



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

I am sure everyone is thinking how good it is to have the council elections behind us. Soon it will be officially announced that Jos Mitchell is to be sworn in as the new Redland City Council Mayor.

On 16 March, as thousands went off to vote for a mayor and councillors for the Redlands District and throughout Queensland, a team of volunteers from U3A Redlands gave up their Saturday to run a market stall outside the Thorneside Community Hall polling booth.

Thorneside was one of the quieter booths but that did not stop us from having fun interacting with U3A members and members of the public who snapped up a bargain or three as they exited the polling booth.

I would sincerely like to thank all those members who donated baked goods, craft, and plants etc. for sale and to all those who volunteered their time on the day. We were very pleased to raise \$900 towards the building fund for our efforts.

Huge thank you to Events Co-ordinator and organiser *extraordinaire* Brenda Hazelwood and to Mary Smith for securing our location. Thanks to the men folk Ross Hazelwood, Trevor Simmons, Charles De Wet and Ian Lowe for your assistance with set up and pack down. When I asked Trevor how he sold so many of our plants, he told me "I do deals, and everyone goes home happy".

Thanks all for an amazing team effort!

A group of U3A Redland members are off to Japan on 4 April. In the early years, the Life in Australia group organised a number of regular day trips and overseas trips, but this would be the first trip probably since 2018.

Many thanks to Deb and John Barker for organising a Japan specialist Travel Agent to put this trip together for a small group of very happy travellers. Bon Voyage and can't wait for the photos!



Building Project Update

You know it is getting real when you meet with the builder on site to check the positioning of power points and decide on choices for floor coverings.

STOP PRESS

We are so pleased that family-owned business Urban Tile Company, will provide 20m² of floor tiles and 5m² of wall tiles for splashbacks at zero cost.



Thank you, Millar Family for your generosity.
When you next need tiles,
please support Urban Tiles!

Fundraising Update

We are so appreciative of the following donations received from members since last newsletter:

Thank you to members:

Richard Kellaway	\$ 75
Anonymous	\$ 500
C & M Mison	\$ 100
M Hennessy	\$ 100
Anon (My \$1k)	\$1,000
J&E Hilton	\$ 100
Meta Maher	\$ 500
Anonymous	\$ 300
	<u>\$2,375</u>

Events Fundraising

Market Stall	\$ 900
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How You Can Donate

By Direct Deposit:

Bank of Qld BSB: 124025
Account: 23387501
Ref: Surname, Donation

By Credit Card: <https://u3aredlands.com.au>

Click Building Project at top right Click Donate Here; Follow the prompts. Or Phone Julie at the Office 3821 3888.

Donations to U3A Redlands Building Fund are tax deductible,

per Sub 30-B 2.1.10 Tax Act. We appreciate your ongoing support.

MAHJONG MADNESS



JOIN US FOR FUN, PRIZES AND RAFFLES Friday, 5 April 2024

Community Hall, Windermere Road,
Alexandra Hills

8:30am for 9:00am start
\$10 includes Morning Tea

Register your Tables of 4 (or singles)
By Thursday, 28 March

Contact Jeanette Hynes – 0407 453 385
Contact the Office for Tickets 3821 3888

Please note that the U3A Redlands Office will be closed over the Easter School Holidays.
29 March – 12 April.



**REOPENS
9:00am Monday, 15 April.**



Visit us at Bunnings Capalaba Friday 26 April

The day after the Anzac Day would be a great day to go to Bunnings for your DIY supplies and don't forget to:

BUY A SAUSAGE TO SUPPORT U3A!

Our BBQ Captains are ready and our Team rosters are filling. Please **phone the office on 3821 3888**, to put your name down, even as a stand-by.

Tell all the handy men and women you know (*family, friends, neighbours*) to schedule their Bunnings trip for *Friday, 26 April* and remember to buy a sausage and a drink from U3A.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.





U3A Redlands Trip to Japan

On 4th April twenty members of the University of the Third Age Redlands are embarking on a travel adventure to Japan.

Just prior to COVID, U3A Redlands under the initiative of then president and this year's tour co-ordinator, Debra Barker made contact with Kenyukai, the seniors group in Kani City, Japan. Kani City, just outside of Nagoya, is a sister city to Redland City with many ties through education and business.

