

U3A in Toowoomba Inc



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

COURSE BOOK

2026

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(Left to right) Penny Protheroe, Averil Hawthorne, Marie Kajewski, Suzanne Strong, Carlo Bertoldi, Julie Grant, Jennie Thomas (Absent: Marlene Norris)

**Have you considered volunteering to be on the Management Committee?
You will be welcomed.**

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New Interests - New Friends



Toowoomba Cruise & Travel

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U3A Calendar 2026

January	Friday	9	Tutors RSVP for "Tutor Information Morning"
	Monday	26	Australia Day
	Tuesday	27	Tutor Information Morning—Bookings essential Toowoomba Office open 9am – 4pm
	Wednesday	28	TOOWOOMBA Open Morning 9am – 11.30am Toowoomba Office open 9am – 4pm
	Thursday	29	CROWS NEST Open morning 9.30 – 11.30am Toowoomba Office open 9am – 4pm
	Friday	30	PITTSWORTH Open Morning 9.30am – 11.00am Toowoomba Office open 9am – 4pm
February	Monday	2	1 st Term starts
March	Monday	9	Tutors start collating names for Term 2
	Friday	20	Newsletter Deadline
	Friday	27	Toowoomba Show Holiday
	Monday	30	Tutor deadline for submitting names for Term 2
April	Thursday	2	1 st Term ends (making this a 9 week Term)
	Friday	3	Good Friday
	Monday	6	Easter Monday
	Friday	17	Tutor deadline for returning Term 1 Attendance Sheets and Income/Expenditure form (if applicable) to the Office.
	Wednesday	22	AGM and Certificate Presentation
	Monday	27	2 nd Term starts
May	Monday	4	Labour Day Tutors start collating names for Term 3
June	Friday	12	Newsletter Deadline
	Monday	22	Tutor deadline for submitting names for Term 3
	Friday	26	2 nd Term ends (making this a 9 week Term) Tutors RSVP for "Tutor Information Morning"
July	Friday	10	Tutor deadline for returning Term 2 Attendance Sheets and Income/Expenditure form (if applicable) to the Office.
	Tuesday	14	Tutor Information Morning—Bookings essential
	Monday	20	3 rd Term starts
August	Monday	24	Tutors start collating names for Term 4
September	Friday	4	Newsletter Deadline
	Monday	14	Tutor deadline for submitting names for Term 4
	Friday	18	3 rd Term ends (making this a 9 week Term)
	Tuesday	22	U3A Showcase
October	Friday	2	Tutor deadline for returning Term 3 Attendance Sheets and Income/Expenditure form (if applicable) to the Office.
	Monday	5	King's Birthday
	Monday	12	4 th Term starts
November	Monday	9	Tutors start collating names for Term 1, 2027
	Saturday	14	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
	Monday	30	Tutor deadline for submitting names for Term 1, 2027
December	Friday	4	4 th Term ends (making this an 8 week Term)
	Friday	18	Tutor deadline for returning Term 4 Attendance Sheets and Income/Expenditure form (if applicable) to the Office.



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FEEES AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2026

Renewal of Membership	\$55.00
New Membership	\$65.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS

PREFERRED:

PAY ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE: u3atoowoomba.au

On our website, you will see two large green buttons, one “New Member Registration” and the other “Existing Member Renewal”. Click/tap on the appropriate one and follow the prompts to pay your membership fees securely online via your Debit or Credit Card. Receipt will be emailed to you. The website also includes a menu option for “Member Portal” for existing members to pay your Membership Renewal. You can also print your Member Badge from the Member Portal.

OTHER OPTIONS:

- **DIRECT TRANSFER TO OUR HERITAGE BANK ACCOUNT** U3A in Toowoomba Inc. BSB: 638070 Account: 8770239 Enter your Name in Reference Line so we can track your payment. Checking takes many hours by our Treasurer who is a volunteer.
- **IN PERSON AT THE OFFICE DURING OPENING HOURS** EFTPOS, CHEQUE or CASH (No change given). See office opening hours listed below.

