



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

This year's theme for National Volunteer Week, 20-26 May, was 'Something for Everyone'.

I am so grateful for the support of my hard-working committee, who not only fulfil their committee duties but often double as events volunteers when needed. May was a huge month with two Variety Shows on 16 May and a Community Celebrations stall on 18 May. Helpers included a mix of committee members, events volunteers and office volunteers. Thank you to all these wonderful volunteers.

From 28-30 May, I attended the annual U3A Network State Conference, which was hosted by the U3A Beaudesert team. Their friendly team welcomed delegates from all over Queensland to their beautiful location in the Scenic Rim. See page 2 for more.

Remember we have our Trivia Night at Birkdale Sports Club this Saturday, 8 June, 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. I hope to see you all there.

Please tell your family and friends that we are looking for sellers to 'earn some cash' by booking a site at our Car Boot Sale to be held at Ormiston House on Sunday, 25 August. More details on Page 6.



Building Project Update

Work has been at a standstill since last month, while arranging for Telstra and NBN to agree on the installation of data wiring and our NBN connection. The builder will then install the gyprock sheeting to make the building safe for possible member tours in August (details will be in July News).

It could then be some time before any work is done, while we secure more funds.

Fundraising Update

During May, we made an application to the State Department of Seniors for funding support but are unsure when a decision will be made.

Fortunately, since last newsletter, members and groups have generously donated funds totaling \$6,987, which were gratefully received. We plan to list and display all donations on a donor board or similar. In the meantime, we will report in the newsletters:

Thank you to members:

Anonymous	\$1,203.51
Caroline Vella	\$ 100.00
Francis Gosling	\$5,000.00

Group Activity Donations

Tues Mahjong	\$184.00 (Total to date \$1,733)
Meditation	\$500.00 (Total to date \$2,500)

Events Fundraising

Bunnings BBQ	\$ 1,000
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Target \$400k

\$155.4k - 6.9k = **\$148.5k To go**



Tell your friends and family that EOFY is approaching and donations to our U3A Building Fund are tax deductible.

You Can Donate:

By Direct Deposit:

BOQ BSB 124025 Account 23387501
Ref: Surname, Donation

By Credit Card: <https://u3aredlands.com.au>
Click Building Project at top right Click Donate Here. Or

Phone the Office: 3821 3888

We appreciate your ongoing support.

U3A State Conference 2024



U3A Beaudesert President Brendan Dever and his Conference Committee

Congratulations to the friendly team from U3A Beaudesert for welcoming seventy-five delegates from all over Queensland.

This year's theme was 'Lifelong Learning – a Scenic View' which was appropriate given that we were visiting the beautiful Scenic Rim.



Ingrid (North Gold Coast), Janese (Redlands), Merri (South Gold Coast)

There are 36 independent U3As across Queensland and delegates who attend the conference can catch up with old friends, and form new friendships. It is also an opportunity to compare notes, ask questions, discover new ideas, and to keep abreast of changing laws that affect our organisations.

Some of the topics discussed were Associations law changes, Copyright rules, Insurance, Grant funding, Artificial Intelligence, Online learning for seniors and Ageism.

Conferences are so worthwhile and are open to all U3A members, not just those on the Committee. It was announced that the next U3A Conference will be hosted by U3A Bribie Island on 6-8 May 2025.



ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP-TO-DATE?

Recently a member had a medical incident at Mahjong and an ambulance had to be called.

The Tutor had trouble contacting the emergency contact person for our member, and this caused some distress.

All ended well. The member met with her doctors about an existing complaint and is feeling well again. She plans to return to class when she feels ready.

Please check that your emergency contact details are correctly listed on the U3A Redlands members website.

<https://u3aredlands.com.au/membership>

If you need help, please phone the U3A Office on 3821 3888 to advise of any changes to your emergency contact details.



Vale Pauline Ludar-Smith

The U3A Redlands community was very saddened to hear of the recent passing of Pauline Ludar-Smith, aged 91 years.

Pauline was a long-time member of U3A Redlands and an enthusiastic participant in many of the offered classes. Pauline was a valued performer of the U3A Redlands Theatre Group and the Starlight Dancers.

Our deepest sympathies to Pauline's family and friends. She will be sadly missed.

Rest In Peace Pauline



Let us Celebrate Our Wonderful Volunteers



L-R: Kaylene Lawson (Publicity), Mary Smith (Tutor Liaison seated), Deb Mitchell (Office Co-ordinator) and Heather Bass (Office and Events Volunteer).

This year's Community Celebration of Volunteers at Raby Bay Park was held on Saturday 18 May. We are grateful to Deb Mitchell for co-ordinating the event and rosters, to Secretary Trevor Simmons for help with set-up, and also to everyone who gave up their time to help on the day.