This is the first visit of its kind. Redland City Council has been very supportive of promotion of this link between the sister cities. Kenyukai and Kani City have arranged the visit which will see seniors of both cities learning about each other's lifestyles while experiencing the local culture, food and the sights. The group is travelling at the time of the year when the cherry blossoms bloom.

U3A Redlands was lucky to find local Japanese primary school teacher, Kathryn Tominaga, to teach Japanese on a regular basis to its members over the past two years. A number of the group travelling to Japan this year have been regulars in Kathryn's classes. They are eager to try out their newly acquired language skills.

While the visit to Kani City is the centre point of the trip, the U3A Redlands travellers will also journey to Takayama, Kanazawa, Osaka and beyond before returning home in the middle of April.



Members Kevin & Marion Haynes collecting U3A Japan Tour tickets



U3A Redlands presents Performance Arts Variety Show featuring Dance, Music, Comedy and Drama

Thursday, 16 May 2024

Two Sessions with doors open at: 9.30 for 10.00am and 1.30 for 2.00pm

Tea and coffee available before the show.

Thorneside Community Hall,
Mooroondu Road, Thorneside

TICKETS: \$10.00 U3A Members
\$12.00 Non-Members

Raffles with great prizes available on the day and drawn during the session.

For bookings call the Office 3821 3888.

Market Stall a Great Success



Thank you to our members for donations of baked goods, craft and plants. The craft was colourful and varied, the plants were healthy and the baked goods were well presented, looked delicious and sold very quickly.

A wonderful effort that raised \$900 towards the building fund.

Thank you to our sales team – Brenda; Mary; Trevor; Liz; Sally Roth; Karen Murphy; Julieanne Whitehead; Eileen Haslemore; and Karen Budge. Set up and pack down by Brenda, Ross, Trevor, Ian and Charles was very much appreciated. Brenda we couldn't have done it without you and Ross.

Calling all U3A Artists and Photographers!

ART & PHOTO COMPETITION



THEME: 'A SCENIC VIEW'

Artwork may be submitted in any medium: watercolours, oils, pencil, acrylic or pastels.
Prizes: First, Second and People's Choice

Art Prizes: \$300, \$150, \$50
Photography: \$200, \$100, \$50

Competition now open, closes 5 May 2024

Winners announced at U3A Network State Conference

[Links to entry forms, conditions and details below](#)

Copy and paste the below address to find links to entry forms, conditions and details.

Entries Close 5 May 2024

<https://u3aqlld.au/arts-competition2024/>



Beginning Video Making

Turn your pictures and videos into movies to show your family and friends, or to share online.

All you need is a phone with a camera, and a reasonably modern computer. We'll supply you with the software (free) and show you how to use it.

CLASS: Every Friday, starting 19 April
(8 week course)

TIME: 9:00 – 12:00

VENUE: Victoria Point Library

Class size is limited and positions fill quickly so don't wait, or you might miss out.

Contact Scott on 0438 127 488



Get Ready for Trivia Fun Saturday, 8 June

Start gathering your table group of 8 for this fun filled evening!

Full details in the May Newsletter.

NEW COURSE



History through the Ages

This class covers the broad spectrum of history over time. It is not restricted to any specific period. The class has a "learn by doing" philosophy. Members are encouraged to contribute on history topics of their own choosing by researching the topic, then preparing their talk and presenting it to class. Talks are typically an hour in length. Lively class discussion is strongly encouraged. Over a year everyone has the chance to give a talk if they choose (*it is not obligatory*).

START: Friday, 19 April
1st & 3rd Friday (*during school term*)

TIME: 2:30 – 4:30pm

VENUE: Lakeside Meeting Room (*upstairs*)
Victoria Point Library

To register your interest, please contact **Tutor, Terry Coman on 0422 455 266** or email tscoman@bigpond.com

Alternatively phone the Office on 3821 3888



Writing for Pleasure

The pen is mightier than the sword.



This month the writers were given the first line - "This day, the green car stopped right in front of my house," and told to develop a story in 50 to 100 words. One writer demonstrates you don't need a long piece to have impact.

