



University of The Third Age  
In Toowoomba Inc

# NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 4

**WE WELCOMED 56 NEW MEMBERS IN TERM 3**

**U3A NEWS : EVENTS : COURSE / CLASS NEWS**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"If you were born in Australia, you won the lottery of life". – Macca on 'Australia All Over'.

Good on you members of U3A for getting out there and getting on with it! Memories are really our own personal treasure. Trust all of you are making lots of good ones.

Another busy term on the run up to Christmas. There are great classes to attend with new ones in Term 4. There are vacancies. Consider joining a group in Term 4. On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we have our 'Showcase' featuring Musical performances and Arts and Crafts created by our talented members. **Tutor Appreciation Lunch** will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at Concordia Lutheran College. Personal invites will be sent to all Tutors. There will be a Guest speaker, music and presentations.

Your **Course Book for 2025** will be printed and posted to all present Members and non-member Tutors in early December. Deadline for all entries is 18th October. Discover new classes in 2025 and much-loved classes returning thanks to the generosity of our Tutors who share with you their interests and skills. There were requests made in the Strategic Plan Survey earlier this year for people willing to share their interests and skills by leading a group. See the entry for requests. Are you or any of your friends interested?

'Friends of U3A'. Is a new initiative. Looking to form a supportive group who will be acknowledged as part of 'The Team' in the Course Book and elsewhere. As you know, in the past, those who have helped on many occasions have been a selection of individuals not known to all and requested by a few with no ongoing commitment. Several other U3As have a Friends of U3A group and so we need to formalise the assistance members give us.

Our **AGM in 2025** will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Please see the U3A Constitution for further details. Look forward to receiving responses to 'Friends of U3A', 'Grants Officer' and 'Catering team'.

Appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed to U3A, especially to Leanne Ploetz our new U3A Secretary for U3A in Toowoomba Inc. who has added professional flair.

Enjoy your Spring holiday. The gardens will be beautiful.

**Penny Protheroe**

### "FRIENDS OF U3A"

This will be a group of supporting Members who will be officially acknowledged as a part of 'The Team' and listed as 'Friends of U3A' in the Course Book and other publications.

It is anticipated that you will be available as often as possible to assist at the PPC on the busy days in January and the first week of each term; a group that your Committee and the Office Administrator know are willing and committed to help at various events.

You will need to be supportive and promote U3A programs with other Members and your own networks. You are not a decision-making body but free to make recommendations to the Management Committee. More details later.

We are seeking 10-12 members. Be encouraged please and offer your help. You will find it a rewarding experience that will give a greater understanding of how your U3A works.

You will be supported and appreciated.

Contact: Penny before Term 4 starts on 8/10/24

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# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## IMPORTANT DATES 2024

King's Birthday	October 7 Monday
Term 4 starts (8 weeks)	October 8 Tuesday
Course Book Deadline	October 18 Friday
Tutors Appreciation Lunch	November 9 Saturday
Term 4 ends	November 29 Friday
U3A Showcase	December 3 Tuesday



## IMPORTANT DATES 2025

Tutor Information Day Bookings Essential	January 28 Tuesday
Open Morning Toowoomba	January 29 Wednesday
Open Morning Crows Nest	January 30 Thursday
Open Morning Pittsworth	January 31 Friday
Term Starts	February 3 Monday
Annual General Meeting AGM	April 23 Wednesday

### KELLY KELEHER

We welcome you Kelly as our new Office Administrator. You have brightened all our days with your happy, pleasant, outgoing, welcoming attitude. We appreciate your willingness to learn and help.

You have brought considerable skill and experience to U3A.

Kelly came to us with academic qualifications in Business and Education. She has 10 years' experience working in industry/commerce and education in office administration roles.

I have heard so many good things about you, Kelly, from Members and Committee. Great start.

Thank you for joining our Team. Penny

**U3A Toowoomba Office Hours :** Monday to Friday  
8:30am to 4pm during term  
and 28,29,30,31 January 2025

## MEMBER WIZARD UPDATE

By the end of this term (Term 3), ALL our courses/activities, around 140 in total, should be finalised in Member Wizard and online for enrolment in Term 4.

