



President's Message

From Janese Lowe

Welcome to all our new members and to our returning U3A friends.

Our Open Day at the Birkdale Sports Club on 17 January had an excellent turnout of members and visitors.

Despite some challenges with parking, we received positive feedback on the new venue which easily accommodated Tutors and Co-ordinators from 46 of our activities, and in air-conditioned comfort.

The club's dining area proved to be the perfect spot for the Ukulele group to entertain visitors without interrupting class discussions.

Federal Member for Bowman, Henry Pike MP, also dropped in with a 'Taste of Redlands' box for our raffle and was on hand to assist with the multi-draws. Other prizes were generously donated by Committee members and by U3A groups: 'Writing for Pleasure', 'Flower Arranging' and 'Wine for Fun'. We are extremely grateful for these donations which raised \$600 in raffle sales.

Following a hot and cold platter lunch, most Tutors and Assistants stayed on for our Tutor Forum, which included presentations about Qld Rail Travel by Amanda Harvey and the MyU3A platform by Diane Van.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our first two events for 2025. Mary Smith deserves a special mention for planning and delivering these events, with the help of the committee, tutors, office and events volunteers. Well done everyone!

A big thank you to Julie-Anne Morris and Deb Mitchell for their hard work in preparing our temporary office at Delancey Street, Cleveland.

Before Christmas, they were busy packing up, and then after the holidays, they took on the task of unpacking files, sorting stationery, and setting up equipment to ensure everything was ready to open to the public on Tuesday, 28 January. Since then, we've had a steady stream of visitors. We truly appreciate their dedication and effort in making this transition smooth!

**Temporary Office
OPENS**

U3A Redlands is operating from our temporary office located at:

**Redlands Research Facility
Main building Reception
26-40 Delancey Street, Cleveland**

Parking is available on-site, then follow the path and sign to Reception.

OFFICE HOURS: 9am-12noon Monday to Friday.

EMAIL: admin@u3aredlands.com.au

PHONE: 3821 3888

Building Project Update



Congratulations!

Pam Tranter OAM



Congratulations to Pam Tranter on being awarded the Order of Australia Medal in the 2025 Australia Day Honours List.

Pam's award is in recognition of her service to the wider community through her volunteering efforts with many community groups, including the Redlands Branch of the Cancer Council QLD; The Redlands Women's Information Network; U3A Redlands District; The Optimists; Forum (Life Member Cleveland and Bayside); Night Ninjas and Bay FM Radio Station.

Pam is an original member of U3A Redlands, and we thank her for her support, particularly in the early years and more recently running a series of Public Speaking Classes for U3A Redlands members.

Hearty Congratulations from your friends at U3A Redlands District.



1. Bunnings BBQ – 9 March

Bunnings Capalaba has given us a date for a U3A Fundraiser – Sunday, 9 March.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We need a cook, a server and a cashier, for each of the 3 x 3 hour rosters between 8:00am-4:00pm.

Please phone the office on 3821 3888, with your time and job preferences, to be part of a team or as a stand-by.

We need another BBQ Captain, so if you have done the Bunnings BBQ training and would be available, we'd love to hear from you.

Volunteer Role

2. Audio-Visual Technician – For Meetings and Events

We need an Audio-Visual (AV) Technician to be responsible for setting up, operating, and maintaining the audio-visual equipment at meetings and events.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Set up, test and operate Audio Visual (microphones, projectors, sound systems) for events and presentations.
- Troubleshoot technical issues during events or presentations.
- Perform maintenance, cleaning and repair of AV equipment.
- On-site technical support, adjusting sound and video levels as needed for events and performances.

Please contact the Office on 3821 3888 or admin@u3aredlands.com.au if you have technical knowledge and problem-solving skills and can help us with our AV equipment. *We would love your assistance.*

Open Day 2025



Tutors and Assistants

Some of the Classes on offer for 2025
iPhoneography, Japanese, Flower Arranging, Camera Club,
History through the Ages, Wine for Fun, Book Discussion



Tutor Liaison, Mary Smith, addressing those who stayed on for the Tutor Forum

Raffle Sales and Winners



Yvonne Medhurst and Trevor Simmons
selling Raffle Tickets



Henry Pike MP with Sally Roth

Some of the Winners on the Day.



Trish Winter



George Shield



Janese with Elaine Bevis

***Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated on the day.
Special thanks to our Photographer, John Burt.***



GRUBS entertained us at the Open Day

Barbara and John Wyllie

Next year will be Barbara and John's 60th wedding anniversary and their story starts when this sweet-faced young couple met at work in Queensland Social Services where they were both employed after they finished their education.



