



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

Our U3A Redlands District Annual General Meeting is usually held at the Donald Simpson Centre and is the last item of the year in the Life Matters Monday morning time slot. This year we decided to break with tradition and hold our AGM at the Redlands Research Facility meeting room on Monday 2 December.

Unfortunately, Life Matters programmed their Christmas break-up at DSC, same date and time. The clash went unnoticed, until it was too late to change, which I guess was not surprising given U3A's very busy year.

Despite this clash, the AGM was well attended, and the supportive crowd of members, friends and special guests heard the year's highlights and witnessed the swearing in of the new committee for 2025.

I am so appreciative of the contributions made by the following retiring committee members: Kaylene Lawson, Publicity; Jeanette Hynes, Committee member; and Brenda Hazelwood, as an outstanding Events Co-ordinator. So grateful for your support and you will all be missed!

As your President for a fifth consecutive year, I would like to make welcome four new Committee members, Yvonne Medhurst as Events Co-ordinator and Tauba Naftal, Trish Winter and Lorraine Coutts as general Committee members.

I am so grateful to have the ongoing support of Elizabeth Sanderson, Vice President; Trevor Simmons, Secretary; Charles De Wet, Treasurer; Mary Smith, Tutor Liaison and Deb Mitchell, Office Coordinator.

I know that we are all looking forward to delivering a completed building and a bright future in 2025.

Best wishes to all members for a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.



Building Project

There has been an official request to the Minister for Seniors & Disability Services, Amanda Camm, to expedite the release of \$250k LNP commitment as soon as possible. But this is unlikely before Christmas.

Once we receive details of the allocation process and timelines, we will work with our builder, Liona Constructions, to coordinate the necessary trades and resume construction.

Our new target completion date is to be operational by the end of Term 1, 2025.

Fundraising Update:

Thank you so much for these group contributions:

Tuesday Mahjong	\$188
(Mahjong Tutor, Rose Reidlinger – Thorneside Group)	
Butterflies Performance Group	\$62.50
Wine for Fun	\$50



Co-ordinator Michele Cozzi surprised President Janese with a \$50 building fund donation at the November 'Wine for Fun' group meeting. Very much appreciated!

Containers for Change:

This has been a great opportunity for U3A to raise funds. Since March 2024, a total of \$224.70 has been deposited into our Building Fund account from returned empty containers. *Thank you!*

When returning containers over Christmas, please use **ID: C11396365 U3A Redlands** to add to this tally.



Meet our new Patron Mayor Cr Jos Mitchell

At our April 2024 Committee meeting, the committee unanimously agreed to extend a formal invitation to Mayor and

Councillor Jos Mitchell to take on the role of Patron of U3A Redlands District Inc. The Mayor graciously accepted the invitation in June.

We had planned to announce this at one of our events, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the Mayor was unable to attend.

At our Annual General Meeting held last Monday, 2 December, the Mayor gave a brief address and then conducted the election of U3AR officers for 2025.

MEET OUR NEW 2025 COMMITTEE



Left to Right:

Yvonne Medhurst	Events Co-ordinator
Taubna Naftal	Committee Member
Debra Mitchell	Office Co-ordinator
Janese Lowe	President
Liz Sanderson	Vice President
Lorraine Coutts	Committee Member
Trevor Simmons	Secretary
Charles De Wet	Treasurer
Mary Smith	Tutor Liaison
<i>Absent:</i> Trish Winter, Committee Member	

OPEN DAY January 2025

DATE: Friday, 17 January 2025
TIME: 9.00am – 12.00 noon
VENUE: Birkdale Sports Club,
 Judy Holt Park, Holt Lane,
 Birkdale
NOTE: **New AIR-CONDITIONED Venue**



**All welcome
Bring your
friends**

**Check out our wide range of
2025 classes.**

Why not try something new?



**Refreshments available.
Bring CASH for great Raffle
Prizes.**



**Friendly Tutors waiting to assist during 2024
Open Day. In 2025 you can chat in air-
conditioned comfort.**

**Save time, enrol and pay online at home.
Need help to renew? Bring your Member
Number and Password.**

Check the website for January updates:
www.u3aredlands.com.au

Tutor Forum to Follow

Following the Open Day, Tutors will have lunch and then attend the Tutor Forum commencing at 1:00pm.

More information will be sent soon.
*(Please register your attendance with Tutor
Liaison Mary Smith).*





CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS



We thanked our retiring long-term Tutors



Sylvia Ken Ian Terry

*"You are never too old to set another goal or to
dream a new dream." ~ C. S. Lewis*

These four Tutor/Co-ordinators have clocked up an outstanding total of 61 years between them. What a fabulous contribution and what will we do without you.

Your members will always remember the contribution you have made.