Special thanks to Kaylene Lawson for generously donating the raffle prizes and some novelty sale items which proved very popular with the crowd of visitors. Vice-President, Liz Sanderson also played her part on stage, by taking part in an interview with the Master of Ceremonies, explaining all about U3A Redlands and the services we provide. *Well done everyone.*



Congratulations Redland Rhapsody Chorus



Congratulations to Redland Rhapsody Chorus for being awarded the Australian Champion Chorus at the Sweet Adelines Competition held in Fremantle this May.

Hours of rehearsal have paid off and they are the first Queensland chorus to win - ever! Now they will have the opportunity to represent Australia in Columbus, Ohio USA in October 2025.

Did you know that two members of the talented fifty strong acapella chorus have a connection with U3A Redlands?



U3AR member Denise Kolcze and former U3AR Office Administrator Janis Emadian, are both members of the winning Redland Rhapsody Chorus that performed in Fremantle in May.

Well done ladies.

Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of 16 May U3A Variety Concert

Both morning and afternoon sessions of the Variety Concert held during May were well attended thanks to the efforts of our new Publicity Officer, Kaylene Lawson.



Participating groups that made up the cast of the variety concert in alphabetical order are the Jazz Ballet Group (*Tutor Nicole West*), Scottish Country Dancers (*Tutor Heather Heron*), Singers (*Tutor and pianist Cheryl Christie*), Tap Group (*Tutor Nicole West*), and Theatre Group (*Tutor Sue Willingham*).

The consensus from the audience was that the show was enjoyable and entertaining, thanks to the hard work of the Tutors and performers.

A lot of work goes into a successful show and we also owe our thanks to the Producer and Master of Ceremonies Liz Sanderson, our Sound Man Mike Daniels, Theatre Pianist Marguerite Giovannini and Curtains Coralie Peterson and for all other back stage assistants.



Brenda with Raffle Winner



Sound Man Mike Daniels



Another Raffle Winner

Thank you to Front of House Event Co-ordinator Brenda Hazelwood for donating a shawl for the raffle and for organising rosters for Events Volunteers in the Kitchen and at the Door. Many thanks to our Photography Tutor John Burt for taking photos on the day.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR NEW GROUPS

The following new groups are planned for Term 3 if there is sufficient interest.

PIANISTS PLAYING FOR JOY



This group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month from 10:00-11:30am in Alexandra Hills.

It aims to encourage confidence in performing through playing in front of the group, in a supportive, friendly, social atmosphere. Whether your musical preference is for classical, popular culture, or both, there will be an opportunity for you to present your favourites. There is also room for non-playing spectators to encourage the pianists as their skills and confidence are developed. It is envisaged that each participant will have some experience at playing piano, although it may be at different levels. A small fee will be charged for venue hire.

To express your interest or for further information, please contact **Cheryl on 0400 755 822** or email cheryljoyham.au@gmail.com.

WINE FOR FUN



This group will meet mid-week once a month, from 5:00-7:00pm.



The group will explore the world of wine in a social and educational style, but remain unpretentious and accessible to all. Wines must be within everyday budget and easily sourced from local retailers. This highly interactive group will allow each member to be involved in selecting the wines. Several wines are sampled at each meeting, along with cheese and biscuits. A cost to cover wines and food (and possibly room hire) will need to be paid upfront. This group will commence in August, so there will be five meetings this year. To express your interest or for further information, please contact **Michele on 0439 231 923** or email thecozzis@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR MAHJONG

Mahjong is a popular game in the Redlands. We have five U3A groups (playing Western Style Mahjong) and new players are very welcome - men, women, beginners and experienced players.

Contact the Tutor listed below if you would like to join a group.

A small fee applies to cover the cost of the venue and morning tea.

MONDAY: 8:30-11:30 Alexandra Hills
TUTOR: Barbara 0418 185 780

TUESDAY 1: 9.00-12.00 Thorneside
TUTOR: Rose 0413 309 808

TUESDAY 2: 8.30-11.30 Thornlands
TUTOR: Robert 0492 932 461

THURSDAY: 8.30-11.30 Cleveland
TUTOR: Patricia 0407 765 678

FRIDAY: 8.30-11.30 Alexandra Hills
TUTOR: Heather 0476 663 961

If anyone has a Mahjong set at home they are not using, please consider donating it to U3A. It would be much appreciated.



FOLLOW-UP CLASS Video Project Workshop

Members who have previously completed the "Beginning Video Making" class, Scott is now offering a follow-up course.

COMMENCE: Friday, 12 July – 16 August
(6 sessions)

TIME: 10:00 – 12:00

VENUE: Victoria Point Library

Contact: **Scott on 0438 127 488**

Celebrate Christmas in July at Historic Ormiston House

Feel like celebrating Christmas in July?
Join us at Historic Ormiston House for a
delicious festive High Tea of Christmas
favourites.

Sunday, 7 July - 12:00 for a 12:30 start.

Enjoy a glass or two of bubbly or juice on
arrival before the food is served.

