



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

With a busy Term 3 almost at an end, I'd like to thank those members who encouraged applicants to apply for our paid Office Administrator position.

Interviews were held during late July/early August, and we were very fortunate to find an experienced applicant quite quickly, but just a little late to report in the August newsletter. See Page 2 for more details.

A big thank you to Debra Barker and Debra Mitchell for your assistance with interviews etc. during the recruitment process. We are also grateful to the office volunteers who helped during July, by working extra shifts to keep our office always manned. The support and dedication of volunteers is vital to the operation of our organisation and with their help we have our office operating at full capacity again!

On 14 August, Mahjong enthusiasts attended our inaugural 'Mahjong Madness' event organised by Anne Odgers and Julie Porteous. Thanks to their careful planning, it was a very successful and fun morning. Thanks to Heather & Greg Bass and Bev Romanowski for organising morning tea while everyone played. Photos are on Page 3.

Our next exciting event will be 'Another Day in Paradise', our variety concert featuring U3A theatre, music, song, and dance groups to be held on 14 and 16 September. This was a great show last year, so don't miss out.

Book your seats now, by emailing the office at admin@u3aredlands.com.au or phone Julie-Anne on 38213888. See Page 5 for full details.

Don't forget OCTOBER SENIORS MONTH EVENTS:
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Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye!

We are pleased to announce that The University of the Third Age Redlands District Inc has been **awarded a Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) grant of \$100,000.00.**

The grant application was submitted in February 2023 and was to be decided during July/August. The grants team recently thanked applicants for their patience as they worked to finalising an outcome.

On 4 September, we received letters of congratulation from: Victoria Thomson, Deputy Director-General Commissioner for Liquor & Gaming and from Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

Thanks to Kim Richards, Redlands MP; Mark Robinson, Oodgeroo MP; and Robyn Robinson, President RDCOTA for supporting our application. Julie Porteous and I are also thankful to Lisa Nardone, Grants Plus Consulting for assisting us with the grant application.

We are so excited, as we now have funds for our building up to the lock-up stage!



FAREWELL Jules



Farewell to Office Administrator - Julianne (Jules) Coleman

On Wednesday 16 August, a small group of committee members and office volunteers said farewell to our paid Office Administrator, Jules Coleman, with a quiet morning tea in the U3A Redlands office.

Over the last 2 years 3 months and 28 days, Jules quickly learned the role, made many friends and even put the fun back into fundraising. We will be forever grateful for her assistance at our 2022 fundraising events. She was a capable auctioneer at the Spring Soiree and worked tirelessly on the Trash and Treasure, which became our most successful fundraiser ever.

We were so fortunate to find Jules back in 2021. She is a woman of many talents, and we are so sad to see her go. Jules is pictured with Vice President Julie Porteous.

We hope that Jules enjoys her career change, and we wish her every success in her new role.



Welcome Julie-Anne



Welcome to our new Office Administrator - Julie-Anne Morris

After interviewing a number of applicants during July, we are pleased to announce our new Office Administrator, Julie-Anne Morris, who commenced in the role in early August, following a short handover from Jules Coleman.

Julie-Anne will be the new face of our U3A Redlands Office at Room F5, Cleveland District State High School, Russell Street, Cleveland. Welcome Julie-Anne to the U3A Redlands family.

Members, Committee Members and Tutors may like to drop into the office, when passing, to meet Julie-Anne and to introduce yourselves and your role at U3A Redlands. It is always nice to put a face to the name, particularly when we have hired another Julie-Anne – Not confusing at all! Remember our office hours are Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.00 noon, during School Term times.

You will find Julie-Anne to be a very approachable and experienced Office Administrator and we wish her every success.

MAHJONG MADNESS

Thank you to the " Mad Mahjong" players who merrily joined in our first Mahjong Madness fund raiser. The Building Fund is now better off by \$580 – well done and a big thank you.

Congratulations to the winner, Cheryl Dowling, and her table who took out the winning table prize.