OFFICE HOURS

For those wanting to pay in person, our office at the Philharmonic Performance Complex will open in January, from 9:00am to 4:00pm on the following dates for both renewals and new membership enrolments:

January 2026—Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28, Thursday 29, Friday 30

CLASS ENROLMENT OPTIONS

PREFERRED:

If you are able to access the internet on one of your devices:

Go to our website u3atoowoomba.au

Select CLASSES from the main menu.

Browse through all classes being offered.

See which classes have vacancies.

Enrol in classes you are interested in. (Most classes require you to contact the tutor prior to enrolling).

TO ENROL IN A CLASS

Click/tap on the “Enrol now” button.

You will be asked if you are a U3A Toowoomba member.

If you answer YES, it will ask you for your registered email address to identify you.

If you answer NO, it will allow you to enter your details, join U3A Toowoomba and pay your membership fee.

For existing members, who have already made use of the online Member Portal, select “MEMBER PORTAL” from the main menu, log in: You can:

View classes you are enrolled in.

Browse all classes being offered.

Enrol in other classes.

OTHER OPTIONS:

Alternatively, if you do not have internet access, you can enrol in classes by contacting the tutor listed in the Course Book, but please note particulars can change throughout the year, after the Course Book has been printed.

COST OF CLASSES

Most U3A Toowoomba classes have a “per term” fee to cover leasing of premises and cost of materials. Please refer to the online class list for details.

COMMUNICATIONS DURING TERM BREAKS

Phone message indicates office is closed between Term 1 and 2 and between Term 3 and 4

Phone is diverted to office mobile between Term 2 and 3 and from the end of Term 4 and the start of Term 1 next year. Committee members are rostered to answer the office mobile phone over these breaks. The office email will be monitored.



Web Address: u3atoowoomba.au

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From The President



“The older you get the more you ‘gotta’ have something to do”, said my nonagenarian neighbour out walking. So important to stay active and connected. I am talking to the converted; the members of U3A. This ‘wisdom of the ages’ was so eloquently expressed by Prof.

Nancy Pachana from

U.Q. who was our Keynote Speaker at the ‘Seniors Day at U3A’ in October. Of all the recommendations given to us ‘the wiser ones’ it was interesting that she stressed the critical importance of maintaining social connection and the importance of having three good friends. She rather cheekily suggested it is important to have some younger friends! ‘New Interests- New Friends’. Join a U3A class.

U3A will start the year with an offering of 134 classes, mostly in Toowoomba with classes also in Pittsworth and Crows Nest. A varied and interesting selection of classes demonstrating the generosity of those who step up to hold a class or run an activity. One of our long serving Tutors, John Pryce - Davies, will offer 6 classes during 2026!

U3A offers a variety of options to volunteer if being a Tutor is not to your liking. Volunteer in classes you attend as a **Class assistant** who helps with conducting the class or **2ic, Class Convenor** who is nominated to assist with Member Wizard or as a **Class Helper**, such as playing piano or helping with Leadlighting.

At the ‘**Seniors Day at U3A, 2025**’ event, **Tutors volunteered** to welcome member of the public and prospective new members into their class. Four classes were listed in the invitation, so they had time to plan. When visitors arrived two other Tutors asked if visitors would like to come into their class. The day was a success by all accounts. The guest speakers had a good attendance. One of speakers is offering a class in 2026. Were you impressed with our new marquee? This was purchased through a successful Grant application for Seniors Month.

