

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the last term of 2022. I know many of you are already planning your Christmas parties although it does not seem long since we enjoyed Christmas 2021. The year has brought many challenges, none more time consuming, expensive and annoying than proof of vaccinations and Check in Qld Apps. However, with true U3A spirit we overcame these obstacles and proceeded with classes and activities.

Our membership is still down on pre-covid numbers as are the number of classes that we are offering. As always, the need for more tutors is paramount. If you have a skill that you would like to share with your fellow members, please contact the office or Tutor Co-Ordinator David Weston. You may also know a non-member who fits this category. We are always happy to discuss possibilities.

On Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a Musical at the SDA, Greenwattle Street, Glenvale 9.30am to 12 noon. The Musical is a new initiative and will replace the end of year Showtime. Entry will be free.

One of the special benefits of being a member of our wonderful organisation is that it is worldwide, nationwide and statewide. If you are a traveller you will find U3As right around our country or just down the road. We were delighted when U3A Beaudesert contacted us with information that their TAGs (Travel & Adventure Group) will be visiting Toowoomba for a week in October, and could they meet up with some of our members.

I have arranged with the Singing for Fun Group to host the TAGs on Tuesday afternoon 11<sup>th</sup> October. Fortunately, they are all staying at the Big 4 Caravan Park, just around the corner in Eiser Street. Interaction with other U3As is a great way of making new friends and sharing resources. We look forward to their visit.

David and I have been busy sharing our vast knowledge of U3A with current and emerging U3As around our state. As Network President I had to attend a North Qld President's Council in Townsville and on the way met with Councillors and interested persons in Emerald and Charters Towers. Network has made a commitment to expand U3A across our state and particularly in rural and regional areas. On the way home we visited established U3As in Rockhampton, Capricorn Coast (Yeppoon) and Gladstone. A special delight for us in Gladstone was catching up with Meryl Wallis who was one of our early Computer Tutors.

At the AGM held in June, the motion to increase the membership fees for 2023 was passed unanimously. Therefore in 2023 membership will be \$65 per year and \$35 for a half year from 1/7/23. The management committee will once again offer the Early Bird Discount of \$10 if you are a renewing financial member but you must pay before the close of business on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

Have a happy Term 4.

*Rhonda Weston AM*

WE WELCOMED  
107  
NEW MEMBERS  
In Term 3

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### TERM DATES

*Term 4, 10 October - 2 December*

*Term 1, 2023: 30 Jan - 31 Mar*

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

*(2023) Course Book - 4 Nov 2022*

## OUR WEBMASTER

Ten years ago, Des Venz answered the call to create a website for U3A in Toowoomba Inc. This was a huge commitment for Des as he first had to upskill on websites. So began the years of work that Des has carried out quietly and patiently behind the scenes to keep the website up to date with class material, photos, membership information and other important news.

With the coming of our new website, Des decided it was time for him to retire from the role of Webmaster.



Des may I, on behalf of the Management Committee and in fact all members, thank you most sincerely for your loyalty and commitment to U3A in Toowoomba Inc. and to myself personally. We were a great team Des and you and your quiet achievements will be missed. They are certainly appreciated.

*Rhonda Weston AM*

President

## OUR NEW WEBSITE

**Have you visited our new website?**

You'll find it at <https://u3atoowoomba.au/>

Read it and access it for any information you need about U3A in Toowoomba Inc.

Have a look and let us know what you think.

### eNews

#### NEWSLETTERS - PAPER OR ENEWS

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Term Newsletters via eNews will include an option to print if you prefer hard copy.

*Note: Your Course Book will continue as hard copy via Australia Post*

## OUR NEW WEBMASTER

With the retirement of Des Venz we are pleased to announce that we have successfully filled this role and welcome



**Carlo Bertoldi**

Carlo has taken on the webmaster's role and we welcome him to our team and look forward to working with him.

*Rhonda Weston AM*

## CROWS NEST NEWS

This last term has flown by. We were encouraged to start a **Lunch Group** in Crows Nest, especially as there are so many new amazing eateries here, including four new ones which open Thursday - Sunday. Our Thursday Lunch group has so far sampled only two. Bring on Term 4 - lunch dates Oct. 13, Nov. 10 & 24.



*First Lunch Group at  
The Potager-Tea House, Crows Nest*



*Birding Group starting from Crows Nest  
on a very cold day!*

Our **Birding** group with Mick Atleni always has an exciting time! "We have visited the Oakey and Crows Nest areas, as well as our 'southside' mystery tour, which took us to Hodgson Vale, Wyreema and Cambooya. We ended up with a nice haul of 61 species.

