



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

Congratulations to all those involved in the free U3A Seniors Month Showcase events held at Redlands Performing Arts Centre on Saturday 12 October.

Overall, a very successful day for the Variety Concert performers and thank you for the wonderful displays and content by our Creative Arts and Life Matters Groups.

We tried a few new things, and we apologise that the Workshops, Displays, Demos and 'Talk Fest' were not well patronised, and that there were technology and ambient noise issues. We appreciated your efforts.

We have your feedback, and we will deliver an improved programme and timetable for a possible similar event next year.



Seniors Showcase Raffle

The Flowers, Wine, and Chocolates Raffle raised \$191 on the day.

Lucky Winners: Marlene Belfors, B. Moran, Iris Murray, Lurline Slater, Helen, Sally Roth. The beautiful floral prizes were made and donated by U3A member Lynette Powles.

Thank You Lynette

Since the Seniors Month event, the U3A Office has been a hive of activity, with Julie and her office volunteers busy cleaning, culling and packing in order to vacate School Room F5 by 14 December for asbestos removal.

Meanwhile, the U3A Theatre Group has been performing again. This time they joined forces for a working bee to cull and clean the school shed. Thank you everyone, it looks fabulous and we now have lots of room to store office gear.

Thanks to John Burt and other member for the photos on pages 2 and 3.



GRANTS UPDATE:

A Huge Thank You to Redland City Council

They say good things come in threes. This is the third month in a row that U3A Redlands has been awarded grant funding.

Our **RCC Minor Capital Infrastructure** application has been successful, and U3A Redlands will receive **\$8,438.19 towards kitchen cabinetry** at our Delancey Street building.

In September we were awarded **\$3,000 by Redland Foundation** for sink, tapware and kitchen appliances. Once U3A Redlands contributes the labour costs, we will have full funding to complete the kitchen fit-out.

In October, you will recall that we were awarded **\$2,913 for a 65" Television** for our training room, which was presented by **Redlands RSL**.

Fundraising Update:

Thank you so much for these contributions:

Tuesday Mahjong	\$ 85
Monday/Friday Mahjong	\$200
Ramblers	\$177
Drawing/Watercolour	\$265
Garden Group	\$100
Ukulele Group	\$ 76
Mary Relf Alya	\$180



Seniors Month Displays at RPAC



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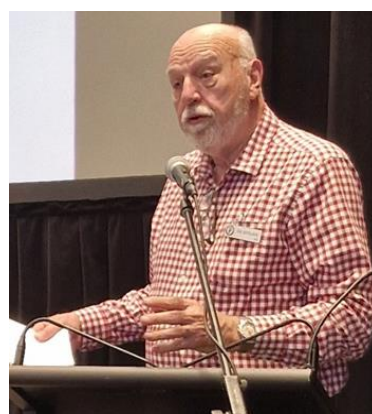
MAHJONG

**PHOTO-
SHOP**

BEADING



GET CREATIVE



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U3A Redlands Seniors Variety Showcase



U3A Redlands Performance Groups In the Community



As 2024 draws to a close, it is a fitting time to recognize and thank the dedicated Tutors who give so generously of their time and energy to educate, entertain, motivate and inspire our members. Whether in the academic, creative, or sporting spheres, our seniors enjoy the opportunity to be challenged and engaged.

U3A Redlands is proud to support many groups that extend their talents into the wider community.

One such group, **The Butterflies**, is a talented ensemble of nine ukulele players led by Bev Gilbert-Bailey. By the end of this year, they will have performed over 15 times in dementia wards, aged care facilities, retirement villages, and even a kindergarten. Their reward is found in the warm smiles and toe-tapping of their audiences. Since 2016, the Butterflies have been strumming their way into hearts across the community.

The Butterflies emerged from **GRUBS**; a larger ukulele group skilfully led by Jan Fraser. Jan and her team of volunteers also share their love of music throughout the community, performing regularly for other seniors groups: War Widows, Probus, Aveo, St George's Church Market and of course outside our recent Seniors Showcase Event at Redlands Performing Art Centre.



