



### President's Message

From Janese Lowe

By the end of February, classes are in full swing, but most Tutors are happy to take on new students. If you need help with membership or enrolling in a class, please contact the office on 3821 3888 and Julie-Anne and the office volunteers will be happy to assist.

On Saturday 24 February, U3A Redlands was delighted to host a Regional Meeting attended by representatives from Gold Coast and Redlands U3As. These meetings give U3As the opportunity to discuss issues, share solutions and ideas and network with groups in the same region.



This informative meeting was chaired by Network Qld President Rhonda Weston AM, who was accompanied by Secretary Ruth Northcott and David Weston and the other regional members.

We promised you an action-packed year and have many events planned. We would really appreciate your help with manpower and financial support. (See Pages 3 and 4 for details).



### Building Project Update

Brickwork is complete. By the end of March, verandah frame and roof will be finished & decorative cladding will be fitted. Once the concrete verandah and path to the side door are poured, that will complete Stage 3 to Lock-up.



Photo by Julie Porteous

This month we have been in talks with our builder Liona Constructions. We are thrilled that their team is available and happy to see our project through to completion. So, our contract will be extended to include Stage 4 Internal Fit-out plus External finishing to completion.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, once we have paid for lock-up, we find ourselves **\$160,000 short to complete our building.**

**We need to raise at least \$25,000 each month for the next 7 months**

- We are not sitting on our hands. We have:
- Fundraising events planned March to June
  - We are pursuing corporate funds & trusts
  - We are talking to politicians.
  - We will apply for grants, if eligible

Please contact Janese on 0402 297 009 if you can help with funds, ideas, etc.

## Building FAQs

1. Why do we need a building?
2. We don't want to move?
3. Is the building big enough?
4. Are there enough car parks?
5. Who will use the building?

### WHY DO WE NEED A BUILDING?

Every organisation needs a central office, and our existing office is inconvenient and no longer a community hub.

We have outgrown our office at the school, and the school gates are locked during office hours. Members must phone for entry and collecting and returning events equipment is extremely difficult. Members don't want to visit, and office volunteers get tired of going to the gate.

### IS THE BUILDING BIG ENOUGH?

We chose a small footprint which requires less maintenance and plan to continue to provide classes 'in the community, for the community'. Our building is 100 square metres or the size of a small 3-bedroom house and we never intended to house all 80+ classes.

It will include reception, admin office, and the three multi-function rooms to be used for classes, meetings, and office duties.

Space will be used efficiently to allow the reception area to double as a small events area and/or art exhibit space and the meeting room can convert to a larger classroom.

### ARE THERE ENOUGH CAR PARKS?

Designated off-street car parks in front of building will be enough for daily activities. For larger events, there will be ample parking elsewhere on the property.

### WE DON'T WANT TO MOVE?

If groups are happy in their current venues, they will not be forced to move.

### WHO WILL USE THE BUILDING?

All U3A members will have easy access for member queries, visits, and events.

We will implement a class booking system to include afternoons, evenings, weekends.

Academic classes such as languages etc will have first preference, if interested.

Meeting room will be available for booking.

Regular training sessions for volunteers.

Regular morning teas for groups per roster.

**It will be a welcoming place with a community feel.**

## Funding Update

There has been very little change in the Building Project Thermometer Graph this month as donations have slowed to a trickle.

**A big thank you to Rose Reidlinger's Mahjong group** who continue to make regular monthly donations and have deposited another \$187 since the beginning of the year. This takes the group's overall total to \$1,463. Very much appreciated.

We will continue to list donations in our newsletter, but we also plan to erect a donor board to be unveiled at the official opening. The donor board will list individual U3A members, U3A groups, businesses, and other organizations. Please advise if you wish to remain anonymous and the donation can be shown as such.

**Our builder is committed to completing the build by our October target** and once they commence the next stage, our builder has suggested that things will move fairly quickly, as the various trades complete their respective jobs.

Stage 4 will start with the plumbing and electrical trades doing their rough-in before erecting gyprock internal linings. This means we need to find the following funds as soon as possible:

- Plumbing \$9,000
- Electrical \$17,000
- Internal Linings \$19,000

**If you haven't donated yet, please help us make our dream become a reality.**

### HOW YOU CAN DONATE:

#### By Direct Deposit

Bank of Qld BSB 124025

Account 23387501

Ref: Surname. Donation

#### By Credit Card <https://u3aredlands.com.au>

Click Building Project at top right Click

Donate Here. Follow the prompts. OR

Phone Julie at the Office 3821 3888.

**Donations to U3A Redlands Building Fund are tax deductible, per Sub 30-B 2.1.10 Tax Act.**

We appreciate your ongoing support.

