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# Newsletter

**Learning for Pleasure**

**Together, we will shape our U3A group to be the best**

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**WELCOME BACK ISSUE**

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## Management Committee

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### Office Hours:

9.00am–3.30pm : Monday to Thursday  
9.00am–3.00pm : Friday

## Important Dates

There will be a Public Holiday on Friday 14 August for the Gold Coast Show. It has been brought forward to align with the Brisbane Show.

As a result, there will be no classes held on that Public Holiday and the Office will be closed.

## President's Message

### **WELCOME BACK!**

So far we have survived a rather tumultuous year...

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## President's Message

### WELCOME BACK!

So far we have survived a rather tumultuous year with major flooding at the our Hall in Margaret Street followed by more torrential rain hitting the Hall again, and poor old Australia Fair suffering the effects badly of all that rain causing considerable damage to the Centre, but our rooms there, luckily, kept dry and undamaged. Then came the Coronavirus that has had a damning effect on us all and classes closed in dribs and drabs until finally we were forced to shut our doors altogether.

In spite of this, I am inspired by how you, the Tutors and Members rallied together by keeping the U3A spirit alive – still conducting classes through whatever means available and comfortable for you to do so, and my CONGRATULATIONS go out to you all – well done.

We, of course, have to adapt to changes in how our classes are to run in future and it is unforgiveable to go against the Government's Health Rules for the wellbeing of our Members, whole of the local community and country.

Nevertheless, we are forging ahead and membership is still strong, in fact, we already have new members joining for Semester 2, and that is encouraging for a continued bright and successful future of U3A.

I would like to thank the Committee for all of what they have done to make sure everything is taken care of in the best interests of our U3A group during these testing times.

We have been well taken care of by the Community Centre making sure we can still hold classes there and they have gone out of their way to accommodate us in this respect. There are some rules we have to respect which are in line with Queensland Government Health but little to pay for ongoing use of the rooms in the Community Centre to keep our U3A group serving the senior community.

Hope the rest of the year is not as unsettling and rather, look forward to and enjoy the months ahead.

**Marvin Summers  
(President)**

## Quote of the Month

*"Do one thing every day that scares you."*

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

*"So far we have survived a rather tumultuous year..."*

**Marvin Summers**

(The latter quote qualifies for nomination in the "Understatement of the Year" award.)



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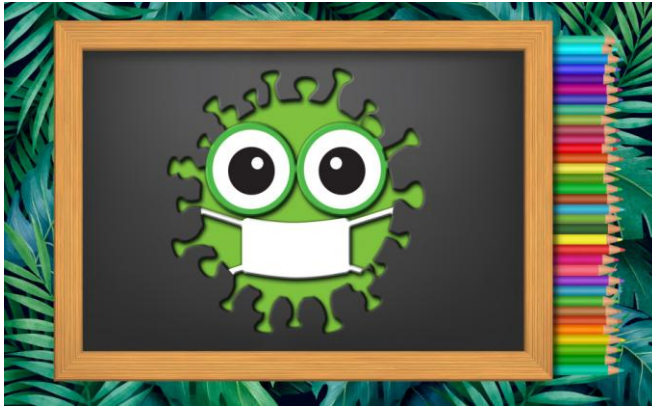
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**Whole Foods now requires SCUBA certification**

<https://wastesomuchtime.com/WrittenCottonIllustrate>

## Latest Covid Guidelines



Here and below : free images from <https://www.publicdomainpictures.net>

### **Notice to all members who attend classes at the Community Centre**

A Security Officer will be manning the front door of the Community Centre and you will not be allowed to enter the building unless you have authority to do so.

This means, **you will be required to wear your Badge** to identify yourself as a U3A member attending a class.

### **Notice about general class hygiene procedures**

For the moment **we cannot carry on our usual tea, coffee and biscuits formalities and crowding around in the office area**. Please observe notices about how to enter office area, as posted outside the door. And, sorry, no midtime coffee breaks – buy it before and bring it in, if you want it.

Your Tutor will have a set of instructions on how to leave the class room hygienically clean for use by the next class coming into the room. **Classes will generally finish earlier than usual** to achieve this.

It will be **expected all students will help to clean the room after class** and that this task will not be left to just one or a few. Everyone has a responsibility towards this, as we are committed to fulfil Government Health Rules in the wellbeing of all our members.

## Expect this from your tutor...

Each Tutor will be issued a current Class Attendance Sheet. It will be the Tutor's responsibility to mark off the role of class attendees themselves. (Thus if the class habit is simply to send the roll around the room, we cannot continue this, because we have to know exactly who is in any class at any time. Attendance Sheets need to be given to the Health Department, if we have someone who attends U3A who then tests positive.

Tutors, please be vigilant & make sure no-one is put at risk. Tutors should ask:

- 1 Has anyone travelled interstate in the last 14 days?
- 2 Does anyone have a cough or sore throat?
- 3 Does anyone have a temperature?

### **Basic things to remember**

- Covid must now play a part in how we do things. Vigilance is ultra important.
- Remember that if anyone answers 'yes' to any of the above 3 questions, they must stay at home & self-isolate and/or get tested.
- All classes must comply with "Social Distancing" and Sanitising rules.
- U3A will supply sanitiser & wipes.
- USE OF MASKS: At this point there is **no compulsory use of facial masks**. (But circumstances may force changes, so be prepared.) And, **if a member wishes to wear a mask**, please feel free to do so.
- Tutors must cut their classes at least a little short, not only to put things away as usual to make it easier for the next class to start on time, but also in order to have your class properly 'sanitise' the classroom & furniture for the classes following.
- REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SANITISE YOUR HANDS



# NEXT LUNCH:

Date: Saturday 29 August 2020

Where: *THE KIOSK (The Fish Shak)*  
**BROADWATER PARKLANDS**



**Just down from “Australia Fair” at the end of Nerang-Southport Street (The Mall), across the Highway and into the Park.**

**The Fish Shak is on the left.**

**Time: 11.30 am for 12 noon**