



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

If you weren't able to attend our 25 Year Anniversary Exhibit at the Redland Museum, you missed something really special! The six-week static display and the performance program on 13, 17 and 25 July provided a wonderful showcase of what U3A Redlands has on offer and the reason why our organisation is such an important part of our members' lives. (See pages 2 & 3.)

The Dynamic Display program was varied, interesting and a great advertisement for U3A Redlands and really brought the Museum alive. The passion and dedication of the Tutors was obvious, and it was lovely to see members and friends taking part in our activities for the pure joy of it.

I was even a little emotional at the first performance of our choir, which never sounded better thanks to the acoustics in the Museum Chapel. Thank you to Cheryl Christie, Nicole West and Liz Jeffs for coordinating the Dynamic Displays. Special thanks to Cheryl for her attention to detail and for attending every day to ensure the program was on schedule.

Redland Museum's Rick Thomason OAM did an impressive job in curating our 6-week Static Exhibition, which received wonderful feedback from museum visitors.

The 'Taste of Redlands' Hamper donated by Henry Pike MP was drawn on 27 July and was won by David Field.

Thank you to each member of the 25 Year sub-committee for their part in coordinating the Static Exhibition and to the Tutors and members who also provided their time and memorabilia. I am extremely grateful to Sub-committee Chair Colin Sutcliffe OAM and Secretary Beryl Sutcliffe OAM for their professionalism and commitment to this very successful project.

Let's not forget the photographers: John Burt for taking the Official Opening photos displayed in our July newsletter, Len Davey for photographing every Dynamic Display Program item and to Nina Davey when Len was unavailable.

Also Museum Photographer Phil Robinson.

In summary, the exhibit at the Redland Museum was the perfect way to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. **What did everyone think?** Our very appreciative audience says it all.

Congratulations!

Our **major raffle was drawn** at *Life Matters* on Monday 17 July.

The winners are:

1. 7 Nights Seaside Resort – **Mai Crothers**
2. \$100 Petrol Voucher - **Denyse Corner**
3. U3AR Memberships (2) - **Ken Charles**





Tutor Michael Hubert and his French Class



Scottish Country Dancers led by Mary Mullins



Singing in the Chapel accompanied by Cheryl Christie



Tutor Sue Willingham directing the Theatre Group



Margaret Ward and Karen Henderson



Marian Reilly



Jewellery Class & visiting CDSHS students



Tutor Elizabeth Jeffs and her Writers Group



Members of the Jazz Dance Group



Tutor Cheryl Christie and the U3A Singers

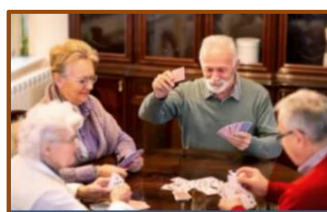


Elaine Bevis, Fay Bradford, Susan Schoenfisch, Ray Roth, Sue Molyneux, John Molyneux, Geoff Murrell, Ross Hazelwood
Front: Jan Fraser, Steve Law beating in the front.

Our Ukulele group, **GRUBS**, meets on Tuesday mornings starting at 10.30 at the Birkdale Multi-Sports Hall.

We welcome all, from beginners to those who can already strum. Sessions cost \$3.

Come along and join a very welcoming and fun-loving group. Please contact Ray Roth on 0429916109 for further information.



CANASTA - JONOLA

New members are very welcome to join this group who enjoy playing every Thursday from 12:00-4:00pm at the Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

Contact: Marcell Gorman - 0418 110 555



Birthday wishes to all U3A members celebrating a Birthday in August



Armchair Travel

*Cleveland Uniting Church - Large Hall.
Passage St, Cleveland
1st Thursday of the month*

September 7: Paul Oates - NW India

October 5: Anne McBurnie & Francis Gosling – Garden tour of Europe, England and Tulips in the Cotswolds.

November 2: Jennifer Brew – Campervan trip throughout the UK.

December 7: Deidre Hargreaves will be taking us on a rambling trip in the UK.

CONTACT: Jennifer Brew - 0403 835 895



MAHJONG MADNESS

JOIN US FOR FUN PRIZES AND RAFFLES

\$10 includes Morning Tea

**Monday, 14 August
Community Hall
Windermere Road, Alexandra Hills**

8:30am for 9:00am start

Contact the Office for Tickets: 3821 3888

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



Managing your Power Bills

WHEN: Commencing Term 4 - October
DATE: Each Wednesday
TIME: 10.00-11.30am
VENUE: Capalaba Library
Noeleen Street, Capalaba

- Understand your power bill and how it compares with other households
- How to find the cheapest retailer and best deal
- What concessions are available
- How can you reduce your energy costs by smarter usage
- Consider your best options – electric/gas/solar/solar battery or a combination
- Are electric vehicles really worth it right now?