Thank You for the Music

U3A Redlands extends heartfelt thanks to the Butterflies, GRUBS, and all the groups that bring joy and engagement to others. Through their efforts, they provide a wonderful service, promote our name, and enhance our reputation in Redlands.

**OPEN
DAY** January 2025
Save the Date

Full Details to be Confirmed

DATE: Friday, 17 January 2025
TIME: 9.00am – 12.00 noon
VENUE: **AIR-CONDITIONED**

**All welcome
Bring your friends**

*Check out our wide range of 2025
classes.*

Why not try something new?

Refreshments available

**More details in December
Newsletter**





Early Office Closure

U3A Redlands District Office
Room F5, F Block,
Cleveland District High School will be closed
from 12 noon on Friday, 6 December 2024.



Week commencing Monday,
9 December the Office will be
vacated completely for
asbestos removal by Q Build
during the school holidays.

The U3AR Office will re-open on Monday,
27 January 2025 at a yet to be confirmed
location.

Check newsletter & website for updates.

Or Email: admin@u3aredlands.com.au

NEW COURSE

AN INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL CURRENT AFFAIRS



Tutor, Doug Murphy, will be conducting
weekly sessions in Term 1 on Wednesday
mornings. . Doug is a businessman and former
academic.

These classes will discuss political
organizations (like democracy, autocracy) and
how they manage and control their economic
systems (like capitalism or central planning).
Politics and economics are interdependent and
there will be numerous case study examples
of the larger and more important countries
plus monarchies and theocracies. We look at
their structures, operation and features.

History is an important contributor. We will
pay particular attention to Australia, its
political economy noting its strengths,
opportunities and vulnerabilities. We will
touch on: climate change, demographics,
culture, globalization, supply chains,
contagion and economic planning. The
approach will be analytical and apolitical.

The program will cover a lot of topics and
there will be some handout notes. It will be a
down-to-earth program which brings together
theory and practice. A mind-stimulating
program, to learn and think.

To express your interest, please contact
Tutor Liaison (Mary) on 0404 460 251.



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

COST: \$5 includes Tea & Biscuit

NOVEMBER 11: **Trekking the Kokoda**

Presenter: Dave Paul, Historian
The Kokoda Track or Trail or Trek. Dave will
clarify what is correct. Join Dave as he shares
his experiences from earlier this year of
walking along this location of the 1942 World
War II battle between Japanese and Allied –
primarily Australian – forces in what was then
the Australian territory of Papua.

NOVEMBER 18: **THE CLEVELAND RAILWAY is more than tracks, trains and terminals.**

Presenter: May Sheppard, Local Historian
and Artist

The Cleveland line opened in November 1889
when a steam engine worked the single track.
May has undertaken extensive research about
the stations and sidings, how Redlands
residents, rail workers and farmers reaped the
benefits the rail line brought.

NOVEMBER 25: **STINGLESS BEES**

Presenter: Ian Beiers, Local Beekeeper
Ian will share his fascination and knowledge
about Native Bees. Come and learn some
interesting information or even a new hobby.

DECEMBER 2: **Christmas Singalong**

Presenter: Cheryl Christie and
the Singers U3A Redlands.

As a grand finale to end 2024
Life Matters, the Singers U3A
(Redlands), under the direction
of their Tutor, Cheryl Christie,
will present a special Christmas
event with songs and
entertainment.

Come along and bring your U3A Redlands
District friends to share in a wonderful
morning of Christmas cheer.



Remembrance Day – 11 November

We will remember them.





Writing for Pleasure

*The pen is mightier
than the sword.*



The silly season is fast approaching and our writers are already feeling that end of year spirit. Let the festivities begin.



The valiant writers from Redlands U3A
Met on a fine November day.
With creativity abounding
They wrote paragraphs astounding
And chased all their worries away.



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

In November John Burt will present John and Val's 2024 safari trip to Tanzania and the Amboseli National Park in Kenya. In Tanzania, they visited Arusha, Tarangire, Serengeti, and Ngorongoro Crater National parks. Plus cultural experiences in between. Through their photos you will see the wonder of the animals and the people of this area.



Date: Thursday, 7 November
Time: 9:30 - 11:00am
Cost: \$5.00
Venue: Uniting Church Hall,
Passage Street, Cleveland



HISTORY THROUGH THE AGES

NOVEMBER 1:

World Religion Through the Ages.

