



## President's Report

May has been a busy month in the Redlands with several events to recognise volunteers in our community and to emphasize the difference they make in helping organisations like ours to have an impact.

Our friends at Bunnings, Victoria Point, hosted a Mother's Day event and U3A Redlands was invited to assist on the day by handing out small gift packs for the mothers we met at their store. It was a pleasure to brighten the faces of mothers of all ages and for our small effort we received two generous Bunnings Gift Cards which we were able to raffle for our own fundraising. We also attended a Community Network meeting at the store later in the month and met volunteers from at least a dozen groups, making some useful contacts and spreading the U3A Redlands message.



U3A Redlands had an information table at the Star Community event in mid-May where formal recognition of Volunteer of the Year Awards were presented. Our Events Coordinator, Yvonne, and Office Coordinator, Deb, (pictured) were assisted by Ian Wallace in spreading the U3A word.

Another highlight in May was the Capalaba Rotary annual presentation of the Green Frog Award given each year to a community member who is recognised for their work in *'transforming lives through literacy'*. This is one of many Rotary projects and last year's Green Frog recipient, Liz Jeffs, our *Writing for Pleasure* Tutor, presented Redland City Councillor, Paul Bishop, with this year's trophy. Paul's contribution to performing arts, community service, and local government representation are well documented and literacy, beginning at a very young age, has been a focus. Pictured are Terry Newman - Rotary District Governor, Liz Jeffs, Cr Paul Bishop, and Bill York - Capalaba Rotary President.



I had the pleasure of attending the U3A Network Conference at the Sippy Downs Campus of the University of the Sunshine Coast. There were a number of speakers on various aspects of positive ageing and the importance of community involvement. A valuable takeaway for me was to meet with other U3A Chapters from all over Queensland. I had the chance to learn about the program many other chapters use for their membership database. At U3A Redlands we will need to move from our current MyU3A system as we know it will not be supported beyond next year. To that end we are investigating a product that over ninety other U3As across Australia and New Zealand are now using, called Member Wizard. We will keep everyone informed along the way whatever the changes might be.

As May has progressed, we have seen a few more jobs around the Cottage completed, although there is still plenty to do. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at our next fundraiser barbecue at Bunnings on 6 June – this might just pay for our new blinds. Tony Maher, who coordinates many of the jobs, is looking for large pots to help add plants around our outdoor deck. If you have any time to spare, please contact him at [tonymaher1950@gmail.com](mailto:tonymaher1950@gmail.com).

We have also been contacted by Bendigo Bank who, again, are offering to help us with their **Bendigo Bank Tokens of Appreciation Program**. From Monday 1 June there will be 5 token containers in the Community Bank Victoria Point branch of Bendigo Bank – 127 Colburn Avenue, Victoria Point. These containers represent community organisations and U3A Redlands has been given a spot. Every person entering the branch until Monday 31 August will be offered a 'token' to be placed into one of the token containers of their choice. Just walk in and ask for a token and help your U3A Redlands claim a share of the \$10,000 on offer.

The merry month of May was also our first concert for the year with singers, dancers and theatre folk putting on their best for the event at Thorneside Hall - and we raised a few dollars as well. Our thanks to John Burt who took a bundle of photos you will see in this newsletter, and to our lovely ladies and gents who served tea, sold raffle tickets and welcomed the audience. With a generous grant from the Redland City Council, we have been offered performance space in RPAC for Seniors Month in October for the free concert we have run there for the past few years. So, if you missed the May event, look out for the flyer advertising the October concert.

Meanwhile, *winter is coming*, so rug up, stay well, and after the June school holiday break we will embark on a second busy half of the year.

Liz Sanderson



## **A Fabulous U3A Variety Concert Loved by All!**

U3A Redlands presented a lively, jammed-packed variety concert in May, showcasing The Starlight Dancers, Three Sheets in the Wind, the U3A Singers, and the U3A Theatre Group.

The show opened with a vibrant and sparkling performance by the jazz and tap dancers. The hall was fully packed with an energetic audience who enthusiastically sang along to many of the sea shanties and other tunes presented. Roars of laughter filled the hall during the enjoyable theatre performance of "Woodenbong Café". The stage looked like a cosy café set in the 70s. This high energy musical play was appreciated by the audience and left a warm and friendly tone felt by all who attended.

You can attend this performance at the Redland Performing Arts Centre on the 17 October during Seniors Month, and it's free to attend. So, look out for advertising in September/October.