Register your Interest with U3A Office

Email: www.u3aredlands.com.au

Phone: 3821 3888

U3A Redlands Presents
“Another Day in Paradise”
 A showcase of theatre, music, song and dance
Thorneside Community Hall
Thursday 14 September 2pm
Saturday 16 September 2pm
Book NOW Limited Seating
Tickets \$10
U3A Redlands Office:
Cleveland High School weekdays 0900-1200
Call 07 3821 3888



Sad news that Nancy Prouse, a former Mah-jong player, a very talented quiller and an aqua aerobics member passed away on Wednesday, 19 July. U3A Redlands sends sympathy to Nancy's family and friends.

Nancy provided a beautiful framed item of quilling for the 25 Years Museum display. It is an outstanding example of her work.



The Quilling Group photo was taken at the 2021 Come and Try.



L-R Carla Bay, Betty Tarlinton, **Nancy Prouse**, Marilyn Tucker and Lee-Anne White

Art Drawing and Watercolour



L-R: Margaret Inwood - Cliff Mison - June Phillips - Ayla Relf - Carolyn West

Drawing and Watercolour Dynamic Display at the Redlands Museum for U3A Redlands 25 Year Exhibition.

Many thanks to Margaret for making our dynamic display a success. Margaret did two paintings to show what an exciting vibrant medium watercolour can be. We also had paintings from other members and some of us on hand to talk about the watercolour process and answer questions.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

U3A Redlands District encourages the use of social media by members as a means of communication and promotion.

We have developed a 'U3A Redlands Social Media Policy' which may be viewed under Policies on our website www.u3aredlands.com.au.

Any group wishing to start a U3A Redlands Group Facebook page must first seek written approval from the Management Committee and allow our Social Media Officer to have administrative access.

During August, Tutors will be advised about the policy and how to access it and each U3A Redlands member will be advised via bulk email.

Please direct any questions to newly appointed Social Media Officer, Debra Mitchell, via email coordinator@u3aredlands.com.au or via Mobile: 0402 083 189.

Interview with Virginia Ridgley

By: Liz Sanderson



Social conversations often have a superficial theme, whether it's a general chat about the weather, the state of the nation, the neighbours' dogs, or those deeper "close to the heart" talks that friends share. But when you ponder on those discussions and look beneath the words spoken, you might develop an insight into the driving force behind those who are speaking. It was a pleasure to talk to Virginia Ridgley recently, who shared some of her life's events – the good and not so good parts of her history that has made her a woman with such varied interests and talents. Virginia's driving force is her interest in people and the natural world around her, her passion for continued learning, her courage to speak out, her belief in her own worth and acknowledgement of her limitations, and a much-deserved pride in the achievements of her life so far.

Virginia has been with U3A Redlands for over twenty years, first joining the Chess Group in about 1998. Prior to this she had been honing her computer skills with another Brisbane U3A group based in Wynnum when she heard from a friend that he was starting a Chess Group in Cleveland with U3A Redlands. This was much closer to home, so she joined and enjoyed meeting with this group for several years with Fred Langenberg tutoring. When Fred moved on in about 2003 Virginia took over as Tutor. She says in the first instance she accepted the role because it appeared no one else wanted it and she didn't want to see the group fold – "certainly not because I was a brilliant player – I wasn't".

At first, for her the Tutor's role was really the administration of marking the attendance sheets, setting up games, and then joining everyone playing for the session. The Chess Group still meets at the Cleveland Library where the very accommodating library staff provide the room and store equipment for their weekly games. There is no weekly cost

to players, and it is generally a conducive environment for the players. From small beginnings over time this group increased to much larger numbers with some newer members needing guidance, so Virginia's skill in teaching became apparent. Virginia recalls a time when school children would watch through the window at the players and on occasions were invited to come in and join the group if they were keen to play or learn more about the game.

When asked what makes a good chess player, Virginia said there are a few points to be observed – aside from understanding the strategies of the game, players need to focus and concentrate and it's not a game for idle chatter – an analytical mind is a distinct advantage.

It was a strong group for many years but during Covid of course the library was closed so Virginia started to teach a neighbour how to play chess so she could continue to enjoy the game and keep up her teaching skills – and so a new enthusiast was born. After that eighteen-month hiatus the Group has gradually regained momentum. Virginia still plays but has handed the role of Tutor over to Kathryn Barry. Their Chess Group motto continues as it has for the past twenty-five years – *"for those who want to continue playing chess and those who want to learn"*.

Virginia's "continued playing and learning" is not limited to chess. Her home is a gallery of her own huge oil paintings, her garden is tended by the "compulsive gardener", she is undertaking projects in book binding old heritage volumes, and in upholstery and carpentry, she works regularly with the study group on migratory wading birds – to name a few.