Thank you Anne Odgers, and all your Monday and Friday players who made visitors from other U3A Mahjong groups and Probus groups so welcome. Thank you to the U3A players who contributed raffle prizes. All your efforts helped to raise money for the U3A Redlands Building fund and, importantly – we racked our brains to make the tiles work and then had some laughs enjoying a beautiful morning tea. Watch this space for No.2 Mahjong Madness!

The Winning Table



L-R: Julianne Whitehead - Cheryl Dowling - Barbara Sampson - Natalie Mottley



Anne Odgers is with the winner Cheryl Dowling.



Heather & Greg Bass with Bev Romanowski

Thank you for managing the morning tea while everyone played.



Armchair Travel
Cleveland Uniting Church
– Large Hall.
Passage St, Cleveland
1st Thursday of the month

September 7: Northwest India

Paul Oates will be taking us on a guided tour through Namaste, New Delhi, The Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

October 5: Gardens, Castles and Trains

Anne McBurnie & Francis Gosling



Garden Tour of Europe and England
From Tulips in Amsterdam to the Chelsea Flower Show in London.



CONTACT: Jennifer Brew - 0403 835 895

RAMBLING in the Redlands



A group of enthusiastic Ramblers ventured out of the Redlands recently and enjoyed a walk along the Kangaroo Point Cliffs



PATCHWORK & QUILTING

VACANCIES - BEGINNERS WELCOME

Classes are 2 hours duration and held on a Thursday in three time slots:
9.30am **or** 1.30pm **or** 4.30pm
Contact Sylvia on 0412 662 567



VACANCIES

FRENCH CONVERSATION CLASS

Meets each Wednesdays 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Interested members are welcome to join this class.

Some prior French knowledge required.

Contact Michael on 3286 3314 or hubmichael34@gmail.com.



Writing for Pleasure

The pen is mightier than the sword.

In the following short piece, our writer provides a very different take on Father's Day.

The Tramp by: Helen Goleby

I opened the door, and he was standing there, head lowered. Long, greasy hair and a bedraggled beard fell across his chest. With ragged, filthy clothes and dirty bare feet he smelt like a garbage bin, and I covered my nose.

"What do you want?"

He said nothing.

Obviously, food. I grabbed some bread and bananas from the kitchen and held them out the door. "Goodbye!"

He didn't move.

"Oh, it's money!"

I threw some money and the food onto the ground, ready to lock the door.

He raised his head and said quietly "Hello, Jenny."

"Dad?"



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

September 11: U3A WRITERS' GROUP

Liz Jeffs leads a U3A group who enjoy writing, and work to develop and refine their skills. Meeting once a month, the group uses all forms and styles of writing. We submit a piece to the U3A Newsletter, we have provided work for the U3A Redlands 25th Anniversary celebration, and now write a weekly article for Seniors in the new local newspaper, *The Redland City News*.



U3A Redlands Presents

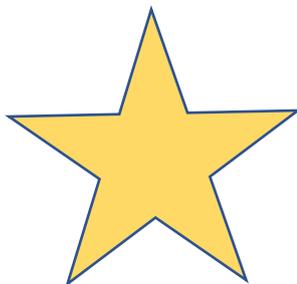
"Another Day in Paradise"

Variety Show featuring U3A Performers

Thorneside Community Hall

Thursday, 14 September 2pm

Saturday, 16 September 2pm



Book NOW Limited Seating

Tickets \$10

U3A Redlands Office

3821 3888

Monday-Friday 9:00 - 12:00

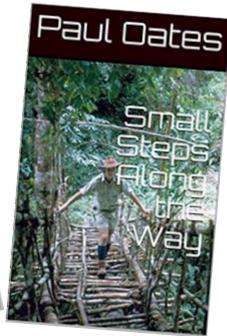
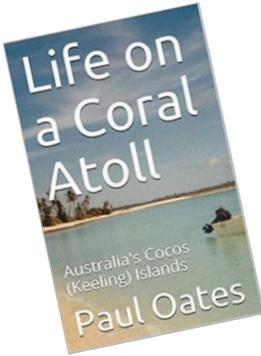




U3A Redlands District

Life Matters Special Interest Topics

During Seniors Month, October 2023, U3A Redlands District brings you a program of special interest topics in their regular *Life Matters* presentations at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland on four consecutive Mondays commencing 9th October.



