



President's Report



Happy holidays to all who celebrate Easter and whether you are staying home or braving the traffic to travel over the long weekend, stay safe on those busy roads. The first school term for 2026 is coming to an end so most of us can stop and take a breath before diving into next term's activities.

As most of our members will be aware, our Office Administrator, Julie-Anne, is retiring from her role, although she assures us that she is still a member and will be in the neighborhood when she is not travelling. We want to acknowledge all the work Julie-Anne has put into the role in the last three years - she has shown us what confidence, specific skills, and a great work ethic can achieve in an organisation like ours.

We now welcome Elaine Tilson on board as the new Administrator, and she is learning all she can from Julie-Anne's wealth of knowledge. Elaine has a lot to offer, is always happy and upbeat, and has worked all over the world, in a variety of roles - always with people-focused organisations, so we think we are lucky to have her with us.

The important event of the month has been the Official Opening of the "Cottage" - our very own U3A Redlands home. I know many members have already been in to look over the premises, classes were held here during this first term, and we have seen some wonderful additions already to the finished building. The Official Opening was intended as an acknowledgement that a group of people - Janese Lowe and the Building Subcommittee - have achieved a long-imagined plan, and to recognize all those who played a part in the project, from donors and donor groups, local and state governments and the wider community.



Janese Lowe—Life Member

You will see more of this story through photos and other articles in this newsletter and local papers - it was a very successful day organized by Janese and her team and a fitting way to thank our supporters.



I also want to thank all the "workers" at the event, caterers, the set-up teams and clean-up teams, before and on the day - these people helped to make the day such a success.

Catering team L to R preparing morning tea

Mary, Bev, Linda, Heather, Cathy

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This month we welcomed a new member to our U3A Management Committee, Sandi Willie, who has taken the role of Publicity Officer. Sandi has a background in advertising, as a graphic design artist and has already proved her worth in the Theatre Group with stage artwork.

And on that note, a final quick word on an up-coming event – prepare yourselves for another Performance Arts Variety Show on Thursday, 21 May at the Mooroondu Road Hall in Thorneside, starting at 10.00am for Morning Tea and Show. More details on the show and the booking process are coming soon.

Liz Sanderson



Official Guests at the Opening of New Building

From L to R

Hon Amanda Stoker MP—Member for Oodgeroo, Assistant Minister for Finance,
- Trade, Employment and Training

Liz Sanderson— President U3A Redlands

Janese Lowe—President 2020-2025, Building Sub-committee

Hon Amanda Camm MP—Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability
services,

- Child Safety and Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Rhonda Weston AM—President U3A Network Queensland

Mayor Jos Mitchell—Redland City Council and U3A Redlands Patron

Past President, Janese, holding the 'congratulatory shovel' presented by Lui Marcon (left) of Liona Constructions, with Shane Holborn, Facility Manager of the Department of Primary Industries Research Facility on whose land our building stands.



The Cottage by Tony Maher

The deck was in place.
Chairs set in their rows.
Some people still stood,
And the crows didn't show.



The people who made
The Cottage be built,
Delivered their speeches
With brevity and wit.



The time of the opening
Had come with the wind.
A large bell was presented
And it pealed with a din.



Morning tea was ready
For all to enjoy.
A day of celebration.
No age limit on education.

Bell Ringing for Official Opening

Pictured left to right, Rhonda Weston U3A Qld. president, Liz Sanderson U3A Redlands, past president, Janese Lowe, Hon Amanda Stoker MP, Hon Amanda Camm MP

U3A Opens a new state-of-the-art building to serve the community in Redlands!

On the 27 April 2022 U3A Redlands announced plans to build a dedicated Redlands Centre. Current and past presidents worked tirelessly to try and secure land, and finally their plan came to fruition, with the official opening of the new building on Friday, 27 March 2026, by the Honorable Amanda Camm MP.

Fondly called 'The Cottage' this new building located in Delancey Street, Cleveland alongside the U3A Garden, was made possible by the generous donations of individuals, groups, the Redland City Council and the Queensland Government.

A not-for-profit business, U3A (University of the Third Age) is a niche educational institution where Seniors can learn, meet and connect with like-minded participants. U3A Redlands' first office was created in July 1998 in partnership with the Cleveland District State High School, and in 2023 U3A celebrated 25 years of "Shining a Light on Learning".

Some of the many activities available to seniors include arts & crafts, horticulture, book club, water aerobics, cycling, mahjong, golf, dance, camera club, languages, music, and performance. The organization continues to grow, maintaining a strong community focus on non-accredited 'learning for fun' activities for people over 50 with the motto "Learn, Laugh, Live", an ethos shared by all the members.

U3A's classes can be viewed on their website at www.u3aredlands.com.au

Bank Details for Making a Donation

BSB 124025

Acc # 23387501

Payments can be made by:-

Direct Deposit to U3A Redlands.

