



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

Thank you to all those who attended our U3A Redlands Open Day at RPAC on 20 January. The weather wasn't perfect, but it didn't dampen the spirits of the Theatre and Dance groups dressed in their colourful costumes. It was a lovely social day and the crowd could comfortably walk among the many Activity tables to chat with our course Tutors and Co-ordinators.

I would like to thank the Management Committee for their united team effort and in particular Tutor Liaison officers Mary Smith and Liz Jeffs who did much of the organising.

Huge thanks to Office Administrator Jules Coleman and MyU3A Expert Diane Van who were helped on the day by Office Volunteers Faye Kennedy and Laraine Gon Chee. They were all kept very busy with enrolments.

Thanks to car park attendants John Potter and John Mathews and to our Catering Team of Edwina Potter, Bev Romanowski, Shirley Watney and Marilyn Ireland.

On display was our beautiful patchwork commemorative quilt depicting 25 Years of U3A Redlands (1998–2023). The quilt was pieced and quilted by Sylvia Bridge and the Patchworking group and with embroidery by Julianne Whitehead.

At 10.00am, a group of fifteen from our Ukulele Group provided lively entertainment for the crowd. Meanwhile Jan Fraser manned the Ukulele Course table taking names of new recruits to their beginner classes. A big thank you to all Tutors/Co-ordinators who attended on the day to represent U3A.

I think all will agree that our first real Open Day for three years was a great success and a wonderful way to kick off the 25th Anniversary Year for U3A Redlands. Keep an eye on the newsletters and U3A Redlands website for more details about our 25 Year Celebrations throughout the year.

A Redland City Council CARCD Grant and our Open Day Raffle subsidised the costs of hiring the RPAC venue. Many thanks to those who kindly donated raffle prizes and congratulations to the lucky winners listed below:

Open Day Raffle prize-winners are:

- 1st prize – 'Taste of Redlands' box donated by Henry Pike MP Member for Bowman – Col Sutcliffe
- 2nd prize - \$50 Movie Voucher, donated by Don Brown MP Member for Capalaba – Phil Bevis.
- 3rd prize – Wine Box donated by Kim Richards MP – Rose Reidlinger.
- 4th prize – Wine by Mark Robinson MP, Member for Oodgeroo – Ann Troth.
- 5th prize – Chocolates donated by a U3A Committee Member – Geoff Thompson.
- 6th and 7th prizes – Flower Arrangements by Shahin Master and her group.
- Sue Willingham and Barbara Austin.



Building Project Update

The Architect has fine-tuned the plans, which have been submitted to a Structural Engineer and a Building Certifier.

While the Engineer is designing the foundations for the building, the Certifier is assessing compliance with Building Codes.

The plans should be returned soon but it depends on their respective workloads, after returning from the Christmas break.

Check for further updates next month.



OPEN DAY 2023

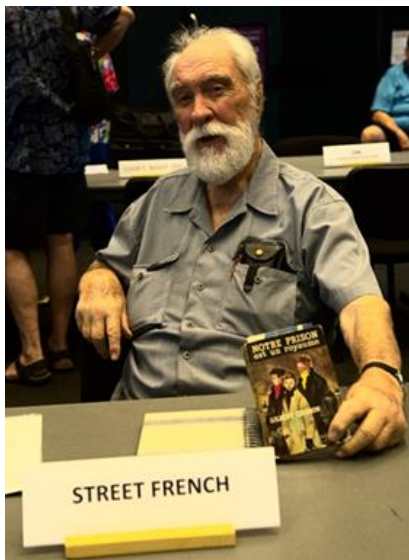
A Picture Speaks a Thousand Words



Mary Smith and Margaret Moroney



Jenny Muller and Shahin Master



Trevor Roberts - FRENCH



Rose Reidlinger and Janese Lowe



Lynn Roberts
BOTANY in the BUSH



John Barker



Marilyn Freeman



Elizabeth Jeffs



Angela Grunwell - Di Huth - Nicole West



Betty Tarlinton and Susan Gibson-Lake



L-R: Dennis Brown, Glenda & Geoff Murrell, Fay & Steve Bradford, Steve Law, Col Grant, Ross Hazelwood, Michele Wilkinson (seated), Elizabeth Hilton, Cheryl McLennan

Front: Dave Bowtell, Del Whitby, Des Oliver (with cap) and Ray Roth (seated)