Coming Home **By: Sharyn Grimes**

This day, the green car stopped right in front of my place. It was a familiar sight in our complex. I wasn't rude to the man who was bringing Brian home, but he didn't stay long because I didn't want him to. I put Brian in his favourite chair in the lounge room and made some afternoon tea. I sat with him, reminiscing about all kinds of things until the light faded. I was ready now. I picked up the box containing Brian's ashes off his chair and placed it on the sideboard. This is where he belonged. With me.



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

APRIL 15: MILITARY WORKING DOGS

Presenter: Corporal Jess Baxter,
Military Dog Trainer

APRIL 22: QUEENSLAND HOVERCRAFT: RIDING ON A CUSHION OF AIR

Presenter: Keith Boulton,
Qld Maritime Museum Volunteer

APRIL 29: WILLIAM WINDSOR JOLLY SOLDIER, BUSINESSMAN, FAMILY MAN

Presenter: Wendy Ruwoldt
Grand-daughter of Brisbane's First Lord Mayor
Speaking about her father, one of 7 sons and
also named William Jolly.

MAY 6: LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY



*Enjoy the fun of learning from
Guest Speakers (9.30- 10.30).
Stay for a cuppa (10.30-11.00).*



Thorneside Mahjong 'Challenge Day'

As a change from the 'usual routine', the Tuesday Mahjong group at Thorneside recently held a "Mahjong Challenge", where participants had to follow set procedures in order to win a number of prizes on offer.

Games that participants could play were restricted and divided into three categories.

Prizes were awarded to the overall winner, the winning table, the highest points earner at each table, as well as incidental prizes throughout the morning.



Congratulations to the Overall Winner Dawn Montgomery (on the left)
(middle) Organiser Kay Sutton, and (right) Tutor, Rose Reidlinger

The Winning Table group were, Eileen Haslemore, Ian Wallace, Julianne Whitehead and Mary Smith.





Another Fundraising Challenge

We can all contribute to this fundraiser - help our planet by reducing landfill and recycle all those drink containers through our Containers for Change membership.

If you can gather up your 10 cent recyclable drink containers, take them to any Containers for Change collection centre, they will turn your bottles into cash and help us finish our new U3A Redlands building. Here's what you can do:

- In a convenient spot at your house set aside a big sturdy garbage bag and let your family and friends know – *this is for recyclable drink containers*;
- Save all your plastic and glass bottles from soft drinks, water, flavoured milk, wine, beer and spirits, and your aluminium drink cans & poppers;
- Make sure all containers are completely empty;
- NO lids;
- NO detergent or chemical containers;
- NO plain milk bottles – only flavoured milk bottles allowed;
- You might like to rinse out the containers so nothing gets smelly!
- **If in doubt – check for the 10c logo on the container label.**
- Label your bag with the following points:

SCHEME ID:	C11396365
NAME:	U3A Redlands Inc.
PHONE NUMBER	Your own phone number – only used if they have an issue with Scheme ID
NUMBER OF BAGS	Number of bags in the batch you are leaving

Then take your bag(s) of containers to your nearest drop off location – these can be found [Where to return | Containers for Change](#)

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld/where-to-return>

The Cleveland Centre - Advanced Container Recyclers - at 53 Enterprise Street in Cleveland has easy parking, no queuing, and a special spot for bags for fund-raisers. They can provide labels and some reuseable bags.



HAVE A HAPPY AND JOYOUS EASTER



There once was a bunny named Peter,
 Who was quite the accomplished egg-beater.
 With a hop and a skip,
 He'd deliver eggs with a grip,
 And make Easter morning much sweeter.

His fur was as white as the snow,
 And his ears stood up tall in a row.
 He'd hop through the fields,
 And with each egg he'd yield,
 He'd bring joy wherever he'd go.
 Children would wake up with glee,
 To find eggs hidden under a tree.
 They'd search high and low,
 Wherever they'd go,
 To fill their baskets up to the spree.

But Peter's job wasn't just fun,
 He knew his work had just begun.
 For Easter was a day,
 To celebrate in a way,
 The resurrection of Jesus, God's son.

So as the children hunted for treats,
 Peter knew that Easter was complete.
 For the joy in their eyes,
 Was a heavenly prize,
 And his heart swelled with love so sweet.

So here's to the Easter bunny, so true,
 Bringing joy to me and to you.
 With eggs dyed in bright hues,
 And baskets filled with clues,
 May Easter be a day anew.



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