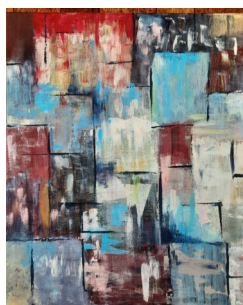


### U3A NETWORK ART COMPETITION

Second Prize in the painting section was awarded to U3A Toowoomba member Kevin Handley for

#### Abstract #2



I have been a member of U3A in Toowoomba for almost exactly 15 years. During that time, I have enrolled in a number of courses most of which I have enjoyed immensely.

Some four year ago, after several frustrations, I was fortunate in being able to enrol in the U3A art course at Pittsworth. There I was welcomed and encouraged to give art a try. The Pittsworth people have given me encouragement and advice and accepted me – a complete novice – in watercolour and acrylic mediums. Nobody was more surprised than I was when the competition results were announced (I thought it was to be an exhibition – not a competition).

I would especially like to thank our Tutor, Cecilia Krieg, for her expert assistance and friendship as well as all the members of the Pittsworth Wednesday art group.

**Second Prize in the drawing section** was awarded to U3A Toowoomba member, Ralph Townsend for **The Tyred House**



My mother recognized my artistic potential but my primary school teachers were not interested and Ipswich Boys Grammar School offered no art either. My working life was in soft furnishings, window dressing and home decorating. I also did a TAFE course in colour and harmony. Graham Burstow (a world-renowned figure in photography) and his late wife Evie (a professional watercolourist) gave me some valuable tips and although I had no lessons, I continued to paint and draw at odd times.

Tutor Val Saywell enthused me enough to join her ABC Art Group. She taught me a lot about the basics of drawing – and I took heed of her comment “Make this darker.”. I owe many thanks to Toowoomba U3A.

Some years ago, friends bought a farm with three houses in various stages of disrepair. These became a series of drawings and for each I wrote a poem. My entry to the U3A Art Competition this year was one of the best.

Go [here](#) and scroll down the page to see the video of all the entries.

### OPEN MORNING

**WEDNESDAY 13th July**

**9 - 11:30am**

**For NEW AND PROSPECTIVE  
NEW MEMBERS ONLY**

**Many of our tutors will be  
available to discuss options**

**MEMBERSHIP FOR REMAINDER  
OF THE YEAR ONLY \$25**

WE WELCOMED  
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NEW MEMBERS  
In Term 2

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### TERM DATES

Term 3: 18 July - 16 September  
Term 4, 10 October - 2 December

Term 1, 2023: 30 Jan - 31 Mar

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Term 4: 9 September

## Vale Beth Sutcliffe, 1953-2022

Beth joined U3A in 2017, and her quiet, unassuming presence was highly appreciated in all the areas in which she became involved. Importantly, Beth provided significant assistance to the Committee successfully working on the Grants sub-committee, where she was instrumental in U3A gaining a grant for the purchase of further electronic equipment. She joined various classes, including Shakespeare and Christianity and Feminism, where her quiet demeanour masked a reflective engagement with the topics being discussed. Beth spoke sparingly, but when she did speak she made important contributions to discussions. I for one always respected her ideas and comments.

Sadly, Beth was diagnosed early in 2022 with a serious illness which few sufferers survive, and she passed away peacefully in May surrounded by family and lifelong friends. Some of her U3A friends were privileged also to travel with her on her final journey. Beth was farewelled at a beautiful reflective service of readings, poetry and music which she designed herself. She was valued, and will be greatly missed.

*Marie Cameron*

## CROWS NEST NEWS

The **Wednesday Walking group** have enjoyed town walks this term each culminating in visiting a particular place of interest, followed by 'coffee, cake and chat'! Two walks around Highfields included a bit of bird watching in Williams Park, Davidson Aboretum and Peacehaven Park. From our adventures in Crows Nest, the Applegum Walk and a trek out to the show grounds to view the murals were popular. For me the biggest treat was the last walk. The group journeyed out to Goombungee where we went on a self directed Historical Walking Tour. Marie Kruger, a group member, shared lots of extra fascinating stories about Goombungee in the late 1800s. Morning tea at the Vintage Cow and a visit to the Rosalie Gallery topped off a great morning. We will be back! Join this group. Contact: mclennangabrielle@gmail.com.

"It's on again! **Computer Skills** class returns after a well deserved term break. Usually the first request is how to stop those annoying texts and emails or how do I access the 'cloud'? If you have a technology need, join us on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:30am at the Community Centre. I'm looking forward to welcoming new and existing U3A members to class." - Graham.

**Sew Country Crafts** will be back. "Our group continues to be enthusiastic and, finding suitable fabric and thread, have managed to unearth many unfinished projects! Happy to welcome new members in Term 3." - Stella

**Please see our three new class offerings for term 3. 'Basic Scrapbooking', 'Our Family Remembers' & 'Thursday lunch group'.**

Many thanks to Rhonda and U3A Toowoomba for replacing our data projector and screen.

Much appreciation to each and everyone of our volunteer Tutors. Without you we wouldn't be!