(State your name on payment for our reference.)

Cheque made payable to: U3A Redlands Building Fund

Life Matters

Apr 20

Revisiting Gallipoli on the 100th Anniversary (2015)

Keith BOULTON OAM

Introduced by Col SUTCLIFFE OAM

Keith has been a volunteer at the Queensland Maritime Museum since 2009. Since 2021, he has edited the Museum's publication, including issues covering Albany, Colombo, Suez Canal, Egypt, the Dardanelles - and ANZAC itself. In recognition of his service, Keith is an Honorary Life Member and, on Australia Day last year, he was awarded the OAM. He is also a frequent and much-valued guest speaker for us. Today, Keith will speak about the route taken by the convoy.

Apr 27

Three Generations at War

Peter HOWARD AM

Introduced by Norma Forrest

Peter has had a varied career including being a chef and writer of books on cooking. He has been our guest speaker on a few occasions. Today he tells us about 3 unlikely lads, 3 destructive wars, 3 generations - one family.

Today Peter explores this fascinating subject as he was the 3rd unlikely lad.

May 04

Labour Day Public Holiday **NO** Life Matters



Armchair Travel And Tourism

Upcoming meetings are:-

7 May – Catherine Biship on Uluru Road Trip Part 1.

4 June – Catherine Biship on Uluru Road Trip Part 2.

The meetings are still at the Uniting Church Hall, Passage Street, Cleveland on the first Thursday of the month for a 9:30 start.

John Kolcze

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Writing for Pleasure



The Pen is mightier than the Sword...

With the changing of the seasons, the writers were to write a paragraph starting: as sure as winter follows summer follows winter. The various responses are reflected in the following two very different interpretations.

Kristine Smith

Just as sure as winter follows summer follows winter, there's a flow and order to everything. You have only to watch a plant grow from a small seed into an old, sprawling gum tree. How can something so small turn into something so large and intricate? What is it, this life force that is the same in you and me and the tree?

I suppose it's a rhetorical question even though scientists and religions alike would fall on their swords to validate their point of view. It doesn't matter. As I feel the breeze and watch the cockatoos roost up in the gum trees highest branches, I know to me it only matters that whatever it is, from wherever it comes; it connects us making us as one.

Geoff Hillier

The Starting Gun

As sure as winter follows summer, I can bet that he will have forgotten his key again and he will ring the doorbell, but this time he can wait in the heavy rain. He rang it again.

And again.

I chuckled. He will be soaked. Another few minutes passed and I gave in. Slowly opening the door, he stood there with a large bunch of flowers, all soaked. The red coloured paper staining his arms and jacket.

I had forgotten it was my birthday and that started the argument.



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Wine for Fun

Each month our WFF group meets to sample and discuss a range of locally available, reasonably priced white and red wines. Guided by Tutor Michele Cozzi and assisted by the very knowledgeable Peter Howard, members are asked to take their turn in contributing to our group's knowledge and experience of wines.

Here's a 'taste' of this month's wine treats.

TRISH WINTER

Last year, my husband and I took a month-long road trip around South Australia, where I had the pleasure of visiting many wine regions, sampling many lovely white wines and learning about Australian wine making.

Last meeting, I presented three wines I had sampled, one from each of the Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills and McLaren Vale regions. The Clare Valley grows the largest share of Australia's riesling, so it seemed suitable to begin with one I had enjoyed: Claymore winery's "Walk this Way" 2025 Riesling. The Adelaide Hills specializes in making refreshing sauvignon blancs, so we next sampled Nepenthe winery's 2025 Sauvignon Blanc. Lastly for the whites' section, I offered "Hermit Crab" Viognier Marsanne, a white blend from the well-known d'Arenberg winery -of d'Arenberg Cube fame , a fascinating place to visit. All three wines are obtainable in local cellars at under \$20 a bottle.

PAULA CLEARY

I've travelled in Italy a few times. I love the culture - the language, the passionate people and the importance of family.

Central to family is sharing food and wine. Wine is a natural accompaniment to food in Italy and is produced all around the country. It is often paired with simple meals prepared with in season, locally grown produce. Italian wine often has a minerality to its taste and, as such, is a great companion to many foods.



I enjoy tasting wine from various regions learning to distinguish flavours on the palate and identifying complementary foods. The red wine I presented was Nero d'Avola. The grape is indigenous to Sicily. We compared a 2019 and 2022 Nero d'Avola from the same winery in Sicily to determine if three extra years in the bottle enhanced the flavour given that growing conditions in those years were similar. We then compared them with an Australian Nero d'Avola from the McLaren Vale area in South Australia where the grape is mostly grown in this country. The end result:- for imported and locally produced wines, all available in local suppliers at around \$13.00 a bottle, the results were mixed- but red wine lovers enjoyed the debate and tasting something most of us had not seen before.





