



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

By the time you read this I will be cruising my way to Iceland. After such a busy year, I could not wait to fly out for a couple of weeks to recharge the batteries.

Thanks to the generous contributions of all our wonderful Committee and other volunteers, the High Tea on Monday 12 August was a huge success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the great table setting, the scrumptious morning tea and the socialising.

We were so pleased to be joined by special guests, Councillor Wendy Boglary, Councillor Peter Mitchell, DSC Board Chairman Tony Christinson and U3A Network Qld President, Rhonda Weston AM and husband David Weston.

Our members and guests also welcomed the opportunity to have a "post-lock-up" tour of the new building to see the progress we have made. Many thanks to our wonderful tour guides who made sure the small groups were able to safely have a look through the building, in between showers.

Then it was onto the final planning for the Car Boot Sale on Sunday 25 August. This event was a first for U3A Redlands and we had a good response from members and the public with around 40 car boot sellers assembled in a unique market setting in the grounds of Ormiston House.

What a delightful location to rummage for treasure and enjoy a bite to eat. My thanks to the Committee for all your help to make this event possible. In particular, Events Co-ordinator Brenda Hazelwood and Tutor Liaison Mary Smith, put in an outstanding effort organising and presenting this event.



Building Project Update



The U3A Redlands building was looking neat and tidy after removal of the builder fencing and a tidy up of the surrounds.

Grant Results

On 17 July we were advised that our grant application to 2024 Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd, Community Grant Program was unsuccessful. On a positive note, the following week we received congratulations that our Redland Foundation (Jeffery and Geraldine Underhill Grant) had been successful.

U3A Redlands was one of eighteen organisations that received funding in the 2024 round and the \$3,000 will be applied towards our kitchen fit-out.

Fundraising Update

Additional funding is needed to complete the interior, add concrete verandah, ramp and rails, plus side path. Another essential is the purchase and installation of a septic tank.

Donations may be made by:

Direct Deposit: BOQ

BSB: 124-025

ACC: 23387501

Ref: *Your name*

Credit Card:

<https://u3aredlands.com.au/building-project/>

Phone Office: 3821 3888

We appreciate your ongoing support.

Happy First Anniversary Julie-Anne



On 7 August, Julie-Anne Morris, our Office Administrator, celebrated her first year of employment with U3A Redlands.

Many of you will have met or spoken to her by now and would agree that Julie-Anne is now part of the U3A family.

With her past volunteer organisation experience, she does a great job of assisting members, ironing out problems and generally keeping our office running smoothly.

Thank-you Julie-Anne, we are so pleased to have you on board.



2025
Online Membership
Open - Tuesday
1 October 2024

NEW or FORMER MEMBERS
Get 15 Months for price of
12 months
When you join in October.

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Great News



U3A Redlands District was recently awarded \$3,000 grant funds from the **Redland Foundation – Jeffery and Geraldine Underhill Grant.**



At the Redlands Foundation Presentation night, Board Director Karen Williams presented a certificate to Vice President Liz Sanderson who attended on behalf of U3A Redlands.

The funds were directly deposited into our Building Fund Account and will be used to fit out the kitchenette with sink, tapware and large kitchen appliances.



FRENCH
CONVERSATION
- Advanced

Would you like to join the French Conversation Group as they would be happy to welcome some new members.

The group meets each Monday at the Cleveland Library from 3:30 – 4:30pm.

If you are interested, please contact Tony Cook for more details.

