



Newsletter

Learning for Pleasure

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



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Patron – Councillor Dawn Crichlow

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Secretary Andrew Carter

Treasurer Doug Oliver

Committee: Alice Fairley

Officers and Volunteers

Class Coordinator Alice Fairley

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Social Convenors Margaret Karakatsanis

Pat Jones

Marvin Summers

President's Message

It is a busy time for the Class Coordinators, Tutors, Students and Volunteers getting ready for our Bi-Annual Showcase to be held at the Community Centre on 16 May. Thank you to everyone attending to the logistics for this major event. Councillor Dawn Crichlow will be opening the Showcase at 10.00 am.

We are now a member of the U3A Network Queensland Inc. which provides a wide range of information and services to its members throughout Queensland. You can visit their web page at <http://www.u3aqld.org.au/member-s-pages> and browse for information you might be interested in.

U3A Network will also be holding its State Conference on 31 May to 1June hosted by U3A Redcliffe Inc. and open to all members to attend.

For Registration and Program details, go to the following link:
<https://www.u3aqldconference.org/>.

Marvin Summers (President)

Important dates:

- ✓ Labour Day – Monday 7 May
- ✓ U3A Gold Coast Inc Showcase – Wednesday 16 May from 10.00am to 2.00pm at the Community Centre, Lawson Street, Southport
- ✓ Office Closed on Showcase day Wednesday 16 May
- ✓ End of Semester 1 – Saturday 30 June
- ✓ Office closes for 4 weeks from 2 July to 27 July
- ✓ Office opens Monday 30 July
- ✓ Semester 2 starts Monday 30 July

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY - 13 MAY

RAFFLE TICKETS = 1 ticket for \$1, or 3 tickets for \$2

**1st Prize Needlework:
 Knee Rug / Scarf / Cushion**

**2nd Prize Items donated by Members
 It will be a surprise!**

**3rd Prize Items donated by Members
 It will be a surprise!**

**DRAWN ON THURSDAY AT 1.00pm 10 MAY in
the Southport Office, Australia Fair**



ROB MOLHOEK, MP for Southport, dropped in on the Knitting Class and showed his hand at knitting!

Treasurer's Money Box

By Doug Oliver, Treasurer



Firstly, I am pleased to report we are currently in a healthy financial position.

Apart from the regular duties of Treasurer, I would like to update you with the following:

- Money has been spent promoting and running the Showcase on 16 May.
- Our Semester 2 half-year \$45 Membership becomes available from the Showcase through to September. From October, full-year Renewals and New Memberships will be available for 2019.
- At the moment, I am in discussion with Telstra about possibly combining our two voice and data accounts to save money and boost our internet coverage.
- Our Southport Bendigo Bank branch is closing and we will have to find another suitable bank for our transactions.

Urgent - WE NEED A NEW TREASURER

As I told the President in October last year, when I offered to become Treasurer, I shall be out of Australia between September 2018 and January 2019 to spend time with my daughter in England.

This means that I will finish no later than the August Committee meeting.

Finding my replacement shouldn't be so hard; after all, it only needs just one of our 400 members to step forward to take on this essential role, as I had done.

Surely there is someone out there who has a background in bookkeeping, finance, management or accounting, or is just willing to learn the job.

Standing back and hoping that someone else will do it, or waiting until I leave, is not an option !

Without a Treasurer, U3A Gold Coast ceases to exist!

Our Treasurer also needs an Assistant - would someone please step up to the plate as soon as possible?

Doug Oliver

Class Coordination Notes

By Alice Fairley and Andrew Carter, Class Coordinators



Annual General Meeting and 30th Anniversary Morning Tea

The Anniversary Morning-Tea was a one-off event following the AGM meeting. Normally with a **mile-stone** anniversary, there would have been a **Showcase and Cake** within a few days of 22 March, but due to the Games and the (over-exaggerated!) parking problems, the Showcase was delegated to another date, and hopefully this will be more fruitful for all classes.

It was good to see our special guests, namely our last (and loyal!) Founding Member, Myra Dawson, who cut the Blue-ribbon Anniversary Cake and was also photographed with both the outgoing and incoming Presidents.

The former Presidents in chronological order were: Barbara Piper (1995-2008); Joan Hayden (2011-2016); and Lesley Goodman (2016/17), were all presented with a single white rose; and John Donnelly (2017/18), after stepping down, was presented with a bottle of (his kind) wine dressed with a red bow-tie. Unfortunately, Yvonne Garner (1991 and 1994) and Kate Knowles (2008-2011) were unable to make it on the day. And lastly, our longest serving tutor, Graciela Castle, who also received a single white rose.

A BIG thank you for being there.

Many people put in much work to make this event a success and we thank them all.

A reasonable number of members were in attendance and the room was agreeably animated by the lively speech and subsequent jokes of our Patron, Cr Dawn Critchlow.

The AGM, hand-over to the new Committee and other formalities all went smoothly. The **Seniors News** newspaper April edition has an excellent article on the event, while the **Seniors News** newspaper April Issue carries an article on our first President (the late) Margot Scott, and our first Patron Professor Graham Jones who is still currently with Griffith University.