Paul Oates, author, government administrator, primary producer, baby boomer and public affairs commentator will facilitate the first three thought provoking current affairs presentations:

Monday 9th October – *Australia as a Trading Partner* explores issues of overseas trade, control, surplus and our potential future.

Monday 16th October – *Australia's Dwindling Water Supply* examines droughts and floods and responsible management of the resource.

Monday 23rd October – *Australia's Food Resources* discusses how and where our food is produced now and into the future.

Monday 30th October – *My Care, My Choice* provides practical steps to empower seniors to plan their future health care



Shae Millar, Clinical nurse consultant, will discuss planning for important health care issues for seniors on the final Monday in this program:

Session details: # U3A Redlands District Members and **non-members welcome**
Doors open **9.00am** # Presentation **9.30am to 10.30am**
Tea and coffee **10.30am to 11.00am**
Cost is **\$5.00** per session

Venue: Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

U3A Redlands Activities during OCTOBER SENIORS MONTH



U3A Redlands GOLF DAY

Monday, 16 October 2023

U3A Redlands Seniors Month Golf Day at Carbrook Golf Course, 653 Beenleigh Redland Bay Road, Carbrook.

Meet at Carbrook Golf Course at 11:30 for Hamburger lunch with Tee off at 12:00 noon. Presentation and nibbles approximately 5:30pm. A trophy for best player plus lots of other prizes.

Cost: \$30 for Carbrook Club Members
\$55 for Non-members.
(Limit of 50 people)

Please RSVP to Randolph Story

P: 3821 2498 or M: 0437 237 348

Email: rand.story@outlook.com

FREE SENIORS MONTH EVENT



Managing your Power Bills

DATES: Four consecutive Wednesdays,
commencing 4 October
TIME: 10.00-11.30am
VENUE: Capalaba Library
Noeleen Street, Capalaba

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- 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?

Member Michael Qualmann has a lot of knowledge he would like to share during this short course, but **we need to know numbers for booking purposes.**

Please contact U3A Office for a full list of topics and to register.

Email: admin@u3aredlands.com.au

Phone: 3821 3888



Make a difference Join our Committee

The election of U3A Redlands District Office Bearers will be held at our **Annual General Meeting** on the **4 December 2023** at the **Donald Simpson Centre**.

All financial members are eligible to nominate to be part of the Management Committee.

We welcome nominations from positive and enthusiastic candidates, with good interpersonal and computer skills.

Please consider this opportunity to make a difference and nominate for a committee position.

Discuss your interest with a current committee member – contact details are on the last page of the newsletter.

Contact: Janese Lowe
president@u3aredlands.com.au to register your interest.



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

Crime Prevention Corner

Rules at Level Crossings in Queensland

There are 1400 public level crossings in Queensland, and all have some form of protection including boom gates, warning signs, flashing lights, or signage.

Next time you are at a level crossing:

- Be aware of your surroundings, look and observe all safety signs, boom gates and lights.
- Only enter the crossing when the gate is opened, and the lights (if installed) have stopped flashing.
- Never drive around, under or through a railway gate or barrier whilst it is down, being lowered or raising. It is illegal and dangerous.
- Do not queue through the crossing and move off the crossing as soon as you can safely do so.
- Avoid stopping in the middle of railway tracks e.g., in heavy traffic, make sure you have enough room to cross the tracks completely before you begin to cross.
- It can take up to 2km for a loaded freight train to stop in an emergency.
- If walking, use designated pathways to cross.
- Always look out for extra trains on the tracks whilst waiting.

If a driver is caught disobeying warning lights and bells at a level crossing – it carries a fine of \$431 and 3 demerit points. It is not worth it.

Bayside DCPC – ph 07 33088180 – email DCPC.Wynnum@police.qld.gov.au – blog www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/bayside

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