Email: tonycooku3a@yahoo.com.au



Celebratory High Tea & Tour

Eighty members and guests celebrated in style at a High Tea on Monday, 12 August to mark the 'Lock-Up Stage' of our purpose-built centre. It has been a long challenging process and the finishing line is just around the corner. What a wonderful milestone! What a successful morning tea! *Thank you to everyone involved!*



All photos are thanks to Member Franziska Speck

The Preparations and Food



So many willing helpers



Thanks Theatre Group for help with flair



Special Guests and Guides



CAR BOOT SALE



Sunday 25 August, saw U3A Redlands try a new type of fundraiser. A Car Boot Sale was held at the Historic Ormiston House where we had about 40 stalls set up to sell a variety of goods including plants, crafts, paintings, clothes, jewellery, toys, games, a bicycle, fishing gear and a whole range of household items. We were fortunate to have good weather which brought out a large number of shoppers. About 250 people came through the gate. Ormiston House volunteers were run off their feet preparing Devonshire Teas and eventually had to put up the 'sold out' sign when the scones ran out. They were delighted with the attendance.

While final figures are still being calculated, U3AR expects to make approximately \$2500 profit. This is a great result for all who contributed – those who donated goods for sale, including home-baked goods, plants & household items; our Office Administrator, office volunteers and committee members who helped organise the event; those who volunteered on the Sunday setting up, marshalling cars, selling goods, cooking sausages and cleaning up afterwards.

Thank you everyone, and special thanks to the planning and dedication of Brenda & Ross Hazelwood and Mary Smith, the Ormiston House Car Boot Sale was a great success.

We acknowledge the support of Ormiston House in allowing us to use their venue and in giving us a percentage of gate takings. Like us, they operate with volunteers, who help out each Sunday when the venue is open to the public.

<https://www.ormistonhouseqld.com.au/special-events>



**Historic Ormiston House
invites you to join them for
"September Jazz"
on Sunday, 8 September
from 2.30-4.00pm**

Come along for an afternoon of Jazz with the sensational Ashleigh Denning Jazz Quartet.

Bring a chair or picnic blanket and maybe a glass of wine and sit and relax while listening to a selection of favourite traditional Jazz standards, as well as some modern takes on old hits.

Gates open at 2pm. Concert starts at 2:30pm
Tickets are \$35 and children under 10 are free.

For bookings please visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/CUJDG>

#brisbanejazzclub #jazzmusic #redlandscast

Historic Ormiston House
277 Wellington Street, Ormiston



Writing for Pleasure

The pen is mightier than the sword.



This month our writers observed the following quote: *Everybody walks past a thousand story ideas every day. The good writers are the ones who see five or six of them. Most people don't see any.* — Orson Scott.

The Shade of a Tree
By: Anita Lazic

Venturing out for a walk to the top of the hill that day was warmer than I imagined. I was reminded it was not a good idea to walk in the Australian heat around midday. Ahead in the distance a huge, old lemon-scented gum sprawled, casting a dark, abstract shadow upon the ground.

As my sweat drenched body entered the shade I could feel its welcome embrace. The coolness was breathtaking, enveloping me. I took a few moments to lie in the splendid tree's shade. A sense of wonder overtook me as to how long this tree had stood, offering its coolness to many passersby over the years including the indigenous Yuggera people, enjoying respite during hot, sweltering summer days.

Leaving the cool sanctuary refreshed, I continued my walk into the shimmering afternoon heat, marvelling at the survival of the huge, towering gums along the riverbank. I thought of how precious our trees are, saddened to know how they are being cut down mercilessly, year after year. Please! Save our trees for now and the future. They are priceless.



NEW CHESS MEMBERS WELCOME

For people who enjoy playing chess and for those who would like to learn, our small, friendly group would welcome you on a Friday morning at the Cleveland Library from 9.30am to midday. We are non-competitive; there are no timers or bells. If you would like to join us, please contact the Tutor, Kathryn on 0416 247 571.

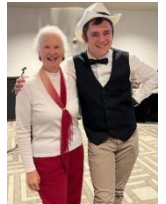


Monday 9.00 for 9.30am
Donald Simpson Centre
172 Bloomfield St, Cleveland
COST: \$5 includes Tea & Biscuit

SEPTEMBER 9: RANGER STACEY
Presenter: Stacey Thomson

SEPTEMBER 30: POETRY IS POWER FOR TODDLERS THROUGH TEENS TO RETIREES

Presenter: Anne McBurnie & Francis Gosling
Guest speaker Oscar Neisler will present extracts from Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson in his inimitable style.