During the last few weeks of Term 3, tutors have been advising us of the members in their classes who wish to re-enrol for Term 4, and we are in the process of re-enrolling those students in their respective Term 4 classes.

Just prior to the recess, all classes will be activated online for all to see and enrol in, subject to spaces being available. If class fees are applicable, members will receive an email listing the fees payable for each class they are enrolled in and requesting payment. This email will have a link "Click here to Pay by Credit Card" for an easy, fast and secure method of payment. For those who do not wish

to pay online, the old way of paying is still available.

To view the online list of Term 4 classes, simply click on the "Classes" menu option in your Member Portal, or click on the "Classes" option in the main menu on the U3A Toowoomba website.

Whilst Tutors have tried to be as accurate as possible in advising us of their re-enrolling students for Term 4, it is inevitable that some members may be enrolled in a class they don't wish to attend that term. If this is the case, please let either Kelly, Carlo or Marie know .. it's easily fixed. You can see the classes you have been enrolled in by clicking on the "My Classes" menu option in your Member Portal.

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Marie Kajewski : [tutorliaison@u3atoowoomba.au](mailto:tutorliaison@u3atoowoomba.au) (0488 176 481)

## WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO HELP?

**Members who offer to help would be acknowledged as part of the 'U3A Team'.**

- **Grants Officer.** This person would need to have some experience and hopefully success in finding opportunities and applying for grants. You would not necessarily need to be part of the Management Committee but must have a good understanding of U3A Toowoomba. You would liaise with the Committee. Grants are great for capital items or some special programs.
- **Catering Ladies.** We have two wonderful ladies already, Alice Gegg and Shandra Baker, but they are not always available when needed. As we are holding many more Tutor Workshops and other events we need help in this area. So nice to have a cuppa and goodies at these times as it is a time to catch up and share ideas.

(Ok 'boys' I thought you would not be interested. No offence intended!)

We thank Janelle Connolly our Assistant Tutor Liaison (Committee) for stepping in and providing an amazing spread of goodies at the last Tutor Information Meeting. She even made toasted sandwiches. Very popular in July!

If you would like to Volunteer please send me an email or phone before Term 4 starts on Tuesday 8th October 2024