Both grew up in Brisbane, John lived in Windsor and Barbara in Hamilton. John cites Barbara was "a good student from All Hallows Girls School", although he has a couple of tales of mischief he can tell about Barbara's student days.

In 1966 John took up a position in Canberra and came back to Brisbane for their wedding in September 1966. They settled in Canberra after the wedding. It was the days when women had to leave the public service to get married, so Barbara started caring for children at home, and with her time in Social Services, this was a great use of her experience.

Barbara and John have three children, two sons and a daughter. As the children were growing up, Barbara decided to go back to work. She took up a post at a local high school in Canberra as the librarian while John continued his work for the Chief Defence Scientist at the Department of Defence.

Both Queenslanders originally, and with family in Cleveland, they would come to the Redlands for holidays during the years they lived in Canberra. When the time was right, it seemed a good fit to retire to the Redlands in the house they purchased in 1995. Their daughter was studying nursing in Brisbane, so family connections made this the best retirement move.

Barbara's love of reading led her to U3A Redlands where she tutored the play reading group for more than 20 years. Together, John and Barbara searched libraries and bookshops for plays for the group who would meet weekly in Barbara's dining room. John, being the great house husband, a man ahead of his time, would make morning tea for the group and listen as they read parts from plays.



Barbara also enjoyed her French classes, and she joined the Singers, encouraging John to join too. John still loves his time with this singers' group, and with the water aerobics class, and has plans to stay connected with these people.

Barbara is now in care full time, so John visits her every day and he knows she still enjoys the music programs that are held there.

We have so much to be thankful for in this life and companionship with our family and friends is top of the list.

For all of us, in any of the U3A classes, we are also especially grateful to tutors like Barbara Wyllie who have put their time and effort, and a good deal of their passion, into the groups we all value as our own social and community connections.

Interview by: *Elizabeth Sanderson*



"U3A Bribie Island warmly invites U3A Redlands members to an inspiring conference set amidst the beauty of Bribie Island."

**Conference Theme:
'Connect and Grow'**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE
U3A BRIBIE CONFERENCE**

Copy the link below to Register
<https://u3aqld.au/product/network-conference-2025/>

The Conference and Events Timetable:

- **6 May Meet and Greet**
– Bribie Island Hotel
- **7 May Conference Day 1**
– Bribie Island Recreation Hall
- **7 May U3A Network Dinner**
- The Jetty Restaurant
- **8 May Conference Day 2**
– Bribie Island Recreation Hall

Why not get a group together and enjoy a short getaway.

Share the passion of lifelong learning, while listening to interesting speakers at a wonderful location.

Contact our U3A Redlands Office
Phone 3821 3888
to connect with other delegates.

***You'll never know the fun,
if you never go.***



Are you a little bit clever
with words?

Good at getting your message
across?

U3A Redlands needs you!

We need help with Publicity.

If you can write the occasional short article for the local newspapers or for our newsletter, or other small advertisements, we would love to hear from you.

In just a couple of hours per week you could be helping to get our message to the world, publicising our upcoming events, and helping to keep our members informed.

Email
secretary@u3aredlands.com.au
for more information!

LAWN BOWLS-Learn to Play



Calling on all you budding lawn bowlers out there, there are still places available on the U3A lawn bowls class at the Cleveland Bowls Club. The 6-week program will be held between 9am and 11am each Thursday commencing on 20 March and running through until 24 April.

Several Cleveland Bowls Club members have come through the U3A lawn bowls program in previous years and they all agree that this course has given them an excellent grounding. They are currently enjoying the regular bowling experience and friendship of fellow club members within the easy-going atmosphere at the Cleveland Club.

So why not give it a go! At the end of the course, it is entirely up to you as to whether you continue your lawn bowls journey at the Cleveland Club. If you do decide to become a bowling member, you will be made very welcome and you can take advantage of additional one-on-one free coaching to fine-tune the skills you have learned during the U3A course.

Give Keith Maeyke a call on 0409 790 487 to book your place on this course.



CPR AWARENESS TRAINING

DATE: Thursday, 20 March
TIME: 4:00–5:30pm
VENUE: Cleveland State High School

Contact **Robyn Tennant** on **0432 829947**

MAHJONG - Thursday Group

The Thursday morning Mahjong group meets at the Lions Hall, Shore Street, Cleveland.

This is a very friendly and welcoming group, which has members aged between 60 and 93. It has experienced Mahjongers as well as some who are just beginning.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact the Tutor, Patricia Simmons, for a chat – 0407 765 678.



