



## President's Message

From Janese Lowe



A regular event on the U3A Redlands calendar is the Anzac Day Ceremony held at Cleveland District State High School, which we attend and take part in the Presentation of Books.

On Wednesday, 19 April close to 2,500 staff, students and guests filled the Paul Bancroft Centre to reflect on the commitment and sacrifice of our military service men and women. The student cadets were disciplined and performed their tasks admirably. The school community is to be congratulated on the absolute respect that was displayed by all students on this occasion. **Lest we Forget**



From 8th to 11th May 2023, a group of committee members will be attending the U3A Network Queensland Conference held in Rockhampton. Hosted by U3A Rockhampton & Districts and celebrating 50 years of U3A Worldwide. The *Theme: 'U3A Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow'*. Check out the June Newsletter for the conference highlights.



## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

### Meditation Group Donation

What a lovely surprise at the Tutor Forum on Friday 28 April. President Janese was presented with a cheque for \$750 by Gail Schurer and Olga Harris on behalf of the Contemplative Mediation group. *Thank you!*



## Did You Know?

- U3A Redlands Building Fund Account was established on 3 Feb 2023.
- Donations over \$2 to the Building Fund are 'tax deductible'.
- Reduce your 30 June tax bill by claiming a tax-deductible donation.
- We are accepting donations now.

### New Building Fund Account Details

For Direct Deposits:  
 Bank of Qld BSB: 124025  
 Account: 23387501  
 Ref: Name and Donation



## TUTOR FORUM

Friday 28 April, Tutor Liaison Officers Mary Smith and Elizabeth Jeffs joined forces to hold our annual Tutor and Volunteers Forum. Around 40 members enjoyed a lively program with morning tea at the Victoria Point Community Hall. The day finished with a workshop and question time and a chance to share information and ideas.

Thank you to the Committee for the great preparation and to volunteers who helped on the day, which all contributed to a very successful event.



## FUN WITH PUBLIC SPEAKING

Do you want to deliver a toast at a birthday party or wedding? Maybe learn to speak out with confidence and style at a meeting or conference? Do you need to just have confidence when speaking within a group? It's never too late to learn how to find your public voice.

**Your confident tomorrow starts today.**

**STARTS:** 28 April 2023  
*(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month)*  
**TIME:** 1:00pm  
**VENUE:** Cleveland Library  
**CONTACT:** Pam - 0408 550 435

## NEW COURSE



## HISTORY AND PROPHECY BOOK OF DANIEL

An Investigation into the **History and Prophecy in the ancient book of Daniel.** The prophetic book of Daniel in the Old Testament contains amazing predictions about the history of the world since then. Critics have argued that the book has been too accurate to be true. Archaeological discoveries concerning ancient Babylon and Persia, have shed light on the authenticity of Daniel's account. Participate in a chapter-by-chapter analysis of the book and discover how the questions and controversies have been addressed.



Also learn about the origins of phrase like: "the writing on the wall"; "in the lions' den"; and "drawing a line in the sand".

**WHEN:** 1:30 – 2:30pm Each Tuesday  
**VENUE:** Capalaba Library  
**CONTACT:** **Rob Kitzelman**  
**0499 114 291**  
[robkitzelman@outlook.com](mailto:robkitzelman@outlook.com)



## Interview with U3A Redlands Tutor



**Shahin Master**

*By: Liz Sanderson*

Celebrating twenty years as a U3A Redlands Tutor, Shahin has an unusual tale to tell about her beginnings in this role.

As a woman who has lived in many places around the world, Shahin loves to meet the local community and to make friends with diverse groups of people.

Arriving in the Redlands in 1998, Shahin received a welcome letter from Mayor Eddie Santagiuliana. It was his custom to welcome new residents to the then much smaller Redland Shire.

Shahin responded with an invitation to the mayor and his wife to dinner at Shahin's home – this was, and still remains, her custom to have new acquaintances come to her "meet the locals" dinner parties. Shahin entertains with good food, friendship, and conversation - getting to know people from all walks of life is one of her many passions. At the party the Mayor attended, he noticed the beautiful flower arrangements created by

Shahin to enhance the welcoming atmosphere of her home.

The Mayor had come from a family of flower farmers in the Redlands and recognised her talent in her floral presentations. Shahin had been asked if she would be interested in tutoring at U3A, but amidst the happy, noisy conversation of a social evening, the only words Shahin heard were "tutoring", "university" and "art". With her education and background these all seemed reasonably connected ideas although a somewhat challenging notion – teaching Persian art at a university. However, it eventually became clear what "U3A tutoring" really meant, and although Shahin is modest about her talents, she agreed to take on the role of teaching flower arranging and hopefully pass on whatever skill she could to others.