Thanks

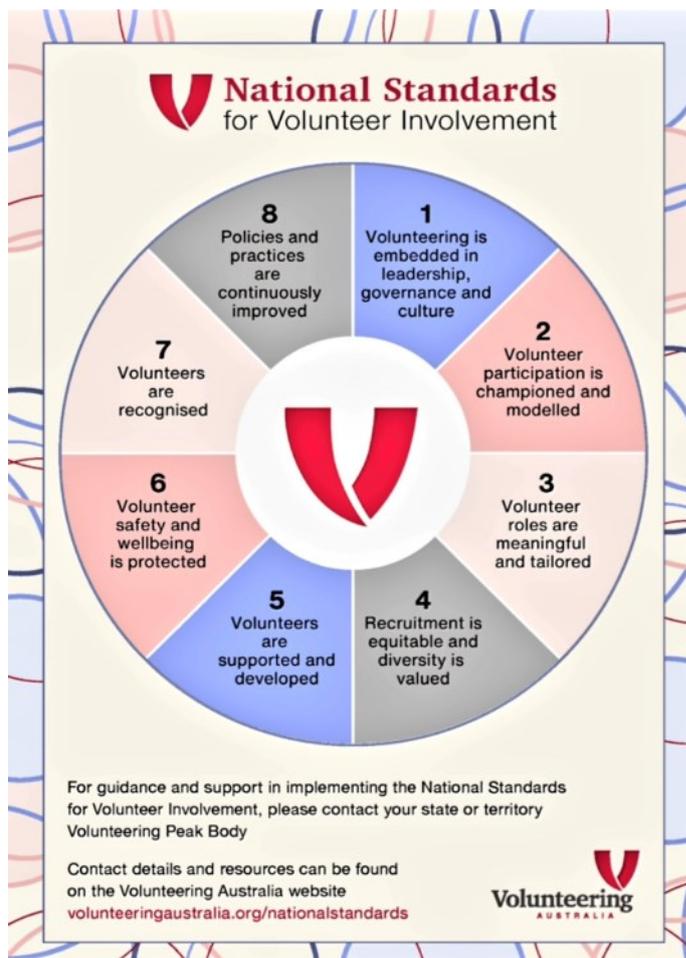
Penny Protheroe

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## U3A IN TOOWOOMBA

## NEW INTERESTS NEW FRIENDS



## Would you like to share your interests, skills, knowledge?

Have a friend who would be interested?

Earlier in the year many of you kindly replied to a Survey about your U3A's Strategic Plan.

Much appreciated

### Requests were made by Members for the following new classes in 2025:

ANDROID PHONES & TABLETS, HISTORY OF ART, PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY, WOODCRAFT, LEATHERWORK, MOSAICS, WEAVING, BREWING BASICS, AMATEUR ACTING, HAM RADIO, HOME MAINTENANCE, BOARD GAMES, NAVIGATING THE AGED CARE INDUSTRY FOR CARERS & POTENTIAL USERS, DYNAMIC LIFE LECTURES TO RETURN

We will support you if you would like to offer any of these classes.

**Please let us know before the start of Term 4.**

Contact **Marie Kajewski** our Tutor Liaison Officer [tutorliaison@u3atoowoomba.au](mailto:tutorliaison@u3atoowoomba.au)



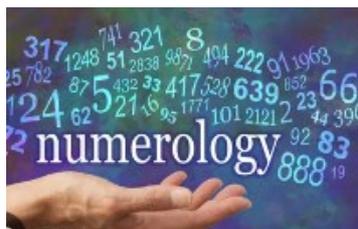
## JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASS

suitable for the participants who have learnt Japanese language before or a beginner with some knowledge of

Japanese to join our class.

Wednesday 11:30am to 1:30pm  
PPC The Lab

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## NUMEROLOGY

### NEW CLASS CONTENT

Imagine living in a world without numbers.

Like many other things in life, we take numbers for granted.

From birth to death, we are a number - and in most cases, a series of numbers. Most numbers in our lives represent the physical side of numbers like telephone numbers, our birthdays, our house number, our car registration number, our credit card number, our tax file number, our passport number, the numbers associated with the letters in our name.

However, there is another side to numbers – an invisible side called Numerology, an ancient and accurate science. It seems numbers and Numerology have always co-existed. In ancient days it was popular in many lands and its invention is contributed to many sources like Pythagoras, the Greek philosopher, the ancient Chaldeans, the mystic and mysterious Brahmans of India, and the sages of ancient China.

In our class we discover a lot about ourselves – especially our Inner Selves. Understanding a little about the Science of Numbers reveals our Life Path based on our birth date, our Personality traits based on the day of the month on which we were born, our Soul Urge number based on the vowels in our names, our Karmic number based on the consonants of our names, and much more, like our Personal Year number and how best to deal with our life challenges.

There is always a great mix of personalities in the class with No.1's who are natural leaders, 5's who love challenge and change in their life, 7's who like mental challenges and 9's who are strongly on their spiritual path, mixed up with all the other numbers from 1 to 9. We may even have master numbers 11, 22 and 33 gracing us with their presence.

Friday PCC Lab 11:30 to 1:30

**Robyn Adams**  
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## PHILOSOPHY THEN AND NOW

Will be continuing in term 4 with a new tutor Margaret Easton as Ian Kennedy will be studying at Griffith University.



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## AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Recommences in **2026** not 2025

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## APPLE DEVICES TERM 4

There are **no classes** for Term 4

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## German Intermediate/ Advanced – Term 4

After a good Term 3, we will continue to work together speaking, listening, reading and writing on topics of interest to the group.