Come join ‘**The Friends of U3A**’ to help at all events. **Volunteer** to assist with the production of annual events like **Showcase** - be a Stage Manager. Each of these connections will enrich your life and can be a lot of fun. Break the mindset, step outside your comfort zone. Look at all those volunteers in the **Carnival of Flowers Parade**

representing their classes or creating a Float or taking photographs. About 80 members, counting designated photographers in total, volunteered. That is to be proud of. A ‘once in a lifetime’ fun experience. Great advertising for U3A. A suggestion in the ‘Survey’. Were you one who came up with that great idea? Did you participate? There are over 1100 photographs and 14 videos that recorded that event! Inge Gajczak, Pittsworth Coordinator and Tutor of Photography and Photo Editing is creating a 10-minute photo/video record which will be available on our website and played at Open Days, Information Days and Expos. Our entry in the parade was an amazing experience for me. I met so many lovely members I would not usually see. One extraordinary event showed members dedication and interest in an event other than attending a class; the call for help went out. At the very first meeting at the float shed it was sleeting outside and 16 members arrived!

So, what will 2026 hold? Great choice of classes – yes. Events? – Showcase- yes. Extra events? Maybe. Will you volunteer?

I extend to all members of the Management Committee; Tutors and all the Volunteer Teams my sincere thanks for being prepared to give generously of your time. To our Office Administrator, thanks for all you do. Always willing to help.

Looking forward to an exciting 2026.

Penny Protheroe B.A.(U.Q), Dip.Ed, (Syd.), Grad.Dip. Teach.-Librarian(Q.U.T.) Cert. III Floristry.

Have you considered volunteering to be on the Management Committee?

Management of U3A as an incorporated association is guided on a regular basis by our Constitution, and published policies which are developed and revised over time in response to Government regulations as well as perceived needs identified for the efficient running of the organization. We don’t ‘make it up as we go along’! We meet once a month. Each member of Committee has a designated task which is in their area of skill or interest but all part of discussion and decisions. Would you choose to stand for nomination for the Committee before the AGM in April? Are you unsure exactly what you may be interested in contributing, but **want to help**? Talk to any present member as listed on page 1. Presently there are 8 members. U3A needs 11.

You will be welcomed.

CARNIVAL

“Once in a Lifetime Experience”!

The Carnival of Flowers is held in the Toowoomba Region each September. The Carnival Parade is the highlight of ‘Carnival Week’. The theme for Carnival 2025 was “Floral Frenzy”. The streets were crowded to cheer on those participating. U3A entered the parade for the first time with a beautifully decorated float and 30 themed Walkers. Our theme was “Flower Power” a 1960’s concept developed by Bruce Arthur, a U3A Toowoomba Tutor. Our Float was a ‘Hippie Kombi’ and our Walkers represented U3A classes.



In the beginning....



*Aren't these flowers spectacular?
Hours and hours of work*

Congratulations to about 80 members who contributed in some way to making our entry spectacular. 2026? You choose.



Parade Day

What a triumph!



Tutor Information and Training

Tutor Information Morning (Semester 1) - Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Tutor Information Morning (Semester 2) - Tuesday, July 14, 2026

All Tutors, regardless of how long they have been with U3A, should continue their understanding of how U3A operates and stay informed about ongoing developments and procedures, which may include;

- Understanding the Tutor Handbook
- U3A H&S Policies & Procedures, as the responsible person
- Insurance Policies including how to deal with incidents/accidents in classes
- Financial Policies and Procedures for Tutors
- How the Member Wizard database works
- Updates to Member Wizard 'Member Portal' and 'Tutor Portal'
- Use of technical equipment if required
- Meeting Committee members, Office Administrator and fellow Tutors
- Q&A on class developments and member related situations.

Light refreshments are provided. Tutors will be emailed an invitation to these events. RSVP is essential.

Tutor Information Morning and Toowoomba, Pittsworth, Crows Nest Open Days



SHOWCASE

“EXTRAVAGANZA OF U3A MEMBERS’ SKILLS”

Filled with enthusiasm and fun, the Singing and Instrumental groups and the Arts and Crafts presented an outstanding display of talents.

Showcase 2025 was held in Carnival Week and members of the public were invited. Refreshments were donated by many members and enjoyed by all!

It was a huge success and we look forward to repeating in 2026.