Tickets: \$70pp. Children 11/under \$35.

Please note we don't cater for any dietary
issues.

For bookings please visit

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



This is an Ormiston House Event (not U3A)
that we thought may be of interest. If you
would like to join with other U3AR members
and be part of a table booking. Please contact
the U3A Office on 3821 3888 by 21 June so
that we can make a booking.



Bay view from Ormiston House property

U3AR Car Boot Sale at Ormiston House 277 Wellington St, Ormiston



**Sunday, 25 August 2024
10.00am–2.00pm**

**Is junk clogging up your
garage?**

**Want to reclaim space in the
spare bedroom?**

**Recycle rather than dump
Earn some spare cash**

**Call U3A Office 3821 3888
To register for a site, and more
details**

**Site Cost: \$20
BYO Display Table or Tarp**



More information in the July Newsletter.



Writing for Pleasure

*The pen is mightier
than the sword.*



*Our writers wrote a piece beginning with:
What I love about where I live*

The Embodiment of Harmony

By: **Maureen Maxwell**

What I love about where I live is the harmony. My environment is a melodious whole.

The fleeting magic of dawn. I wake to the happy laughter of the kookaburras, quickly followed by the lorikeet chorus as they feast on the flowers.

Oscar, our resident koala, appears during the daytime. He is sleepy, and slow, but loves finding fresh eucalyptus leaves to feast on. The trees are home to insects, bird nests, and flowers.

At sunset the colours of red, orange, and yellow seep through the trees, signalling the end of another glorious day. Then I see a light slowly rising above the trees at moonrise.

It's an artist's, and writer's inspiration. My environment – my wellbeing!



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

JUNE 10: OUR REDLANDS

Presenter: Julie Talty, Redland City Councillor

JUNE 17: STAR COMMUNITY SERVICES

Presenter: Neha Shukla

Break for School Holidays

JULY 8: CYBER CRIME

Presenter: Detective Sergeant Ian Wells,
Qld Police Service

JULY 15: WRITERS GROUP

Presenter: Liz Jeffs

JULY 22: PICTORIAL OF U3A JAPAN TRIP

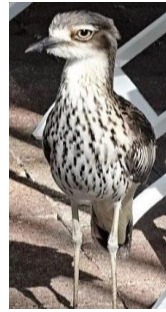
Presenter: Paul Oates

JULY 29: MERCY SHIPS

Presenter: Dennis Lange



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



Poem by Q. Turner-Smith.
02/05/2024.

Curlew

Some people have a strong dislike
For these birds that screech in the
night

Certainly not a sound that's polite

Sounds like they are having a fight

Some find it unpleasant an eery sound
but for me a delight to have them around
their call their way to stay in touch

in the dark it is difficult to see very much
normally a very quiet and shy bird are they
when you see them in the light of the day

it is then when you can be lucky to see
these birds living so close to humanity
trying to hide behind the trunk of a palm tree
or standing rigid like a beige and brown stripped
statue

in the belief for them that you cannot see
and confident that they can see you

if you move closer it immediately knows
they abandon their hiding statuesque pose
not happy to have people too close around
they move away without a sound

not uttering their hair-raising sounds of the night
no squawks of irritation, their attitude polite

for me to see them in daylight in the street
makes my day more enjoyable more complete
knowing that their screeching call at night

is not intended to upset or be impolite
our curlews live in the park by the sea
their night time screams giving pleasure to me
the sounds of curlew activity

whatever that activity might be
some sleepless claim the calls keep them awake

a few say the calls are not hard to take
as they are gentle birds with so much poise
yes, at night they do make a cry like noise

people complain of this noise they make
but they have adapted to us, before us in this
land

a beautiful bird, those who enjoy them, have
come to understand.

They are Australian nature
personified

There - in the dark - one of
them just cried

A pleasure for me, that some,
that call, just cannot abide.



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In an EMERGENCY
dial TRIPLE ZERO
(000)



For NON-URGENT
Police contact call
POLICELINK
131 444

Crime Prevention Corner

'Deepfake' scams

Fake news and 'deepfake' videos of celebrities and public figures appearing to promote online investment platforms are increasing on social media. 'Deepfakes' are lifelike impersonations of real people, created by artificial intelligence (AI). Scammers create ads and fake news to make you believe the celebrities actually use these scam investment platforms. These trading platforms include the names 'Quantum AI'; 'Immediate Edge'; 'Immediate Connect'; 'Immediate X3'; and 'Quantum Trade Wave'.

Ways to protect yourself:

- **STOP** – don't give personal information or act on investment advice you have come across on social media.
- **THINK** – ask yourself if you really know what you are investing in?
- **PROTECT** – act quickly if something feels wrong. If you have shared information or transferred money, contact your bank immediately. Help others by reporting scams to Scamwatch.
- www.scamwatch.gov.au and www.idcare.org (1800 595 160)

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