This will involve working with various text types, for example, articles on current issues, information on aspects of life in the German-speaking countries, literary and song texts. In the course of our working with these texts, we will discuss and further our knowledge of the structure of the German language. An interesting aspect of our work in Term 3 was the discovering of a connection between the son of one of the members of the class and a famous German singer/songwriter/actor.

**Rod Wilson**

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## German for Beginners

No prior knowledge necessary. Learn pronunciation through the alphabet, numbers and colours (german has some funny double letter sounds).

Basic grammar, like the fact that all nouns have genders.

The course is going to be flexible, but with the emphasis on speaking and writing (which helps with reading ). Students will be able to write and speak short sentences eg introductions - shopping – ask for directions.

There will be opportunity for students to add to the course, based on their interest. Handouts will be available.

Thursday 11:30 to 1:30 PPC Studio

**Karin Decker**

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## WONDERS OF WATERCOLOUR



Beginners or Advanced. A course in studying composition and colour. Learn from one another and develop.

**Places available contact**

**Ngairé Sorrensen**

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## LUNCH IN THE COUNTRY



Meets 3 times a term on a Thursday at 12.30pm. We travel. Term 3 we lunched at the 'Wild Honey Cafe' & 'Farmers Arms' at Cabarlah and Rudd's Pub at Nobby. Places available Term 4

**Penny Protheroe**

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## MY WARDROBE



The class would include talking with each person to establish their needs, and what they need help with, for example, unfinished garments that they need help finishing, or beginning a garment. Learn how to read a pattern and lay it on your fabric, how to cut out, all important marking, to help with construction of garment, help fitting the pattern to your shape and size before cutting into fabric, or just simply hints and tips for hemming, zips, buttonholes. Bringing your own machine would help as we all know our own Machines. We do offer help to carry the Machine in and back to your car for you. As Christmas is almost upon us, I thought it may be nice to include toys to the class. I would be happy to help with them Any other ideas you have please just ask, I will be happy to try to help.

Friday 2:00pm to 3.30pm PPC Playhouse

**Patricia McCallum**

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## TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

New diners welcome  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month  
at various cafes, hotels etc. Only expense is your meal  
etc. Class limit 25.

**Gloria Lee**

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## MINDFUL LIVING

Is returning for Term 4  
Tuesdays 2:00 to 3:30pm at PPC in the Studio

**Janine Hills**

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## COMPUTER BASED FAMILY HISTORY

Beginner's course will be available  
in Term 1, 2025 with a more  
advanced course in Term 2 Details  
of courses will be available in the 2025 Course  
Book



Look out for further announcements

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## SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE

All of our singers will be returning for Term 4  
But we have vacancies for two songsters

Fridays 11:30 to 1:30  
PPC Studio

**Jeannette Zeller**

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## SUE SMITH A NEW TUTOR FOR RAMBLING WRITERS

Rambling Writers is a small  
group of people who enjoy  
writing stories of no more  
than 1000 words, either true or not-so-true.

The group has been in existence for 8 years or so  
and still has several original members. We meet on  
Friday afternoons for 2 hours and in that time we  
share our weekly story based on a topic provided  
by one of the members.

The topic invariably evokes something from our  
past, either happy, sad or funny which we can write  
about. Or, we can just write something on the topic  
which is not true or has been embellished  
somewhat. We don't mind, we are not  
judgemental.

We just enjoy putting to use that vast amount of  
words and knowledge we have acquired over a  
lifetime, and using our memory by remembering  
things we've done, people we've known or current  
things happening in the world or within our own  
life.

We have several clever writers in the group, but  
most of us are pretty good at spinning a yarn,  
regardless of what the topic might be.

To keep our minds active we will often, if time  
permits, have a ten minute impromptu quiz or story  
type activity, AND we also enjoy a chat and a cup  
of tea and biscuit.