At Cambooya we had an intriguing encounter, at a distance, with an Eastern Brown Snake coiled around a hapless Bearded Dragon. Unfortunately, we didn't have the presence of mind to take photos before the snake gave up its victim and retreated into the vegetation." – Mick.

Many thanks to U3A Toowoomba, under whose wing we flourish. Did you know that membership means you can access classes in Toowoomba as well as Pittsworth and Crows Nest? Fantastic to see a few new members in our area this term.

As always, appreciation to Anne-Marie & David Villiers for their support.

*Penny Protheroe*  
Coordinator, Crows Nest

### QLD STATE CONFERENCE 2023

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF U3A WORLDWIDE

ORGANISED BY

U3A ROCKHAMPTON

8<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

PROFESSOR FRANCOIS VELLAS

AND INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY—GENERAL

PROFESSOR MARIA CHESTER

TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS.

INFORMATION AT

[u3arockhampton.org.au](http://u3arockhampton.org.au) OR

[u3aqlld.au](http://u3aqlld.au)

## 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

## EXPRESSION of INTEREST for 2023

Thursday 9:00—11:00 PPC Studio	<b>THE WISE, WITTY, WEIRD &amp; WONDERFUL WOMEN WHO WOVE THE WEB that WOUND UP Being the WOMEN of WINDSOR</b>  In the beginning of recorded history, women were rarely mentioned in written works and it is the intention of this course to bring forward what women added to the History of the English-speaking people. When men went to war, as they often did, what were the conditions that the women were left to face on their own? Providing food, shelter and care for her children; attending to crops and harvesting; feeding and watering stock - a lot of responsibilities to deal with. And then, her husband may never even return from the war. We will be discussing family trees and stories about the Royal families of England and Australia - it is something I know a considerable amount about and	Don Stansbie
Contact Tutor	<b>WORLD WAR II and THE AUSTRALIAN CONTRIBUTION</b>	John Pryce-Davies

## CHANGES to CLASS INFORMATION

Monday 11:30—1:30 PPC Lab	<b>AUSTRALIA HISTORY AND ITS EXCEPTIONALISM</b> Some vacancies for Term 4, Part 2 starts in the year 1901 and will finish in 2022.	Graham Blackman
Tuesday 8:00—11:30 Drayton Bowls Club	<b>CARDS / 500</b> Vacancies for Term 4	Jeannie Andrews
Thursday 9:30—11:00 PPC Playhouse	<b>CIRCLE DANCE</b> Limited vacancies. (Circle dancing is a blend of folk and meditative dance. A reasonable level of fitness is required. No partner is needed.)	Michael Rooke
Tuesday 9:00—10:30 PPC Studio	<b>MINDFUL LIVING—MINDFULNESS-BASED STRESS REDUCTION</b> An 8-week program developed by Jon Kabat-Zinn. Mindfulness and meditation for everyday life. Previous and new participants welcome. Limited numbers.	Janine Hills

## CHANGES to CLASS INFORMATION Cont'd

Monday 10:00—1:15 T'ba Bowls Club 40 Lindsay St	<b>MAHJONG FOR BEGINNERS</b> Change of start time	Diane van Zealand
Wednesday 2:00—4:00 St Patrick's Cathedral Conference Rooms	<b>ORIGINS of the BIBLE—THE LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF JESUS</b> We are beginning a new topic. Part One deals with a modern interpretation of the miracles and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth as recorded in the four gospels. Two places available. Bible and notes provided.	Ted Hanlon
Tuesday 2:00—4:00 PPC Studio	<b>SING....SING A SONG</b> Vacancies for Term 4	Jeannette Zeller
Wednesday 11:30—1:30 PPC Studio	<b>SCRABBLE</b> Change of Venue	Marie Annis-Brown

## TOOWOOMBA CLASSES RESTARTING

1:30—3:30 St James Anglican Hall Cnr Mort & Russell Sts	<b>DISCUSSION GROUP</b> No holds barred mixed group discussions. We strive to ensure each participant's views are aired every week.	John Humphreys
9:00—11:00 Ask Tutor	<b>GREEN CHICKEN WRITERS - MEMOIR SHARING</b> Individual start or continuing memoir writing, with sharing and critiques following readings.	John Humphreys
Monday 9:00—10:15 PPC Playhouse	<b>iPAD REFRESHER</b> Covering the key skills, functions and usefulness of the iPad for Seniors. The course assumes you are familiar with the operation of an iPad. The lessons are based on the more recent versions of the operating system ... iPad iOS 12.+. Topics covered will depend upon requests from students.	Colin McGuire
Monday 10:45—12 noon PPC Playhouse	<b>iPHONE REFRESHER</b> Covering the key skills, functions and usefulness of the iPhone for Seniors emphasising special features making retirement easier and enjoyable. The course assumes you are familiar with the operation of an iPhone. The lessons are based on the more recent versions of the operating system ...iPhone 6+. Topics covered will depend upon requests from students.	Colin McGuire