OCTOBER 7: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

OCTOBER 14: STRANGE FOODS – Fungi and Sweet Potatoes

Presenter: Paul Oates, Author and Speaker.
Come along and learn about these two very different food sources.



Enjoy the fun of learning
Stay for a cuppa (10.30-11.00)

Join us at RPAC for a full day celebrating community.



This year, University of the Third Age Redlands District (U3AR) is in the spotlight and excited to share their talents and creativity. Enjoy theatre, dance and choral performances, visual art and craft demonstrations, or participate in a dance or singing workshop. There will also be exclusive backstage tours running throughout the day. Come and enjoy a day of activity for the whole family!

Bookings for this FREE event are on the RPAC webpage here:

<https://www.rpac.com.au/what-s-on/all-events/seniors-month-spotlight-u3a-annual-showcase/>

Seniors EXPO Alexandra Hills Hotel

U3A Redlands, was represented at the recent Seniors Expo by Debra Mitchell, Laraine Gon Chee and Rosemary Turner. This event was co-ordinated by representatives from Seniors and Carers Teams within the Department of Child Safety, as well as Seniors and Disability Services in the Queensland Government.

150-200 Seniors attended the event and were treated to Guest Speakers discussing various topics including:

- * Cost of Living pressures
- * Concessions and Rebates
- * Scam Awareness

Seniors were able to connect with other wonderful community organisations within Redlands. It was a worthwhile event and very well run.

Did you know: Additional to the Queensland Government's energy rebate, you may be eligible for a further \$372.20 energy rebate if you hold a Queensland Seniors Card, a Pensioner Concession Card and various other cards. For more information go to:

www.qld.gov.au/concessions

You never know, there may be other concessions and rebates that you were not aware were on offer!

RAMBLING IN THE REDLANDS



The Ramblers meet at various locations on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for an enjoyable walk through natural bushland around the Redlands. This group recently shared a beautiful morning walking through the Scribbly Gums Conservation Area at Alexandra Hills.

Call for Committee Members

In line with U3A Redlands District Constitution, all members of our current committee will stand down at the Annual General Meeting in early December and although most intend to re-nominate for the 2025 Committee, we will have vacancies. We welcome your talents and enthusiasm for this next exciting phase of U3A Redlands history.

We are a vital and vibrant group of seniors in the Redlands. A new building opening in 2025 will bring new opportunities and it will be a good time to rethink our processes. We encourage both males and females to join our team and to bring along some innovative ideas.

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

Discuss your interest with a current committee member - details are at the end of this newsletter.

Contact Trevor Simmons, to register your interest. Email: secretary@u3aredlands.com.au



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

You are welcome to join us for the September Armchair Travel presented by Anne McBurnie and Francis Gosling about Cruising the Mediterranean. "See Glorious Gaudi in Barcelona and meet Zorba the Greek on a Boat Ride in Corfu"



Date: Thursday, 5 September
Time: 9:30 -11:00am
Venue: Uniting Church Hall,
Passage St. Cleveland

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Crime Prevention Corner

New Knife Laws – Queensland 2024

In an active step towards reducing weapon accessibility among young people, new laws will come into effect in Queensland from 1 September 2024 banning the sale of knives and particular controlled items to minors.

Particular controlled items such as double-edged knives, axes, machetes, sickles, swords and spears are also required by law to be securely stored prior to sale.

Under the new law...


- It will be an offence to sell knives and particular controlled items to minors.
- It will be an offence to use false identification to purchase these items.
- It will be an offence to advertise these items as 'suitable for combat'.
- Retailers will be required to securely store particular controlled items prior to sale.
- Retailers will be required to display signage regarding age restriction for sales.

For further information on knife laws in Queensland and relevant legislation visit www.legislation.qld.gov.au and search *Weapons Act 1990*, or *Criminal Code Act 1899*.

For additional information visit www.police.qld.gov.au/initiatives/end-knife-violence

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