**Sue Smith  
Rambling Writers**

Friday 2:00 to 4:00 PPC Studio

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## FORAGING IN YOUR BACKYARD

in recess TERM 4

Lyn Wetzig  
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## Photography for Fun in Crows Nest



**Davidson's Arboretum  
at Highfields**

## Photography for Fun in Crows Nest Term 4



Various locations visited and  
some easy walking involved

Tuesday Afternoon Fortnightly  
Please contact Lyn as soon as possible for  
details of time and place.

**Lyn Wetzig**  
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wholeoflifenuitration@gmail.com



**Blue Haze (Anduramba)**



**Foraging in your Backyard is  
in recess TERM 4**



## PENTEL DRAWING

The Pentel drawing group is an enthusiastic group of Seniors who like to try their hand at pencil drawing. We are all amateurs who have been drawing with U3A Toowoomba for a few years. Over that period of time we have learnt a lot about different aspects and skills in the art of drawing. We use both pencil and coloured pencils to achieve the finished product. If you are interested in joining our class please find us on Member Wizard.

**Judy McWilliam**

## DOWNNS STEAM TRAIN TO BROOKSTEAD

45 Minutes south of Toowoomba lies the charming little community of Brookstead which, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August, welcomed a happy crowd of steam train enthusiasts, with a wonderful display of vintage cars and farming equipment. At 12.10 a shiny red and green steam train with 4 carriages pulled into Brookstead Park carrying 140 passengers. The U3A Pittsworth Ukulele group entertained the passengers while they selected their scrumptious locally cooked lunches sitting in the hall singing and tapping to the very upbeat music.

Steam Locomotive C16 No. 106 "Pride of Toowoomba" built by Toowoomba Foundry in 1914 and restored by Downs Steam



### Judy McWilliam and Janelle Connolly



### UKULELE GROUP PITTSWORTH

Entertained at Brookstead



### Judy McWilliam and Janelle Connolly

Hoping to get a lift home!

Join a U3A class today. Enrol now before the start of Term 4.  
Look up available courses and classes on our Website.

Share your Interests and become a TUTOR



## SEA SHANTIES CONCERT

A wonderful morning of entertaining music from the seafaring days of the 17th to 19th century when tall ships sailed the high seas from Mother England and Ireland bringing convicts and free settlers to the new country of Australia.

**Bruce Arthur's "Misadventures on the High Seas"** lectures tell the tales of our history and how we were settled.

To tie in with this term's lectures, Bruce hosted a concert featuring sea shanties by the **Heave Away Band**, comprised of members of **Joy Farquharson's Friday Guitar Class** which brought fabulous authenticity to the music with not only guitars, mandolins and drums but recorders and a piano accordion. Complementing the great vocals were the "Wenches" in costume and the whole scenario was enhanced with slides of rolling seas and ancient ships on screens in the background. Not only is this band proving to be very popular within our U3A community but outside venues have also sought their fun presentations. Popular favourite shanties to sing along with were *What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor*, *Bound for South Australia*, *Cornwall My Home*, *The Wellerman* and *the Whale Song* (*Moby Dick*).

Sharing the billing with the **Heave Away Band** was **David and Marita Rayner's Toowoomba Ukulele Group** and **Ian Harding's Crows Nest Ukulele Group** performing some wonderful renditions of great sing-along songs. The group strummed away with the audience toe-tapping to the beat and singing along with some favourites from a selection of Hawaiian songs and *Itsy-Bitsy Teeny Weeny Yellow Polkadot Bikini*.



**Bruce Arthur thanking David and Marita for their groups' participation**

**Bruce's Class is Each Thursday Morning from 9:00 to 11:00**  
**Subjects include Evolution of Homo Sapiens, Paleontology and Early Human History.**

A big thanks to **David and Marita Rayner** for making such a great venue as the SDA available for the performance. They lead one of the largest classes in U3A and at this concert 44 players managed to negotiate the stage. With morning tea included and all for just a small donation it was an entertaining morning not to be missed when next they perform for U3A.



# SINGING FOR FUN

## THE IPSWICH GIRLS

### In Toowoomba Inc

These two pianist ladies, Anne Saxby and Heather Loveday, didn't realise they were both born at the same hospital in Ipswich until we asked them to tell a little of their stories. We are very fortunate to have some talented people who assist with U3A classes.