The Committee is now working to ensure that this “**mile-stone**” event becomes a springboard for new revitalised publicity campaigns and grant applications – as well as the beginning of a new era of growth for our Association.

Moves are now underway to touch base with all our wonderful Tutors and classes about putting their “wares” on display at the Community Centre on 16 May 2018.

See you all at the Showcase!

YOU CAN JOIN FOR \$45

University of The Third Age
for senior men and women
Getting ready for Semester 2

Visit our SHOWCASE of all classes

Community Centre, Lawson Street, Southport Q4215
Wednesday 16 May 2018 - 10.00am to 2.00pm

Demonstrations... • Yoga • Keyboard • Tap
• Music • and much more ...

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Tutor Profile

Alvar Mould

✓ **Philosophy**

By Alvar Mould

In a broad sense, everyone is a philosopher.

We think and form opinions on how we relate to our surroundings. Not always though in a very disciplined way.

So, an important aim of philosophy as a discipline is to put the process of arriving at opinions into a formal framework.

The major concerns of philosophy relate to the nature of our existence, things like consciousness and free will, things wondered about by ancient peoples as much as modern. The great impact on such musings is modern science.

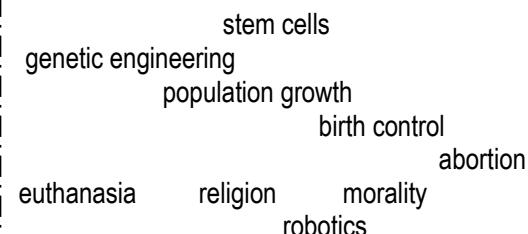
In fact, it is difficult now to ignore the information provided by science for almost any topic, be it climate change, euthanasia, artificial intelligence, genetic engineering, the moral issues associated with these things and the subject of morality itself.

So, on the basis that it is helpful to know some basic science, and a theme of the sessions is the implications of science for philosophical debate, we also dabble in things such as physics and genetics.

My own interest is mainly in a genetic/environmental explanation of behaviour and its implications.

A series of sessions with an emphasis on the implications of science for philosophical debate leading up to the question –

Can we, SHOULD WE, change human behaviour?



Max Stirner,
as portrayed
by Friedrich Engels

'What is freedom?

To have the will to be responsible for one's self.'

Stirner

Social Activities

Monthly Walking for Pleasure

Gentle walks in good company.
Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle.
Hoping to see you!

Second Saturday of month
9.00am–3.00pm

SEE WALK DETAILS BELOW

(17 February - Due to heat, make own arrangements)

10 March
(14 April - Comm Games)
12 May
09 June
11 August
08 September
13 October
10 November

NEXT WALK

Gold Coast Arts Centre (now known at HOTA – Home of the Arts), via The Southport School and Regatta Parade.

Date: Saturday 12th May 2018

Meet: 9.00am opposite Scarborough Street entrance of Australia Fair.

If you're not already registered on the Walking Group list, just turn up and make yourself known to Convenor, Diane Newbould, to add yourself to the list.

Social Activities (continued)

Monthly Lunch Get-together



24 February
24 March
28 April
26 May
30 June
25 August
29 September
27 October
24 November



A perfect opportunity
to enjoy and socialise
with your friends for a
catch up over lunch.

Last Saturday of month -
approx 11.30am for 12noon

**SEE VENUE
DETAILS BELOW**

Convenor: Pat Jones

NEXT LUNCH

Date: Saturday 26 May 2018

Where: Sunset Café Bar & Grill, Marina Mirage

Add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the Southport Office or phone 5591 6671



An enjoyable time had by all at the Lunch Get-together at Melbas on Saturday 28 April

SURFERS PARADISE RIVER CRUISE – WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE



Hop on board the morning cruise and enjoy complimentary tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes.

Enjoy the waterways passing the million dollar homes and around the Marina Mirage and Broadwater.

A relaxing 90 minutes to enjoy a little piece of Gold Coast.

- Departs 10.45am and returns 12.15pm
- Departs 63 Cavil Ave, Surfers Paradise (River End) next to the Tiki statue
- Disabled access available (please note toilets are not wheelchair accessible)

Please register your name by coming into the Southport Office together with a deposit.

Payment in full must be made no later than Wednesday 30 May.

Convenor: Lyn Mayer

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following positions have been approved by the Management Committee with a view of the office to operate in a much more viable manner. It will mean providing a more professional and effective approach in the way we do things, not only, and most importantly, to provide the appropriate facilities and better services to our Members, but be our U3A Group Seniors' first choice to want to join. This leads to increasing our membership and puts us in a better position to meet the expectations of our Members that you so rightly deserve.

- **ASSISTANT TREASURER**

Suitably qualified person for bookkeeping and banking duties – reporting to the Treasurer.
Training available.

- **FACILITIES OFFICER**

Inspect condition of equipment and facilities on an on-going basis – reporting to the Treasurer.
Training available.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Maintain forms, keep track of website messages – reporting to the Office Manager.
Computer and typing skills using Windows platform.
Training available.

- **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Receive articles and compilation plus possible transmission of the Newsletter – reporting to the President.
Training available.

Replies be submitted for the attention of the Reporting person stated above –

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Telephone: Australia Fair Office on 5591 6671.***



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