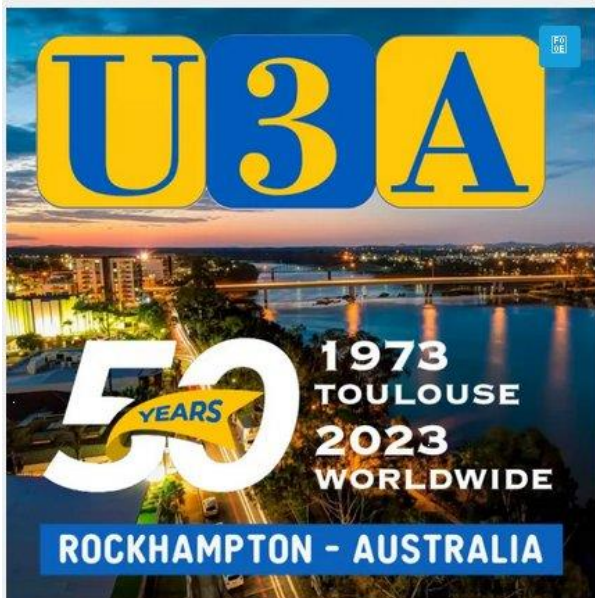
U3A REDLANDS
25 YEARS
1998-2023

*This special quilt was made especially for
U3A Redlands 25 Years.*



*It was pieced and quilted by Sylvia Bridge and the
Patchwork Class. Embroidery by Julianne Whitehead
The quilt was on display at our
U3A Open Day on 20 January 2023*





Registrations are now open to attend this year's Network Queensland State Conference in Rockhampton 8 – 11 May 2023, featuring celebrations of 50 years of U3A worldwide.

This is an historic event for U3A and judging by the line-up of excellent guest speakers and the wonderful events organised by the U3A Rockhampton conference organising team, it is a once in a lifetime event for U3A members and affiliated support organisations.

Register early and you could win the Early Bird Prize: a refund of your registration costs for Days 1 and 2 of the conference. Value \$110. The only condition is that you have registered for these two days of the conference before 31 March 2023.

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE:

Tuesday, 9 May – Day 1

Network Conference & Celebration of 50 Years of U3A

Wednesday, 10 May – Day 2

Network Conference & Celebration of 50 Years of U3A

Thursday, 11 May – Day 3

Network Conference & Network Annual General Meeting

EVENTS:

Monday, 8 May – Afternoon Meet and Greet and Art Competition Exhibition & People's Choice Award Judging

Tuesday, 9 May – U3A 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Wednesday, 10 May – U3A Network Queensland Dinner and Art Competition Presentation

For conference registration:

<https://u3aqld.au/product/u3a-network-state-conference-2023/>

For Art Competition entries:

<https://u3aqld.au/arts-competition2023/>

Calling all U3A Artists! Now is the time for U3A artists to start planning for their entry in the U3A Network Queensland Art Exhibition, and to showcase their talent to an international audience at the U3A Network Queensland State Conference in Rockhampton 8 -11 May 2023.

Our Arts Committee and judges are planning for the 2023 Arts Competition to be a major part of the Conference, and the Conference Organising Team are excited to be exhibiting the talents of U3A artists in this the 50th Anniversary of U3A worldwide.

Prizes for the competition are: Winner \$200, Runner Up \$150 and People's Choice \$50.

The competition is set to launch on 1 February 2023 when entries may be submitted so, artists, it's time to think about your creative art work that you will enter in this year's competition.

For more information on the competition and how to enter go to:

<https://u3aqld.au/arts-competition2023>



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

13 February: Kokoda – A Virtual Trek

Presenter: Major Chad Sherrin MM(Retired)

20 February: My large Greek family’s early history in Brisbane.

Presenter: Anne Zafer

Anne grew up in Brisbane. Her grandparents were one of the earliest Greek families to arrive in the city after migrating from Kythera in the early 1900s. The Freeleagus family lived in a sprawling colonial Queenslander on the banks of the Brisbane River. The home was resumed by the State Government in 1972 for the development of the Queensland Art Gallery. Anne was a State Library ‘human book’ in 2020 and will share those days with us.

27 February: Joining the dots in Europe – understanding the Ukrainian/Russia conflict

Presenter: Paul Oates

What is the long term reasoning behind the conflict between Ukraine and Russia? In 2014, Putin famously referred parts of Ukraine as Novorossiya (New Russia), a term dating back to eighteenth-century imperial Russia. On the other hand, some Western analysts see Russia’s 2022 invasion as the culmination of the Kremlin’s growing resentment toward NATO’s post-Cold War expansion into the former Soviet sphere of influence. Paul will unpack the situation and even go back to Roman times to help us gain an understanding of the conflict. What is the end goal. Is it to re-create the Soviet Union or to make Russia great again?