CLASS DAY and VENUE CHANGE

Computers - Tom's Help Desk

This class previously held at Cleveland District High School on Wednesdays, is now being held at:

NEW VENUE: Cleveland Library
DAY: Mondays
COMMENCING: 10 February
TIME: 2.30-4.30pm

For further information, please contact Tom on 0403 772 723.

SOCIAL CYCLING



This group has returned.

The group will meet on the second Saturday of each month for leisurely rides of up to 20 kilometres.

Meet at 8.00am at the Cleveland train station at Raby Bay Harbour.

New riders are welcome. For more information, contact Cliff on 0409 872 585.

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Time: 9:30-11:00am
Cost: \$5.00
Venue: Uniting Church Hall,
Passage Street, Cleveland



What a wonderful roll-up to Armchair Travel for their first day back on Thursday 6 February. Members were treated to a fabulous presentation by Catherine Bishop on the Four Queens and Cunard Cruises. Back-to-back cruises: Japan and Alaska; New York to Southampton; London to Norway and a cruise to the Mediterranean.

DATE: 6 March
TOPIC: European Holiday
PRESENTER: *Scott Hendry*

DATE: 3 April
TOPIC: Kanchonaburri War Cemetery,
Hellfire Pass, Thailand
PRESENTER: *Col Sutcliffe*



Monday 9.00 for 9.30am
Donald Simpson Centre
172 Bloomfield Street,
Cleveland
COST: \$5.00 Includes
Morning Tea

February 10:
BIRDING AROUND AFRICA AND ASIA
Presented by: *Dr George Chapman*

February 17:
SOME EARLY SUCCESSFUL NEW SOUTH WALES
CONVICTS
Presented by: *Brian Hedges,*
Educator and Historian.

February 24:
LOVE, LIES, LAUGHTER
Presented by: *Anne McBurnie, Francis Gosling*
and Guest Performer, Oscar Neisler.

March 03:
A LAP OF AUSTRALIA FOR BEGINNERS
Presented by: *May B Wild, Traveller & Author*

'Shades of Redlands' Launched at Life Matters



On 3 February, first day back for the Life Matters group, Liz Jeffs and the Writing for Pleasure group were thrilled to kick off the launch of their 'Shades of Redlands' publication by reading excerpts from their individual stories.

Although the group has been meeting in classes for some time, their bond has grown even stronger now that they've completed their short story book project.

Members attending had the opportunity to purchase the book for \$20 at the Life Matters meeting.

Collect a copy and pay at the office, or order via email admin@u3aredlands.com.au

Liz advised her group that:

"The scariest moment is always just before you start. After that things can only get better."
(Stephen King)



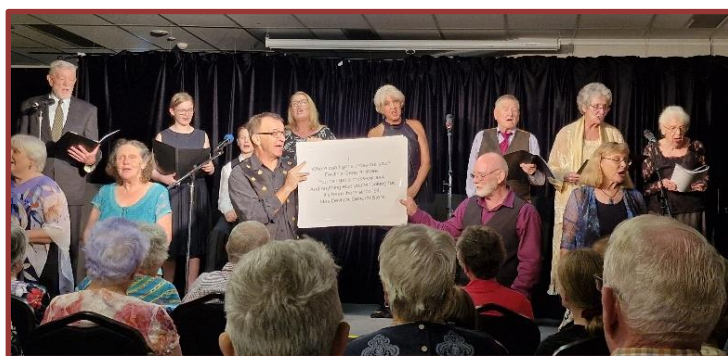


Have you ever treated yourself to an afternoon or evening theatre show at a Theatre Redlands/Redland Museum?

On arrival at matinees, guests are treated to a delicious Devonshire Tea served by Redland Museum volunteers. Evening performances usually include a two-course meal. Then of course there are the delights of live theatre in an intimate setting.

Theatre Redlands' Australia Day presentation at Redland Museum for January 2025 was an interesting selection of two distinctly Queensland but vastly different plays – 'The Eulogy' and 'Training Wheels', each directed by a Theatre Redlands co-founder. The performances ran from 24 January to 2 February and delighted the audiences that attended.

As a finale, the entire cast of 'Training Wheels' plus the five-member singing group asked the crowd to join in to their favourite railway song. The combined voices were accompanied on the piano by none other than U3A Redlands Singing Tutor, Cheryl Christie, who volunteers as Musical Director for many groups in the Redlands.



Certainly, a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening, plus you have the chance to socialise with local Redlanders, including U3A Redlands members, who regularly attend.

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