Sandra Willie (Publicity Officer)

## At the Thorneside Hall

Tables and chairs,  
Coffee, tea, lams and eclairs.  
People leaving at the door their cares.  
Performers carrying all sorts of wares.

U3A members greeting on sight.  
Tables decorated in red and white.  
Clothing colours varied and bright.  
No problems down here with stage  
fright.

Dancers and actors and singers.  
Costumes and hair and mikes.  
Glitz and glamour and poise.  
Abilities and confidence and joys.

Tap, vocals, stretch, guitar.  
Who could possibly be mayor?  
Performers fabulous in the light.  
A final curtain and, not quite, good  
night!



Vic Blake-Three Sheets in the Wind



The Sea Shanty Singers

## Tony Maher's view of the U3A Redlands Concert, in Thorneside 21 May 2026



U3A Singers




Starlight Dancers

I'VE BEEN NOMINATED FOR

# BEST OF THE REDLANDS

Voting closed 1 June

**VOTE NOW**



SUPPORTED BY

**REBECCA YOUNG** MP  
MEMBER FOR REDLANDS

Janese Lowe, the Redlands U3A Past President, has been nominated and shortlisted for the Heart of the Redlands award. The final result is determined by the people's vote.

Congratulations Janese for your work in getting our Cottage completed.



**Queensland Day** is celebrated annually on **June 6** to mark the anniversary of the state's official separation from New South Wales in 1859. It is the state's official birthday, honouring the region's history, culture, and achievements.



*Ed*

## Sport & Talk Returns Next Week



### Get active with seniors Sport and Talk!

Redland City Council invites you to join a free 4-week low impact walking sports program designed for older adults.

Enjoy a fun and gentle introduction to walking basketball, walking soccer and walking softball. No experience needed – just comfortable shoes and a willingness to give it a go!


The program aims to:

- Improve physical health • Boost mental wellbeing • Build social connections

**PROGRAM EXTENDED**



**FOR MORE INFO** Visit [redland.qld.gov.au/seniors](http://redland.qld.gov.au/seniors) or scan QR code.



FREE 4-week program schedule:

Walking Basketball	Walking Softball	Walking Soccer (Indoor)
Each Tuesday from 2 June to 23 June 2026 Time: 9.30am to 10.30am Location: PCYC Capalaba	Each Wednesday from 3 June to 24 June 2026 Time: 8.00am to 9.00am Location: Redlands Softball Park	Each Friday from 5 June to 26 June 2026 Time: 9.30am to 10.30am Location: PCYC Capalaba

[redland seniors](#)

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Eventbrite Registration Link: [Sport and Talk by Redland City Council | Eventbrite](#)



### Drawing For Pleasure

Winter is the perfect time of the year to gather a few art supplies and explore some of the scenic spots in the Redlands. Members in the Drawing for Pleasure group have met in a few locations in the past and enjoyed making delightful drawings in their small sketch books.

The recent rain has kept us indoors for a while so when it cleared, we were very keen to head out to our next destination which was Cleveland Point.

Here we settled in for the morning to take in the views and to draw inspiration from the many options on offer. The lighthouse was a popular subject, and the more daring chose the ocean, the children's play equipment, and the cafe.

Each person had their medium of choice including graphite pencil, ink, and watercolour washes. Our next location is Indigiscapes if the weather is kind to us.



## Life Matters Learns That Life Does Matter

Recently over sixty members of Life Matters listened intently while two competent and compassionate presenters from the Queensland Ambulance, Julie Calvert and Jackson Tatnell, told us about the modern ambulance service.

Our members were made aware of the many services the ambulance provides and the devices now used to accommodate every situation. It was a lively and informative session, capped by a demonstration of the latest equipment used when a person has fallen and can't get up.

Most of us were astonished and had never seen this equipment, and maybe that's a good thing. A very courageous Steve Gardiner volunteered to be the patient in an enthralling display, though the camera did catch him lying down on the job.

The presenters are sending information links for all those who attended.

Come to Life Matters where the matters of life really matter.



## Sausage Sizzle



U3A are holding their sausage sizzle at Victoria Point Bunnings on 6 June 8am to 4pm.

**Please support our volunteers and fundraising.**



## Armchair Travel And Tourism

Welcome to another month of comfortably exploring this wonderful world in which we have been journeying.



Thanks to Catherine Bishop in May for taking us on the first part of her Road Trip to Alice Springs and Uluru. This month she continues the journey up to Litchfield National Park, across the Gulf of Carpentaria and down the East Coast of Australia in her trusty motor home.