Virginia's tertiary education in music, social work, psychology, and social research – much of this achieved while raising five children – her life experiences as a professional musician, as a social worker, a rambler, a world traveller to places like Kakadu, Israel, and Nepal, has given her the desire for more knowledge and more skills. And she will do more – that is for certain.

I hope one day that Virginia shares the full story of all she has done so far with the rest of the world.



U3A Redlands Trivia Night - 15 July



"The Chimps" Camera table were winners!

What a great fun evening, with lots of prizes to keep people interested. Huge thank you to the organisers (*Brenda & Ross Hazelwood and Julie & Murray Porteous*) and their many helpers. It was a wonderful social and fund-raising occasion, raising approximately \$3,000.

Thank you to our Master of Ceremonies Toni Bowler and to our scrutineers Cr Wendy Boglary and Cr Adelia Berridge.

We are also very grateful to RCC Councillors, State Government members, local businesses and to our members for donating the following prizes for the night:

The winning team prizes were donated by:

- RCC Councillor Lance Hewlett – 4 Wine and 4 Chocolates
- Kim Richards MP Redlands – 4 Wine and 4 Chocolates

(Gifts were beautifully gift wrapped by Sheena Hewlett)

Heads and Tails Prizes were donated by:

- Bottle of wine by Mark Robinson MP Oodgeroo
- Bottle of wine by an anonymous U3A member

Raffles and other prizes were donated by:

- Plant and \$50 voucher donated by a U3A member
- Terry White Chemist Cleveland
- Good Life Ormiston – backpack, cap, vouchers etc.
- Nextra Newsagents - Voucher
- Banjo's Bakery Cleveland - Voucher
- Scented Gift Candle donated by a U3A member

- White ceramic serving set – donated by Councillor Wendy Boglary
- Tray of Fruit – donated by Jos Mitchell RCC Mayoral candidate

AVEO Cleveland Heights Info Event



Butterflies Group led by Tutor Bev Gilbert-Bailey (*in red*)

Approximately 23 of our U3A members, including 6 members of the Butterflies Ukulele Performance Group, visited AVEO Cleveland Heights on 31 July.

A small group of Aveo residents assembled to view a very professional performance by our U3A Butterflies Ukulele Group. This was followed by morning tea and a short information sharing session by U3A Redlands' Publicity Officer Liz Sanderson and Aveo's Sales Associate Sarah Pateman. U3A members were then taken on a tour of a two-bedroom unit. On behalf of U3A Redlands District, the President received a \$500 gift Visa debit card from AVEO.

We may arrange similar visits to one or more of the other AVEO retirement villages in the Redlands – (*Cleveland Gardens and Redlands by the Bay*). If you would like an Aveo brochure or are interested in attending an obligation free visit and accommodation viewing at another Aveo community village, please contact the U3A Office.

Email: admin@u3aredlands.com.au
Phone: 3821 3888.



Writing for Pleasure

The pen is mightier than the sword.

For our short writing this month, one writer reminded us to be careful what you ask for.

Cuckoo, Cuckoo

By: Joan Apel

My in-laws were packing, ready for a visit to their families in Germany. The Wall had come down. It was safe for a visit to the areas where they had lived before emigrating to Australia. "Is there anything you would like us to bring home for you?"

"Yes please. I have always wanted a cuckoo clock from the Black Forest."

On their return they gave me a box containing a cuckoo clock. Thrilled, I was profuse in my thanks for the lovely carved clock, including a cute bird that popped out on the hour.

Wanting to hear about the Black Forest and its history, my father-in-law replied, "It's not from the Black Forest. They were too expensive in Germany. We disembarked at Fremantle on the way home and purchased it in Perth!"



U3A Redlands Singers is for all people who love to sing, move, perform and enjoy all aspects of vocal music. Each musical term has a theme with songs of all genres and vocal combinations. Throughout the year there are opportunities for performances in a Variety Concert with other Arts groups including theatre, dance and ukulele ensembles. The Singers entertain community groups, and Christmas Capers is fun with Carols and Christmas songs with bells and other percussion instruments. *What fun!*

We meet at the Star of the Sea Parish Hall, Cleveland each Saturday morning 8:45-11:00am for 4 terms of 9 weeks.

Everyone is welcome.



Monday 9.00 for 9.30am
Donald Simpson Community Centre

August 14: REDLANDS HOLIDAY FOR EKKA

August 21: REDLANDS FOR REFUGEES





John Barker

August 28: VOYAGE FROM FREMANTLE TO WA ISLANDS *Julie Porteous*

September 4: AUKUS

Annette Brownlie & Ross Gwyther, QLD Representatives of the Independent & Peaceful Australia Network – IPAN

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