TOOWOOMBA
U3A
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Come along to the fabulous
U3A Toowoomba Showcase 2025!
Seventh Day Adventist Church Hall (SDA)
669 Greenwattle St, Glenvale
9am - 12pm
Tuesday 23rd September 2025
Free Parking
Free Entry
Tea, Coffee, Snacks provided
Prizes for best dressed Hippie!

Come and enjoy a 'far out' morning with our 'groovy' singing groups, 'mellow out' to music from our Guitar, Ukulele groups and the Toowoomba Fog Jug band & enjoy some 'very cool' Art and Craft displays from U3A's talented sewing and art groups.

Spaces limited so RSVP via our website
u3atowoomba.au/mw-courses/event



CLASSES/GROUPS IN TOOWOOMBA, CROWS NEST AND PITTSWORTH

For all Class/Group information go to our U3A Website
u3atoowoomba.au

As a Member you are welcome to book into classes in all 3 areas depending on class space.
If you are considering enrolling in a class for the first time, please contact the tutor before doing so.



SEW and SHARE Tutor Jane Rosenthal and class created bags for “Share the Dignity”. Donating to women and girls who are doing it tough due to domestic violence homelessness etc.

New Interests - New Friends

**Out and About with U3A
 New Interests - New Friends**



Boot Scooting at Pittsworth



Expo on a Freezing morning in Crows Nest

Author Jane Smith at John Pryce Davies class 'Founding of Moreton Bay Convict Settlement'



Dr Elias Mardini addressing 'Archaeology Science 2025' class



Mahjong—Christmas in July



Easter Swim Fun



Leadlighting for Beginners



Advanced Leadlighting



Flower bunching team at Carnival



The Stroll Patrol



Members of Fog Jug Band at the Bulls Head Inn



Ukulele Crows Nest

Out and About with U3A

New Interests - New Friends



The **Monday Morning Tennis** group with **Tutor Maureen Dunn**, is a friendly group catering for different levels of ability. We meet on Monday mornings and enjoy the weekly outdoor physical activity and socialisation that tennis provides. The group was formed approximately 10 years ago and a few of the group are original members. At present we are a group of 17 players who meet at Holy Name Courts on West Street. Holy Name tennis complex is one of the oldest continuously operating in Toowoomba. Initially the courts were 'ant-bed' but due to water restrictions in the early 2000's town water could no longer be used in the maintenance of the courts. At the time Wishart Tennis Centre in Brisbane was closing down and the artificial grass courts were transported to Toowoomba. These facilities are used by the

U3A group most Mondays throughout the year. When asked what was most enjoyable about Monday morning tennis some players responded with these comments.

"It gives me a fitness goal to work towards and the great conversations as well as a laugh or two during the morning."

"I enjoy being out in the fresh air. It can be very invigorating during Winter."

"The group is very friendly and we have enjoyed some lovely Christmas breakup lunches at various members' homes."

"Some lasting friendships have been built over the years with many former players returning to the courts for a morning tea catch up."

Whether players are resuming tennis after a break or are new to the game, everyone is warmly welcomed by the current playing group. We enjoy the many benefits of the game and hope to keep playing into the future.



Nature journaling at Crows Nest



Photography class at Pittsworth



Pittsworth singing for Fun



Tai Chi class at Wellbeing Expo



Weaving Class at Crows Nest

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon 2025



Our very enthusiastic Guest Speaker, Kevin Howarth
Toowoomba's Town Crier and Radio Personality

TO ALL VOLUNTEERS Thank you for giving your time, your skills, your energy and most importantly your passion to the volunteering role you've played in U3A Toowoomba, Pittsworth and Crows Nest over the past year.

Volunteers are the backbone of our organisation, and I'd like to take a moment to recognize not only individual efforts, but more importantly the power of what happens when volunteers work together. Whether you are a volunteer tutor, a member of the "Friends" Group, a valued helper in a class or event, or a volunteer administrator on the Management Committee, we are all shaping the direction and future of our U3A. Each volunteering role plays an important part. It's sometimes a little too easy for us to focus on the wants, needs and importance of our own individual volunteering role. But the truth is success isn't a solo effort. Our real impact comes from working together as a team, but with different obligations and responsibilities, and when each part of that team values and supports the other, that's when the magic happens.