# U3A Redlands - MARKET STALL



**Saturday, 16 March, 2024**  
(Council Elections Voting Day)

**Outside Thorneside Community Hall,  
200 Mooroondu Road, Thorneside**

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

We are running a stall outside the Voting Centre to raise funds for **U3A Redlands Building Fund**, and would be very appreciative of assistance from our members.

- 1) **Donations of goods to sell** –
  - a. **Biscuits, Slices, Patty Cakes, Scones, Pikelets, Muffins, Sweets, etc** – secured in cling wrap – of 6-12 items, labelled with the product name, list of ingredients, price.
  - b. **Jams, Preserves, Relishes, Sauces etc** – label with list of ingredients attached and price.
  - c. Sandwiches (only if made on 15/16 March), wrapped, contents listed.
  - d. Fruit, vegetables, herbs, etc
  - e. **Pot plants** – name of plant attached (if possible)
  - f. **Craft items** – any saleable item. Please price.
  - g. Bottled Water or Cans of Soft Drink or Ice
- 2) Volunteer for two hours to assist with selling goods on Saturday, 16 March, 8.00am-3.00pm.
- 3) Lend a large esky.

*Items can be delivered to the U3A Office (school gates are open before 8.45am) or a private home on Friday, 15 March. For more information, and to volunteer, please contact our **Events Co-ordinator, Brenda, on 0481 342 448, or email [events@u3aredlands.com.au](mailto:events@u3aredlands.com.au).***

## MAHJONG MADNESS



### JOIN US FOR FUN, PRIZES AND RAFFLES Friday, 5 April 2024

Community Hall, Windermere Road,  
Alexandra Hills

8:30am for 9:00am start

\$10 includes Morning Tea

Register your Tables of 4 (or singles)

By Thursday, 28 March

Contact Jeanette Hynes – 0407 453 385

Contact the Office for Tickets 3821 3888



### SAVE THE DATE –

Thursday, 16 MAY 2024

### U3A Variety Show



Our Showcase of Theatre, Music & Dance.  
Two Sessions with doors open at 9.30 for  
10.00am and 1.30 for 2.00pm. Tea and  
coffee are available before the show.

Tickets: \$10.00

Raffles drawn during the session.

Thornside Community Hall,  
Mooroonda Road, Thornside



Bunnings Capalaba has given us a date for a  
U3A Fundraiser - Friday, 26 April.

### How You Can Help:

We need a cook, a server, and a cashier, for  
each of the 3 x 3 hour rosters between  
8:00am-4:00pm

If you can help, please phone the office on  
3821 3888, with your time and job  
preferences.

Otherwise, please visit us at Bunnings to  
purchase a sausage and/or a drink at the  
Capalaba store on Friday, 26 April.

### SAVE THE DATE – 8 June 2024

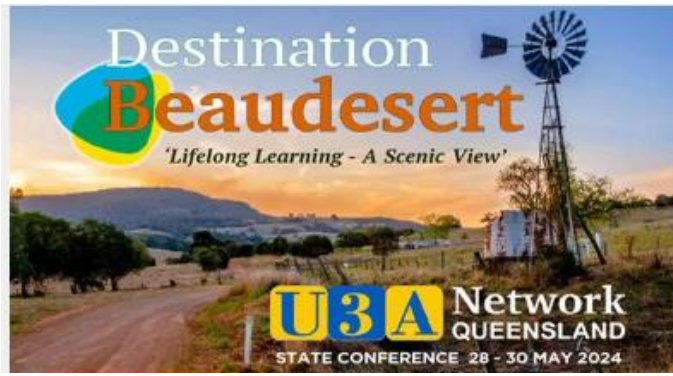
### Get Ready for Trivia Fun 2024



### Saturday 8 June

Save the date for another fun night.  
Remember the rivalry between the Chimps,  
the Red Hot Pedallers, the Foxy Trotters, the  
Pool of Knowledge and many more?

Based on your feedback we are planning an  
improved format at a different venue.  
Full details in next newsletter.



## Calling all U3A Artists and Photographers!

# ART & PHOTO COMPETITION



## THEME: 'A SCENIC VIEW'

Artwork may be submitted in any medium: watercolours, oils, pencil, acrylic or pastels.

Prizes: First, Second and People's Choice

**Art Prizes: \$300, \$150, \$50**  
**Photography: \$200, \$100, \$50**

Competition now open, closes 5 May 2024

Winners announced at U3A Network State Conference

[Links to entry forms, conditions and details below](#)

**U3A Network State Conference 2024** will be held from 28–30 May at **The Centre Beaudesert**, 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert.

Registrations are now open for the U3A Network Conference.