If you're not saving your empty drink containers already, how about putting them aside for U3A? Every container returned is worth 10 cents. And you're keeping them out of landfill and allowing them to be

recycled. Perhaps you could ask your neighbours to keep their containers.

The member number for U3A Redlands is: **C11396365**

You can deliver the containers in any type of bag, or you can pick one up from the Containers for Change locations, or collect one from our U3A Office (along with a label). As long as the member number is written on the bag, the value will be credited to U3A.

The nearest drop-off point is at 53 Enterprise Street, Cleveland (3km from U3A Cottage). Opens at 8.00am, except on Sundays. You don't have to line up behind other cars; park outside and place your bag in a cage inside the door. *Check online for centres closer to you.*

Thank you to all those who have contributed so far. Over \$750 has been transferred to our account.

Class of 2026. Australia—Prosperous and Lucky, but Vulnerable?

This challenging and thought-provoking subject included topics such as climate change, oil as a global commodity/currency plus critical supply chains, all current issues.

The subject was presented as a series of lectures and discussions with handout notes. Thanks to these students who remained engaged and completed the 12-hour course.
Doug Murphy Presenter



AHOY MATIES!!!

Eight rowdy sailors (aka The U3A **Sea Shanty Singers**), led by Shantyman Vic Blake, sailed into the Tranquil Waters Retirement Village Community Centre at Victoria Point on Monday morning, 23 March, for a rousing *a capella* performance of sea shanties.

The group sang a full program of old and new songs to a very appreciative audience, including three unrehearsed encores.

No one was seasick or washed overboard, but tea/coffee/cake had to substitute for the rum ration!

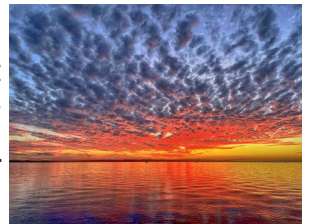


Tutor: Victor Blake

Contact: [0438 753 566](tel:0438753566)

NEW CLASSES IN PHOTOGRAPHY AND PHOTOSHOP

Photography: Learn how to make the most of your camera's capabilities including the camera on your iPhone.



When: Mondays, 9.00-11.30

Photoshop: Learn how to edit photographs on your laptop to get the best quality.

When: Tuesdays, 9.30-11.30

Enrol in Term 2.

Both classes will be held in a private home.



Contact Roy

0429 988 684.

Taken on iPhone



Easter

A Moon Phase Calendar will show how the Moon's phases shift throughout the year.

Lunar months last about 29.5 days and do not align neatly with our calendar months. As a result the date for Easter falls after the full moon, which falls after March 23.

Easter is a Christian festival that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, which is said to have occurred on the third day after his crucifixion. It is considered the most important event in Christianity because it represents victory over sin and death, offering believers the promise of eternal life. The holiday also marks the end of Lent, a period of fasting and reflection leading up to Easter Sunday.

Did you know that there is no reference to the word Easter in the bible in relation to the crucifixion of Jesus?



Defibrillator

Thank you, Robyn & all the members of the Cleveland Local Ambulance Committee, for your donation to U3A Redlands of a defibrillator and accessories.

We hope it will never have to be used but, should it be needed, we trust there will be people close by who know what it does & how to utilise it to the maximum benefit.



ANZAC DAY

On the sweltering, disease ridden shores of Gallipoli, Australian troops displayed a courage and a contempt for the enemy fire that thrilled the world. A year later, on April 25, 1916 a special day was set aside to mark for all time their outstanding bravery in a battle, which in itself, had been a military defeat if not a disaster.

Australians and New Zealanders recognise 25 April as a ceremonial occasion to reflect on the cost of war and to remember those who fought and died in war. Commemorative services and marches are held at dawn, the time of the original landing, mainly at war memorials in cities and towns across both nations and the sites of some of Australia and New Zealand's more-recognised battles and greatest losses, including Villiers-Bretonneux in France and Gallipoli in Turkey.



Redlands Floral Art Club Inc.

Where: Ormiston Scout Hall

When: Second Friday each month 9.30 to 12md.

Demonstrations, Workshops and Displays. Everyone welcome.

First meeting free.

For more information

Email: redlandsfloralartclub@gmail.com

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Sue Wallace

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Spotlight On Flower Arranging


Each week the Flower Arranging group has several happy members busily creating a floral arrangement, using a design demonstrated by the tutor. One lesson it was a boat shape – see photo above created by a member.

Each class member brings a vase and floral foam which acts as a base for the flowers. Shahin has an arrangement with Capalaba Carnations whereby one of the class members collects “seconds” from them to give to her class members. One member said she uses the skill she learns in class to make floral arrangements to give as gifts on birthdays.



Tutor: Shahin Master
(above, weaving her magic)
Where: Capalaba Library
When: Mondays 2:00 –4:00pm

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