So, let's keep the lines of communication open, and let's keep reminding ourselves that our particular volunteering role could not function without the support and help from other volunteering roles within the organisation. Big or small they are the glue that holds U3A together.

I'd also like to make a special mention of our President Penny, whose dedication, guidance, and countless hours behind the scenes keeps the wheels turning. So much of what we achieve rests on her shoulders. On behalf of us all, thank you for your endurance, Penny, in everything you do to keep U3A thriving.

However, we all know, none of us can continue in our roles forever and our replacements don't just fall from the sky. It's also important that we think ahead and plan the future. We, as volunteers, are often in the best position to spot that one person or persons who shows enthusiasm or shows a good understanding of what we do in U3A or may have the potential to contribute in new ways. If you happen to come across someone like that, a quiet word of encouragement or a gentle nudge from someone they respect can go a long way. Sometimes all it takes is a bit of support to help someone see themselves in a new role.



To help keep U3A vibrant and sustainable, we need a CONTINUING FLOW OF VOLUNTEERS. Currently we are offering around 140 diverse courses throughout the year, which is something special, and worth preserving for the future.

That kind of success doesn't happen by accident - it's the result of dedication, collaboration, and a willingness to give back from the various range of volunteers, past, present and hopefully the future. It's a reminder that the strength of U3A lies not only in its programs, but in the people who make them possible; the tutors, the class and event helpers, and the full administration team. So, well done to every U3A volunteer, and on behalf of the present Management Committee and the members of U3A in Toowoomba, Pittsworth and Crows Nest **THANK YOU FOR THE PART YOU HAVE PLAYED**, in ensuring our organisation continues to thrive – **NOT JUST FOR TODAY'S MEMBERS BUT FOR TOMORROW'S AS WELL.**

Marie Kajewski, Vice President / Tutor Liaison Officer (2025)

Seniors month October 2025

To celebrate Seniors month we opened our classes up to visiting members and non members alike to showcase what our Members enjoy the most—coming to class! People were able to experience Circle Dancing, Archaeology, Shakespeare, toe tap along in Guitar Intermediate and watch our Leadlighters creating their amazing Art. We had fantastic Guest Speakers - Prof. Nancy Pachana, Clinical Geropsychologist at UQ, Haidee Janetzki, President of The Philharmonic Society Toowoomba, Dale Swanson, Community Resilience & Recovery Officer at TRC, & Graham Blackman, Australian History Tutor at U3A. Delicious morning tea goodies prepared by U3A Volunteer Caterer Libby Forster. Lots of positive feedback was received and lots of new membership enquiries for 2026. Our new Marquee made a statement and was the focal point for information and a friendly chat. A successful first time event for U3A Toowoomba.

“A DAY WITH U3A!”



The Team



Office Administrator
Kelly Keleher



Penny Protheroe & Inge Gajczak Crows
Nest & Pittsworth Coordinators



Joyclyn Mauger
Archivist and Grants Officer



Caterer
Libby Forster



Photographer
Lee Wellington



Facebook
Penny Protheroe, Graham Moore and
Anna Carson



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'Friends' ready to represent U3A classes in the Carnival Parade : Robyn Adams- class: 'Extra-Terrestrial Contact' Clare Bentley- class: 'Dawn of Ancient Egypt'. Averil Hawthorne, Glenda Fechner, Barbara Hodson, Hazel Fusae at the Tutor Information Morning. (right) Saxann Allan, Kathryn McLaughlin and Hazel Fusae at 'A Day with U3A'

"The Friends of U3A"

Contact our office if you would like to join this group.