- 18 years** **Sylvia Bridge**
Patchwork Quilting
- 21 years** **Ken Busfield**
Social Cycling
- 12 years** **Ian McFadzen**
Water Aerobics
- 10 years** **Terry Murray**
Petanque

Equally as impressive but unable to attend the party are a further six Tutor/Co-ordinators retiring at the end of 2025. We congratulate them on a total of 54 years of service between them.

- 15 years** **Carolyn West**
Art - Drawing & Watercolour
- 12 years** **Roy Evans**
Photoshop & Digital DSL Cameras
- 10 years** **Michael Hubert** French
- 9 years** **Bev Gilbert-Bailey**
Butterflies Ukulele
- 5 years** **Anne Odgers** Mahjong
- 3 years** **Ray Roth** GRUBS Ukulele

*Simply outstanding commitment and
dedication over so many years.*



We thanked our ongoing Tutors



We raised a glass and enjoyed good food



Photos by: John Burt



U3A Redlands Tutor Bio

Cheryl Christie



Wellington Point resident Cheryl Christie is a highly qualified professional in Music, Teaching, Education, Administration, and Business Management. She is a strong advocate for lifelong learning and resonates with Richard Wagner's sentiment: *"During all the highs and lows of life, we can sing songs to express every aspect of the human experience. If singing is your passion, then pursue that happiness without hesitation!"*

"If I can't fly, let me sing!"

Stephen Sondheim



In the Redlands there are lots of people who can't "fly", but we meet each Saturday morning and we sing, sing, sing! Our repertoire includes songs of all genres: musicals, oldies, country, rock,

Australian, beautiful songs and the list goes on and on.

Over the last year the Singers have performed at Christmas for Redlands U3A, Redland Museum, Redland Probus Clubs, and AVEO Cleveland Gardens retirement living and have performed in concerts for Redlands VIEW Club, Regis Birkdale Aged Care, Janoah Gardens Care and Tranquil Waters Retirement.

We sing well, dance a little, move rhythmically and we love performing for an audience! How lucky we are!

Cheryl Christie, 15 November 2024

If you enjoy singing and performing, then you are welcome to join the U3A Redland Singers who will commence back on Saturday, 1 March 2025 from 9:00–11:00am at Star of the Sea, Catholic Church, 53 Passage St, Cleveland.

Enrol through U3A Redlands

www.u3aredlands.com.au

or phone the U3A Office on 3821 3888.



**Enrol for
2025 Classes**



From 9 December, members will be able to enrol online for the 2025 Classes.

www.u3aredlands.com.au



Office Closure

U3A Redlands Office will be closed from 12 noon on Friday, 6 December 2024.

Our temporary Office at Redlands Research Facility will open on Tuesday, 28 January 2025.

The Office will be located in the Main Building Reception, 26-40 Delancey Street, Cleveland. Phone: 3821 3888

Winner of Seniors Month Golf Day



Keith Dunford being presented his trophy by Co-ordinator Rand Story.

Around thirty players had a great day contesting the Single Stableford event for the U3A Redlands Seniors Day Golf Competition on 21 October.

2024 Champion:

Keith Dunford 41 points

Runners Up:

Paul Lockwood-Lee 39 points

Walter Nicoletti 38 points

John Medhurst 37 points

Thanks to Max Broad for providing the results and to Co-ordinator Rand Story.



WINE FOR FUN



At the November meeting we were introduced to the Gamay grape which is the name behind Beaujolais Nouveau. We learned so much about Sherry from Peter Howard that it may cause a run on stock of the McWilliams Royal Reserve Dry. No Christmas drinks order would be complete without it, nor Peter's delicious homemade chicken liver pate!

Catherine & Tim Vero presented their chosen wines also - great to taste a wooded and unwooded Chardonnay side by side.

Email admin@u3aredlands.com.au to register.