Imagine everyone's surprise when Shahin arrived at her first class of six ladies - if they had been expecting to meet a quiet florist to teach them the gentle art of flower arranging, they would have been thrilled to meet a lovely lady who is always laughing, and who creates a joyful, inclusive atmosphere. From those beginnings, with her love of flowers, her skill at creating beautiful arrangements, and her understanding of community, Shahin has continued to share this passion with her "artists". At one point some years ago, Shahin found herself time-poor with so many activities, including the further postgraduate study she was undertaking at the

University of Queensland. She thought she would need to retire from her U3A tutor's role. Her students were so upset to think she would be leaving them – they explained that those hours spent together were very special to them – to have something to look forward to each week, to enjoy the friendship of others and to create something beautiful. Those words from her students continue to be Shahin's motivation. Shahin acknowledges the generosity of local flower farmers and other businesses who provide flowers and florist materials at reduced, affordable prices, some even donating leftover stock, so the group can continue to enjoy this art form at little cost.

Class members take turns in collecting supplies and they meet weekly at the Cleveland Library for their creative activities.

Many of us will have seen their work at the recent U3A Open Day, past Theatre Shows and other U3A events where their lovely creations have featured and have been much appreciated fund-raising prizes.

For Shahin, tutoring at U3A Redlands has given her the pleasure of meeting so many new people, being part of a diverse community, and sharing friendship, laughter and creativity.

*We wish Shahin and her class continued joy.*



## Birthday in MAY



*Wishing you a Birthday filled with Happiness.*



## Writing for Pleasure

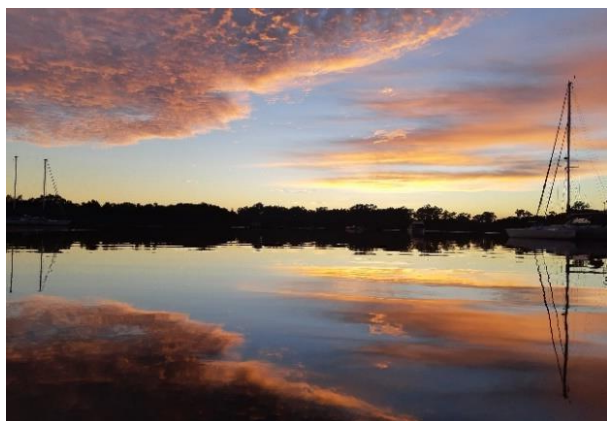
*The pen is mightier than the sword.*

*This month our writers were asked to write where an inanimate object spoke to them. One wrote about a very motivated mobile phone holder. Short, but not so sweet.*

### THE MOBILE PHONE HOLDER.

*By: Neil Poyser*

I glanced at the phone holder on the wall in front of me.  
Suddenly it blinked.  
Its lips parted and it said:  
'What do you think you're doing here?  
'You think you're a writer, but you never write!  
'You just sit there.  
'Get your act together and write!' So I did.



*Sunrise kayaking on Tingalpa Creek.  
Photo by: Denise Lee*

## Fundraising Events



Our next proposed event will be a Trivia Night on **Saturday 15 July**, at the Memorial Hall, Smith Street, Cleveland.  
Time: 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.  
Put the Fun back into Fundraising and join our Fundraising team. Or can you help us on the night? Tickets and tables will be booked and paid in advance. Can you help with:

- set up and set down;
- checking off names at the door;
- sellers for raffle tickets and 'Heads & Tails'

Email your name, mobile and your role of choice to [admin@u3aredlands.com.au](mailto:admin@u3aredlands.com.au) and someone will get back to you.

**Remember - Many hands make light work!**



**Monday 9.00 for 9.30am  
Donald Simpson  
Community Centre,  
Cleveland**

### May 8: AN ADOPTION JOURNEY

Pip Wheeley, from "Gentle Hands".

### May 15: BRISBANE'S FIRST LORD MAYOR

Wendy Ruwoldt, Grand-daughter of Brisbane's first Lord Mayor.

### May 22: EXPERIENCES IN AGED CARE

#### CHAPLAINCY

Merv Brooks, retired Aged Care Chaplain.

### May 29: EXPERIENCES IN JOURNALISM

Bianca Stone, Journalist.

### June 5: FLYING!

Fredelle Briggs, Qantas Cabin Crew Member.



## CPR AWARENESS TRAINING

If you would like to undertake the 90 min CPR Awareness Training there are still vacancies in the Thursday 4 May & Wednesday 7 June sessions. These sessions will run from 4pm until 5.30pm at Cleveland District State High School & will cost \$7 to attend.

Please do not hesitate to **contact Robyn Tennant on 0432 829 947** if you have any questions or would like to enrol in either of these sessions.



## Are you good with Accounts?

Our Treasurer Charles' role is becoming increasingly busy with added compliance requirements and additional processing generated by our building project, which will only increase once our building gets under way.