Then in July Dave Paul will do a presentation on his travels to Austria, Germany & France.

**Where:** Uniting Church Hall  
Passage St Cleveland

**When:** First Thursday of the month, commencing at 9:30

**Contact:** John Kolcze  
0427 244 301

**Cost:** \$5

## Writing for Pleasure



*The Pen is mightier than the Sword...*

*After the thoughtful writing last month, something short and uplifting from Nina Davey to start the crisp winter months.*

The Writer

Writing is such a delight,  
When everything goes just right.  
If the words just flow,  
Then before long you know,  
You're feeling as high as a kite.

## German Film Festival

The 2026 HSBC German Film Festival is Australia's premier, annual celebration of German-language cinema across major Australian cities. It showcases a selection of new dramas, comedies and documentaries from Germany, Austria and Switzerland at the two Palace Cinemas in Brisbane.

Members of the **Continuing German** class went to see *Der Held von Bahnhof Friedrichstraße* (Berlin Hero). A thoroughly enjoyable film, it is the final film from Wolfgang Becker (Good Bye, Lenin!) who died shortly after completing filming.



Helen with Rose (Tutor) and the Thorneside Mahjong Group

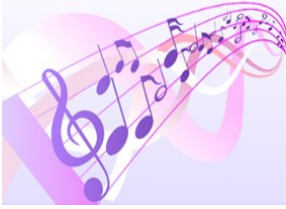


Charis Burrige, Helen Chandler, Deb Barker, Gordon Siebrecht, Keith Rigby, Kay Long, John Barker

**When:** Tuesdays 3:15 to 4:45

**Where:** Cleveland Library

**Contact:** John Barker  
0439746236 or  
john.barker702@gmail.com



## Pianist Required

### Redlands U3A Singers

We are a community singing group, reforming after our pianist, Cheryl, retired last year.

Our singers, accompanied by Steve, our guitarist, meet at the U3A Cottage on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:30.

We can, at times, use a boombox and playlist.

We are hoping there is a pianist out there who would like to join and round off our small orchestra.

We have a keyboard and music. If you would like to join a happy group, enjoy the singing and most of all have "FUN", we would love to hear from you.

**Contact:** Russell De Leacy **0435 266 309**



### Create a Photobook/Calendar

This six-week class will give you a step-by-step outline of how to create a book or calendar of lasting memories with photos from your holidays, special events or family moments. Having it printed is optional.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, 14 July to 18 August (possible extra weeks to be confirmed)

**Time:** 9.30-11.30am

**Venue:** U3A Cottage, Gate 2, 26-40 Delancey St, Cleveland

**Requirements:** Laptop with a series of photos, pen, paper

**Costs:** Nil (unless the book is printed)

**Enquiries:** Caroline **0403 433 244**.  
Limited places available.



### Drawing for Beginners

Jorgen de Voss is a multiskilled artisan with fifty years of experience in the creative sphere, especially as a talented

silversmith.

Jorgen believes that drawing skills form a sound basis for any visual art medium, and that the basis for drawing is seeing.

We're fortunate to have Jorgen offer a 10-week beginner level drawing class in Term 3. It will be held at the U3A building on Tuesday afternoons from 1 pm to 3pm, commencing on 14 July.

The class is open to 10 members. Enquiries can be directed to Jorgen at [Silversmith13@gmail.com](mailto:Silversmith13@gmail.com)

### CLASS RETURNING !!

#### History and the Bible Series

This series: "**Political and Religious Ideologies and the Bible**"

**When:** Tuesdays, 21 July to 8 September (8 lessons), 1.00-2.00pm

**Venue:** Capalaba Library (Art Space Meeting Room)

**Enquiries:** Rob Kitzelman (Tutor),  
0499 114 291





## Spotlight On Board Games and More

Studies suggest that playing board games can help to reduce cognitive decline. Meeting in the Cleveland Library on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, is a group, facilitated by Jan Shaw, playing board games. It is a social group for those seeking company on a Saturday afternoon.

Members bring a board game and the group decides which one to play on the day. Jan also has a hard core collection of games used when none are forthcoming on the day.

Some of the games played are Rummy O, Quirkle, Bananagrams, Tridominos and Phase 10- with Rummy O and Phase 10 currently the most popular.

Here's your chance to ward off that disease while having fun and social interaction.

**Contact:** Jan Shaw 0477 755 748

**Email:** [moss\\_jan@bigpond.com](mailto:moss_jan@bigpond.com)

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month 1:30 to 3:45



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