The 2024 theme will be:

**'Lifelong Learning – a Scenic View'.**

### Program:

- 28 May: Welcome Sausage Sizzle (11:30 to 2:00)
- 28 May: Meet & Greet, Welcome Drinks and Canapes (5:30 to 7:30)
- 29 May: Day 1 Network Conference
- 6:30pm: Network Dinner and Art Competition Presentation
- 30 May: Day 2 Network Conference and Network AGM

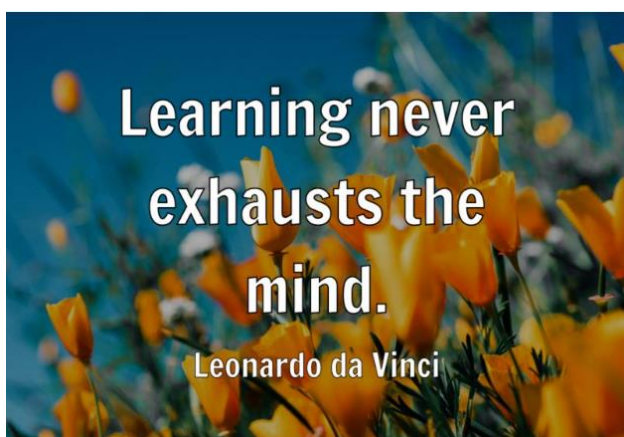
Register your place at

<https://u3aqlld.au/product/network-conference-2024/>

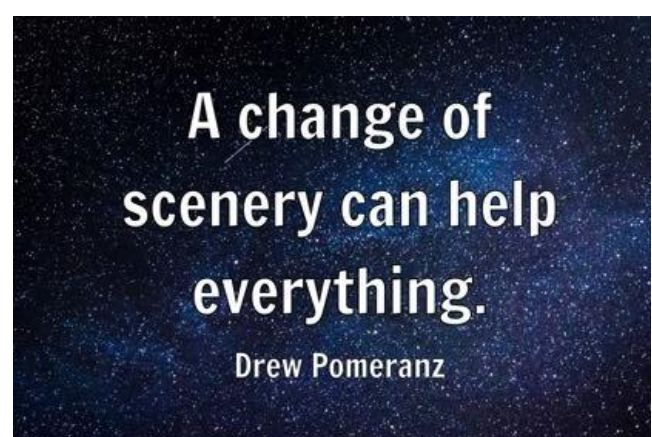
Copy and paste the below address to find links to entry forms, conditions and details.

**Entries Close 5 May 2024**

<https://u3aqlld.au/arts-competition2024/>



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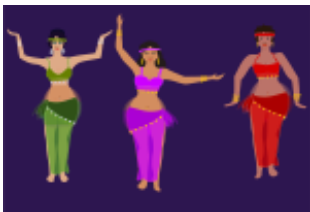


## CPR AWARENESS TRAINING

Did you know 76% of cardiac arrests occur in the home? Therefore, the life saving techniques you learn in this CPR Awareness session, could help save the life of a loved one.

Our next CPR Awareness session will be held on Thursday 21 March. The session will run from 4pm until 5.30pm at Cleveland District State High School and will cost \$7 to attend.

Please do not hesitate to contact Robyn Tennant on 0432 829947 to enrol in this session.



## Belly Dancing Tutor invited to apply.

We have had numerous requests to run a Belly Dancing Class, however, we are unaware of any member who may have the skills to tutor a class.

If this is a skill you are able to share with other U3A Redlands members, please phone the Office (3821 3888) and Julie-Anne would be happy to discuss the options.



## Members – Can you help with Test and Tag?

We are looking for an Electrician or trained technician to 'Test and Tag' our equipment?

If we have a current member with adequate qualifications and equipment, please contact Julie-Anne in the office on 3821 3888.

## U3A - Art Exhibit

The U3A drawing and watercolour group meet each Wednesday and regularly show their art work at the Birkdale Multi-Sports Club in Birkdale.

To start 2024, ten artists have produced a variety of paintings and drawings for display. The display is as varied as.

A charcoal drawing "Captive Audience" by Ayla Relf.

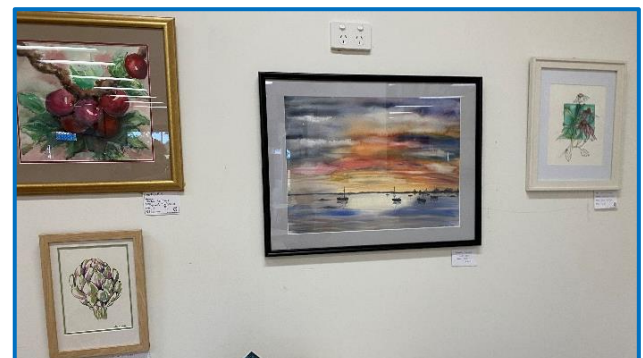
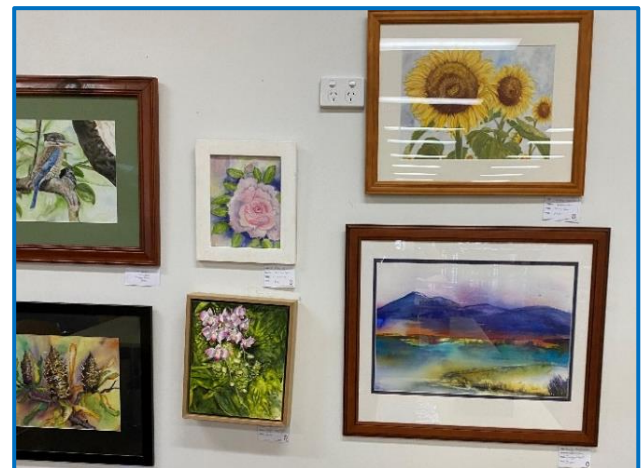
An abstract watercolour "Moody Mountains" by Carolyn West.