Foundation members—**Averil Hawthorne, Tom & Hazel Fusae, Glenda Fechner & Robyn Adams.**
We recently welcomed new members—**Clare Bentley, Kathryn McLaughlin, Saxann Allan.**

This is a group of supporting Members, acknowledged as part of 'The Team'. They are willing and committed to help as volunteers on busy days such as Tutor Information & Open Days, Showcase, Expos and other U3A functions. "Friends" promote U3A programs with other Members, their own networks and friendship groups. They are not a decision-making body but free to make recommendations to the Management Committee. "Friends" are invited to the Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by U3A and they meet socially with the President for lunch at least once per Term. We appreciate and thank these Members. They enjoy what U3A has to offer for them and want to give back by helping.

Course Book 2027 and onwards

The U3A in Toowoomba Inc. Course Book

- The 2026 Course Book will be the final printed/posted publication in this format which lists all courses.
- From 2027 onwards, members can access all course details online and download or print a copy of the **Course Catalogue**, which is regularly updated. For those without internet access, a black-and-white, stapled copy of the **Course Catalogue** can be printed and available from the office. This will more accurately reflect course changes during the year.
- It is anticipated the Newsletters will continue. These will also advise updates as well as colourful pictures, stories and upcoming events.

The publication and posting of the Course Book to every member yearly has been unique to U3A Toowoomba and a tradition for many years. It takes a lot of time, effort, and specialised knowledge from only a handful of volunteers.

We thank all those amazing volunteers who have contributed to the production of the Course Book over the years. Appreciation to those who contributed, compiled and edited this last edition of our traditional Course Book.

Marie Kajewski for considerable hours dedicated to compiling the classes pages in a format different from Member Wizard.

Kelly Keleher who has pitched in to compile the many contributions.

Tom Fusae our retired Compiler and general computer whiz for stepping in at the last to sort out some pesky formatting issues.

Suzanne Strong who added style and a certain panache to the presentation of the photo pages many of us enjoy. Creates a photo memory that is yours to keep.

Penny Protheroe for editing, providing and organizing much of the content.

Jennie Thomas for proofreading.

Q.E.D. (*Quod erat demonstrandum – ‘what they have set out to demonstrate has been achieved’*)



BE DISASTER READY!!

The following information was noted from U3A Toowoomba Senior's Month 'A Day with U3A' Guest Speaker Dale Swanson, Community Resilience and Recovery Officer, Disaster Management. (Thursday, 30th October 2025.)

ONLINE

1. RED CROSS REDIPLAN Google booklet to download and print.
2. Person centred emergency preparedness (P-CEP) Workbook
For people at risk disability, aged. All types of accommodation - Most households
3. POINT OF INFORMATION

Ideas for Consideration:

Google P-CEP Booklet and look up information online either through a computer or mobile device. And print for general information. This is an interactive APP (allows you to download and fill in form electronically and print) and needs online connection to look up relevant information for different areas.

Go to **DISASTER DASHBOARDS** as a point of factual updated information relating to weather, disasters, roadworks, electricity breakdowns etc. Note that each Regional Area Council has its own Dashboard information. So type in Area of interest i.e. Toowoomba, Warwick, Ipswich and then type Disaster Dashboard. Then click onto relevant council.

This information outlet is used by individual councils to update information in their relevant

shires as a point of truth as its updated regularly by various Emergency and Service Providers.

4.1 Dashboard provides the following sources of information in real time disaster concerns.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Ideas are linked into Fire Dept, Councils, Ergon etc, Department of Health.

The top of this dashboard has 4 major areas represented in different colours and covers in succinct mode the following:

4.2 Emergency Numbers,

Types of Emergencies; Weather, Fire, Flood, electricity outages, roadworks, and number of those listed. Map of area of interest.

4.3 The map viewed on this dashboard, has icons relevant to the areas where outages, weather events and roadworks are or have happened, and what is going on in that area and the type of help being given by all agencies and Government departments responding.

4.4 A map with icons representing roadworks, disaster spots, weather events, fire, flood and electrical outages in individual areas in Queensland. NB same Dashboard are available for most Regional Councils with the overall appearance similar but key information and links to point of truth information remains the same.

Phone 000 Emergency or Phone 112 for Connection to other networks if your phone company is out of order and 000 is not contactable.