	PLEIN AIR DRAWING New Time.	Bob Campbell

CROWS NEST CLASSES IN RECESS

	AYURVEDA and YOGA with ROBYN PIGOZZO To return in Term 4	
	SILK PAINTING in recess Term 3	

U3A NETWORK QUEENSLAND 2021 CONFERENCE in STANTHORPE



Four committee members, and three members of U3A in Toowoomba Inc. attended the 2020 State Conference. Many of the representatives of other U3As attending commented on the distinctive blue shirts our committee and members wear to events. They certainly make us stand out in a crowd.

Back Row: Trudy Graham, Rod Pullinger, Sue Doyle, and David Weston. Front Row: Leonie Cusack, Irene Bridgeman and Rhonda Weston.

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