*Penny Protheroe*  
Coordinator, Crows Nest

### PRIVACY POLICY

U3A in Toowoomba Inc. takes your privacy seriously and we say again that respect for privacy is the right of everyone.

We introduced new class attendance forms so that only your name and member number would be visible to other members.

Tutors please ensure that you follow this important rule.  
Please also ensure that you **bcc** not **cc** if you are emailing to your class.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As you are reading this, 2022 is already half over. Much has occurred in those six months, some of it we could have done without - social distancing, vaccination policies, mask wearing to name a few. However it was necessary at that time and we are hopeful that we will not have to revert to any challenging restrictions again.

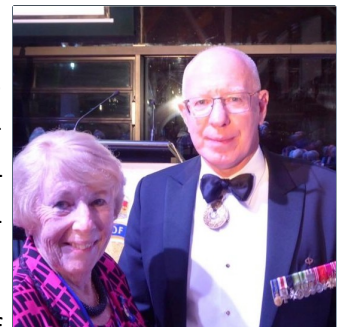
Our membership continues to grow and we are happy to announce that there are several new classes commencing in Term 3. Check out the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

A very proud Toowoomba President was delighted to announce that two of our very talented artists gained 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the recent Queensland Network Arts Competition. Kevin Hanley who attends Cecelia Krieg's Art classes in Pittsworth and Ralph Townsend who attends Val Saywell's Art classes in Toowoomba were both successful. Congratulations to you both. The winners were announced at the recent U3A Network Conference hosted by U3A Pine Rivers.

The Network AGM was held in conjunction with the annual state conference and once again I was elected the Qld State President. Some of you will remember that I have already carried out a term in this role 2012-2015. The Network Management Committee consists of 9 members from U3As around the state and I was delighted to welcome our very own Trudy Graham onto this committee. As you know, Trudy served on the Toowoomba Management Committee in key positions for 6 years and even though she has relocated continues to digitally compile our Newsletters and Course Book from afar.

The 2021 mid-year Open Morning proved to be an important event for our U3A and therefore we have decided to offer this again. Membership fees reduce to \$25 on the 1<sup>st</sup> July for the period July to December and this Open Morning is an opportunity to come along and talk to tutors and find out what is available for the last two terms of 2022.

I recently attend the Order of Australia Association Conference in Canberra. Never one to miss an opportunity to promote U3A to one and all, I was delighted to be able to discuss U3A with both the Governor-General His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC and the Victorian Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC at this event.



During 2023 there will be celebrations around the world marking 50 years of U3A Worldwide. The Queensland State Conference will be the central point for our celebrations and our U3A colleagues in Rockhampton will be the hosts. Their conference committee has been working hard for the past six months and they have a great event planned. Some of you will have met the U3A World President Professor Francois Vellas when he visited us in Toowoomba in 2020. Francois will be attending as well as the International Secretary-General Professor Maria Chester. Keep May 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 free.

As I write this it is a cool 11 degrees. I hope you are all keeping well and warm.

*Rhonda Weston AM*

## CLASS INFORMATION

Please refer to your 2022 Course Book for continuing classes.

**Only classes that are RESTARTING or have a CHANGE are listed below.**

Ask your Tutor for specific requirements.

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR 2023

<b>EUROPE IN THE MIDDLE AGES</b> From 476 to 1453AD	
<b>INDIAN HISTORY</b> From Mughals to the Nehrus.	

## NEW CLASSES TOOWOOMBA

Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 PPC Austral Room Term 3 & 4	<b>BAIL UP – AUSTRALIA’S BUSHRANGERS</b> A series of sixteen lectures covering Aust. worst bushrangers from 1796 to 1903. The lectures will include some of the Indigenous freedom fighters, Multuggerah, Jandemarra and Musquito, the Time Team dig at Glenrowan, Thunderbolt and Harry Redford (Robbery Under Arms).	
Monday 11:30 - 1:30 PPC Studio Room	<b>CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS – INTERMEDIATE</b> A 2-term course for those who have completed CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS – BEGINNERS this year or in previous years, or those who can solve simple cryptics but would like to improve their skills.	
Tuesday 9:00 - 11:00 PPC Studio Room	<b>MINDFUL LIVING</b> Returns in Term 3. Open (with limited numbers) to past and new participants. Practices cover a range of guided mindful meditative techniques able to be integrated into daily life.	