#### Anne Saxby

"Music has always been an important part of my life since I was quite young. My mother was a musician and piano teacher for many years, so it was inevitable that my two brothers and I learned piano from an early age. Competing in the Warwick Eisteddfod each year in the middle of winter was a challenge. I did AMEB and Trinity College piano exams during my school years and after finishing year 12, I moved to Brisbane to study piano and classical guitar at the Qld Conservatorium of Music. After completing my A.Mus.A in piano and a music degree I taught as a music specialist in various schools in Qld and the NT. I conducted and played for many school choirs during this time.

Since moving to Toowoomba five years ago, I have continued my musical involvement here. I've thoroughly enjoyed being joint accompanists with Heather at Singing for Fun for the last three or four years for U3A. My other music activities in Toowoomba include singing and playing in the U3A guitar group.

I'm always inspired by the enthusiasm and joy that music, particularly singing, brings to so many people and I hope that I may continue to play a small part in that journey."

#### Heather Loveday

"I have a classical musical background and became involved with Choirs and Eisteddfods as the years progressed. School choirs, St Paul's Choir and Ipswich Choral Society and Stage Musicals were all part of a busy and productive life into my teenage years. In my later years at Primary School I was given the opportunity to learn and play the pipe organ at our church and I became church organist at St. Thomas' North Ipswich until the family left Ipswich. I started work in Brisbane at 16 at a Shipping Company and remember a few years of train travel daily to and from Brisbane on Steam Trains.

I continued my music studies in Brisbane after I started work. My husband Keith joined the RAAF and we spent time at Amberley and then Canberra with my piano always part of our Inventory.

Keith resigned from the Air Force after six years to take over his father's share in a Transport business in Allora. I became church organist at St. David's and a member of the newly formed Allora Community Choir. I started teaching music part time and continued until our children were



**Standing - Heather Loveday  
Seated - Anne Saxby**

finishing High School. After moving the family to Toowoomba I joined Toowoomba Choral Society and enjoyed many happy years with Stage Musicals again, the most memorable being Les Miserables 1994 at City Hall and again in 1995 at the revamped Empire Theatre.

We have now been in Toowoomba for over 30 years and a few years after retiring in 2000, I was encouraged to join U3A and I have been part of our Singing For Fun group ever since. Not long after joining, I was asked to be a pianist for the group and have enjoyed this immensely. As a couple, Keith and I are members of the Social Dance group and Keith enjoys swimming with U3A twice a week. U3A has certainly brought us many friendships and enhanced our retirement years in Toowoomba."

## U3A IN TOOWOOMBA NEW INTERESTS NEW FRIENDS

## ACTIVITIES



Thursday Walkers 'The Gangs All Here' at Davidson's Arboretum on a surprise sunny day



Some members of Crows Nest Walking Group at White Rock



Thursday Walkers in Queens Park. It's nearly Carnival time!



Track and Trail groups usually walk 7-11 kms in National Parks or Council Regional Parks.



Getting friendly with the insects at Peacehaven Park.



Presentations to Anna Carson following her resignation from the Management Committee.

# CROWS NEST ACTIVITIES



**Crows Nest Community Expo**  
(From left to right)

**Sue Plant**

(Crows Nest History Tutor),

**Penny Protheroe** (President),

**Graham Moore**

(Crows Nest Computer Tutor),

**Gabrielle McClennan**

(Crows Nest Walking Group Tutor)



## U3A Ukulele

Tutor, **Ian Harding**, with a very happy and enthusiastic group playing from their new Book 4.



Saturday **Aqua Aerobics** U3A members enjoy the warm ambience in 32 degree water temperature as they do non-weight bearing exercises to keep the body flexible and energized as we age gracefully. Lots of fun and good for you. Please find us in Member Wizard for more information.

**Judy McWilliam** (tutor)



## Liam Boundy from NBN

Giving some timely advice to the **APPLE DEVICES CLASS**, on avoiding scams.