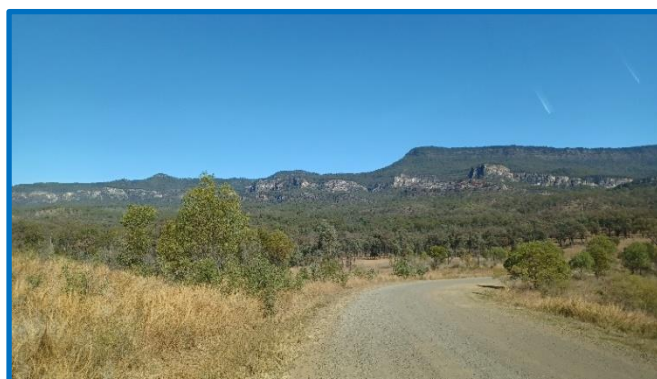
Photo by Judy Couttie



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

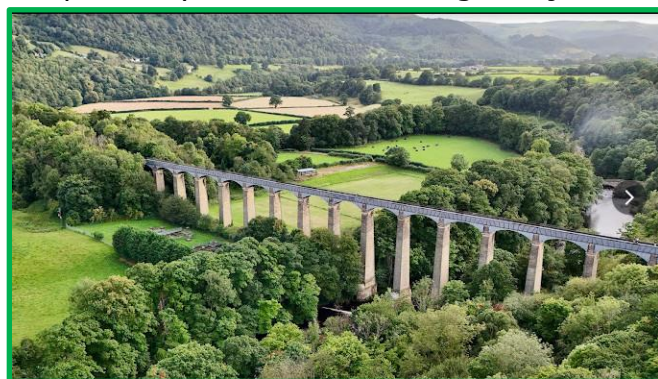
Date: Thursday, 5 December
Time: 9:30-11:00am
Venue: Uniting Church Hall,
Passage St. Cleveland

Our final presentation for 2024 will be presented by Jennifer Brew who will take you on an adventure to the wonders of the Carnarvon Gorge and Lightning Ridge as we journey through Queensland and New South Wales on our road trip.



Following that, we move to the other side of the world and we will take you on a long boat on the Llangollen Canal in North Wales, where we go over the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

I hope that you can come along and join us.



Through the year we cruised the Mediterranean and Western Australian Coast, walked the Milford Track in New Zealand, and the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea, visited Japan to see the blossoms, far north Queensland, Kenya and Tanzania.

If you have some interesting travels to share, please contact *John Kolcze* - 0427 244 301.



2025 Membership Fees

Annual Membership Single - \$40

Annual Membership Couple- \$75

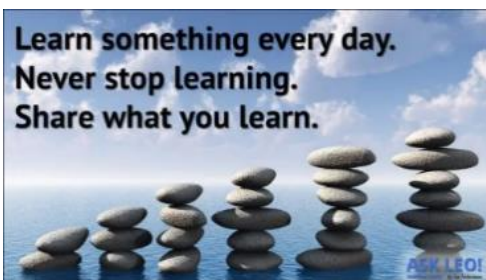
(Partner 1 \$40; Partner 2 \$35)

15 Reasons to Join U3A Redlands

1. Wide range of classes
2. Keeps your body and brain in shape
3. Affordable education
4. Learning for Pleasure
5. No exams or assessments
6. Share your skills/knowledge as a Tutor
7. Leadership Development
8. Fun and Friendship
9. Meet new friends
10. Cultural Awareness
11. Develop Social Skills
12. Part of a Community
13. Entertainment
14. Social Events
15. Australian Wide and International Organisation

What you get for Free

- Ramblers Walking Group
- Petanque (French Bowls)
- Botany in the Bush
- Cycling Groups
- U3A Classes held in Libraries



TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

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Writing for Pleasure

*The pen is mightier
than the sword.*



One of our writers went on a Melbourne Cup cruise last month. This inspired another of our writers to pen this poem.

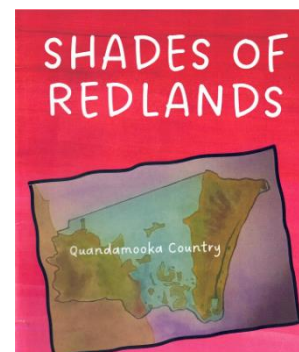
Melbourne Cup Winner

By: John Perisce

If I was a horse, oh what a sight,
I'd gallop through town, causing quite the fright.
With sneakers on hooves and top hat so grand,
I'd dance in the streets, the coolest in the land.
Having won the Cup, to the pub I would trot.
People aplenty and very close up.
In sequined silks, I'd shine so bright.
My mane styled high, a majestic sight.
Neigh in triumph, a winning coach,
sip champagne – with a toast - just to boast.
The locals would cheer and raise their beer,
I'd take a bow, to the chorus of WOW.
I'd prance through the night, a hero so grand,
just to show I'm the best in the turf land.
In dreams I'd race in fields of glee.
The Cup's true legend, fabulous me.

Happy Holidays to All.

Coming Soon



The would-be murderers, spies, romantics, explorers, biographers, dreamers and thinkers of our U3A Writers have put together a book, ***Shades of Redlands***, awaiting escape from the printers for release early in 2025.

There are no boundaries to these stories. They are fact, fiction, fantasy, but all are set in picturesque Redlands, the place we live; the place you will love to read about.

More information to come early 2025.



A big thank you to Camera Club Tutor John Burt for making himself available to take photos at most of our events.

Over 90% of photos in our newsletters have been taken by John Burt.

John, your photographs provide a wonderful pictorial history for us to look back on.

We really appreciate your help.

*Thank
you*



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