A set of three "Chooks" by Steve Bradford.

Some of the other paintings include flowers, landscape, a koala and a kookaburra. In total 20 paintings were submitted and hung. Most are for sale.

A visit to the Birkdale Club to see all these paintings will be an enjoyable excursion.

by June Phillips





**Monday 9.00 for 9.30am**  
**Donald Simpson Centre**  
**172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland**

**March 11: BIRDING AROUND THE WORLD**  
 Presented by: Dr George CHAPMAN

In this presentation, George will weld a series of anecdotes about his birding around the world into a coherent narrative, liberally illustrated with photos.

**March 18: A MYSTERY CITY**  
 Presented by: Geoff Crane

Most of us can identify Paris as the city with the Eiffel Tower and London as the city with the Tower of London. A few of us might struggle with Rome being the city with the Pantheon and only some of us can identify that Mumbai is famous for the Gateway to India. Geoff will have some fun with us as he reveals more and more clues and we try to identify his Mystery City.

**March 25: PYJAMA ANGELS**  
 Presented by: Liz Sanderson & Kevin Gallard

Pyjama Angels provide children and young people in foster care the opportunity to change the direction of their lives with learning, life skills and confidence. Pyjama Angels read books aloud with their child, play educational games and help children with their homework. Most importantly, the volunteers give foster children a chance to reach their life potential, despite a fragile start. Learn how Pyjama Angels spread some love, and show these kids that they're in their corner.



**Please note that the U3A Redlands Office will be closed over the Easter School Holidays.**  
**29 March –12 April.**

**REOPENS**  
**9:00am Monday, 15 April.**



**Writing for Pleasure**



*The pen is mightier than the sword.*

*This month one of our new writers shows the thought process when asked to write 300 words.*

Are the first fifty words the hardest I wonder as I sit here staring at this blank piece of paper which now already has twenty-five words? I see this writing palaver is not going to be easy which I must say is no surprise to me at all. Why then I ask, what was I thinking when I sent off that first email?

There we go, we have seventy-five words!

What now, we need more. Oh dear. I cannot even think of a topic to get me started. Writer's block already and I'm not even a writer?

I'm not into reading fiction as a general rule. I love to read real people's stories and they don't even need to be famous. The way some can put down in writing their feelings and experiences, I find very interesting, and I take something on board from every book.

I love social history so enjoy reading about people's childhood, growing up in decades past. Over the years I've had a few attempts at trying to write my own story and the stories of our ancestors so that I might leave an interesting read for my grandchildren and beyond. Hence the reason that I joined this Writing for Pleasure group. That's now two hundred and seventeen words!

Wow this writing is even more difficult as I will probably have to share it with people who are currently strangers to me. I'm wondering if the other 'new recruits' are feeling like I am? Having never to date, shared any of my writing with anyone; not even family, I find the thought of it quite intimidating and embarrassing. I don't feel that I have any talent and I don't know where, if anywhere this journey will take me. But here I am. Oh my! I've written 300 words.

*Ann Cureton*

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For NON-URGENT  
Police contact call  
POLICELINK  
131 444

## Crime Prevention Corner

### I live life...without a knife.

Knife carrying is one of the most common forms of knife-related crime in Queensland and has increased steadily over the past few years. The Queensland Police Service 'I live my life...without a knife' campaign aims to increase the awareness of the rules and consequences of knife carrying and to encourage safe behaviour.

#### Make sure you know the rules!

- Under Queensland law, you cannot carry a knife in public, including in a vehicle.
- Self – defence is not considered 'a reasonable excuse' for carrying a knife.
- You may face fines or imprisonment if you are found to be carrying a knife.

Carrying a knife doesn't protect you. If you carry a knife, you risk it being used against you or in other knife related crimes. **The choices you make impact the rest of your life and have consequences** for you, your family and your friends.

#### Make stronger choices – now and in the future. Choose to live life without a knife.

For further information on knife laws in Queensland and relevant legislation visit [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au) and search *Weapons Act 1990*, or *Criminal Code Act 1899*.

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