Presenter: Kay Zivkovic

Mesopotamian Follies – The Anunnaki.

Presenter: Peter Marshall

NOVEMBER 15:

Impact of Colour on Civilizations.

Presenter: Glen Robertson

The Blitz in London during WWII

Presenter: Cheryl Baker

*Cheryl was a child during **The Blitz in London** and will present a firsthand account of her experiences.*

DECEMBER 6:

Greek Mythology–Stories of Gods & Men

Presenter: Kay Zivkovic

History of Germany

Presenter: Gerhard Meyer

In October, **Colin Sutcliffe OAM** was the presenter. Col, a former Regional Director of Education in Queensland, gave members an informative presentation about the early days of education in the Queensland outback from as far back as 1901.

One of the highlights of Col's brilliant slide presentation was the original photographs of early settlers and the visiting teachers who travelled by means of horses, carts, motorbikes and primitive cars. The hardships of their lives were graphically demonstrated. Col's personal experience in the development of School of the Air/Distance Education made the delivery especially relevant.



Meet: 1st & 3rd Friday of the Month

Time: 2:30 - 4:00pm

Venue: Victoria Point Library

For further information please call Terry Coman on **0422 455 266**.



U3A Redlands Trip to Japan

Members of the U3AR group who visited Japan in April this year came together recently at Wellington Point to reminisce, share photos and enjoy the friendships made.



**University of the Third Age
Redlands District Inc**

26th Annual General Meeting

Financial members are invited to attend
a cost-free morning

Monday, 2 December 2024

NEW VENUE

Conference Room,
Redlands Research Facility
26-40 Delancey Street, Cleveland.

- *Show your appreciation for retiring and incoming committee*
- *Hear an overview of the year's activities and our 2025 plans.*

Followed by refreshments



Christmas BBQ

**Friday, 22 November
2024**

All Members are welcome

To join us for a
Christmas BBQ at the
Unfinished U3A Building
Delancey Street, Cleveland
From 3.00pm to 6.00pm

**Give Thanks
and Christmas Cheer
to our U3AR
Tutors and Volunteers**
for their invaluable contribution
during the busy 2024 year



The party will be outdoors, so please
bring:

- * A hat - (*some shade*)
- * Folding chair
- * A share plate of Christmas
savouries or sweets



U3A will provide
BBQ, salads & beverages
(*wine, beer, soft drinks, tea & coffee*)



For catering purposes
Please RSVP
by Monday, 18 November
admin@u3aredlands.com.au
or Ph: 3821 3888

Come and Enjoy the Fun



In an EMERGENCY
dial TRIPLE ZERO
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For NON-URGENT
Police contact call
POLICELINK
131 444

Crime Prevention Corner

Don't delete it. Don't ignore it. Report it!

Here are 10 signs that an email might be phishing or malicious that you should report.

1. Suspicious sender – from an unknown sender, or the email address looks unusual, like a misspelled government or bank domain (e.g. 'gov.au' instead of 'gov.au').
2. Urgent or threatening language – creates a sense of urgency or threatens negative consequences if you don't act immediately, such as fines from the ATO (Australian Tax Office).
3. Generic greetings – like 'Dear Customer' or 'Dear (your) email address' instead of addressing you by name, especially from familiar Australian institutions like Centrelink or your local council.
4. Unexpected attachments and unexpected links, claiming to be from well-known Australian companies like Telstra, Qantas etc.
5. Requests for personal information – email asks for sensitive information such as your MyGov login details, Medicare number, or bank account information.
6. Spelling and grammatical errors – contains noticeable spelling and grammar mistakes, which is unusual for official communications from Australian entities.
7. Unusual requests – like transferring money to an overseas account or purchasing gift cards from supermarkets.
8. Mismatched URLs – links don't match the legitimate URL or look suspicious.
9. Too good to be true – unrealistic rewards or offers that seem too good to be true.
10. Unfamiliar logos or branding – that look slightly off or unfamiliar from trusted Australian brands.

Bayside DCPC – email DCPC.Bayside@police.qld.gov.au – blog www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/bayside

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