## TOOWOOMBA CLASSES RESTARTING Cont'd

Wednesday 11:30—1:30 PPC Austral	<b>REGAIN YOUR BRAIN</b> Refer to 2022 Course Book	Eileen Munro
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## TOOWOOMBA CLASSES in RECESS

	<b>ENJOYING MATHEMATICS</b>	Noel Lipp
	<b>FAMILY HISTORY FORUM</b>	Karen Rowe
	<b>WEAVING A FAMILY HISTORY</b>	Karen Rowe

## CROWS NEST EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2023

Tuesday	<b>OUR FAMILY REMEMBERS- HISTORY</b> For those who like history, family history and learning research skills. There will be a focus on the amazing stories of family members who served in war. Workshops on how to gather information from Ancestry, National Archives, Trove and family records etc. The group may then display findings on a Day of Remembrance.	Penny Protheroe
Monday	<b>SCRAPBOOKING</b> Mounting photos, journaling and creating a simple presentation. Bring your unfinished projects or start a new one. Some materials will be supplied.	Lyn Kruger

## CROWS NEST CLASSES

Thursday 6:00—8:00 Crows Nest Community Centre	<b>CROWS NEST AND DISTRICT HISTORY</b> This evening course explores the selection of Crows Nest run; the pioneering families which led to the establishment of districts, hamlets and a town, the notable people & folklore which contributes to our modern day history.	Bazz Miller
Thursday 10:30—11:45 Crows Nest Community Centre	<b>FORAGING IN YOUR BACKYARD</b> ....What do nasturtiums, violets, dandelion, plantain, rosemary, clover, basil, potatoes and veg have in common? This class looks at food, herbs and common backyard weeds and their use as food and medicine. Simple workshops are included. Run fortnightly from Thursday 13th October.	Lyn Wetzig
Thursday 9:00—11:00 Crows Nest Community Centre	<b>SEW EASY COUNTRY CRAFTS</b> Beginners course in hand applique & candlewicking (whitework embroidery). Members can create a variety of personalized projects using a needle & thread, completing at home on machine.	Stella Klepper

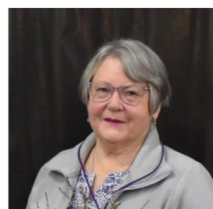
## THANK YOU and FAREWELL

We say goodbye from our committee to **Mick O'Mara** who over many years has been a valued and hard-working member of our team. Mick's main role was as the Policy Manager; when a new policy was required Mick carried out the research and produced the policy, making it all seem easy, when often it was not. Mick and his contribution is already missed.



Also stepping down from our committee at the AGM was Treasurer **Trish Cameron**. Trish had the challenging task of further digitising our financial records and sourcing new auditors. We can't ignore the fact that this is how business is conducted in 2022 and we thank Trish for carrying out that important work. Trish took us a step into the future and we thank her for her vision and foresight.

To **Diann O'Mara**, for creating our archival system and for all her years acting as our archivist, our sincere thanks. Diann faced a massive task, sifting through, scanning and digitising more than 25 years of clippings, documents and photographs and adding to these as the years progressed. Our historical records are now secure for future committees and members.



## NOTICES

### MEMBERSHIP FEES 2023

NEW MEMBERS - \$65

EARLY BIRD RENEWING  
FINANCIAL MEMBERS IF PAID BEFORE  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY - \$55

MEMBERSHIP HALF-YEARLY  
July to December only - \$35

### MUSICAL



**TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 9:30 TO 12 NOON**  
**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST (SDA) COMPLEX**  
**669 GREENWATTLE STREET GLENVALE**

### ENTERTAINING US WILL BE

Singing for Fun, Guitar Jam Session,  
Chamber Singers, Guitar for Fun,  
Dinky Di Bush Ballads, Sing-a-long Singers,  
Ukulele for Fun

**FREE ENTRY**



### ART EXHIBITION 2023

U3A Network Qld will hold an Art Exhibition  
at the State Conference in May 2023.

This exhibition will offer Queensland members the  
opportunity to enter their artwork  
for exhibition on an **international** stage.

Details will be under the State Conference Tab on  
the U3A Network website from 1 November 2022

[u3aqlld.au](http://u3aqlld.au)



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