06 March: The Misunderstood Mistletoes

Presenter: Dr John Moss

What happens as a result of the overzealous heavy pruning of mistletoe from a number of eucalypts in a public park in Brisbane? Most would not care as mistletoe is a tree killer or something to try and stand under at Christmas. However, a local environmentalist was concerned when the pollarding itself led to the death of some of the trees in question. John will dispel some of the myths with mistletoes and share with us information on the mistletoe host plants, as well as synopses of the moths and butterflies whose larvae utilise them as food plants. This is an opportunity to explore some of the Australian bush from the comfort of your chair.

Enjoy the fun of learning.
Stay for a cuppa (10.30 to 11.00 am).



Writing for Pleasure

The pen is mightier than the sword.

A NEW YEAR TO EXPLORE
Anita Lazic

The hype and excitement of Christmas festivities have now gone, vanished, like a puff of smoke! It is the beginning of a new year for us all. New hopes and wishes, a chance to achieve dreams that we didn't achieve in the previous year gone by; a year like no other!

Like Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and endings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future, we have learned from the previous year what is most important to us:

- Spending more time with our family and friends, the people we love.
- Going on that holiday around the country.
- Learning new skills.
- Writing that book we've thought about.

So many dreams to explore.

Not to worry. . .there's always next year. . .



*Birthday Wishes to
 U3A Redlands members
 celebrating a Birthday
 in February*





Book Discussion Group

A Book Discussion Group is a reading group, consisting of a number of people who read and talk about books based on a topic or an agreed-upon reading list.

Our current Book Discussion Groups are full, and we have a waiting list of interested members. Most groups meet in a Council Library which is rent-free.

We just need a volunteer to agree to take on the role as Co-ordinator and our Tutor Liaison officers can assist you with finding a venue and will discuss how to start and manage a new group.

It is up to the group to determine if they want to focus on a certain genre, author, series or a mix. Our other Discussion Groups meet monthly to give members time to read the next book.

If you love books, why not give it a try and you'll be surprised just how much fun a Book Discussion Group can be.

If you are interested, please contact Tutor Liaison Elizabeth Jeffs
tutorliaisonacademic@u3aredlands.com.au
or Ph: 0427 646 377



U3A Redlands is looking for Tutors to share their knowledge for **Beginners Italian** and **Beginners Spanish** class.

If you feel you can help, please contact Elizabeth Jeffs – Tutor Liaison Academic
Email: tutorliaisonacademic@u3aredlands.com.au
Mobile: 0427 646 377



Cards – Solo

New players welcome

If you are looking for a pleasant afternoon amongst a friendly crew, don't look any further.

We run a learning group so you can start as an amateur at this fascinating game.

Day/Time: Wednesday - 12:00-4:00pm
Venue: Star of the Sea Church, 53 Passage St, Cleveland.

Enquires: Hazel: 0402 489 030
John: tranterjohn@hotmail.com



Glen Bebb

Shahin Master

Flower Arranging Tutor, Shahin Master and her group of floral enthusiasts, kindly donated two floral arrangements for the raffle on the U3A Redlands Open Day



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Police contact call
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Crime Prevention Corner

If it's flooded – forget it!

- Floodwater can hide all sorts of dangers such as uneven ground, strong currents, vehicles, tree debris, chemicals, deadly animals, and electrical currents.
- In some circumstances the force of fast flowing water can be multiplied many times. Metal drains and grilles underneath water can make very strong currents and quickly trap someone. Road access covers can be swept away leaving a deep hole of water.
- Stay clear of storm drains where fast flowing water can easily suck and trap someone who gets too close to drains, pipes, and grilles. These are not a place to play. They are slippery and have strong pulling power that is very hard to get out of. Someone could easily become lost in the long and complex storm drain system. Visibility in floodwater is often extremely low, making rescue very difficult and dangerous.

Don't drive into floodwater – Remember if it's flooded, forget it.

(https://d2haxmvzil2swt.cloudfront.net/uploads/2022/11/02/013716_flooded-roads-4-9x16.mp4)

- If you become trapped in floodwater. Stay calm. Phone Triple Zero (000) or ask or signal others to call for your rescue. If you're in an isolated area, rescuers may take some time to reach you – so be patient.

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