## CLASSES RESTARTING in TOOWOOMBA

Wednesday 11:30 - 1:30 PPC Austral Room	<b>RUSSIAN HISTORY</b> Re-commencing	
Thursday 11:30 - 1:30 PPC The Lab	<b>ANTARCTICA</b> Re-commencing	

## CHANGES TO CLASS INFORMATION in TOOWOOMBA

<p>Monday 11:30 - 1:30 PPC The Lab</p>	<p><b>AUSTRALIAN HISTORY Part 1 – pre History to 1900</b></p> <p>In past classes, in bringing our history &amp; its “exceptionalism” alive one of the great benefits which have generated the most interest is the participants who are direct descendants of notable First Australians who have contributed in many ways to our history. Examples are a direct descendant from the 1st fleet convicts, a direct descendant of a member of the NSW Corp, a direct descendant of Governor Bligh and a family member who made a world-first invention. And what a story each of these participants had to tell.</p> <p>Therefore to vary and improve the course content, increase the classes’ knowledge of our descendants and bring our history to life through personal historical records, I am asking if anyone in the U3A community has any proven direct descendants, or knows of someone who has and would like to share that with my class and/or have their history included in my course material. I would be most happy to try and accommodate them, as part of the review I conduct every six months on improving the course material.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 11:30 - 1:30 PPC Playhouse</p>	<p><b>CHESS</b></p> <p>Chess is an incredibly popular and beneficial pastime, because <b>playing chess results in better brain function</b>, improved memory and cognitive abilities, strategic thinking and attention improvement. Learn openings like Netflix’s ‘Queens Gambit’. Basic chess skills are needed.</p>	
<p>Monday 2:00 - 4:00 PPC The Lab</p>	<p><b>COMPUTER FORUM</b></p> <p>The Computer Forum class can welcome a few new participants. Our focus is on sharing knowledge and experience in using computers and related devices. Bring your own laptop or device.</p>	
<p>Monday 10:45 - 12:00 PPC Playhouse</p>	<p><b>iPAD – REFRESHERS</b></p>	
<p>Monday 9:00 - 10:30 PPC Playhouse</p>	<p><b>iPADS – BEGINNERS</b></p>	
<p>Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 PPC Playhouse</p>	<p><b>PASTEL DRAWING</b></p> <p>Limited vacancies</p>	
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## CHANGES TO CLASS INFORMATION in TOOWOOMBA cont'd

Wednesday 8:30 - 10:30 PCYC	<b>PICKLEBALL WEDNESDAY GROUP</b> Pickleball is a low impact sport that is easy to learn and play at almost any age. It is played on a court about the size of a badminton court and combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Vacancies	
Wednesday 1:30 - 3:30 Drayton Bowls Club	<b>SCRABBLE</b> New Tutor.	
Tuesday 2:00 - 4:00 PPC Studio	<b>SING....SING A SONG</b> A cosy friendly and fun group, sitting around the piano – as we did growing up. Singing beloved songs from 1880 through 1980. Vacancies	
Monday 12:15 - 1:30 PPC Playhouse	<b>WORD PROCESSING USING APPLE PAGES on iPad and Mac</b> Write your daily diary, create a newsletter, put together an advert, create a Christmas card, export your document as a Word or pdf file.	

## CLASSES IN RECESS

<b>A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD</b>	
<b>ENJOYING MATHEMATICS</b>	
<b>POETRY READING</b>	

### NOTICE

#### CLASSES AT THE PHILO

We supply tea, coffee, sugar and milk, for all classes at the Philo but you must bring your own cup if you wish to have a cuppa.

#### We value our Tutors

#### They are the backbone of our organisation

We would not have a U3A without our volunteer tutors.

They generously dedicate their time and their skills and knowledge for our benefit.

Please show them the respect that they deserve when you enrol, and when attending a class.

## CHANGES TO CLASS INFORMATION CROWS NEST

<p>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 - Ask Tutor</p>	<p><b>WALKING GROUP</b> Walks will be through local parks and streets, finishing at a local coffee shop for morning tea. First and Third Wednesday each month.</p>	
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## NEW CLASSES in CROWS NEST

<p>Monday Fortnightly 11:30 - 1:00 Community Centre</p>	<p><b>BASIC SCRAPBOOKING</b> Mounting photos, journaling and creating a simple presentation.</p>	
<p>Monday 9:30 - 11:30 Community Centre</p>	<p><b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b> Discussions, information, tips &amp; tricks to get the most out of the many devices, services and facilities, available in the online world of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.</p>	
<p>Tuesday 11:00 - 1:00 Community Centre Dining Room</p>	<p><b>OUR FAMILY REMEMBERS</b> For those who like history and have some online skills. This research project is to access war records and family memories of those who fought in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century wars. There will be workshops on how to gather information from National Archives, War Memorials, Trove and family records, as well as guest speakers. Research to include those who served from Crows Nest and district including those on the Cenotaph, and present members of Crows Nest and district. Our U3A research team will gather information for presentation on a Day of Remembrance with support from Crows Nest R.S.L.</p>	
<p>Thursday 9:00 - 11:00 Fortnightly Community Centre</p>	<p><b>SEW EASY COUNTRY CRAFTS</b> Beginners course in hand applique &amp; candlewicking (whitework embroidery). Members can create a variety of personalised projects using a needle &amp; thread, completing at home on a machine.</p>	
<p>Thursday 12 noon Venue – ask Tutor</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY LUNCH GROUP</b> A friendly gathering of Crows Nest and District members to share stories and enjoy good food. Occasional special guest by invitation. Each month, July 21, August 18, Sept 15.</p>	
<b>CROWS NEST CLASSES IN RECESS</b>		

<p><b>FOOD, HERBS and USEFUL WEEDS</b> Will return in Term 4</p>	
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