***Do you have good computer skills and are comfortable with spreadsheeting?***

***Do you have MYOB Accounting cloud software experience?***

***Perhaps you are happy to learn and perform more manual tasks like writing receipts; banking money; reconciling petty cash?***

If you think you could help and you would like to volunteer for a couple of hours a week, a fortnight, or as needed, please phone Jules in the office on (3821 3888).



## NEW BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thank you to the Redlands U3A members who have signed up to the new Book Discussion Group. There are still vacancies if you would like to join.

**Commencing:** Friday 19 May 2023  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:00 (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday monthly)  
**Venue:** Capalaba Library  
**Contact:** Robyn - 0432 829 947 or [robyntennant@hotmail.com](mailto:robyntennant@hotmail.com)

First book for discussion is 'Exiles' by Jane Harper.



## U3A Redlands' New Website

Don't be surprised when you login via your saved U3A Redlands home page address, to see a refreshing new U3A Redlands website. ***Going Live, Sunday, 30 April 2023.***

Check it out at [www.u3aredlands.com.au](http://www.u3aredlands.com.au)  
The website address is the same and offers easy navigation that will lead you to all the usual functions provided by our current home page.

The lighthouse motif will be evident across our site and you will easily locate your member login button. See if you can also locate the new features, like classes and events calendar and more.

Tutors, please note that the Tutor Portal is now accessed by clicking the link at the bottom right of each page.

We hope you like the new page and would love to hear your feedback. Remember that the website is a live and constantly changeable entity and updating of information is ongoing. Keep an eye open for new pages and information that may be added over the coming months.





# Community Celebration!

**Free Entry**

**STAR Community Services**

**RABY BAY HARBOUR PARK, CLEVELAND**  
**SATURDAY, 13 MAY 2023, 12:00 NOON TO 6:00PM**

**Let's celebrate our wonderful community**  
 Meet the faces behind your favourite local groups and non profit organisations. Join in to celebrate the amazing volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our community better and stronger!  
 Annual Volunteer Award Ceremony at 5:00pm & Laser Show at 6.00pm.

**Everyone is welcome!**  
 All afternoon: Kids Games, Face-painting, Food Stalls, Animal Farm, Jumping Castle, Chess Challenge and more! Come and be a part of the festivities.

**Live Entertainment, Laser Show and More!**  
 There is something for everyone!

- Bay FM Live
- Redlands Sporting Club Pipe Band
- Welcome to Country
- Adam James
- Folk Redlands Band
- Shake Creativity & Movement
- Johnny the Jester Comedy Magic Show
- Birkdale Men's Shed Performance
- Karen Lee Roberts
- Redland City Choir
- Official Presentations - Volunteer Awards Ceremony (interpreted by Auslan Interpreter Mikey Webb)
- Short Film Competition winners announced
- Spectacular Laser Show to conclude the event!

More information at [www.starcommunityservices.org.au/Facebook/Instagram](http://www.starcommunityservices.org.au/Facebook/Instagram)

**Volunteering redlands**

07 3821 6699      [www.starcommunityservices.org.au](http://www.starcommunityservices.org.au)

Don't forget to call in and say hello at the U3A Redlands Stall at the Community Celebrations on 13 May 2023.

Back by popular demand is our U3A Redlands Raffle for a 7 nights holiday accommodation at Alexandra Headlands which will be on sale at the Expo. Come on down and buy a ticket. If you have some spare time, why not stay for a while to help sell a few. All proceeds go the U3A Building Project.

Phone Jules at the U3A office on 3821 3888 for more details and to get onto the roster at the Community Celebration.

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

## Crime Prevention Corner

### Help prevent the theft of vehicle registration plates

Ever wondered how to prevent your registration plates from being stolen?

Stolen registration / number plates are used by offenders to disguise the identity or legitimacy of motor vehicle/s they use when committing offences. Thefts occur when a vehicle is left parked in isolated locations including long term car parks, shopping centres or on-street-parking.

**Here are some suggestions to reduce the risk of your registration plates being stolen:**


- Secure your registration/number plates to your vehicle with tamper resistant, anti-theft, one-way screws.
- Park in a locked garage – where possible.
- Park in your driveway (remember to lock the vehicle; remove all valuables).
- Where parking on the street is unavoidable, try to park in well lit, populated areas.
- Check your number plates regularly to ensure your number plates are secure.
- Report all thefts of registration/number plates immediately to Policelink on 131 444.

Tamper resistant, one-way screws are a simple yet highly effective deterrent that are fitted with a standard screwdriver, but unable to be removed by one. These screws are available for purchase at most hardware and automotive stores. Questions related to one-way screws and their future removal should be directed to your local hardware store or point of sale.

Your assistance in preventing crime is appreciated.

Bayside DCPC – ph 07 33088180 – email [DCPC.Bayside@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:DCPC.Bayside@police.qld.gov.au) – blog [www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/wymnum](http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/wymnum)

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